

[Note: Break hours are posted at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/breakhours.html> . Have a good holiday, everyone!]

Thursday, December 18

Finals end: <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/2008fallfinals.pdf>

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 for more details.

Friday, December 19

End of Semester

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., Domenici SOC. Dan Wertheimer, Space Science Lab Berkeley, speaks on "Is Anybody Out There? Searching for ET and Transients with Eight Million SETI Volunteers."

NRAO Special Colloquium: 3 p.m., Domenici SOC Auditorium. Dan Werthimer, UC Berkeley, speaks on "Collaboration for Radio Astronomy Digital Instrumentation."

Tech Holiday Party: 6 - 8 p.m., Fidel Center. Teen party 6 - 8 p.m., with music, billiards, foosball and pizza, in the Game Room, Fidel Center. Dance 8-10 at Macey Center.

Saturday, December 20

Children's Holiday Party: 1 - 3 p.m., Fidel Center. For children of staff members.

Monday, December 22

Master's Thesis Defense: 1 p.m., MSEC 105. Gertrude Ayakwah, graduate student in Mineral Engineering, defends her master's thesis "Effect of Weathering and Alteration on Point Load and Slake Durability Indices and the Characterization of the Debris Flow, Questa Mine, New Mexico." All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, December 24

Tech Closes for Holidays: Beginning today, New Mexico Tech is closed until Monday, Jan. 5.

Monday, January 5

Tech Offices Reopen

Student Apartments Reopen

Friday, January 16

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., Domenici SOC Conference Room. Dean Hines, Space Science Institute, speaker.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Dr. Lopez Selected To Chair Denish Transition Team,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/12dec01.html>

--New Mexico Tech Contracts with Italian Firm to Design Custom Telescope Domes, <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/10dec02.html>

GINGERBREAD HOUSE RESULTS:

--Winners of the Gingerbread House contest are:

- Under 12: Luis Mendez
- Ages 12 - 18: Marinarae R. Rosales
- Slightly over 18: Vicky Gonzales and Edie Steinhoff

--Be sure to check out Penny Boston's gingerbread cave! All gingerbread houses are on display in Fidel Cafeteria.

--Vicky and Edie's winning gingerbread house is being sold at silent auction to

benefit the new Children's Center. To bid, email Edie by noon on Dec. 19 or bid in person up to 7 p.m. at Tech holiday party.

MYTHBUSTERS ON CAMPUS:

--Tory Belleci, Kari Byron, and Grant Imahara of "Mythbusters" will make a presentation to Tech students on Weds., Jan. 21. Tickets will be distributed by lottery in January. Stay tuned.

CHILD CARE CENTER:

--NMT Children's Center has openings for children between the ages of 2 and 6. The Center is open from 7:30 - 5:30 Monday through Friday and only closes when the administrative offices are closed. If you are interested in finding out more about the Center, please call Ann at 835-5240 between 8 and 5 any day the Center is open. We do take reimbursement from NM CYFD under the Child Care Assistance Program

ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR HOLIDAY BREAK:

--Please help conserve energy! When you leave for holiday break (and when you leave every day), please

- Switch off lights
- Unplug items that drain energy: copiers, coffeemakers, desktop printers, cell phone chargers, radios.
- Turn off computers, monitors, and speakers when not in use.
- Lower thermostats to 55, if possible.

TECH COMPUTER CENTER:

--For more details on any of the changes below, please see TCC Hotline at <http://infohost.nmt.edu/tcc/newsletter/hotline/hotline-2008-12-11.pdf>

--Disk Quota increased by 200MB - On January 16, the free disk quota will be raised from 400MB to 600MB.

--New Infohost Server - Over the holidays, the web server, infohost.nmt.edu, will be replaced by an upgraded server. For pages hosted at URLs beginning with "http://www.nmt.edu/~", this is the actual Web server. If you have any CGI scripts in place, they may not be compatible with the new server. TCC suggests that you

test your scripts on the new server well before the changeover. For assistance with your conversion, please contact the Help Desk or send e-mail to John Shipman.

