

[REMINDER: TOMORROW, Feb. 22, is the deadline for engineering seniors to sign up for the FE exam! Details at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/feexam.html>.]

Feb. 21 - March 3, 2008

Thursday, February 21

Career Fair: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tech Gym. Students and employers, this is your chance to meet each other! For info, contact Chelsea Buffington, Career Services Director.

NAVAIR Information Session: 3:30-5 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

Emergency Regents Meeting: 4 p.m., 217 Brown Hall. Telephone meeting for consideration of request for bids on the Jones-Kelly building remodeling project.

Physics Department Seminar: 4 p.m., Workman 101. Ellyn Baines of Georgia State speaks on "From Exoplanets to Stellar Images: Recent Science from the CHARA."

Advanced Python Applications: 4 p.m., Speare 23. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods.

Northrop Grumman Information Session: 5:30-7 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

Cleveland-Cliffs Information Session: 6:30-8 p.m., Cramer 120.

Astrobiology Special Guest Lecture: 7:30 p.m., Workman 101. Astrobiologist Lynn Margulis speaks on "GAIA" natural selection and SYMBIOGENESIS "evolution."

Study Skills Seminar with Dr. Cormack: 7 to 9 p.m., Cramer Hall, room 124. Learn how to get an A. For new and continuing students. Different topics covered from last Tuesday. Refreshments will be served, compliments of the Advising Resource Center. Everyone welcome!

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, February 22

Career Services Interviews in Fidel: Cleveland-Cliffs (Financial Aid), GE (Student Affairs), NAVAIR (ARC), Northrop Grumman (Student Affairs), Pacific Scientific (Admission), PCL (Advancement), Titan Specialties (Registrar's Office).

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. Karl Gebhardt, University of Texas, speaks on "Black Holes of All Masses: Understanding the Fundamental Correlations"

FE Exam Deadline: Seniors in engineering are required to take the FE exam in order to graduate. Details at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/feexam.html>

TCCM: 5 - 7 p.m. Macey Center. Social hour, for people 21 and over. Chef's surprise!

Meet and Greet the Artists: 5 - 7:30 p.m., Macey Gallery. Come meet photographers Linda Laitner and Joanne Schmidt, whose exhibition "Visions" is on display through March 3.

Madcap Variety Show: 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Vaudeville comedy, juggling, rope tricks and original music. Tickets: \$14 adults; \$12 seniors; \$10 youths. NMT Performing Arts Series. <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/pas/madcap.html>

Saturday, February 23

Science Olympiad: Students from across New Mexico compete in science events around campus.

Special Bookstore Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fidel Center. Expanded hours for Science Olympiad.

Historic Forts Day: El Camino Real Heritage Center. Living history events, including Civil War reenactors, Buffalo Soldiers, frontier living. 30 miles south of Socorro. Details at: http://www.caminorealheritage.org/events/forts_day/feb23.htm

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Las Cruces. Tech Pygmies vs. NMSU.

Monday, February 25

Grad Student Association Meeting: 12:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

Carino Toy Lending Library: 3 to 5 p.m., NMT Children's Center. Anyone from Tech and the community may check out free toys for children.

Hydrology Seminar: 3:30 p.m., MSEC 101. Laura Bexfield, U.S. Geological Survey, Albuquerque, speaks on "Near-Decadal Trends of Pesticide Detection Frequency and Concentration in Ground Water of the United States, 1993-2003."

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 p.m., Tech Gym Basement. Precision air rifles, targets and pellets provided. Free to NMT students, sponsored by Tech Shooting Sports Club.

Student Association Meeting: 8 p.m., MSEC 103.

Tuesday, February 26

Intro to Python: 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Functions; input/output; import and modules."

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

Wednesday, February 27

5 K Fun Run/Walk: noon, starts at Gym. Tech Physical Recreation invites everyone to participate in these fun events on the last Weds. of every month. If you attend all four events, you receive an incentive gift.

Intro to Python: 4 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Functions; input/output; import and modules."

Earth Science Club Meeting: 5 p.m., MSEC 101. For details, see <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~earth/events.html>

Paydirt Deadline: Submit stories to Paydirt@nmt.edu for March 5 issue.

