PORPHYRY

2017-2018

REVIVED FROM ITS
SEVEN YEAR GRAVE

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Thank you.

A NOTE

If you find yourself in the library at midnight, returning from the coffee bar warm and quiet, pass by the front desk and softly ask for an old copy of porphyry. Look for 1981. Look for 1966. Hold the taste of your coffee on your tongue and look inside. There is an essence in the faces of our veteran classmates. They know something that has been forgotten.

It was this that inspired the 2018 porphyry. It was the photo of the two sunbathers atop west hall. It was the remembrances of old St. Pat’s celebrations by alumni.

The last known creation of porphyry was in 2011. Seven years later did students just like you rise to revive her. Porphyry has come and gone because the spirit of the miner has come and gone. We hope this book serves you like the old ones have served us. We hope you work to keep St. Pat’s going, to keep porphyry going, and to keep the spirit of the miner alive. Reviving porphyry was hard work, but it was well worth it.
and here we see a wild
Chapulacrus. Please write
a zoology paper on it.

Now YOU have the
power at your
fingertips.
Art is anything you can get away with.

-Marshall McLuhan
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KTEK

KTEK HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN AT LEAST THREE TIMES IN ITS LONG LOVING HISTORY FOR MANY GREAT REASONS. THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO MAKE A COMEBACK WITH NO FCC LICENSE. MAY THEY FIND GUIDANCE AND WISDOM IN THE MAGIC MARKER GRAFFITI ON THE WALLS.

THE STUDENT FORUM IS THE PRIME CHANNEL FOR STUDENT INPUT. THIS YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR THE STUDENT FORUM WAS LIVE-STREAMED LIVE. IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT PLACE TO COLLABORATE ON IDEAS AND PLAN EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY.
STUDENTS COMPETE TO CREATE THE BEST LASER-CUTTER WIND UP CAR THAT CAN TRAVEL THE FURTHEST DISTANCE

AND SOME DIFFERENT STUDENTS COMPETE TO CREATE THE BEST CHEMICALLY POWERED CAR THAT CAN TRAVEL THE FURTHEST DISTANCE
THE CAMPUS

SOUTH HALL

DRISCOLL HALL

SWIM CENTER

FIDEL

ALTA

WEST HALL

PRESIDENTS HALL

FITCH

THE SAC (STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER)
HOLY TRINITY OF THE FIDGET

The Holy Trinity of the fidget is dedicated to the fellowship of mankind, the importance of saying whatever, and to dab on them haters with the crystal pepsi. We batrol them thots, and we spin to eliminate the normies. It's avant garde you wouldn't get it.

NMT TACO CLUB

The NMT Taco Club exists to provide exciting and unique opportunities for group student enjoyment, and building a sense of community among the students. The NMT Taco Club will strive to bring students and community members together from diverse backgrounds, and to unite them under the common objective of sharing flavorful tacos.
AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES)

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society is a private, nonprofit organization which nurtures the building of community by bridging science and technology with traditional Native values. AISES provides opportunities for Native Americans to pursue studies in science and engineering, business and other academic areas.

QUEER ASSOCIATION OF SOCORRO AREA RESIDENTS (QUASAR)

While QUASAR has only been around for a few years, much has been accomplished. We are now an official OSTEM chapter, and we are proud to be a part of this national organization. We also organize a support group dedicated to the LGBTQ+ community here at NMT, and we invite you to join us. In group we try to foster a safe, supportive space where everyone can feel comfortable.
THE COONEY MINING CLUB

AND

THE NMT STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING ENGINEERS (AADE) IS AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE PRACTICAL HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH DRILLING TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ATTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN THE DRILLING INDUSTRY. THE MISSION OF THE NMT AADE STUDENT CHAPTER IS TO IMPART PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT, AND EXPERTISE TO ALL MEMBERS AND TO HELP TRANSITION THEM INTO INDUSTRY CAREERS. STUDENTS PURSUING DEGREES IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SPECIFICALLY FOR DRILLING ENGINEERING PURPOSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN.
SOCIETY OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGISTS (SEG) AND THE COONEY MINING CLUB

SEG’s mission is to promote interest and understanding of ore deposits among the student community at New Mexico Tech. We do this principally through guest speakers and field trips to mines. Some of our field trips are as far-flung as Ghana and Chile. We welcome students with an interest in ore deposits and mineral collecting. You don’t have to major in geology or mining and minerals engineering to join our activities.

