

[Student Forum coming on March 6! Spring Break coming after that!]

## **Feb. 28 - March 10, 2008**

### **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 sign up for an appointment. If you have any questions, call Residential Life or visit.  
<http://www.unitedbloodservices.org>

**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; salsa dance lessons with Melissa Begay.

**ACM Freshman Programming Competition:** 7 p.m. - midnight, Speare 4. Tech's Assn. for Computing Machinery chapter hosts the freshman programming competition - free pizza for all and prizes for top contestants! For details, see <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~acm>

**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**

**Volleyball Tournament:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., West Gym.

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

**Magic Tournament:** 5 - 10 p.m. Free, but must sign up in Game Room.

**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.

**Photoshop Lecture:** 7 p.m., Weir 128. Tony Pereault speaks on "Color to Black-and-White Conversion - Ten Ways to Nirvana." Learn how to non-destructively convert color images to black and white using Photoshop. Sponsored by student chapter of Society for Technical Communication.

## **Tuesday, March 4**

**Faculty Senate Meeting:** 4 p.m., Workman 101.

**More Birthday Cake:** 4 - 5:30 p.m., Fidel 3rd Floor. Miner's Ink, the Tech literary magazine, is 5 years old today! The public is invited to enjoy refreshments, hear a reading by the Sirens, and grab a copy of the Fall 2007 issue.

**Intro to Python:** 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Introduction to objects."

**Halliburton Information Session:** 6 to 8 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

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

## **Wednesday, March 5**

**Midsemester:** Hang in there; Spring Break is coming!

**Halliburton Interviews:** all day, Career Services, Student Affairs Office.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Defense:** 2:30 p.m., MSEC 202. Sung-ho Hong defends his dissertation "Mapping regional distribution of energy balance components using optical remotely sensed imagery."

**Intro to Python:** 4 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Introduction to objects."

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

**Advanced Python Applications:** 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods.

**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. For exact time and movie, please see Loma's website at [http://transluxmovies.com/loc\\_loma.asp](http://transluxmovies.com/loc_loma.asp)

## Thursday, March 6

**Dissertation Defense:** 10 a.m., MSEC 202. Kevin W. Stafford, graduate student in Earth and Environmental Science, defends his Ph.D. dissertation: "Evaporite Speleogenesis of the Castile Formation: Southeastern New Mexico and Far West Texas."

**Verge Fund Speaker Series:** 4 p.m., MSEC 103. Dr. Chris Haase, BHP Billiton Petroleum, Senior Competitive Intelligence Analyst, speaks on "The Case for an Energy Manhattan Project." Everyone is welcome!

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

**Student Forum:** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Workman 101. Opportunity for students to meet with administrators and ask questions. Open to all.

**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, March 7

**AIChE Regional Conference:** Through March 9, hosted by the NMT Student Chapter of American Inst. of Chemical Engineers.

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m., AOC. Mark Reid, Harvard, speaks on "Measuring the Milky Way with the VLBA."

**TCCM:** 5 - 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Social hour for people 21-and-over. Wine tasting with Dr. Bill Stone.

**Presidential Chamber Music Series:** 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Willy Sucre and Friends. The Matisse Piano Trio. Sponsored by Pres. Daniel H. Lopez. Free admission.

## Saturday, March 8

**Spring Break begins**

**AIChE Regional Conference:** will be hosted by the NMT Student Chapter of American Inst. of Chemical Engineers.

## Sunday, March 9

**Spring Ahead!:** 2 a.m. Set clocks ahead one hour, for Daylight Savings Time.

## Monday, March 10

**Spring Break**

**Property Open House:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Property Yard. NMT Tech departments and offices may view used property and purchase items before the auction.

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## SCOPE Notices

**NEWS:**

--Science Cafe is a Wrap!,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/25feb01.html>

--Science Olympiad Results Announced,  
<http://infohost.nmt.edu/%7Escience/olympiad/>

--Regents Approve Jones and Kelly Remodeling,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/regents/08feb22.html>

--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>

## **KUDOS:**

--Kudos to Paul Krehbiel, Ron Thomas, and Harold Edens of New Mexico Tech and their collaborators at Penn State, who have had a paper accepted by NATURE GEOSCIENCE. A press release is in the works.

## **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

## **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.

## **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**

Monday, June 16: **Orientation**

Tuesday, June 17: **Classes begin**

--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.

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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.