

## Sept. 25 - Oct. 6, 2008

### Thursday, September 25

**Enchanted Skies Star Party:** Through Sept. 27

**MS Thesis Defense:** 2 p.m., MSEC 202. Nicole Alkov, graduate student in hydrology, defends "Remote Sensing of Fire Effects on Tamarisk Evapotranspiration and Regeneration."

**EES Seminar:** 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Dan Breecker of the Univ. of New Mexico speaks on "Improved Understanding of Soil Carbonate Formation Reveals Sensitivity of Earth's Climate to Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>."

**Electrical Engineering Graduate Seminar:** 4 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Dr. Doug Dunston of New Mexico Tech will speak on "TRIZ: The Theory of Inventive Problem Solving."

**TARA Net:** 7 p.m., 146.680 MHz (pl 100.0). Tech Amateur Radio Association welcomes all licensed amateurs to check in. Contact Seth Price, N3MRA for more details.

**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, September 26

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**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m., AOC. Chris O'Dea, Rochester Institute of Technology, speaks on "Spitzer Observations of Brightest Cluster Galaxies"

**5 K Wellness Walk/Run:** noontime. Tech Gym sponsors this 5K event on the last Friday of every month. 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.

**Chemistry Seminar:** noon, MSEC 103. Prof. Timothy Glass, Univ. of Missouri, speaks.

**Math Seminar:** 4 p.m., Weir 102. Ranis Ibragimov speaks on "Generation of

Internal Tides by an Oscillating Ocean Flow Over 3-dimensional Bottom Boundary."

**TCCM:** 5:30 p.m., Macey Center. Light snacks based on 50s diner food. TCCM is a social club for those 21 and over.

**Black Light Pool:** 7 to 11 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center.

**Winter Dance Party:** 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. The official tribute to the last tour of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper. Great 1950s rock! Come ready to dance! Performing Arts Series. FREE to NMT students showing full-time ID. \$16/adults; \$14/seniors; \$12/youth.

**Presidential Debate Party:** 7 - 8:30 p.m., Socorro County Republican Headquarters, 115-B North California St. Hosted by NMT College Republicans. All are welcome to attend!

**Star Party:** 8:30 p.m., Etscorn Campus Observatory. In conjunction with Enchanted Skies Star Party. Open to all.

## **Saturday, September 27**

### **Enchanted Skies Star Party:**

**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). Next races on Oct. 11, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15.

## **Monday, September 29**

**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. Lonnie Thompson, Ohio State University, speaks on "Abrupt Climate Change and Our Future." Frontiers of Geophysics Lecture from the 2007 Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union. Recorded Webinar.

**Biology Seminar:** 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Dr. Dean Wilkinson, DVM of Animal

Haven. speaks on "Veterinary Medicine as a Career." Snacks and refreshments. "Meet the Speaker lunch" at noon today in Jones Annex, third floor lounge. Pizza and snacks.

**Air Rifle Practice:** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Gym Basement. Air rifles, pellets and targets will be provided. Contact Seth Price for more details.

## Tuesday, September 30

**Advanced Python Applications:** 4:00-4:50 p.m., Speare 116. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods. Free.

**Programming with Python:** 5:30-6:20 p.m., MSEC 187. Introduction to programming in the Python language. Python is a recent, general-purpose, high-level programming language. It is free, very clear and readable, object-oriented (if you wish), runs everywhere, and interfaces to everything. Today: Overview: what can Python do for you?

**Tech on TV:** 11 p.m., Discovery Channel. Prof. Penny Boston is one of the scientists interviewed on "Into the Unknown" with Josh Bernstein.

## Wednesday, October 1

**Miners' Ink Book Sale:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m., Fidel Atrium. \$1/paperbacks; \$2/hard covers.

**Biology Dept. Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. p.m., Jones Annex 3rd floor lounge. Guest speaker Michael F. Shannon of the Nurse Corps, United States Navy, will share his experiences as a Navy nurse. He will also be educating us about what it takes to become part of Navy Medical and the benefits and rewards of being a naval officer. Lunch is provided.

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**Advanced Python Applications:** 5:30-6:20 p.m., Speare 116. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods. Free.

**Caving Club Meeting:** 7 p.m., MSEC 208. Pizza and drinks are provided.

**Miners' Ink General Meeting:** 8 - 9 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Pizza

and refreshments. ALL TECH STUDENTS are invited to attend. Discussion: Fall 2008 issue, editors, NaNoWriMo, and 2009 science fiction convention.

## Thursday, October 2

**Tacker Retirement Party:** 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Macey Center. Come wish Bob Tacker of ISD a happy retirement.

**EES Seminar:** 4 p.m., MSEC 101.

**Meteorites, Metals and Mankind:** 7 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Special lecture by T.D. Burleigh, Associate Professor, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering Dept. Informative and fun lecture describing the impact of meteorites on mankind, our history, and the use of meteoritic iron. This lecture is aimed for students of all ages and disciplines.

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## Friday, October 3

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m., AOC. Greg Taylor, UNM, speaks on "The Evolution of Radio Galaxies from Parsec to Megaparsec Scales."

**WRC Brownbag Series:** noon, Fidel Quiet Lounge. Eat, Drink, and Brainstorm: Redesigning the WRC (Women's Resource Center). Everyone is invited to give input.

