SEPT. 25 - OCT. 5, 2006

SCOPE is a twice-weekly newsletter for the New Mexico Tech community, provided as a service by the Office for Advancement.

Monday, Sept. 25

**Food Specials:** all week, Fidel Food Court. Enjoy one entré, one side, and 24-oz. fountain drink, all for $3.75 + tax. Monday evenings, specials during Monday Night Football.

**Cave Biology Seminar:** 1 p.m., MSEC 202. George Veni of George Veni and Associates speaks on "Results from 13 Years of Intensive Multidisciplinary Karst Research: Camp Bullis, Texas"

**Hydrology Seminar:** SORRY, David Jordan's talk is postponed to a future date TBA.

**Socorro Striders and Riders:** 5:30 p.m., meet at Snake in front of EMRTC. 5 K running race; first in a series of four races. No pre-registration, but runners must be Striders and Riders members and pay a $5 series entry fee. There will be a $25 prize for the series championship in each age group. Other races are on Oct. 16, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18.

**Snooker Tournament:** 6:30 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center. Sponsored by Billy Aardd's Club. Open to students, faculty, staff, and Tech affiliates. More information on the tournament can be found at http://www.nmt.edu/~billiard/tournaments/index.html or in the Fidel game room.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

**Board of Regents Meeting:** 1:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Legal and personnel matters to be considered in executive session.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

**New Mexico Geological Society Annual Fall Field Conference:** through Sept. 30, Bureau of Geology. Topic: Caves & Karst of SE New Mexico. See http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/nmgs/fieldtrip/2006/home.html

**Dissertation Defense:** 1 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Michael Begaye, graduate student in chemistry, defends his Ph.D. dissertation on "Dual Fluorescent Molecular Probes."
Materials 467 Seminar: 2 p.m., Jones 106. Dr. John Mott of LANL speaks on "Intellectual Property Basics and Current Issues."

NM Striders and Riders: 5 p.m., Fidel Commons. First meeting of the semester. All invited! Striders and Riders is for those interested in running and biking.

Thursday, Sept. 28


Staff Development Session: 9 - 11:30 am. and 1:30 - 4 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Ingredients for good customer service. Techniques for dealing with upset/disgruntled customers. To register email or call JoAnn at 835-5955.

Physics Department Seminar: 4 p.m., Workman 101. Daniel Klinglesmith III of MRO speaks on "Site Characterization and Monitoring"

Chemistry Seminar: 4:30 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Amber Daniels, Dept. of Chemistry, speaks on "Anticancer, Antibacterial, and Antiviral Effects of Medicinal Plants of The Southwest."

Swing Dance: 8 to 10 p.m., SAC. Sponsored by New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club. 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.

Friday, Sept. 29


NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. David Whysong, NRAO, speaks on "Obscured Quasars in 3CR FR-II Radio Galaxies -- Performing AGN Statistics of a Higher Moral Character."

Management Dept. Seminar: noon, Speare 113. Randy Burge, former director of the Office of Science and Technology at the NM Department of Economic Development, speaks on "Technology Commercialization." He is also the founder of NMITSA, the New Mexico Information Technology and Software Association.

Career Services/Graduate Studies Workshop: Noon - 1:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Getting Into Graduate School.
Thesis Defense: 2:30 p.m., Cramer 221. Ahmed Abdelali, graduate student in Computer Science, defends his thesis "Improving Arabic Information Retrieval using Local Variations in Modern Standard Arabic".

TCCM/PAS Social: 5 to 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Asian Potluck---prizes given to the favorite dish. TCCM will provide egg rolls and rice. Social club for those 21 and over.

Shangri-la Chinese Acrobats: 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Dazzling acrobatics, formidable feats of daring and balance, explosive Kung Fu, brilliant costumes, and a touch of Chinese comedy. $16/$14/$12. Performing Arts Series.

