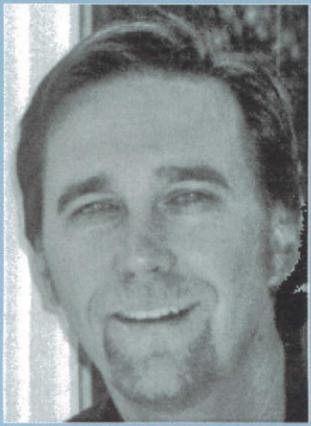


From the President



It is with great honor and humility that I accept the position as the first president of the newly re-formed New Mexico Tech Alumni Association (NMTAA).

Let me first thank all my predecessors and past board members for their hard work and dedication to the previous Alumni Association. Without their dedication you would be less informed about the institution, its accomplishments and your fellow graduates, as *Gold Pan* and other alumni events would never have reached the stage they are at today.

With this new beginning, it is the goal of the board to dramatically increase Alumni interest in the institution where we have all received our undergraduate and graduate training.

Over the course of the next year the NMTAA, in conjunction with the Office for Advancement, has been tasked with creating a five-year plan that parallels the "Strategic Plan" adopted by the administration of New Mexico Tech. Through this plan we hope to fulfill one of our primary missions of increasing alumni membership. By empowering all dues-paying members of the NMTAA to the process we hope to increase the Alumni Funds and endowments currently under the charge of the NMTAA.

The Office for Advancement is the conduit in which Alumni Activities are now focused and one of their missions is to fully support the alumni board.

You can make a difference, by paying either your annual dues or opting for Lifetime membership. As a full dues-paying, active member, your vote at the Annual General Meeting makes a difference.

Over the next year I look forward to your questions and comments to the board and myself. You can find all Alumni, including all board-related activity at the Alumni page http://www.nmt.edu/alum_fr. I look forward to serving you, my peers, the alumni of New Mexico Tech.

Geza L. Keller
President

Alumni Kick Off Children's Center World of Wonder Campaign

All Donations Matched Through December 31

Three New Mexico Tech Alumni Association board members and long-time Tech supporters have stepped up to the plate as the first donors to the Children's Center World of Wonder Campaign, contributing funds to support construction of a new state-of-the-art children's center on the Tech campus.



Contributions made by **Edie Steinhoff ('07)** and **Louise Chamberlin ('67, '72)** and **Dr. Richard Chamberlin ('67, '75)** will be **matched 1:1 thanks to**



an anonymous donor who is matching contributions received by December 31, 2007.

Chamberlin, director of Auxiliary Services at New Mexico Tech, is a candidate for secretary/treasurer of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Steinhoff, who has served as Tech's graphics designer for the past seven years, is a new member of the Association board.

Chamberlin's two sons are among the many children of Tech students and faculty who have benefited from the Center since it began as a babysitting coop in the late 1960s. Then, the Center was housed on "Tech Hill" and Marisol Gonzales and her sister Andrea, daughters of **Richard Gonzales ('87)** joined the Chamberlin boys, while their father worked on his Tech degree.

"It was a lot of fun," said **Marisol Gonzales, now a Tech grad herself ('01, '07)**. "I was in the after school program. We got to read books, interact with other kids, and learn things. As an older kid, I learned responsibility reading to the younger ones and helping to set up for snack time."

Sadly, the existing Children's Center, a remodeled older home, is lacking important facilities and utilities. It has reached capacity and will not meet expanding community needs. Currently there are 21 children on the waitlist for 2-year olds, and seven on the preschool (4-5 year-old) waitlist. Center Director Ann Sullivan says demand is so great that people are adding their children to the waiting list as soon as they are born.

Over the past several years, the student body has been comprised of one-third children of Tech students, one-third children of Tech faculty and staff, and one-third children of Socorro community residents.

Tech alums **Mic ('95, '98)** and **Molley (McFadden) ('97)**, **Heynekamp**, and **Tom Engler ('80, '82, '92)**, parents of current and former Center students, have been part of the site selection and design team for the new Center, along with Chamberlin. And Heynekamp's contributed profits from this year's Socorro Springs Open, sponsored by their Socorro Springs Brewery, to the Center's endowment.