COONEY MINING CLUB IS A STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF MINING ENGINEERS (SME) FOR NEW MEXICO TECH INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY. WE ARE DRIVEN TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MINING AND ECONOMIC GEOLOGY. OUR CLUB IS TAILORED FOR STUDENTS WHO SEEK A CAREER IN THE MINING INDUSTRY. AS A MEMBER, YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRIPS TO THE ANNUAL SME

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ALPHA SIGMA KAPPA

ALPHA SIGMA KAPPA, WOMEN IN TECHNICAL STUDIES, IS A SOCIAL SORORITY DEDICATED TO ACHIEVING ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND HAVING FUN WHILE DOING IT. WE ARE THE ETA CHAPTER OF ALPHA SIGMA KAPPA AND WE WERE FOUNDED AT NEW MEXICO TECH ON DECEMBER 4TH, 2010. EACH SEMESTER WE ORGANIZE AND HOLD SOCIAL AND PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS THAT ARE OUR WAYS OF GIVING BACK TO THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY. AS A GROUP, WE STRIVE TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP, KINDNESS, AND SISTERLY BONDS IN OUR MEMBERS.

SIGMA KAPPA

THE Pi-TAU CHAPTER OF KAPPA SIGMA IS AN ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG GENTLEMAN WHO ARE LOOKING TO EXCEED IN LIFE, AND HELP THE COMMUNITY IN ALL WAYS POSSIBLE.
REPRESENTING ONE OF NEW MEXICO TECH'S YOUNGEST MAJORS, THE LOCAL STUDENT CHAPTER OF ASME WORKS TO PREPARE YOUNG ENGINEERS WITH VARIOUS FIELD TRIPS AND HANDS-ON DEMOS. ASME ALSO WORKS WITH THE COMMUNITY TO INTRODUCE YOUNG STUDENTS TO THE EXCITEMENT WITHIN THE ENGINEERING FIELD.

THE NEW MEXICO TECH CHAPTER PROMOTES AIChE ON THE CAMPUS BY PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, TRIPS, AND OTHER EVENTS. AIChE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL RESOURCES ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL ENGINEERING COMMUNITY, ALL OF WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE FOUNDATION FOR COLLEGIATE AND PROFESSIONAL CAREERS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS.
PYGMY RUGBY
MANY THINGS HAPPEN IN THESE FOUR SHORT DAYS.

49ERS

THREE STUDENTS POST-COMEDY-NIGHT PREPARING TO REVEL AND RAMBLE.

CHASE RICKER ENJOYS HOLDING MC HAMMER.
49ERS IS OLDER THAN SLICED BREAD. IT’S CRISPIER, SWEETER, AND IS MUCH MORE CHOCK FULL OF JAMS, BUTTERS, AND PREMATURE SANTA HATS THAT YOU WON’T BE ABLE TO RESIST TAKING A BIG TOOTHY BITE.
THE OLD ESTABLISHED RULES

