

Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, 2008

Monday, August 25

Welcome Back Day: Registration and Validation, 2nd Floor, Fidel Center.

Skeen Library Orientation Tour: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Main Desk, Skeen Library. Learn about Library resources and services. 30 minute tour. Receive a photocopying card with 20 free copies. No pre-registration is required.

Master's Thesis Defense: 2:30 p.m., MSEC 367. Ghislain Fai-Yengo, a petroleum engineering graduate student, defends his master's thesis "Post-Treatment of Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Catalyst Using Plasma Polymerization."

Convocation: 3 p.m., Macey Center. The entire New Mexico Tech community is invited to this convocation marking the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

Carino Toy and Resource Library: 3 to 5 p.m. NMT Children's Center. Any families living in Socorro County may check out age and developmentally appropriate toys, books, cds and other materials for free and keep them for a month.

Club Council Meeting: 4:30 p.m., Workman 101. A representative from every NMT student club is required to be present at this meeting.

Tuesday, August 26

Classes Begin

HR Workshop on Services Centers: 9 - 11 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. The Human Resources Department is offering training to assist staff who operate Service Centers with changes in requirements. Personnel that oversee any activity that charges a fee for services to the Tech community or to external users should attend. All participants will receive an overview of the process, copy of the procedural manual and other training materials. Instructor: Jane Adams.

Skeen Library Orientation Tour: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Main Desk, Skeen Library. Learn about Library resources and services. 30 minute tour. Receive a photocopying card with 20 free copies. No pre-registration is required.

Rugby Training Session: 4:30 p.m., Athletic Field. New prospects welcome!

No experience required. Studded shoes useful, no jewelry or metal zippers please. An NMT liability waiver and proof of insurance information will be required. Training sessions every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the season. A women's team will be dependent on number of candidates. Contact coach Dave Wheelock at gymnasium office for information.

Wednesday, August 27

Skeen Library Orientation Tour: noon and 4 p.m., Main Desk, Skeen Library. Learn about Library resources and services. 30 minute tour. Receive a photocopying card with 20 free copies. No pre-registration is required.

Rugby Training Session: 4:30 p.m., Athletic Field. New prospects welcome! No experience required. Studded shoes useful, no jewelry or metal zippers please. A women's team will be dependent on number of candidates. Contact coach Dave Wheelock at gymnasium office for information.

Movie Night at Loma: about 9 p.m., Loma Movie Theater. Late show is FREE to Tech students showing ID. Sponsored by Student Activities Board.

Thursday, August 28

Skeen Library Orientation Tour: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Main Desk, Skeen Library. Learn about Library resources and services. 30 minute tour. Receive a photocopying card with 20 free copies. No pre-registration is required.

Ranchwomen of New Mexico: 3 to 6 p.m., Macey Gallery. RanchWOMEN have played an important role in the history of the American Southwest. Macey Gallery presents a photo exhibit on the lives of 10 ranch women who have worked and ranched in NM during the past 10 years. At this reception, meet featured ranchwoman, Evelyn Fite-Tune; and others. Also meet the photographer and writer.

Rugby Training Session: 4:30 p.m., Athletic Field. New prospects welcome! No experience required. Studded shoes useful, no jewelry or metal zippers please. A women's team will be dependent on number of candidates. Contact coach Dave Wheelock at gymnasium office for information.

Legends and Amateurs of Wrestling: 5 to 9 p.m., outside of Fidel Center. Chartwells welcomes students back by presenting "Legends and Amateurs of Wrestling." Free, open to all.

Comedy Night: 8 to 10 p.m., Macey Center. Featuring comedian Ryan Stout.

Sponsored by Student Activities Board.

Friday, August 29

Skeen Library Orientation Tour: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Main Desk, Skeen Library. Learn about Library resources and services. 30 minute tour. Receive a photocopying card with 20 free copies. No pre-registration is required.

Magic, The Gathering, Booster Draft: 2 p.m. to midnight, Game Room, Fidel Center. Ravnica Block. FREE.

