

[Note: Thanks to ISD and especially Lorenzo Maes for the handy calendar on the left side of the Tech homepage!]

[Student Forum tonight!]

March 6 - 16, 2008

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.

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

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. Schedule at <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~aiche/regional/index.php?page=Schedule>

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

Artist's Reception: 5 - 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Opening reception for art show by Joel Smith. Colorful oil paintings and landscapes. Exhibit continues

through April 18. More at <http://www.joelsmithart.com/>

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

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Sunday, March 9

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

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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.

Tuesday, March 11

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.

APAS Meeting: 7 p.m., Kelly 213. Regular meeting of Animal Protective Association of Socorro. We welcome everyone with a concern and compassion for the welfare of animals. <http://www.sdc.org/~apas/>

Wednesday, March 12

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.

Paydirt Deadline: Submit stories to Paydirt@nmt.edu for March 19 issue.

Thursday, March 13

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.

Friday, March 14

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.

NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. Eric Wilcots, Wisconsin, speaks on "Probing the Baryonic Content of Galaxy Groups"

Saturday, March 15

Spring Break

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. Tech Pygmies vs. San Juan Silverbacks.

Soccer Tournament: Tech Miners participate in Colorado Collegiate Invitational Indoor tournament, Loveland, Colo.

Sunday, March 16

Spring Break

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SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--N.M. Tech Professor Osman Inal Marks Birthday in Style,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5mar01.html>

--"Putting the 'wile' in coyote," *Santa Fe New Mexican*,
<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/HealthandScience/Putting-the-wile-in-coyote>

--Tech Ruggers Avoid Defeat in Albuquerque,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/3mar01.html>

VIDEO CONTEST ON YOUTUBE:

--And they're off! Be sure to check out the videos of New Mexico Tech on YouTube! The one with the most hits wins \$500.
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/videocontest.html>

NOMINATIONS WANTED:

--**Distinguished Teaching Award:** send nomination to Dr. Scott Zeman,
szeman@nmt.edu

--**Distinguished Alumni Awards:** send nominations to Carol Lynn Tiegs,
ctiegs@admin.nmt.edu

--For details, deadlines, past winners, etc., see
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/honors/nominations.html>

TIME OF COMMENCEMENT:

--This year's Commencement, on May 17, has been moved to 10 a.m. (instead of 11 a.m.) to take advantage of cooler temperatures. Grads and faculty should plan to arrive by 9 a.m. for line-up. Ceremonies should end around 11:30 a.m., followed by a reception for graduates, families, friends, and faculty.

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

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** Please arrive at 9 a.m. for line-up. Commencement begins at 10 a.m. Reception after.

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.

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.