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SGA Meeting Rundown: 10/22/19

1. Policies regarding freedom of speech and expression for this upcoming election cycle are in the works in the administration of NMT. These are aimed to make campaigning fair and safe for everyone involved.
2. As the Miner Weekly Blast is worked on and improved more and more, various departments and groups on campus will work together to reduce email fatigue from email chains such as the [studentcommunity] email.
3. Jones Hall is set to begin renovation in November using internal funds.
4. Tech is looking at several utility savings options to save money on energy. Solar devices are the most likely candidate at the moment.
5. The Halloween Contest is on the 31st in Fidel. Simply show up in your costume and register to be entered to win.
6. The Supreme Court has judged that the Vice President was in full power to deny club chartering to the five clubs that did not turn in their club packets on time, for whatever reason(s). These clubs are SWE, AISES, League of Legends Club, Cybersecurity, and Tri-beta. This judgement came after interpreting an executive ruling from the President challenging the VP's decision to deny the clubs' chartering from the SGA.

To Guatemala for Clean Water:

NMT Engineers Without Borders Successfully Implements

Tech's Engineers Without Borders (EWB) chapter has once again sent a contingency of students and mentors to Guatemala. Their goal this time? To implement the water distribution and sanitation system they spent the last year designing and fundraising for.

EWB is a national humanitarian organization dedicated to using engineering projects to help communities in need. Tech's chapter has been around for about seven years. As its first international project, the chapter opted to help the 650 people living in Xolá, Guatemala achieve an adequate amount of clean water for their health needs. Now, the lives of these people have been forever changed, as they no longer have to trek long distances across difficult terrain to get water from springs but can instead turn on a tap outside of their houses.

This trip consisted of five students: Samuel Fischer, upcoming Project Lead; Evelyn Byrd, President; Tracy Womack, Secretary; Jacob Barker, Fundraising Lead; and Ernest Miramontes-Carrera, Translator. Majors represented included Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Sciences. These students were joined by three mentors.

During the trip, students worked with mentors, community members, and EWB-Guatemala workers to install pipeline, pump connections, a chlorination system, and water meters. They also spent time interviewing

community members to learn about their concerns and needs. Finally, they helped to educate the community members on water use and system administration and maintenance, to ensure sustainability in the future.

Going forward, the chapter will maintain close communications with the community and continue to support them. They are looking forward to at least one more trip back to Xolá to evaluate and monitor the system.

Engineers Without Borders meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Tripp Room of the Library. They can be reached for questions at nmt.ewb@gmail.com.
-Evelyn Byrd



Miscellaneous

"I've got a bit of money in the bank. I'm quite comfortable." - Paul Gascoign

World Savings Day

Although October 31st is known for being Halloween, several other events take place on the last day of the spooky month. Oct. 31st is Girl Scouts Founding Day, National Unity Day in India, Reformation Day in various parts of the world, and more. One of these lesser known celebrations is World Savings Day, a day that promotes saving money through bank accounts and investing.

World Savings Day was established on Oct. 31, 1924 in Milan, Italy. Italian Professor Filippo Ravizza stated on that day during the 1st International Savings Bank Congress that the day would be known as "International Saving Day." The main goal at the time was to restore consumer confidence in saving their money in banks after the end of World War I and the crash of many economies.