**Math Seminar:** 4 p.m., Weir 102. John Starrett speaks on The Mathematics of Musical Composition, Analysis and Performance

**TCCM:** 5:30 p.m., Macey Center. Enjoy a wine-tasting session, led by Dr. Bill Stone. Tech Club/ Club Macey is a social club for those 21-and-over. Bill will present "Stars of the New World: Wines that shine in new locations" such as Australian Shiraz, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Chilean Malbec, and California Zinfandel. There is an extra charge, not yet set, for the wine-tasting. Non-members of TCCM pay an additional \$5 cover charge.

**Presidential Chamber Music Concert:** 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Willy Sucre and Friends play string quartets. FREE; sponsored by Dr. Daniel H. Lopez. <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/pas/pres1.html>

**Black Light Pool:** 7 to 11 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center.

## **Saturday, October 4**

**Rugby Tournament:** all day, Flagstaff. Tech Pygmies participate in Northern Arizona 10s Tournament.

## **Sunday, October 5**

**Hailstorm Day:** Fourth anniversary of the Great Socorro Hailstorm. Give a piece of ice to someone you love.

## **Monday, October 6**

**Air Rifle Practice:** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Gym Basement. Air rifles, pellets and targets will be provided. Contact Seth Price for more details.

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# **SCOPE Notices**

## **NEWS:**

--ILEA Academy in Roswell Notes Seventh Anniversary,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/24sept02.html>

--Archuleta Receives Prestigious Tech Transfer Award,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/24sept01.html>

--Center for Energy Policy Announces Conference in January,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/23sept01.html>

--Regents Implement Expedited Degree Policy for First Time,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/regents/08sept22.html>

--Pygmies Back on Winning Track,

<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/22sept01.html>

--Electrical Engineers Start Challenging Senior Design Projects,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/18sept02.html>

--We are sorry to report the passing, on Sept. 12, of Jane Kuellmer, widow of Dr. Fred Kuellmer, a former professor of geology and administrator at New Mexico Tech. A memorial service for Jane, with communion, will be held on Saturday September 27, at 10 a.m. at The Epiphany Episcopal Church in Socorro.

--We are also sorry to report that we received word that Dr. Bernard Sherman, emeritus professor of mathematics, passed away in February.

--New Mexico Tech Student Lands Prestigious Google Scholarship,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/18sept01.html>

## **KUDOS:**

--Kudos to Tracy Peralta, manager of the Tech bookstore! Tracy won an award from her company, Texas Book Company, their President's Club Award, given for exemplary financial management.

## **OWL BAR RUN, OCT. 10**

--Enjoy the breathtaking views and the beautiful fall weather along the Rio Grande as you walk, jog, or run the 13 mile course from Tech gymnasium to the Owl Bar in San Antonio, NM. This is a non-competitive event. Participation can be individual or as a group. Water stations will be placed along the trail at the 4 mile marker, 6, 8, 10, and 12. Once you reach the Owl, the friendly folks inside will give one complimentary non-alcoholic drink of your choice. Transportation back to Socorro is available **ONLY ONCE** at 6:00 pm. The Tech Physical Recreation Department will have Owl Bar Run T-shirts free for participants or \$5.00 for non-participants. Maps can be picked up at the gym.

## **49ERS PARADE:**

--The 49ers Parade is coming on Oct. 25. Line-up at 10 a.m.; parade starts at 11 a.m. Theme: "I Shoulda Made a Left at Albuquerque." New categories include "Human-powered Wheels" and "Walking". Both are open to groups and individuals, so decorate your bikes or get out your stilts and walk! Sign up

at Public Information, 2nd floor of Fidel, or at  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/2008paradeentry%20form.pdf>

### **CALL FOR UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS:**

--The White Sands Missile Range Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association has issued a call for undergraduate and graduate student papers for the 14th annual Live, Virtual, and Constructive (formerly Modeling and Simulation) Conference to be held at the Wyndham Hotel in El Paso, Texas from 12-15 Jan 2009.

The winner in each category will receive \$1500. In the case of a group win in either category, members of the group will evenly share the \$1500. Abstracts are due **3 Oct 2008** and the papers must be on any engineering or scientific topic-not necessarily modeling & simulation. Contact Henry Newton, NRAO, for more information.

### **SOCORRO STRIDERS AND RIDERS FALL RUNNING SERIES:**

--Please join us in our series of four 5K runs. Entry fee is \$5 for the series (participants must be members of Socorro Striders and Riders to run). No preregistration-- just come 15 minutes early to the first race (non-members can sign up for a membership that day). Runners who compete in at least two of the four races will be eligible for winning the series championship (which comes with a \$25 cash prize) in their age division (10 year increments for male and female).

--All races start at 9am at the Snake in front of EMRTC building. Race dates are: Saturday, Sept. 27, Saturday, October 11, Saturday, November 01, Saturday, November 15.

### **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. Sept. 22 - Oct. 5: Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Gambia, Germany, and Ghana.

### **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's Luncheon Workshops are a great way to get the information you want in a friendly atmosphere and in a short amount of time. 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.

- Natural Hormone Therapy: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 12 noon-1 p.m.
- Stop Smoking/Tobacco Use: Socorro Mental Health instructor Darlene M. Santos Balch Chavez will show you how. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 12 noon-1 p.m.

## **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. Colleen has a camcorder available for checkout. Call 835-5352 for info.
- 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.

## **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 Demolition,** anticipated start date: late September
- **Fine Arts East and West,** Drainage issues, complete: berm and retaining wall
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction,** in progress.

## **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**

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.

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***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.