Saturday, Sept. 30


Auto-Cross Contest: all day, Macey Parking Lot. Please note: Macey Parking Lot will be CLOSED TO REGULAR PARKING during the event! Auto-X is a slow technical course for people to race through against the clock in their cars. Come to race, ride, or just to watch. Presented by the New Mexico Tech Automotive Racing Club.

- Course Setup: 7 a.m.
- Registration: 8-9:30 a.m.
- Course Walkthrough 8-9:30 a.m.
- Drivers' Meeting: 9:45 a.m.
- Racing Starts: 10 a.m.

Note that no late arrivals can enter in the race. If you want to enter your car, be on time. Space is limited!


Monday, Oct. 2

Hydrology Seminar: 3:30 p.m., MSEC 103. Jim McCord, Hydrosphere, Inc., Socorro, NM, will speak on "Groundwater modeling for conjunctive use water supply management."
Career Services Event: 6-7:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Chevron Information Session. For more information, contact Career Services at 835-5780.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Faculty Senate: 4 p.m., Workman 101

Career Services Event: Chevron Interviews, Career Services/Student Affairs, Fidel Center. For more information, contact Career Services at 835-5780.


Wednesday, Oct. 4

Second Anniversary: of the Great Socorro Hailstorm. Give an ice cube to someone you love.


Career Services Event: Chevron Interviews, Career Services/Student Affairs, Fidel Center. For more information, contact Career Services at 835-5780.

Materials Seminar: 2p.m., Jones 106. Dr. Christopher Apblett, SNL Microdevice Technologies Group, speaks on "Miniaturized Bio Fuel Cells: Energy from the Natural Environment."

Intro to XML: 4 p.m., MSEC 187. Today: "XSLT I: translating XML to Web form"

Programming with Python: 5:30 p.m., Weir 128. Today: "Functions; input/output; import and modules"

TCCM Annual Meeting and Membership Drive: 5 to 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Tech Club/ Club Macey is a social club for those 21 and over. Renewal of membership fees will pay for dinner and impersonator show performed by our favorite local performers. THIS WILL BE FUN! Advance tickets required.

Thursday, Oct. 5

Geoscience Seminar: 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Tim Wawrzyniec of the Univ. of New Mexico speaks on "LiDAR." Sponsored by Earth and Environmental Science Dept. and NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.
Programming with Python: 4 p.m., Weir 128. Today: "Functions; input/output; import and modules"

Chemistry Seminar: 4:30 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Premchendar Nandhikonda, Dept. of Chemistry, speaks on "Environment-Sensitive Fluorophores and their Biological Applications."

Intro to XML: 5:30 p.m., MSEC 187. Today: "XSLT I: translating XML to Web form"

Library Lecture Series: 7 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of NRAO, Skeen Library presents the second of three lectures. Dr. Mark Adams speaks on "Looking Into the Future of the VLA." Free. Light refreshments.

Swing Dance: 8 to 10 p.m., SAC. Sponsored by New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club. 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.

For events further in the future, see the New Mexico Tech Calendar, http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/mastercal.html

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Fly and Bess, sheep dogs belonging to Sandy Kieft, were featured in an Albuquerque Tribune article on sheep dog trials at the State Fair. http://www.abqtrib.com/news/2006/sep/19/working-sheepdog-trials-show-training-trust-and-in/. Sandy reports that Fly won first place in the Ranch class, and Bess was disqualified in the last 2 seconds for gripping (biting) one of her sheep.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

--Updated September 19, 2006.
--Drawings of proposed landscaping for the area north of Fidel Center are online at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/landscaping.html. Comments are invited.

Planning Projects:
• north Fidel Landscape Plan, which will include a space for the Desert Maiden sculpture and a fire lane.
• Cramer Landscape Plan.
• West Hall Landscape Plan.
• Driscoll Hall skylight

In Progress:

• Electrical Upgrade Plan.
• Fidel Student Center paving will begin on 9/21/06. The project will add handicap parking spaces.

STUDENT REGENT OFFICE HOURS:

--The Student Regent, Michaella Gorospe, will be holding office hours every Tuesday in the Student Association offices in Fidel Center from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Staff, faculty and students are all invited stop by and share any concerns or questions with the student representative to the NMT Board of Regents.