"It's not just day care; it's truly a development center," said Engler, whose son Scott, a Center graduate, just enrolled at New Mexico Tech. "The new center is designed to meet children's needs. It's not just a building, but a place kids will like to go for both fun and learning. And it's an important benefit for Tech and the entire Socorro community, to help attract and keep faculty, staff and students in the community."

Chamberlin said the new Center will be the first "green" building on campus. Studies cited by Governor Richardson's office indicate that student attendance and performance is higher in green school buildings. Environmentally compatible features will incorporate sustainable site development, water saving, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality.

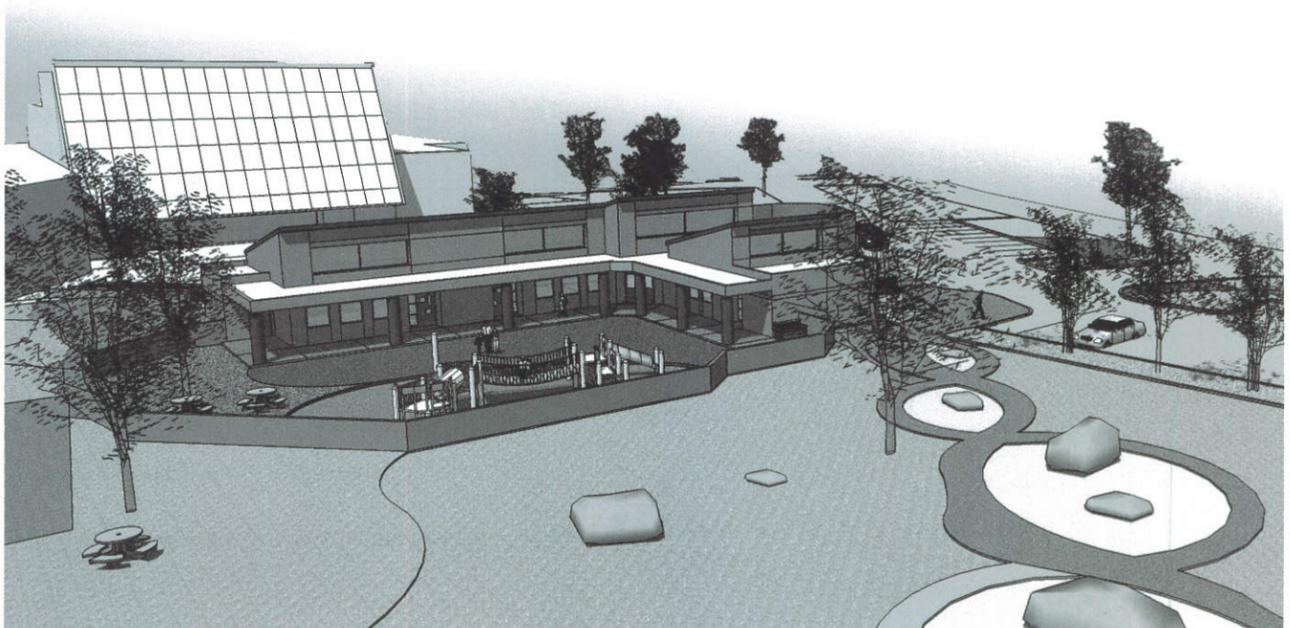
The new Center will provide more space for parent and staff resources, an expanded environment for the children and an opportunity to serve more children in the Tech and Socorro communities. It will also help the Center qualify for Level V accreditation with the National Association for Education of Young Children, the highest accreditation level available. (The Center currently holds a Level IV CYFD child care license; however, the constraints of the current building prevent achieving the highest level of accreditation.)

Excluding equipment, the new Center will cost \$2 million. This is not covered by state appropriations. Securing the Center's future will also require a \$500,000 endowment to provide for ongoing operational, maintenance and upkeep expenses not covered by state appropriations.

The university has a partial grant through a private donor, and is actively seeking additional donations of all sizes to cover the full cost of constructing and equipping the Center. Donations may come in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, and multi-year payments (not to exceed three years). **All donations, including corporate matching funds, received by December 31, 2007 will be matched 1:1 up to \$700,000.**

You can visit the website at: www.nmtkids.org

For more information, or to donate to the Children's Center, contact: Cheryl Pulaski, Director for Advancement
New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
575.835.6769 • cpulaski@admin.nmt.edu



Alumni Events and Chapters

Tech alumni are active around New Mexico and across the country. Here's what's happening and how to get involved.