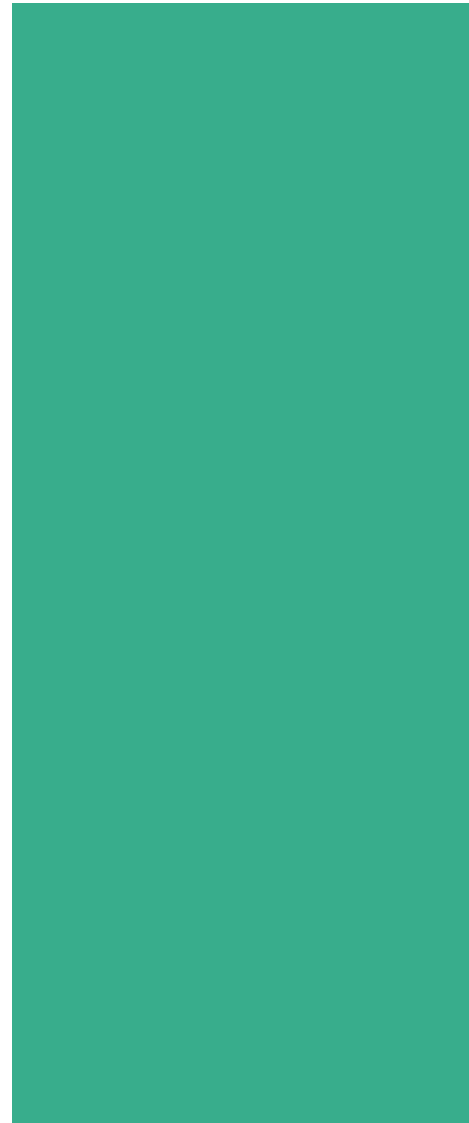
In places like Germany, many people were reluctant to trust in banks after losing so much after the war. However, after World War II, the holiday spread in popularity and reached its height in between 1955 and 1970. In Austria, the 'Sparefroh-Journal' (meaning save gladly) reached a distribution of 400,000 issues.

NMT, for this year's World Savings Day, is launching the first World Savings Day Remix. The Remix has three main points: opening a savings account, a dividend paying account, and then creating a partnership with a Philanthropic organization that will assist with Asset Building across generations for those who need it. Dr Peter Anselmo will donate a currently

unspecified amount of money to several people to help open their first savings account. In addition, an anonymous student will equally donate an amount to help open the recipients' first Transfer Agent dividend paying account.

Over the years, World Savings Day has spread out of Europe and become highly valuable to developing or less-fortunate countries. Countries like Botswana, Uganda, and Kenya have all benefited from this event being observed and celebrated. For example, in Kenya, the Real Ladies MChama Group purchased one-acre of land, converting 20% of their yearly savings into returning investments. As the holiday continues to grow, it may not be as important to countries like America, but will most likely continue to be a vital social tool for countries needing economic stability.

Credit to Wacinqe beMende and the WSBI-ESBG for providing information on NMT's Remix and World Savings Day, respectively.
-Skyler Matteson



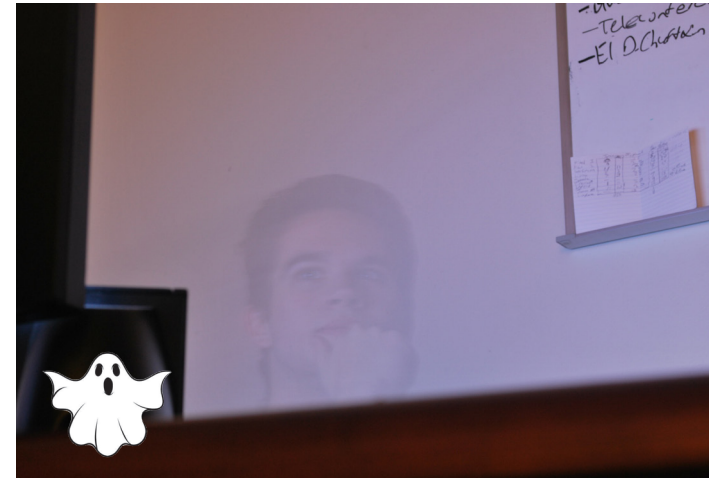
Meet the Staff

We are a family of ghosts here at Paydirt...

Skyler Matteson

Editor in Chief of Paydirt Newspaper

"I'm spittin straight facts...dawg." - Skyler Matteson



Samuel Baca

Photographer

"The world is a circus and I'm the comedic relief."

- Samuel Baca



Evelyn Byrd

Journalist

"One can never have enough socks." - Albus Dumbledore



Jaime Mendoza (left), Omar Lux (right)

Layout Editors

"As you should..." - Jaime Mendoza

"I hope my professor doesn't make me take an exam on Halloween cause that would be scary." - Omar Lux



Club Spotlight

"I love the spirit of Halloween and the energy that comes with it." - Katharine McPhee



Lexi Smith and the Cosplay Club

As Halloween steadily approaches NMT, festivities, decorations, and especially costumes will be found all across campus. Trailing that same vein, I headed to the Cosplay Club to interview their President and find out more about their plans for this spooky season.

To start, can tell me your name, major, year, and how long you've been club president?