Black Light Pool: all night long, Game Room, Fidel Center.

Saturday, August 30

Rio Grande Valley CASA Golf Tournament: New Mexico Tech Golf Course.
<http://externalweb.nmt.edu/nmtgolf/>

Monday, September 1

Academic and Staff Holiday

Tuesday, September 2

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Intramural Rosters Due: 5 p.m., Gym Office. Want to play intramural softball, outdoor soccer, or outdoor volleyball? Intramural rosters are due at the Gym Office today, for games beginning on Sept. 8.

Wednesday, September 3

Rugby Training Session: 4:30 p.m., Athletic Field. New prospects welcome! No experience required. Studded shoes useful, no jewelry or metal zippers

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Thursday, September 4

Rugby Training Session: 4:30 p.m., Athletic Field. New prospects welcome! No experience required. Studded shoes useful, no jewelry or metal zippers please. A women's team will be dependent on number of candidates. Contact coach Dave Wheelock at gymnasium office for information.

Friday, September 5

Chile Chase Golf Tournament: New Mexico Tech Golf Course.
<http://externalweb.nmt.edu/nmtgolf/>

Black Light Bash: 7 to 11 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center. FREE to all NMT students. Door prizes.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--\$1.5 Million Research Project to Improve Oil Recovery with Polymers,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/22aug01.html>

--Motivational Speaker to give talk about Substance Abuse,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/22aug02.html>

--Dunbar Uncovering Secrets of Ancient Eruptions and the Atmosphere,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/21aug03.html>

--Soccer Miners Finish Season on California Beach,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/21aug02.html>

--City of Socorro Starts New Van Service to Valencia County,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/21aug01.html>

SOLLVE YOUR PROBLEM:

--Tired of commuting from Los Lunas or Belen? We can SoLLVE your

problem! The Socorro-Los Lunas Van Express (SoLLVE) is a van commuter service comprised of NMT and NRAO people that arrives on campus every morning by 8 a.m. and leaves at 5:05 p.m. The cost is currently \$100/month and we have a few seats available. Please contact Michelle Creech-Eakman (x5809) in Physics for further details.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

--Community College introduces Luncheon Workshops for Fall 2008. These workshops are a great way to get the information you want in a friendly atmosphere and in a short amount of time. The best part of the workshops is that lunch is provided. You may register at the Registrar's Office or by calling the Community College office at 835-6581. The cost for each workshop is \$15. All workshops are in Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

- Letting Go of your High School Graduate: One of the most difficult transitions in the life of parents and their children is the point when children "leave the nest". Come learn how to lessen this stressful time. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 12noon -1pm
- Natural Hormone Therapy: You may have recalled the women's study that was stopped early because of the cancer risk to participants while using synthetic hormones. Come learn about the biomedical hormones that are structured more like ours. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 12noon-1pm
- Stop Smoking/Tobacco Use: Have you wanted to stop smoking or chewing tobacco but didn't know where to start? Come to this workshop and learn positive ways to quit. Socorro Mental Health instructor Darlene M. Santos Balch Chavez will show you how. Wednesday, Oct 22, 12noon-1pm

RETURN OF THE YOUTUBE VIDEO CONTEST:

- Who: Tech students, full or part time
- What: A YouTube contest about Tech-YOUR view of Tech. 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. Three minutes in length or less. A camcorder is available to be checked out from the Public Information Office in Fidel Center.
- When: Videos must be submitted to Colleen Guengerich in the PIO office by October 10.
- Where: Anywhere on Tech campus or in Socorro County
- How: Videos approved by the PIO office will be officially entered in the contest (placed on You Tube with Tech's blessings). The one that receives

- the most hits on You Tube by December 5, will win \$500!!! Prizes for 2nd and 3rd place, too! Prizes awarded on December 8.
- There is no limit to the number of people on a video team.

INTRAMURAL ROSTERS:

--Want to play intramural outdoor soccer, volleyball, or softball this semester?

If so, intramural Rosters are due at the Gym Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Pick up roster forms in the equipment or main gym office.