This July marked the formation of a new **Santa Fe/Los Alamos Alumni Chapter**, beginning with an event at the home of **John ('60) and Ann Dowdle** attended by Tech President Dr. Dan López, Board of Regents President Richard Carpenter, and Regent Abe Silver. Silver, the newest member of the Board of Regents, and his wife, Marian, signed right up as lifetime members of the New Mexico Tech Alumni Association.

For information on the Santa Fe/Los Alamos chapter, contact its president, **Charlie Goodman ('74)** at charles@kokoproperty.com.

July also saw the revitalization of the **Albuquerque Alumni Chapter** at a special event at the St. Clair Winery & Bistro. **Paul Shoemaker ('71)** is chapter president. For information, contact Paul at peshoem@sandia.gov. And special recognition goes to **Keith Dowler ('64)**, who signed up as a two-time lifetime member of the Tech Alumni Association.

This fall and winter offer a full line-up of alumni events.

Socorro Alumni Party

Friday, September 7, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Hosted by **Navid Mojtabai ('82, 85)**, 521 Western Ave.
Thanks to **Mehrdad Moradi ('85)** and El Camino Restaurant & Lounge, and **Mic ('95, '98) and Molley ('97) Heynekamp**

Phoenix Area Alumni Party

Friday, September 28, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Tapino Kitchen & Wine Bar
700 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale

Houston Area Alumni Party

Tuesday, October 9, 6 – 9 p.m.
WestLake Club
570 WestLake Park Blvd., Houston
(Directions at www.westlakeclub.com/directions/index.htm)
Sponsored by ConocoPhillips
Thanks to host **Brett Wendt ('92)**

Colorado Alumni Reception

Monday, October 29
In conjunction with the Denver meeting of the Geological Society of America
Details pending

California/Nevada Alumni Reception

Tuesday, November 13
Hilton Anaheim
777 Convention Way, Anaheim
In conjunction with the SPE/ATCE Conference

Salt Lake City Area Alumni Reception

Late February, 2008
In conjunction with the annual SME conference
Details pending

For more information and to RSVP, contact Carol Lynn Tiegs at ctiegs@admin.nmt.edu or 575.835.5292.

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Alumni Respond

It's wonderful to hear back from you in response to articles in *Gold Pan*.

In response to a photo in our Summer edition, **Ronald Stone ('53)** wrote, "I was surprised when I opened (*Gold Pan*) and saw the lead photo under the 49ers 2007 announcement. I told my wife, 'I know those guys.' On the left is **Thomas S. Harper** and on the right is **Floyd J. Balentine**. This was taken from the 1951 edition of the *Porphyry* and was titled the Gold Dust Twins. Fond memories."



In response to the "Love Us, Love Our Dogs" article in the same edition, **Aimee and Jayson Blanchard**, both '96 grads, sent photos of Katie and Calamity, their "Socorro Specials."

Calamity

They lost their beloved Calamity, Aimee's dog that she found at the beginning of her second year at Tech, in December 2005.

Katie, Jayson's dog, is still with them. They also have three relatively new additions: PeeWee (aka Monkey), Pumpkin (aka Pretty), and Bubbles (aka Bubs). All three come from what Aimee calls "a great organization called Lap Dog Rescue out of Moriarty." (www.lapdogrescue.org).



Katie



Pumpkin,
PeeWee,
Bubbles

NMT License Plates

New Mexico Tech license plates are cropping up all over the state!



As of the latest count, 101 had already been sold in New Mexico, and more are appearing all the time, as Tech alumni renew their registrations. The plates cost \$37 per year, of which \$25 goes to New Mexico Tech to support alumni activities and *Gold Pan*.

The official state plates featuring M Mountain are available at Motor



Vehicle Division offices in Socorro, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Farmington, Carlsbad, Roswell, Hobbs, and Las Cruces.

They may also be ordered from: <http://www.tax.state.nm.us/pubs/specplat.htm>.

Alumni Survey/Sign-up

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred contact media: _____

Occupation: _____

I would be interested in an alumni chapter in my area. Yes No

Activities I'd like to see through a local alumni chapter are: _____

Any other news or ideas? _____

Make sure you are an active Alumni Association member eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Free gift when you send your Alumni Association dues.

