

For those of you suffering from a SCOPE drought, here we are again!

Next SCOPE will be this Friday, Nov. 7. Next week, we will be back to normal schedule, Mondays and Thursdays.

November 5 - 15, 2008

Wednesday, November 5

Programming with Python: 4 p.m., Speare 116. Introduction to programming in the Python language. Free class. Today: Introduction to objects

Advanced Python Applications: 5:30-6:20 p.m., Speare 116. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods. Free.

Miners' Ink Presents "OTF": 7 p.m., Fidel Fire and Ice Cafe. Our Talented Friends are invited to come sing, dance, perform, recite a poem, read a short story, etc.

Thursday, November 6

Zotero Demonstration in the Library: 11 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Zotero is a Firefox extension that allows users to collect, manage and cite library resources. It is free, easy-to-use, and saves time formatting citations. Dr. Brian Borchers will provide an overview. For more information, please contact Stephanie H. Wical (swical@nmt.edu).

EES Seminar: 4 p.m., MSEC 101. James Conca of Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center, NMSU, speaks on "Nuclear Energy and Radioactive Waste Disposal in the Age of Recycling."

Electrical Engineering graduate seminar: 4 p.m., Jones Annex. Luis Alvarado, White Sands Missile Range, speaks on "A Path Planner Algorithm for a UAV Control System." Refreshments will follow.

TARA Net: 7 p.m., 146.680 MHz (pl 100.0). Tech Amateur Radio Association welcomes all licensed amateurs to check in. Contact Seth Price, N3MRA (sprice@nmt.edu) for more details.

Swing Dance: 8 - 10 p.m., SAC. Not limited to swing dancing. If you want a special song or style please bring a CD for us to play. Open to everyone; includes short lesson, if requested. Sponsored by the New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club.

Friday, November 7

11th Annual New Mexico Tech Chemistry Symposium: all day, Workman 101. For schedule, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/chemsem.html>

NRAO Colloquium: Today's colloquium will be rescheduled in February.

Management Seminar: noon, Spere 113. John J. Chavez, president of Tafoya and Brainerd Partners LLC, a nationwide business development consulting firm, speaks on “The Start-Up Financial Ecosystem.”

WRC Brownbag Series: noon, Fidel Quiet Lounge. Elias Hernandez, director, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, speaks on “From Compliments to Sexual Harassment: Where is the Line?” Sponsored by WRC (Women's Resource Center). Open to everyone.

Storm Chase/Meteorology Club Meeting: noon, Fidel Commons (near Fire and Ice). We will start planning the storm chase in May.

Black Light Pool: 7 to 11 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center.

Saturday, November 8

Tech on Good Morning America: 5 to 6 a.m., KOAT, or check local listings. Watch for a segment filmed at New Mexico Tech's facility in Playas in September. Features a day in the life of a family in Playas and an interview with Dr. Van Romero.

28th Annual NM Mineral Symposium: Macey Center.
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Monday, November 10

GSA Meeting: 12:15 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. The Graduate Student Association represents graduate student interests on campus. Please attend with your questions or concerns about graduate student issues. Please talk with your department about becoming an official representative. Lunch provided.

Hydrology Seminar: 3:30 p.m., MSEC 101. Stephanie Moore of Daniel B. Stephens and Assoc. speaks on “Preparing for and Monitoring New Mexico's First Artificial Recharge Project”

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 - 7 p.m., Gym Basement. Air rifles, pellets and targets will be provided.

TCCM International Potluck: 5:30 p.m., Macey Center. "Around the World in 80 Minutes," slideshow of Jon and Geoffrey Hertz's trip around the world. Potluck prizes for best appetizer, main dish, and dessert. Tech Club/ Club Macey is a social club for those 21-and-over.

Presidential Chamber Music Concert: 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Willy Sucre and Friends play piano quartets. FREE; sponsored by Dr. Daniel H. Lopez.

Tuesday, November 11

Regents Meeting: 1:30 p.m., Albuquerque Country Club, 601 Laguna, SW, Albuquerque. Agenda available on November 10, 2008 in the Office of the President, 217 Brown Hall. Legal and personnel items to be considered in Executive Session.