49ERS PARADE:

--The 49ers parade is set for Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. Entries are invited in the areas of floats, vehicles, bands, horses and burros, and New Mexico Tech. Awards will be given to the top three entries in each category, and a Grand Award will be given to Best Entry. Theme is "It's all about 49ers." Sign-up form at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/2006parade.pdf.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS:

--The international flags flying in front of Fidel Center represent various countries whose students attend New Mexico Tech. The United States and New Mexico flags fly daily in front of Brown Hall.

--Flags flying from Sept. 25 through Oct. 8 represent Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Macedonia, and Mexico.

WRITING CENTER:

--NMT Writing Center is now located in the Advising Resource Center, in room 282 of Fidel Center. Consultations with trained student tutors for all Tech students, faculty, and staff. Walk-ins welcome; open most weekday afternoons. Visit www.nmt.edu/~write/ for more information.
MINERS' INK SUBMISSIONS:

--Miners' Ink, the student-run literary and art magazine, invites submissions from students, faculty, and staff. Our next deadline is Oct. 18. We accept

- Fiction (not to exceed maximum of 5 pages in length)
- Nonfiction
- Short Poetry and Prose
- Short Stories
- Sketches and Drawings
- Black and White Photography


send by campus snail mail to Fitch 107.

SoLLVE YOUR COMMUTING PROBLEMS:

--Socorro-Los Lunas Vanpool is accepting new members. Attention Los Lunas and Belen commuters. Tired of driving to Socorro? Then join the Socorro-Los Lunas Vanpool Express (SoLLVE). Save money. Reduce air pollution. Work (or sleep) during your commute. For more information, please contact Lisa Majkowski at 835-6419 or lmtaylor@admin.nmt.edu.

--A new Albuquerque-to-Socorro vanpool started September 11. Five days a week, the van departs I-25 and Paseo del Norte at 6:30 a.m., and Martin Luther King and Elm at 6:40 a.m., arriving in Socorro by 8 a.m., stopping on campus and at ROB/Iris Pascual. In the afternoon depart Socorro at 5:05-5:10 p.m., returning to MLK and Paseo at 6:20-6:30. This van is operated under the SECA organization. Cost is $10 new member fee and $150 per month to ride. You may be able to pay your vanpool fee pre-tax.

PAYDIRT DEADLINES:

- Sept. 25, for Oct. 3 issue
- Oct. 13, for Oct. 18 issue (pre-49ers)
- Oct. 22 for Oct. 27 issue
- Oct. 31, for Nov. 7 issue
- Nov. 13 for Nov. 21 issue
- Nov. 27 for Dec. 4 issue
HOUSES FOR SALE:

--503 NW Mesa Dr. Sellers: Geri Peterson Waggoner and Mark L. Waggoner. The contact number is: 835-5143.

--1203 Vista Drive, Sallie Smith's house, is still for sale. Please call 835-0453. Asking $280,000. 2300 sq. ft.

--1304 Vista Dr. for sale by Peter and Susie Ulbricht. Interested buyers may call 835-3892, evenings between 6-7 p.m.

--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.

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)

Important Academic Dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Midsemester

Friday, Oct. 20: 49ers Celebration. Academic Holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Grade Option Deadline Last day to choose audit, S/U, or withdrawal with a W on your transcript

Nov. 23 and 24: Thanksgiving break


Saturday, Dec. 9: Finals begin

Thurs., Dec. 14: Last day of finals

Friday, Dec. 15: End of Semester: Residence Halls close
GRADUATING SENIORS:

- If you plan to graduate in December 2006, you must file an "Intent to Graduate" form with the Registrar's Office, Fidel 2nd floor.
- Please check your name and degree on the list http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2007/dec2006grads.pdf. This represents how your information will be printed on your diploma. If you wish to make changes, please notify the Registrar's Office.
- 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 Office for Advancement.