____ Annual Alumni Association Dues enclosed (\$30 or \$50/alumni couple)

____ Lifetime membership dues enclosed (\$200/individual or \$350/alumni couple)

____ Check enclosed

____ Please charge \$ _____ to my Visa MasterCard

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Blasting Into The Big Leagues – Matt Wells And Gigablast

New Mexico Tech alumnus Matt Wells is the architect, owner, and operator of the very successful Gigablast.com—the third largest Internet search engine in the world. In addition, Wells' Gigablast recently won an award for being one of the largest and fastest growing technology employers in New Mexico.

Wells graduated from New Mexico Tech in 1997 with both a bachelor of science in computer science and a master of science in mathematics. Upon completing his graduate degree at Tech, Wells went on to work at InfoSeek in Sunnyvale, California. He started developing Gigablast.com in August 2000, after leaving InfoSeek and returning to New Mexico.



While a student at New Mexico Tech, Wells designed and implemented a website called *The Artist's Den*. The site was an open Internet database of art. Anyone with Internet access could log onto the website and add artwork and descriptions into a searchable database. The site was featured on Netscape's *What's New*, Yahoo's *What's Cool* (twice), and was a semi-permanent feature on InfoSeek's *Reference* page.

In October of 1997, Wells started working at InfoSeek in Silicon Valley. While at InfoSeek, he worked on a search team that developed core search technologies for the search engine. He worked there for three years prior to moving back to New Mexico to start Gigablast.com. Wells stated that while at Tech he was "...able to obtain the knowledge and experience to prepare (him) for the real world."

Wells said that he always had a passion for search engines and working at InfoSeek gave him "...no power to bring (his) ideas to reality. "I wanted to make my own contribution," Wells said about his creation.

Gigablast is the least expensive, most scaleable search engine on the market. It is currently powered by over 400 machines, handles up to 100 queries per second, indexes about 120 million pages per day, and serves between one and two million queries per day. On the business end, the search engine company has increased revenues by two to three times per year, reaching record revenues in the millions of dollars.

Gigablast started with just one employee—Wells—and now has several others, including two other previous New Mexico Tech students. Wells stated that they are "...hiring aggressively and would like to hire more Techies, if possible."

In addition to Gigablast's office in Albuquerque, the private firm also has offices in Boston, and Denver, and will be opening one soon in Dallas.

To Tech students who might be following the same path, Wells said "Don't be afraid to go on your own path, go after your passion, and take chances. The outcome can prove to be as rewarding to you as Gigablast has been to me."

Wells highly recommended taking as many programming and math classes as possible while in college. He is a strong believer in the far-reaching advantages of taking math classes, stating that "The math classes I took (at Tech) helped me to think logically. With Gigablast, I always have to think that way."

To fellow New Mexico Tech alumni, Wells said "If anyone would like to pursue a career in search engines and learn more about the industry, I would like to speak to them about possible job opportunities."

Tiffany M. Chisum

People You Know

1960s

Frank D. Carsey (B.S., Physics, '65) writes, "In 2005, I retired after a very satisfying career in geoscience that included getting a Ph.D. from UCLA in 1971. For my last appointment, I was at Caltech for 24 years on a variety of positions at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. I had a great time working on NASA science, technology development and projects, mostly related to ice and snow on Earth and in the planetary system. I then moved with my wife, Dr. Susan Digby, to Bremerton, Wash., in the Seattle area where she teaches at Olympic College, and, in addition to being an old-age pensioner, I am becoming a ceramic sculptor, rather slowly.

1970s

Michael Jaworski (B.S., Geol.; '71, M.S., Geol., '73) and his wife **Mary (B.G.S., '73)** have relocated from Silver City, N.M., to Bisbee, Ariz., where Mike has been promoted to site manager at the Copper Queen Branch of Phelps-Dodge. Since graduating from Tech, Mike has worked in the fields of petroleum exploration, coal exploration, gold mining, and conservation practices.

Robert Bruce Kennedy (B.S., Mining Engr. '73) writes, "I am currently working in Ely, Nevada, as vice president and general manager at Quadra Mining Ltds Robinson Mine. We are an open pit producer of copper, gold and molybdenum. At this time, there are three Tech grads working at our site: myself, **Brent Anderson (B.S., Mining Engr., '72)** and **David Pierce (B.S., Geol. '82)**. Not quite enough for an Ely alumni club, but close. We have extended an offer of employment to a Tech geology major who plans to join us in February 2008. Maybe then we can start a local chapter."