1. ALL FRESHMEN AND ALL NEW STUDENTS WITH ADVANCED STANDING SHALL TAKE THE INITIATION REGARDLESS OF ANY SIMILAR ONE THEY MAY HAVE TAKEN IN ANY OTHER INSTITUTION.
2. INITIATIONS SHALL TAKE PLACE ON THE AFTERNOON OF ST. PAT'S DAY.
3. A NEW PROFESSOR SHALL BE INITIATED (OR WILLING) IN THE FIRST YEAR OF HIS RESIDENCE, BUT SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA UNTIL THE SECOND YEAR OF HIS RESIDENCE.
4. DIPLOMAS OF PROFESSORS, NOT THE STUDENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MINES, SHALL BE HONORARY.
5. INITIATION OF CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DIPLOMAS, OTHER THAN PROFESSORS, SHALL BE OPTIONAL.
6. ALL GRADUATING SENIORS SHALL BE KNIGHTED AND RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA OF THE ANCIENT AND Mitarble Order of St. Patrick ON THE NIGHT OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY, DURING THE REGULAR ANNUAL CEREMONIES.
7. NO GRADUATING SENIOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN INITIATED SHALL RECEIVE A DIPLOMA OR BE KNIGHTED.
8. TWO-YEAR SPECIAL STUDENTS SHALL RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA DURING THEIR SECOND YEAR, PROVIDED THEY HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATION, BUT THEY WILL NOT WEAR THE CAP AND GOWN.
9. NO CO-EDS SHALL RECEIVE A DIPLOMA OR BE INITIATED.
10. ALL INITIATIONS WILL BE COMPelled TO KISS THE BLARNEY STONE AS PART OF THEIR INITIATION AND PERFORM WHATEVER STUNT THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES SHALL ASK THEM.
11. THE DUTIES OF PREPARATION OF CEREMONIES, INITIATIONS AND RELATED TASKS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCIAL COMMITTEE.
12. THE DUTIES OF DECORATING THE GYM AND PERFORMANCE OF SUCH OTHER TASKS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF ST. PAT'S DAY CEREMONIES SHALL BE THAT OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS.
13. THE BLARNEY STONE SHALL BE GUARDED BY THE FRESHMAN CLASS ANY PLACE ON THE CAMPUS, AND THE SOPHOMORES SHALL SEE THAT THIS IS CARRIED OUT ON THE NIGHT PRECEDING ST. PATRICK'S DAY.
The celebration of St. Pat's has been a tradition at New Mexico Tech since 1926. Along the way, St. Pat's became too heated, and it was shut down for many years. Then, in 2018, the Vice President of the Student Association successfully reestablished the tradition. There were no freshmen digging the pit while the upperclassmen watched and drank beer. There were no sheep or greased logs, but we had to start somewhere.
As the sun rises to find pit diggers sore and everyone else hungover, passersby wander over to see why a 100-year-old tech tradition involves crossing a telephone pole over a pit full of water.

No this is not duck pond water!

Some make it, some don't.
As per reestablished tradition, a tugging of rope between two bodies of students commences to see who reigns victorious, and who reigns not, wet and defeated. Onlookers gasp in terrified awe. Never before in recent days has something so peculiar as grown adults playing with each other in the mud been seen on NMT grounds.
SPRING FLING
CHAOS AT SPRING FLING'S COMEDY NIGHT AS A BACKSTAGE MACEY BAT FELL FROM THE RAFTERS DOWN TO THE STAGE. EDDIE IFFT OF COMEDY-WORLD-RENOWN RAN SCARED.
ON THIS DAY, THE 23RD OF
FEBRUARY, THE FIDEL FIRE
DRILL WAS THE BIGGEST
HAPPENING, AND MANY TOOK
THEIR PART TO COMMENT ON
ITS PECULIARITY.

BLUE SKIES ALWAYS
THE YEARBOOK CLUB

KRISTIAN MARTINDALE
MATT STALCUP
SAM BURLEIGH
JOSH LIVINGSTON
WILL BENSON
MIGUEL LUNA
CYRUS CHERNENKOFF (NOT PICTURED)

SO LONG

AND THANKS FOR ALL THE SHEEP
AT THE BASE OF AN 8000 FOOT DESERT MOUNTAIN IN NEW MEXICO, NEAR THE RIO GRANDE, THERE IS A COMPLEX OF MANY BUILDINGS—IM Pressive buildings, full of advanced, exotic scientific equipment. This oasis of grass and trees is surrounded by creosote bush, cactus, and desert grasses. The buildings, on the edge of the town, are designed as a center for teaching and research, and the institution has a fine reputation around the world. There is money enough with which to operate, a student body that is large enough, and a highly trained teaching and research faculty. The people of the town rejoice. It is a proud day. It all had started one hundred years ago, in 1889. A dream, after much hard work, had been realized. The frontier, gone now, was altered. Once again, strike up the band, call out the orators, and bring on the notables, and, once again, dedicate the school as a new beginning for the town and the State of New Mexico. The second century is under way.