All rosters must have a captain, contact information, and a team name. Indicate the league you are interested in. All participants **MUST** sign the roster before our department will accept them.

SPORT CLUBS AT TECH:

Groups interested in forming sport clubs may do so through the Department of Physical Recreation. Sport Club registration packets for 2008-2009 can now be picked up during business hours at the Department of Physical Recreation office in the gymnasium. Those wishing to form a new sports club or renew an existing club must submit a completed packet there by 5 p.m. Friday, September 5.

The first meeting of the Sports Club Council will be Wednesday, September 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fidel Center Quiet Lounge. All returning and prospective clubs should have a representative present.

TREE REPLACEMENT:

--As part of our ongoing Tree Replacement Program, Facilities Management arranged for a study to be conducted on the center of campus by Mr. James Freeman, a professional arborist and retired New Mexico Urban Forester. Of the 205 older trees evaluated, Mr. Freeman has designated 25 for removal. This designation was based on the extent of internal or basal decay, often as a result of construction injury, previous topping, or other damage. Five of these trees have been removed, and the stumps will be ground as time permits. The other trees will be scheduled for removal over the coming year.

The trees to be removed are primarily elm and mulberry. They will be replaced by many different varieties which will contribute to the diversity of the trees on the New Mexico Tech campus. If you have any questions regarding our program, please call Karyn.

HOUSE ON TECH HILL:

--House for Sale. 1304 Vista Dr. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Sun room, hot tub. Double wide carport, parking for trailer, 32' by 28' detached garage/workshop with 2-9' garage doors. Large lot with fruit trees. Please call 575-835-3892 (home) or 505-463-1153 (cell) for appointment.

--SCOPE advertises ONLY houses on Tech Hill for sale. Since New Mexico Tech owns the land under the houses on Tech Hill, state law requires us to offer these houses for sale to the Tech community (and NRAO) before they are made available to the general public.

--SCOPE does not advertise any other houses for sale or rent. SCOPE is not allowed to compete with the private businesses that sell houses and sell advertising.

DIGGING INTO OTHER WORLDS:

--*Miners' Ink*, the Tech literary magazine, is planning a science fiction convention for the Tech campus, Sept. 12 - 14. Guest of Honor is Nichelle Nichols. Other guests include NM science fiction writers Jane Lindskold, S.M. Stirling, David Lee Summers, and Walter Jon Williams. Planned events include science fiction movies, gaming on the local-area network (LAN); talks, panel discussions, and readings by the authors; book signings; a Saturday-evening dinner with keynote address by Nichols; and a campus costume contest.

The deadline to register online is August 29. After Aug. 29, the late-registration fee is \$85 for everyone. For more information, please see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/28july01.html>

CONSTITUTION DAY, SEPT. 17

--Constitution Day is coming on Weds., Sept. 17. The Public Information Office has a couple of people who wants to hold non-partisan activities or events to commemorate the ratification of the U. S. Constitution.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Jones Annex exterior** is under construction for approximately 4 weeks, starting Monday, August 11. Please use the west entrance to the building until construction is complete.

- **Fidel Center:** landscaping on south and east sides, in progress
- **Kelly Petroleum Building,** construction in progress; south entrance closed.
- **La Raj Demolition,** anticipated start date: August
- **Fine Arts East and West,** Drainage issues, in progress
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction,** in progress.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

Important Academic Dates:

Friday, August 22: **New Student Registration** for students entering Fall 2008. For information, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/registration.html>

Saturday, August 23: **Orientation** for students entering Fall 2008. For information, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/or.html>

Monday, Aug. 25: **Registration and Validation** 2nd Floor of Fidel Center.

Monday, Aug. 25: **Convocation** 3 p.m., Macey Center. The entire New Mexico Tech community is invited to this convocation marking the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: **Classes begin**

Thursday, Aug. 28: **Late Fees begin**

Monday, Sept. 1: **Academic Holiday**

Friday, Sept. 5: **Online Registration Closes**

Friday, Sept. 12: **Registration Closes**

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**

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

--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.