See Tech homepage for:

Winter Break menu: http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/menu.html
Winter Break hours:
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/breakhours.html

Information on protecting yourself from Identity Theft:

**Thursday, December 20**

**Regents Meeting:** 10 a.m., 217 Brown Hall. Telephone meeting of Board of Regents to consider the disposition of excess property and equipment whose total value exceeds $5,000.

**Friday, December 21**

**Tech Offices Close:** 5 p.m. Offices will re-open on Jan. 2, 2008. For break schedule of some key Tech facilities, see
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/breakhours.html

**Sunday, December 23**

**Holiday Music:** 3 p.m., Epiphany Episcopal Church, across street from Skeen Library. Choral and instrumental ensembles organized by Elise Brower perform seasonal favorites by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi and others. Concludes with a sing-along. Refreshments. No admission charge, but all donations will be given to the Socorro Food Bank. Sponsored by Campus Unitarian Universalist Club. Everyone is welcome!

**Monday, December 31**

**Staff Holiday**

**Children's Center Countdown:** LAST DAY to make a donation that will be matched. Your check must be dated Dec. 31. For details, see
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/giving/cc.html
Wednesday, January 2

Tech offices reopen: 8 a.m.

Menu for Break: Chartwells Fire and Ice Coffee Shop offers an expanded menu for break. http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/menu.html

Thursday, January 3

Student Apartments Open: 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 20

Residence Halls Open: 9 a.m.

Monday, January 21, 2008

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. http://www.nmt.edu/gen/cal/list.html#12202007

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Classes Begin

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--We are sorry to report the passing of Sallie Smith, a longtime member of the Tech and Socorro communities and widow of Prof. Clay T. Smith, longtime professor of geology. More information is available at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/obituaries/2007.3.html#smith.

CHILD CARE CENTER:

--We're over halfway there! Thanks to many generous donors, more than
$750,000 has been raised toward a new Child Care Center.

--Your donation will mean more if you give before Dec. 31. All donations given in 2007 will be matched.

--All donations postmarked by Dec. 31 will be considered as contributions for the 2007 tax year. Please send donations to: Advancement Office, New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

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

MORE STUDENT HANDBOOKS:

--Extra copies of the Student Handbook are available from Student Affairs, 2nd floor, Fidel Center.

LOS LUNAS COMMUTER VAN:

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

GIVING TREE:

--TODAY, DEC. 19, IS THE LAST DAY! New Mexico Tech's Student and University Relations department would like to give back to the Socorro Community this holiday season. Donations benefit CYFD, El Puente del Socorro, and Puerto Seguro.

Please bring a wrapped gifts for a boy or a girl aged infant to eighteen. Adults are in need of hats, scarves, bedding, apparel, and toiletries. Any canned food donations are also appreciated.

Please leave the gifts under the tree in the Fidel Center Atrium, or bring them to the Auxiliary Services Office on the 2nd floor of Fidel.

Please label each gift with the age and gender of the person for whom the gift is intended. Gift labels can be found near the tree in the Fidel Center.
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.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST:

--The winner of the Gingerbread house contest is Raymona Holten who made the firehouse. She donated the firehouse and the book it was modeled after to charity, and also donated her prize winnings (a gift card) back an ongoing fundraiser at Tech.

--There were no entries in the teen category, so a second place prize was given to Francesca Denton in the adult category. Her son, Anthony Denton, age 10 won the children's category.

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

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