Thesis Defense: 2 p.m., Workman 101. Artem S. Kireev, graduate student in chemistry, defends his thesis: "Synthetic and biological studies of natural product analogues."

Free Web of Science Seminar: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Liz Pysar, Customer Education Specialist for Thomson Reuters, speaks on how to use the Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts and Humanities Citation Index) to utilize your research time more efficiently. For more information, please contact Stephanie H. Wical.

Advanced Python Applications: 4 p.m., Speare 116. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods. Free.

Programming with Python: 5:30 p.m., MSEC 187. Introduction to programming in the Python language. Free class. Today: Object example; special methods

APAS Meeting: 7 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. APAS, the Animal Protective Association of Socorro, welcomes everyone with a concern and compassion for the welfare of animals. <http://www.sdc.org/~apas/>

Wednesday, November 12

Annual Benefits Fair: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Macey Center. Tech employees are invited to learn about benefits. HCH will offer session on changes in health insurance at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Meet other companies offering financial, retirement, and health services, with no appointment necessary.

Materials 467 Seminar: 2 p.m., Jones 106. Dr. Kevin Ewsuk, Sandia National Laboratories, speaks on "Controlled Processing, Microstructures and Properties of ZnO-Based Varistors."

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Thursday, November 13

EES Seminar: 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Sean Connell of NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources speaks on "Drainage Interaction and Sedimentary Architecture in Asymmetrically Subsiding Basins Using Experimental Stratigraphy."

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Expeditionary Association Club Meeting: 8 p.m., Third Floor, Fidel Center. Join the backpacking and camping club of Tech in deciding trips and events to hold both on and off campus.

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Friday, November 14

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. Joan Wrobel, NRAO-Socorro, speaks on "Massive Black Holes in Quiescence"

Math Seminar: 4 p.m., Weir 102. Yuncheng You speaks

TCCM: 5:30 p.m., Macey Center. Reception for Jorge Cham of Ph.D. Comics. Tech Club/ Club Macey is a social club for those 21-and-over.

The Power of Procrastination: 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Jorge Cham of Ph.D. Comics speaks on bringing humor to stressed-out academics and on procrastination. Sponsored by GSA. Free.

Black Light Pool: 7 to 11 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center.

Saturday, November 15

5 K Run: 9 a.m., meet at the Snake, near EMRTC. Part of Socorro Striders and Riders Fall Running Series. Entry fee is \$5 for series of four races. Runners who compete in at least two of the four races will be eligible to win the series championship (\$25 prize) in their age division (10 year increments for male and female). Last race this semester.

El Camino Real Lecture Series: 11 a.m., El Camino Real Heritage Center, 30 miles south of Socorro on I-25. Well-known archeologist and Camino Real scholar, Michael Marshall will discuss the Jornada del Muerto section of the trail, one of the dangerous "forced marches" through areas without water or forage.

Straight Pool Tournament: 4 to 10 p.m., Game Room, Fidel. Classic pool tournament, A, B, and C divisions.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Tech Forms Distance Ed Alliance, http://www.nmt.edu/temp/10_31_08_4.html

--Three Tech Seniors Named Macey Scholars,
http://www.nmt.edu/temp/10_31_08_3.html

--Pygmies Retain Bragging Rights by One Point,
http://www.nmt.edu/temp/10_31_08_1.html

--Telescope Donated to Etscorn Observatory,

http://www.nmt.edu/temp/10_30_08_1.html

--Chem Prof Earns Top International Honor, http://www.nmt.edu/temp/10_30_08_2.html

--Responsible Energy Speech Contest,

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/20oct02.html>

SoLLVE VAN HAS OPENINGS:

--SoLLVE your commuting problems. SoLLVE has openings for riders traveling between Los Lunas-Belen and Socorro. Contact mce at kestrel.nmt.edu for more information.

PAINT THE M WINNERS:

--Congratulations to the winners of \$50 prizes in the 2008 "Paint the M" event! Michael Brown, Philip Martinez, Lucas Chaves, Hugh Tye-Dias, Timothy Schutt, Wesley Chavez, Will Reiser, Mason Timm, Lee Tu, Roy Murray, Will Frankland, Marcus Chavez, Jeremy Fairbanks, Nikos Arechiga, Jackson Krauss, Dan King, Teague Bick, and Daniel Nava.