A: Alexis Smith, [but] I go by Lexi. I am a Civil Engineering student and a freshman. This is my first year, so I've been club president since the beginning of the semester. I have a cosplay club in Lubbock [Texas] that I helped start, but since it's so far, I decided that if NMT didn't have a cosplay club I would start one.

Why are you interested in cosplay?

A: I've liked anime for a long while and I started cosplaying when I was 13, and I just got really attached to it. I had one friend interested [as well].

You mentioned you like anime. What would you say is your favorite anime?

A: Naruto, Trigun, My Hero Academia, several others.

How many active members do you have?

A: Around 18, signed up we have 46. Most of the members are new cosplayers.

Do you have any events planned for the club?

A: We've planned several events. Our main event planned for the semester is the maid/butler cafe. Our cafe is a cafe serving sweets, maybe collaborating with Tea Club. Of course, [the club members] will be dressed up as maids/butlers. A few guys are going to be dressed up as maids, and there is a girl that is going to be dressed as a butler too.

What event and cosplay experience do you have yourself?

A: I am a closet cosplayer: I take things from thrift stores and my closet to fit the character. I went to the Smash Bros tournament; I've gone to several ComicCons. I've been to Albuquerque Con twice, dressed as 2P Fem England from Hetalia. I went to Sabaku Con [in Albuquerque] as 2P Belarus, also from Hetalia. I've been to four events in Lubbock [as well] and Clovis ComicCon. [My costumes included] Izuku Midoriya, Katsuki Bakugou, Dabi, and

Present Mic from My Hero Academia. I have many different cosplays that I haven't worn to -Cons yet.

What is your most impressive costume?

A: My Dabi costume, and my Villain Izuku Midoriya costume.

What tips do you have for beginning cosplayers?

A: Don't freak out about the work, the time, or the amount of patience you'll need. Have fun!

Why should students join your club?

A: We're weebs, and we have fun. Weebs, gamers, and DnD players. Gamers rise up!

The cosplay club meets Wednesdays at 4:30pm through 7:00pm in the Tripp Room on the second floor of the Skeen Library. The maid/butler cafe will be around November 9th, so look for posters or ads.

-Evelyn Byrd



Balloon Fiesta - Albuquerque, NM





Pumpkin Bread Recipe

"Like banana bread, but with more autumn flair!" - Evelyn Byrd

- Ingredients:
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp baking soda
- Spices:
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
 - ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
 - ¼ tsp ground cloves
 - ¼ tsp ground ginger
 - ¾ tsp salt
- 2 eggs
 - ¾ cup sugar
 - ½ cup packed brown sugar
 - 1 ½ cup pumpkin puree (canned or fresh)
 - ½ cup oil (vegetable, canola, or melted coconut)
 - ¼ cup orange juice
- Fun optional additions:
- chocolate chips
 - Nuts, especially walnuts

Prep: Preheat oven to 350 °F and place a shelf in the bottom third of the oven. Grease a loaf pan with butter or cooking spray.

Make batter: Beat eggs and sugars together, then add pumpkin, oil, and orange juice. Mix flour, soda, and spices together separately, then slowly add this dry mixture to the wet ingredients. It is okay if the batter is slightly lumpy.

