

[Reminder: deadline to sign up for FE exam is TOMORROW, Friday, March 6. This exam is required for engineering majors, in order to graduate. See March 6 for details.]

Thursday, March 5

Property Open House: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Property Yard. Tech departments may view surplus property available for purchase.

Storm Chase/Meteorology Club Meeting: noon, Fidel Commons (near Fire and Ice). Planning the storm chase in May.

Electrical Engineering Graduate Seminar: 4 p.m., New Jones 101. Chris Langley from NRAO speaks on "The ALMA Data Transmission System." Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be provided.

Physics Seminar: 4 p.m., Workman 101. Joe Craig of UNM speaks on "The Long Wavelength Array: A new low-frequency radio telescope."

Cancelled EES/ Bureau Seminar: Sorry, today's seminar has been cancelled.

Programming with Python: 4 p.m., Speare 116. Introduction to programming in Python. Free class, offered by TCC. Today: Dictionaries; branching; scripting

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

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 6

FE Exam Deadline: Today is the deadline to sign up for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, which will be given on April 25. This exam is a graduation requirement for all seniors in engineering. For details, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/feexam.html>

Property Open House: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Property Yard. Tech departments may view surplus property available for purchase.

Cancelled NRAO Colloquium: Sorry, today's colloquium was cancelled.

WRC Brownbag Series: noon, Fidel Quiet Lounge. "Mothers of Invention" From grocery bags to windshield wipers and Kevlar - a brief history of women engineers and inventors. Sponsored by WRC (Women's Resource Center). Open to everyone.

Materials Department Seminar: 2 p.m., Jones 106. Dr. Rajan Gupta, Los Alamos National Lab, speaks on "Global Energy Observatory."

Student Activities Board Meeting: 2 p.m., Fidel Commons.

Master's Thesis Defense: 4 p.m., Weir 102. Aaron Wilson, a Mathematics Department graduate student, defends his thesis, "Applying the Boundary Point Method to an SDP Relaxation of the Maximum Independent Set Problem for Branch and Bound."

Saturday, March 7

Spring Break Begins

Golf Tournament: NMT Golf Course. SHS Boys Golf Team Fundraiser. Tournament. For details, see <http://externalweb.nmt.edu/nmtgolf/>

Sunday, March 8

Spring Break

Spring Ahead: Set clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Savings Time.

Friday, March 13

Spring Break

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., Domenici SOC Conference Room. Elizabeth J. Mc Grath, Lick Observatory at University of California, speaks on "Massive Quiescent Galaxies in the Early Universe."

Saturday, March 14

Spring Break

International Pi Day: Celebrate 3-14 with a piece of pie!

Golf Tournament: NMT Golf Course. St. Patrick's Couples Tournament. For details, see <http://externalweb.nmt.edu/nmtgolf/>

Monday, March 16, 2009

Classes resume

Materials Dept PhD Defense: 2 p.m., Old Jones 106. Brett C. Bedeaux defends his PhD dissertation, "Velocity Measurements of Inert Porous Materials Driven by Infrared Laser-Ablated Thin-Film Titanium."

YWCA Carino Toy Lending Library: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Children's Center. Parents of small children may check out toys. Open to Socorro-area parents.

SWE General Meeting: 4 p.m., Weir 132. All invited to Society of Women Engineers. Free food

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 - 7 p.m., Gym Basement. Air rifles, pellets and targets will be provided. Sponsored by NMT Shooting Sports Club.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Advanced Python Applications: 4 p.m., Speare 116. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods.

St. Pat's Dance: Sponsored by Student Activities Board.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Tech Mechanical Engineering Team Takes Flight in National Competition,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2009/4mar01.html>

--Tech Ruggers Win Against the Odds Again,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2009/3mar01.html>

--Sen. Bingaman To Speak at Energy Policy Conference,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2009/27feb02.html>

--New Mexico Tech Ranked among Top Values for U.S. Universities,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2009/27feb01.html>

--Uranium Study Dispels Myths about Dangers, Examines Science of Mining,
Energy, <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2009/26feb01.html>

FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING EXAM:

New Mexico Tech seniors majoring in engineering are required to take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam in order to graduate. NOTE: The fee is now \$120.

- Exam registration deadline: March 6, 2008
- Exam date: Saturday, April 25, 2008
- Location: NMT east gym
- Information is on the web at www.els-examreg.org
- More info at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/feexam.html>

FIFTH-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP:

--The Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for 2009-2010 "5th Year Scholarship". This scholarship was created to assist students with funding for their 5th year of college, once their New Mexico Tech merit based scholarship eligibility has been exhausted. To apply please stop by the Financial Aid Office located on the 2nd floor of the Fidel Building and pick up an application. Completed applications for the 5th Year Scholarship must be turned in to the Financial Aid Office by 5 pm on Monday, April 20, 2009.

BLOOD DRIVE, MARCH 20:

--The next Blood Drive will be on Friday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fidel 3rd Floor Ballroom. To set up your appointment, call the Residential Life office at 575-835-5050 or log onto www.unitedbloodservices.org and use the sponsor code of NMT to locate the blood drive. Select the time of your appointment. Consider donating three times a year!

SCIENCE FAIR SEEKS JUDGES:

--Help young people develop an interest in science! Please volunteer to be a judge at Science Fair, April 4. Please contact the Science Fair/ Olympiad Office.

--The regional science fair in Albuquerque would also like help judging. It will be held on Friday, March 20, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UNM. To sign up as a judge, please go to <http://stemed.unm.edu/JudgeForm.aspx>

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Chiller water system upgrade:** crete work continues at NRAO Domenici Building driveway and parking lot, 60% complete.
- **Fidel Center**, landscaping on south and east sides, 40% complete.
- **Kelly Petroleum Building**, new construction in progress; south entrance closed; electrical and plumbing upgrades to existing building, to be completed by May 2009.
- **La Raj Patio**, re-construction in progress to be complete by August 2009, 35% complete.
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction**, flooring, plumbing, electrical upgrades in progress, to be complete in May 2009.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

Information on Commencement:

--Information on Commencement (May 16) is posted at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2009/>.

--A list of potential graduates is posted at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2009/2009maygrads.pdf>.

--If you plan to graduate in May 2009, please check the list to make sure the spelling of your name and the title of your degree are correct. This is how your information will appear on your diploma! If you want any changes, please contact the Registrar's Office.

--If you plan to graduate and your name is not on this list, please file an "Intent to Graduate" form with the Registrar's Office immediately!

Important Academic Dates:

Weds., March 4: **Midsemester**

March 9 - 13: **Spring Break**

Friday, March 27: **Grade Option Deadline:** Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or Withdraw with a W.

Friday, April 10: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Monday, April 13 - Friday, April 17: **Registration for Summer 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.

Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24: **Registration for Fall 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, May 8: **Last day of classes**

Saturday, May 9: **Finals begin**

Thursday, May 14: **Finals end**

Friday, May 15: **End of semester**

Saturday, May 16: **Commencement**

Monday, June 15: **Registration and Validation**

Tuesday, June 16: **Classes begin**

Friday, June 19: **Registration closes**

Friday, June 26: **New Student Registration**

Friday, July 10: **New Student Registration**

Monday, July 27: **New Student Registration**

Friday, Aug. 7: **End of Summer Session**

--Catalog addendum: <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/07-09.pdf>

--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.