--Winning Teams: John Morton and Jeremy Branch; and Phil Cigan, Crystal Anderson, and Jeff Lapierre

SPEECH COMPETITION, NOV. 20

--Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy (CARE) will hold a speech competition, with a top prize of \$1000, at New Mexico Tech on November 20 at 5 p.m. in Jones Annex 101. The top two winners from NMT have the opportunity to compete at the finals, which will be held at NMT, on Dec. 2nd at 5 p.m. (location TBD). Participants at the finals will compete against UNM and NMSU students and stand to win \$5000.

--Speeches must be 20 minutes long and related to responsible energy use. See CARE website for full details: www.responsibleenergy.org/speaker_bureau.asp. Students who plan to compete on November 20th need to send Marita Noon an email.

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY:

--Take the NMT Customer Service Survey! The survey results will help craft a series of customer service training sessions for all employees beginning in January. The survey is at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=tlbSZVsnILogqnr4BkXYpA_3d_3d

Deadline: November 15. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey, which includes rating-style questions and two open-ended questions. Tech has contracted with an outside company to conduct the survey. All participants will remain anonymous and all results will remain confidential. Sponsored by the Human Resources Department.

RED ALTER SACK TEAM:

--For the fall intramural indoor soccer season, the Red Alter Sack team is looking for a few new players. Its a mixed (men and women) team. The fall indoor season has started and a few new players are welcome to join our team. The team consists mainly of staff working at NMT and NRAO, but others are welcome as well. If you are interested please contact Eric Bakker.

PhD COMIC CONTESTS:

--In honor of the Nov. 14 visit by Jorge Cham, cartoonist of the strip PhD, the GSA is sponsoring a variety of contests on the humor of academic life. Students and faculty and staff are invited to write a story or haiku, create a slogan for a bumper sticker, draw your own comic, or just fill in the bubbles in the Jorge Cham original, provided at <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~gsa/temp/comics.cgi> Entries can cover any grad-life topic, such as advisor antics, research trauma, and teaching follies. Submission deadline is October 31, at 4 p.m. All winners will be published in *Miners' Ink*; please let us know if you would like to remain anonymous. All winners will be announced before Jorge Cham's talk on November 14.

FLAGS IN FRONT OF FIDEL:

--The flags in front of Fidel Center represent countries which have students attending New Mexico Tech. The U.S. and state flags fly in front of Brown Hall. Oct. 20 - Nov. 2: Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, and Myanmar/Burma. Nov. 3 - Nov. 16: Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, and Pakistan.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Chiller water system upgrade:** trenching between Jones Annex and MSEC
- **Jones Annex exterior** complete except for addition of gravel to drain
- **Fidel Center**, landscaping on south and east sides; completion of third floor, in progress
- **Kelly Petroleum Building**, construction in progress; south entrance closed.
- **La Raj Patio**, demolition in progress; construction to be completed by Spring 2009
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction**, in progress.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

--If you plan to graduate in December 2008, your name and degree should appear on the list at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2009/2008decgrads.pdf>. This is how your information will appear on your diploma. If you wish something changed, see the Registrar's Office.

--If you are not on the list and wish to be, see the Registrar's Office.

Important Academic Dates:

Thursday, Nov. 27: **Thanksgiving holiday**

Friday, Nov. 28: **Academic and staff holiday**

Dec. 1 - 5: **Registration for Spring 2009:** Monday, Graduate students and Tech Scholars; Tuesday, seniors; Wednesday, juniors; Thursday, sophomores; Friday,

freshmen and special students. May register online at Banweb or in person at the Registrar's Office, 2nd floor of Fidel.

Friday, Dec. 12: **Last day of classes**

Saturday, Dec. 13: **Finals begin**. See schedule at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/2008fallfinals.pdf>

Thursday, Dec. 18: **Finals end**

Monday, Jan. 19: **Registration and Validation**

Tuesday, Jan. 20: **Classes begin**

Friday, Feb. 6: **Registration closes**

Weds., March 4: **Midsemester**

March 9 - 13: **Spring Break**

--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, <http://externalweb.nmt.edu/hr/>. New Mexico Tech is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.

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.