Thursday, February 28

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, February 29

Blood Drive: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., SAC. Please take a few minutes to sign up for an appointment. If you have any questions, please visit the United Blood Services web page at www.unitedbloodservices.org, or call Residential Life.

Property Office Deadline: Last day to submit items to Tech Property Office for coming auction.

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. Paul Vanden Bout, NRAO, speaks on "Glimpses of Star-Forming Gas in the Early Universe."

Birthday Cake: 4 - 5 p.m., Old Jones Lobby. Everyone is invited to come have a piece of birthday cake and sing Happy Birthday to Dr. Osman Inal, who celebrates his 17th birthday today. Contact Ingrid, 835-5229 for more information.

TCCM: 5 - 7 p.m. Macey Center. Social hour, for people 21 and over. Contemporary Latin hors d'oeuvres.

Cava: 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Contemporary Latin jazz, rock, salsa and cumbia. Tickets: \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 youths. NMT Performing Arts Series. See: <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/pas/cava.html>

Saturday, March 1

Rugby Match: 2 p.m., St. Pius X Field, Albuquerque. Tech Pygmies vs. Albuquerque Brujos.

Dance Night with KTEK: 8 p.m. - 1 p.m., SAC. Free sodas, live DJ.

Monday, March 3

Hydrology Seminar: 3:30 p.m., MSEC 101. Kate Richards, Geomatrix Consultants, Inc., speaks on "Application of an Integrated Surface Water/Groundwater Flow Model to Assess Chloride Transport in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin, Santa Clarita, California."

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 p.m., Tech Gym Basement. Precision air rifles, targets and pellets provided. Free to NMT students, sponsored by Tech Shooting Sports Club.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Notes from the Feb. 19, 2008 Regents Meeting,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/regents/08feb20.html>

--Barnes Named Engineering Student of Year,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/19feb01.html>

--New Faculty: Cultural Anthropologist Barbara Bonneken
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/19feb02.html>

--N.M. Tech Sends Sympathy to Northern Illinois University,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/18feb01.html>

-- Dr. Lynn Margulis to Speak on Gaia and Symbiogenesis,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/15feb01.html>

--Skeen Library Offers International Programming,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/15feb02.html>

CHILDREN'S CENTER

--The Children's Center is over halfway to its goal! Thanks to everyone who has participated!

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST:

----DEADLINE: Monday, March 17, 4 p.m.

--The Humanities Department and *Miner's Ink* are sponsoring a creative writing contest, open to all Tech students. Enter your poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction. NMT Bookstore gift certificates will be awarded and a public reading will be held on Thursday, March 27. There is an opportunity for possible

publication in *Miners' Ink* literary journal spring issue.

--Guidelines: Submit 2 copies of each entry to Ann Hewitt, Humanities Department, Fitch 103. Include a cover sheet with your name, email, phone number, and category. Your name should appear on the cover sheet only. Length limits: 6 pages per author for poetry; 15 pages for prose

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WANTS YOU!

--Science Olympiad would like volunteers on Saturday, Feb. 23 to help with registration, scoring, and helping individual event supervisors with their events. Also need event supervisors.

ATTENTION PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS:

--The *average* fringe benefit rates for main campus are currently: faculty 23%, staff 32%, and student employees 2%. Please note that the fringe benefit rates used for proposal purposes represent an average at a given point in time and are considered sufficient for estimation purposes. **For reimbursement purposes, actual fringe benefits are identified and charged to benefiting account(s).**

--Actual fringe benefits vary with salary level and elected employee benefit options; therefore, it is not possible to accurately calculate the fringe benefit rate in advance for personnel to be employed. However, if available the actual historical FB rate can be used for specific individuals to be employed on a project. For additional information, please contact Anna McLain 575-835-5382.

PRINTER AND COPIER INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

--Rotary Club of Socorro collects and recycles empty printer and copier ink cartridges. This project keeps cartridges out of the landfill and raises funds for Rotary's local, national, and international projects. You will find collection boxes on campus in the Fidel Center; Human Resources; the Biology, Chemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Material Engineering, and Math Departments; NRAO; EMRTC, and the Bureau of Geology. You will also see them at various locations around Socorro. Rotary thanks you for your help!

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 be filmed 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.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)

Important Academic Dates:

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**

--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.

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.