

[Note: no SCOPE next week. The next SCOPE will appear on Nov. 5.]

[Nother note: Science Café still has openings! FREE! Info at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/22oct01.html>]

Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008

Thursday, October 23

49ers Celebration: For events sponsored by Student Association, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/49ers2008.html>

TARA Net: 7 p.m., 146.680 MHz (pl 100.0). Tech Amateur Radio Association welcomes all licensed amateurs to check in.

Comedy Night: 8 p.m., Macey Center. Comedian Adam Ace.

Swing Dance: 8 - 10 p.m., SAC. Not limited to swing dancing. DJ Nick Carter. Sponsored by the New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club.

Friday, October 24

49ers Celebration: For details of alumni homecoming, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/alumni/49ers/homepage.html>

49ers Celebration: Academic holiday. For events sponsored by Student Association, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/49ers2008.html>

Gold Rush Golf Scramble: Registration at 9 a.m. Tee-off at 10 a.m., Tech Golf Course. Four-person scramble. \$49 per person. Sponsored by SPE Student Chapter; please make out checks to NMT SPE.

M Mountain Run Sign-up Deadline: noon, Brown Hall 200, Research and Economic Dev. Office. Sign up for the M Mountain Run by NOON TODAY. (Run will be on Sunday.) First 20 Tech students or teams of students to carry a 50-lb bag of lime to the top of M Mountain win \$50 each. Participants must be 18 or over, currently enrolled in good standing with New Mexico Tech. Food will be served at the top.

5 K Wellness Walk/Run: noontime. Sponsored by Tech Gym. Walkers start at 12:05 and runners start at 12:15 p.m. Open to students, faculty, staff, and all members of Tech community. Participate in all three 5K events this fall semester and you will receive an incentive.

Black-and-Blue Rugby Match: 4:30 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. 49ers game: Tech Pygmies vs. Pygmy Ancestors.

Jansky Lecture: 8 p.m., Workman 101. Dr. Arthur M. Wolfe of the University of California at San Diego, speaks on "Finding the Gas that Makes

Galaxies." Sponsored by Natl Radio Astronomy Observatory.

Saturday, October 25

Bookstore Hours: 9 - 11 a.m., Bookstore open for alumni shopping during 49ers.

49ers Parade: 11 a.m., California St. Line-up at Sedillo Park at 10 a.m.

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El Camino Real Lecture Series: 1 p.m., El Camino Real Heritage Center, 30 miles south of Socorro on I-25. Well-known archeologist and Camino Real scholar, Michael Marshall will explore the cultural geography and place names along the Camino Real.

Science Cafe: 5 p.m., Workman 101. View NOVA episode "Kaboom," followed with discussion with Van D. Romero. Dinner at Golf Course pavilion at 6:30. Fireworks at 7:30. No charge, but must register. For details, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/22oct01.html>

Sunday, October 26

M Mountain Run: 8:30 a.m., meet at EMRTC parking lot. In which current Tech students and teams of students carry out an old School of Mines tradition by carrying 50-lb. bags of lime to the top of the mountain. You must have registered by NOON, Friday, Oct. 24, to participate. See Oct. 24 for details.

Monday, October 27

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. David Borrok of University of Texas at El Paso speaks on "Application of Cu, Fe, and Zn isotopes to identify metal loading sources and mechanisms in stream waters."

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

Tuesday, October 28

Programming with Python: 5:30 p.m., MSEC 187. Introduction to programming in the Python language. Free class. Today: Functions; input/output; import and modules

Wednesday, October 29

Onsite Training for Engineering Village/Compendex and ScienceDirect: 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Glenn Risolo of Elsevier provides a demonstration of Engineering Village/Compendex from 10 to 11 a.m. Overview of the latest ScienceDirect updates from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, please contact Stephanie H. Wical.

Programming with Python: 4 p.m., Speare 116. Introduction to programming in the Python language. Free class. Today: Functions; input/output; import and modules

Thursday, October 30

EES Seminar: 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Rick Lindsay of Noble Energy Inc., presents the SEG Honorary North American Lecture on "Forgotten Geophysics: A Reminder That First-Order Effects Should Come First."

TARA Net: 7 p.m., 146.680 MHz (pl 100.0). Tech Amateur Radio Association welcomes all licensed amateurs to check in.

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. For more information contact exass@nmt.edu

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, October 31

Bookstore CLOSED: For inventory.

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. D. J. Pisano, NRAO, speaks on "A Multiwavelength Study of Luminous Compact Blue Galaxies over 8 Billion Years."

Halloween Billiards Bash: Game Room, Fidel Center. FREE to NMT students.

Saturday, November 1

Exploration Day: all day, around campus. Prospective students and their families are invited to explore New Mexico Tech's campus. Contact: Admission Office, 1-800-428-TECH

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/exploration.html>

Bookstore Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., For Exploration Day.

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 on Nov. 15.

Miners' Ink Promotes National Novel Writing Month: NaNoWriMo BEGINS! Get your computers set for a full month of writing! Prizes and overall fun for participation on Dec 1. (More details later)

TCCM: 5- 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Theme: "Boston Tea Party." Tea, coffee, dessert. No cover for members; \$5 non-members. TCCM is a social club for those 21 and over.

The Complete History of America (Abridged): 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Hilarious roller coaster ride through American history by Reduced Shakespeare Company. Special election edition. \$16, adults; \$14, seniors; \$12, youth. Performing Arts Series.

Sunday, November 2

Fall Back: Return to Standard Time by setting clocks one hour back.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Venture Capitalists Offer Advice to New Mexico Tech Professors,

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/21oct01.html>

--Tech Ruggers Distinguish Themselves in Loss to CSM,

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/21oct01.html>

--Four Students Enter 2nd Tech YouTube Contest,

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/20oct03.html>

--Responsible Energy Speech Contest,

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

--ILEA-Roswell Begins 72nd Session with 40 Delegates from Southeast Asia

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/20oct01.html>

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.

HALLOWEEN BILLIARDS BASH:

--Play pool between October 24 and 30 in Fidel Center Game Room and be entered to win prizes on Halloween night! One lucky player will win a flat panel TV Other prizes include: gas cards, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, movies and lots more.

--Students can play for free under the black lights on Halloween night from 6 p.m. till closing time. Special \$1.00 smoothies. Drawings every 10 minutes 6 - 10 p.m. Only one entry per person per day. Must be present to win. Grand prize drawing will be announced at 8 p.m. on October 31. Open only to regular NMT Students.

--Win an iPod Nano or a Sony Cybershot digital camera! Stop by the Game Room and guess the number of eyeballs and skeleton bones in the jars. Only one entry per person per jar. Winners will be announced October 31 during the Halloween Bash. Winners need not be present to win. Open to regular NMT students only.

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=t1bSZVsnILogqnr4BkXYpA_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.

ASCE DRAWING: WIN \$50 FOR SOCORRO SPRINGS:

--American Society of Civil Engineers, student chapter, is having a drawing for \$50 gift certificate to Socorro Springs. Drawing will be at the dance on Oct. 26. See any member of ASCE to buy a ticket.

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:

- **Jones Annex exterior** complete except for concrete work at west entrance to parking lot.
- **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**, construction fencing installed, demolition to start Monday Oct 13, 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:

Wednesday, Oct. 15: **Midsemester**

Friday, Oct. 24: **Academic Holiday: 49ers Celebration**

Tuesday, Nov. 4: **Grade Option Deadline:** Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or withdrawal with a "W"

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.

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