
Monday, January 14

**Dissertation Defense:** 9 a.m., Gold Addition 208. Liliana Lopez Aguilar, graduate student in chemistry, presents her dissertation defense: "Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds in the Southwest."

**Dissertation Defense:** 9:30 a.m., MSEC 202. Frederick Kenneth Partey, Ph.D. candidate in Earth and Environmental Science, defends "Mechanism of Arsenic Sorption onto Laterite Concretions."

Tuesday, January 15

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 1 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Wednesday, January 16

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 2 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Thursday, January 17

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 3 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Friday, January 18

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m. AOC Ron Thomas, New Mexico Tech, speaks on "Lightning in Thunderstorms and Erupting Volcanoes: Measurements of the LMA and an unforeseen Sea-Surface Interferometer."
http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/colloq/2008_spring/#current

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 4 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.
Sunday, January 20

Residence Halls Open: 9 a.m.

Monday, January 21

Orientation: For new students starting this semester. For schedule, see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/or.html

Registration and Validation: all day, 2nd floor, Fidel Center.

Tuesday, January 22

Classes Begin

Rugby Practice: 4 p.m., Athletic Field. The NMT rugby club is looking for a few good men to build on last fall's 13-3 record. A women's club is also in the works. To join, please show up ready to run at 4 p.m.

Tech Amateur Radio Assn. Net: 7 p.m., 146.680MHz, pl 100. All amateur radio operators are invited to participate.

Wednesday, January 23

Rugby Practice: 4 p.m., Athletic Field. The NMT rugby club is looking for a few good men to build on last fall's 13-3 record. A women's club is also in the works. To join, please show up ready to run at 4 p.m.

Thursday, January 24

Late Registration Fees Begin

Rugby Practice: 4 p.m., Athletic Field. The NMT rugby club is looking for a few good men to build on last fall's 13-3 record. A women's club is also in the works. To join, please show up ready to run at 4 p.m.

Comedy Night: 8 p.m., Macey Center. Comedienne Amy Schumer. Free to NMT students with ID. Sponsored by Student Activities Board.
Friday, January 25

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m. AOC Bridgett Hesman, NRAO, speaks on "Saturn's Stratospheric Acetylene and Ethane Emission." http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/colloq/2008_spring/#current

**Rio Fest Environmental Film Festival:** 7 p.m., Macey Center. For schedule and pricing information, please use Explorer to view: http://www.riofilmfest.com/

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**SCOPE Notices**

**NEWS:**

--NM Tech To Host Science Café on Asteroids at MRO Facility, http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/9jan01.html


**STUDENTS: WIN $500!**

--Students, the Public Information Office invites you to make a video of 3 minutes or less that gives YOUR view of New Mexico Tech. You can do whatever you want with this; show classes, athletics, parties, scenery. Make it funny or keep it serious. Videos containing NUDITY, PROFANITY and/or LIFE THREATENING STUNTS will NOT be eligible to enter the contest.

--Videos should be submitted on CD by 5 p.m., Feb. 29, to Colleen Guengerich, Public Information Office, Fidel Second Floor (southwest corner). Each entry must be accompanied by a signed release form. Only approved videos will be entered into the contest. Videos may filmed be anywhere on Tech campus or in Socorro County.

--Selected videos will be put on YouTube. The one that receives the most hits by
May 12 wins $500. There will also be second and third prizes. Prizes will be awarded on May 14.

"GALILEO" PERFORMANCE IN ALBUQUERQUE:

--Tech alumnus Joe Martinez, '62, Math, has the starring role in a production of "Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht, to be performed at the Explora Museum in Albuquerque in late January. "Galileo" deals with conflicts between science and religion. For information on performances, please call Explora at 505-224-8341.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

--1314 North Drive on Tech Hill is for sale. For information, please contact Jonathan Kern, 520-954-6621.

LOS LUNAS COMMUTER VAN:

--The Socorro-Los Lunas Commuter Van is looking for more riders. For information, contact Michelle Creech-Eakman.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP

--The Socorro Branch of the American Association of University Women offers a $500 scholarship to an undergraduate woman in any major who is continuing as a full-time student at Tech next fall. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must have completed at least 28 hours. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in the Fidel Center. The entry deadline is February 8, 2008. An AAUW committee will choose the recipient from the responses given on the application form.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)

Important Academic Dates:

Monday, Jan. 21: Orientation and Welcome Back Day

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Classes begin

Thursday, Jan. 24: Late registration fees begin

Friday, Feb. 8: Registration Closes: 5 p.m., Registrar's Office. Last chance to add a class or withdraw without a "W."
March 5: **Midsemester**

March 8 - 16: **Spring Break**

Friday, March 21: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, March 28: **Grade Option Deadline.** Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or withdraw with a "W"

April 14 - 18: **Summer 2008 Registration.** Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

April 21 - 25: **Fall 2008 Registration.** Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

Friday, May 9: **Last Day of Classes**

Saturday, May 10: **Finals begin**

Thursday, May 15: **End of finals**

Saturday, May 17: **Commencement**

--DEC. 2007 GRADS: Congratulations, almost, to Dec. 2007 grads, listed at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/dec2007grads.pdf. This list is not official until it has been approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Regents.

--MAY 2008 GRADS: If you plan to graduate in May 2008, please check your name, degree, and minor (if any) at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/may2008grads.pdf. This information will appear on your diploma. If you wish to change anything, please contact the Registrar’s Office.

--If your name does not appear here and you intend to graduate, please turn in your Intent to Graduate form to the Registrar's Office immediately.

--Questions concerning academic policies, degrees, grades, etc. are welcome at our office. Come by and see us.

**JOB OPENINGS AT TECH:**

Full descriptions of job openings are available at Job Openings,
SCOPE is a twice-weekly newsletter for the New Mexico Tech community, provided as a service by the Public Information Office. SCOPE is generally emailed on Mondays and Thursdays during academic semesters. There is no specific deadline. Events are entered on a rolling basis as they come in.