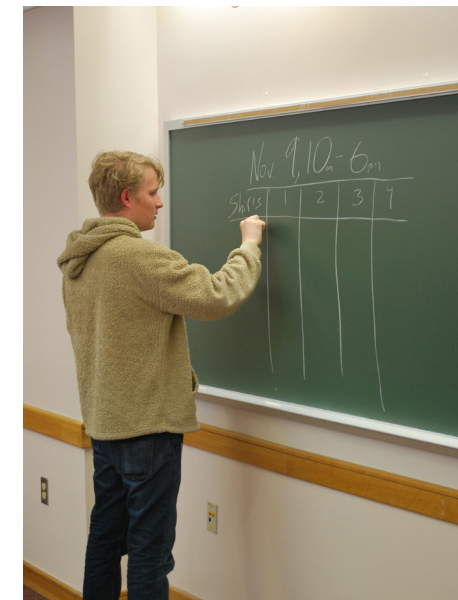
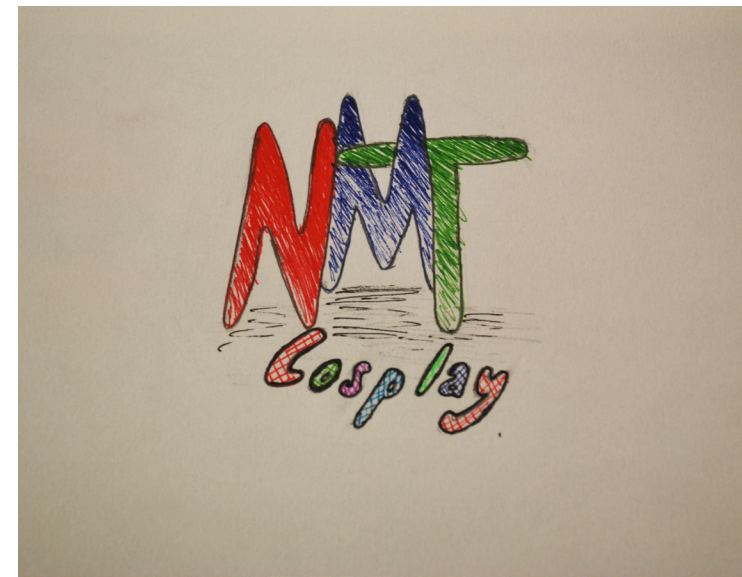
Add extras: Mix in chocolate chips, nuts, or whatever else your heart desires! Add until it looks right for you, which may be around ⅓ cup.

Bake: Pour batter into your greased pan or pans. Bake for about 60 minutes, or until a toothpick or knife inserted into the loaf comes out clean. If the top is getting too done it may be covered with foil.

Enjoy!

Recipe modified from <https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/pumpkin-chocolate-chip-bread>
-Evelyn Byrd

"Gamers Rise Up." - Lexi Smith



Tea Club

Tea is the most popular beverage in the world, and the NMT Tea Club certainly does its best to make that statistic true on Tech campus as well.

You can find Tea Club in Fidel Atrium on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. At those times, calming music diffuses outward from tall tables laden with tea, tea pots, cups and other necessary paraphernalia. People hang about, chatting, playing games, doing homework, not doing homework, and, of course, drinking tea. All are welcome and you may meet students of all levels, professors, faculty, and community members.

The Tea Club inventory contains over one hundred types of tea, so even the most tea-savvy people can find something new. From fruity to spicy, rich to dark, and caffeinated or not, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Even those who prefer the other side of hot drinks might be pleasantly surprised by the “coffee tea” that is available.

For those with no tea experience, recommendations abound. Riley Myers, the current leader of Tea Club, is very skilled at helping folks find a tea they will enjoy and knows the inventory better than anyone. Riley has run Tea Club for many semesters and has been described as having “the zen-est wave” of anyone on campus, which is used in conjunction with a call of “would you like some tea?” to greet those walking by. For many, Riley and Tea Club are somewhat synonymous.

Tea Club is popular. It serves tea to between 40 and 50 people each night. This usually equates to about 20 liters of tea served each night, twice a week, each week of the semester. Thus, Tea Club serves something on the order of 1,360 liters of tea, or about 360 gallons of tea, every year! It truly exists to make lives a bit better, one cup of tea at a time. If you want to try some, you are welcome to stop by.



Enter for your chance to win!

Thanks for reading Paydirt! We are always trying to improve our content, so if you would like, please fill out the survey below. It should take no more than 2 minutes.

If you complete the survey and list your preferred email at the end, you will be entered into a chance to win a Cards Against NMT deck! These Cards Against Humanity expansion packs were made a few years ago by Paydirt, and we want to give some of them away while they are still relevant. We will be handing out three decks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NC8DNG>

Notice: Cards Against Humanity and by extension Cards Against NMT are satirical games and do not mean to defame any person, place, or entity in the card deck.



Take a deep breath...

Join us for the third installation of the deep breathing series! Did you know? Deep breathing can lower your heart rate and blood pressure!

October 29th
from 6:00-7:15pm
In the Tripp Room

Drink Smart ASAP
ALCOHOL SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

NEW MEXICO TECH
Physical Recreation Department

Remember, classes are consecutive and build upon one another so please make an effort to attend all four! For each class you attend,