--After December 20, TCC will upgrade the database server software. If you are a user who uses our Mysql database on dbhost and wants to test the new server, please contact Joel Eidsath to arrange for testing.

--On January 16, the login servers rainbow.nmt.edu and login.nmt.edu, will be updated to the standard TCC Fedora 9 distribution available on all other TCC lab machines. To ensure your applications are compatible with this upgrade, please test them on pi.nmt.edu. If you have any issues with the TCC Fedora 9 distribution, please file a ticket at <http://ticket.nmt.edu>.

IRIS INTERNS WANTED (SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH):

--Are you an undergraduate interested in working on a seismological research project in the summer of 2009? If so, consider applying for an IRIS Summer Undergraduate Internship (<http://www.iris.edu/internship>).

IRIS Interns receive

- A weekly stipend (\$550/week for 9 - 11 weeks)
- Funding for travel, expenses related to fieldwork, and to a professional meeting to presents results

The deadline to apply is February 1, 2009.

SPRING INTRAMURALS:

--Start gathering your team now! Rosters for spring soccer, volleyball and basketball will be due on January 26 no later than 5 p.m. in gym office. No exceptions! Note that people who are not Tech students or employees are required to pay a \$10 intramural fee that is due when rosters are turned in. Games will begin February 2nd. Rosters may be picked up anytime in gym office.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

--Register for Physical Recreation classes and Fine Arts classes. NM Tech Regular Full-time employees are given 3 FREE credit hours and HALF off tuition for non-credit courses as part of their benefit package at Tech.

--Check out our classes in Golf, Karate, Water Aerobics, Jazzercise, Ballroom Dancing, Stained Glass, Pottery, Yoga, Racquetball, Tennis, Guitar, Photoshop, Step Aerobics, Weight Training, Swim for Fun, Rock Climbing, Volleyball, Frisbee, Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Aerobic Kickboxing, Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Taijutsu, Paintball, dance, Tinwork, Lapidary, Photography, Painting, drawing, Microsoft Office, Amateur Radio, Small Arms Reloading, Foods from India, Wine Tasting, CPR and First Aid and Lighting design.

--Work off those holiday pounds with Jazzercise! Tuesdays, for beginners, and Thursdays, for advanced, both from 12:05 to 12:55.

--Go to www.nmt.edu/~eodi for information concerning times and date.

NEXT YOU-TUBE CONTEST:

--Videos are due at the Public Information Office by Friday, January 30. Remember, ANYTHING that has NMT in it is acceptable as long as there are no life-threatening stunts or nudity. The video must represent your original work and cannot violate copyright. For more information, please call 835-5352.

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 in the Fall semester of 2009. 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 Fidel Center. The entry deadline is February 13, 2009. An AAUW committee will choose the recipient from the responses given on the application form.

CATALOG ADDENDUM:

--The Registrar's Office has provided an addendum to the current catalog, listing changes in the departments of Biology, EES, Education, Humanities, Mathematics, Psychology, Civil Engr., Computer Science and Engr., Electrical Engr., Environmental Engr., Materials and Metallurgical Engr., Mechanical Engr. (including Aerospace, Biomedical, and Explosives), and Mineral Engr. Faculty and students are invited to peruse the new catalog material and provide comments to the Registrar's Office.

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/07-09.pdf>

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Chiller water system upgrade:** trenching continues on street between Jones Annex and NRAO Domenici Building.
- **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**, re-construction in progress, to be completed by Spring 2009
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction**, in progress.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

--The preliminary list of December 2008 grads appears at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2009/2008decgrads.pdf>. This list will not be final until approved by faculty and Regents.

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

Important Academic Dates:

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**

Friday, April 10: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, May 8: **Last day of classes**

Saturday, May 9: **Finals begin**

Thursday, May 14: **Finals end**

Friday, May 15: **End of semester**

Saturday, May 16: **Commencement**

--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.