Albert Morales (M.S., Metallurgy, '75) is working in Dallas as a mechanical engineer for the Defense Contract Management Agency. He would like to hear from fellow alums at almorales@flash.net.

Christian Foster (M.S.T. '77) has been named Purdue University's director of Discovery Park K-12 programs that focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. He has also been academic outreach coordinator and deputy assistant director for education at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His wife, France A. Córdova, is the new president of Purdue.

Dr. Kenneth Ford, former president of New Mexico Tech, is the author of the recently published memoir *In Love With Flying*. He provides tales from his own 50 years of flying light airplanes and gliders, and he profiles various aviators he has met along the way, people who impressed him with their passion for flying and who brought a special style to their love affair with flying.

1990s

Aimee Blanchard (B.S., Env. Engr., '96) and her husband, **Jayson Blanchard (B.S., Env. Engr. '96)** are currently living in Los Alamos and are both working at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Jayson received his certification as a Project Management Professional (PMP) in 2006 and is a construction project manager in the Project Management Division. Aimee is an analyst with the International and Applied Technology Division focusing on energy security issues for DOE's Office of Intelligence. Aimee and Jayson have been back in Los Alamos since June of 2001 where they both initially worked as engineers for Adelante Consulting.

In recent years, Jayson has started competing in body building shows. He placed at several local shows and in November 2006, he competed in the heavyweight class at an all-natural drug-tested show in Houston, TX and won his class. He also qualified for a professional card with the National Gym Association (NGA) and will be competing in his first show as a professional natural bodybuilder in October in Baltimore.

No kids, yet, but they are really enjoying being Aunt and Uncle to Aimee's sister's new baby, Cody Hunter Thomas (aka Cutest Baby Ever), born in January 2007 (Aimee's sister is **Angela (Partain) Thomas (B.S., Env. Engr., '97)** and her brother-in-law is **Karl Thomas (B.S., Mat. Engr., '97)**. Aimee and Jayson are proud to announce they celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 5th, 2007. They would love to hear from friends at akblanch@hotmail.com or jaysonbnm@yahoo.com.

Dr. Eric Heatwole (B.S., Math., '96) has graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle with a Ph.D. in physical

chemistry. He is currently doing a post-doc at Humbolt University in Berlin, Germany.

Gaylyn Yanke (B.S., Bus. Admin., '96) is moving to the University of Arizona, where she will be the Assistant Director of Facilities Management. She has been at Tech nine years, seven of which were as business manager at Facilities Management, and two of which were at Restricted Funds. She also taught at Tech for seven years, mostly Managerial Accounting and Cost Accounting. She also served on the Alumni Board for six years in various capacities.

2000s

Dr. Rebekah Allen (B.S., Math., '00, M.S., Biol., '03) completed her Doctorate of Medicine at the University of New Mexico. Her father, **Dr. Matthew Silva (B.S., Basic Sci., '75, M.S. Petr. Engr., '84)** had the high honor of placing her doctoral hood at the graduation ceremony. Rebekah and her husband, **Joseph Allen, (B.S., Physics, B.S., Math., '03)** will be moving to Portland, Oregon in 2008 where Rebekah will complete her residency in ophthalmology. Rebekah was the Founder's Award winner in the year of her graduation.

Hector Rocky Jimenez (B.S., Elect. Engr., '05) earned his master's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University in 2007. He has accepted employment with the Ford Motor Company, where he has been an intern for the past three summers.

Emily Fryer (M.S., Physics, '07) and **Craig Miller (B.S., Physics, '02, M.S., Physics, '04)** were married on July 14, 2007, under the "Physics Tree" on the north side of Workman Center. Craig is a scientist at Voss Scientific in Albuquerque, and Emily is working as an adjunct faculty at UNM Valencia campus.

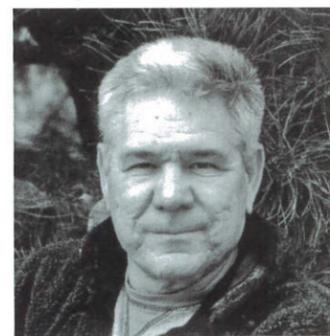
Passings

John Marshall, a 1996 graduate of New Mexico Tech and longtime lab associate in the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, passed away on June 22, 2007 at his home in Socorro, after a brief battle with cancer. John was born in Dorchester, Mass., on Aug. 20, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972, serving a tour of duty in Vietnam.

In 1982, he met Elena Terrell, who became his wife, and they decided to move west to become cowboys. They changed their names from John and Elena to Cody and Buster because it sounded more western. From 1982 to 1991, they worked on ranches and dude stables, traveling by horseback through Arizona and New Mexico. For several years, they lived off and on at Bingham, at the old Long Ranch, owned by Gabby Hayes. In 1991, they had a son, also named Cody. John decided to go back to college, to provide more stability for his son, and he chose New Mexico Tech. After graduation, he continued to work at Tech and taught several engineering drawing courses over the years, influencing many students. Don Weinkauff, chair of the Chemical Engineering program, recalled him as an "invaluable member of our team, who would jump in to help on any occasion. He developed highly advanced data acquisition and instrumentation skills, virtually self-taught. He laid the foundation of our philosophy to involve students in every aspect of lab construction."

Bill Shell, a long-time EMRTC employee, passed away on July 15 after a long illness.

Bill was born on Jan. 12, 1947 in West Columbia, West Va. He worked at EMRTC for 28 years. Bill was known for the amazing and creative work he produced in the video editing studio. He is also remembered for his love of hiking the Continental Divide each year with his friends. Bill was also active in supporting the local 4-H Chapter. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Continental Divide Trail Alliance or the American Cancer Society.



Robert B. Somerville, a 1935 graduate of the New Mexico School of Mines in petroleum engineering, passed away on July 14, 2007 at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was born Nov. 11, 1909 in Toronto. He lived most of his adult years in Ada, Mich., as the owner of Somerville Construction Company. He is survived by his four children and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren.

Big Happenings at October 49ers/Reunion Weekend

There's plenty to do and see during Tech's annual 49ers Weekend, October 19-21. And for the classes of 1957 and earlier, and 1972-1982, don't forget that this is your Gold and Silver reunion, respectively.

Colgate ('53) and Stella Craig are planning to be in Socorro to represent the 50's era, and **Jerry Mericle ('56-'57)** hopes to be here as well. Come join them! We'll start with a luncheon get together on Friday, October 19.

And Silver Reunion attendees can already count on seeing **Geza Keller ('76), Shari Houston Zinik ('77), and Russ ('72, '79) and Carla (Houston) ('73) Fisher.** Count on meeting for cocktails on Friday, October 19 before the annual meeting.

Our 60s alumni are already making a strong showing with **Tim ('60) and Betsy Pearse, Don ('60) and Kathy McKelvey, Ken ('61) Fagan, Keith ('64) and Connie Dowler, Ron ('64) and Nedra ('65) Fortune, Linda Gonzales ('65), Frank Carsey ('65), and Bill ('65) and Robin Klein** scheduled to attend.

In addition to reunion activities, the 49ers schedule includes the following (and of course, *The Vigilante Band* every night at The Capitol Bar).

Friday, October 19

8 a.m.

- 5th Annual 49ers Gold Rush Golf Scramble, New Mexico Tech Golf Course
- Champagne Brunch, Registration 8 a.m.
- To sign up, contact Karen Balch at kmbalch@nmt.edu or 505.835.5412

2 p.m. EMRTC tour (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

- Afternoon Rugby Match at the Tech Playing Fields
- 5:30 – 8 p.m.** Dinner, Annual Alumni Association Meeting at the home of Judy Oliver Lovelace, 702 Fitch St. Barbecue dinner provided and cooked by Celebrity Chef: Don Tripp, Class of '69. Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Award.

8 p.m. Annual Karl G. Jansky Lecture, Macey Center. Professor Karl M. Menten of the Max-Planck-Institute for Radioastronomy, Bonn, Germany, speaks on "Tuning in to the Molecular Universe." The lecture is free and open to the public. Sponsored by NRAO.

8 p.m. Depart for a tour of Magdalena Ridge Observatory and an evening of stargazing (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

9 p.m. *The Vigilante Band* at The Cap

Saturday, October 20, 2007

8:30 a.m. Alumni, Fidel Center Dining Room. Find out what campus food is like in the 21st Century

11 a.m. 49ers Parade: 11 a.m., California St. to the Plaza. Dr. Al Smoake, Grand Marshall.

- Beard-growing contest: Winners announced - prizes for

most creative, best historical, longest ever seen. Thanks to **Van Romero ('77, '79),** New Mexico Tech vice president for research and economic development, for prizes.

Afternoon: Soccer Match, Tech Playing Field
6 – 9 p.m. Alumni Reception at The Capitol Bar
9 p.m. *The Vigilante Band* at The Cap

Sunday, October 21, 2007

9 a.m. Paint the "M" M-Mountain Run

An old School of Mines tradition! TWENTY Prizes of \$50 to the first TWENTY students or teams of students to reach the top of M Mountain with a bag of lime. Hamburgers and soft drinks at top of mountain.

See who is coming and make plans together by going to Don McKelvey's Tech alumni blog at the 49ers alumni website, www.nmt.edu/mainpage/alumni/49ers/homepage.html. For more information and to RSVP, contact Carol Lynn Tiegs at ctiegs@admin.nmt.edu or 575.835.5292.

Tech Scores High In National Rankings

New Mexico Tech scores big in national media attention this fall, starting with listing as one of "The 25 Hottest Schools in America" in the *Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get into College" Guide*. Tech is featured in the latest edition of the college guidebook as the school that is "Hottest in the War on Terrorism." The brief institutional profile on New Mexico Tech provided by the 264-page guidebook states, "The school has admissions red tape to a minimum, while quietly building – with a flood of federal dollars – one of the prime research centers for fighting the War on Terror."

That flood of research dollars makes New Mexico Tech first in the nation in industrial research and development (R&D) funding. When ranked by percentages, Tech is the nation's top recipient of R&D funding from industry, according to a recent report published by the State Science and Technology Institute (SSTI). Tech tops SSTI's list of 100 national universities ranked according to their industrial R&D funding as a percentage of their total R&D expenditures. Tech led all institutions with 27.9 percent of its R & D funded by industrial sources.

Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC), one of Tech's prime R & D facilities, featured prominently in an article in the newest issue of "Popular Science" magazine. The magazine cover promises "a look inside the coolest college labs in America."

"Popular Science" placed EMRTC as one of "Five Labs That Make Going to Class the Best Part of College." The two-page layout focused on EMRTC includes a pithy description of the research conducted there, as well as a full-color centerfold photograph of Tech undergrads working in the field.

Victor Saracini Endowment Nears Completion

As the sixth anniversary of 9/11 approaches, alumni friends of **Victor Saracini (B.S., Gen. Studies, '76)** hope to raise the additional \$4,000 required to fully fund an endowed scholarship in his honor at New Mexico Tech. Saracini was the captain of United Airlines flight 175 that was taken over by hijackers on Sept. 11, 2001, and crashed into Tower I of the World Trade Center.



After graduating from Tech, Saracini served in the Navy, where he trained as a pilot. At the time of his death, he had worked for United for 16 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Several alumni of the class of 1975-76 began raising funds following 9/11 to honor Saracini's memory by helping Tech students who, like him, had the desire to enter the scientific community, but not the means to continue their education. To date, \$11,000 of the \$15,000 required to fully endow the scholarship has been raised. As with any endowment, the fund would then be perpetual, using interest from the fund for annual scholarships.

In addition to honoring Saracini, Geza Keller ('76) said the Victor Saracini Endowed Scholarship is also a way to mentor the scientists and engineers needed in the United States in a post-9/11 world.

The scholarship fund welcomes cash contributions, as well as stocks and bonds. Contributions may be sent to:

Cheryl Pulaski, Director for Advancement
New Mexico Tech
801 Leroy Pl.
Socorro, NM 87801

For additional information call 575.835.6769 or e-mail cpulaski@admn.nmt.edu.

Tech Travels

Peru

May 25 – June 3, 2008

See the real Peru with Tech professor, tour leader and experienced Peruvian traveler **Bill Chavez ('76, '77).**

Explore Lima, Urubamba and the Sacred Valley and the heights of Machu Piccu in this 10-day adventure.



Caribbean Cruise

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Solar Eclipse Cruise off the coast of Japan

Summer 2009

Legends of the Nile Cruise

Fall 2010

For information, contact Carol Lynn Tiegs at ctiegs@admin.nmt.edu or 575.835.5292.



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