Rookie Team Gets Wet at Balloon Bash

Our EH&S balloon team had a great time at the Balloon Bash, even though they got bashed and were eliminated in the first round. Being the first year the department fielded a team, we hope to learn from the experience and do better next year. Members included Ramon Ruiz, Kirstin Morningstar, Dusty Brannum (work study), Matt Valentich (son of Becky), and Laura Kirkley (daughter of Debbie). Thanks to the custodial department for sponsoring this fun event and providing all the delicious food.

Recycling Calling

Get on the telephone and pass it down the line-- our next recycling project is cell phones! Bring your old outdated and unused cell phones to the Mav Cookout on August 27 and UTA will receive $3.00 for every one we collect. Look for the marked collection boxes located at the President's Recycling Committee table.

Then we will continue to pick up phones throughout the year just as we do the ink and toner cartridges. Call our office at ext. 2185 to schedule a pickup or you can drop them off at 500 Summit Ave. Check with your family and friends and gather up as many as you can. This recycling effort is being coordinated with the Eco Phones Company of Dallas.

Remember, you can send any questions or correspondence about any of our recycling programs to our new email address, ehsrecycling@uta.edu. All money raised through recycling activities is deposited back into UTA’s recycling account to buy bins and other supplies that support further campus recycling.

EH&S and DSL’s Team Up to Prepare for Severe Weather

On Friday, June 20th the Davis Hall Department Safety Liaison representatives and the Environmental Health and Safety office conducted a severe weather drill. The DSL’s did a great job getting employees, visitors and students to the designated safe areas of the building. Conducting this drill has enabled us to be better prepared for severe weather conditions. We will also be able to share this information with the DSL’s in other buildings on campus to better prepare them to react when a similar weather warning is issued.
New Additions

The EH&S office has a new part-time Workers Compensation claims analyst, Caron Miller from Fort Worth. Caron took an early retirement in 1998 from Tarrant County Mental Health Mental Retardation Services, where she worked for 15 years in various positions ranging from client care and quality assurance to risk management.

Caron holds a B.S. in Rehabilitation Science and has training as a counselor and mediator. After retiring, she began volunteering as a mediator with Dispute Resolution Services. She will be assisting Tracy Gardner in the WCI program. Caron can be reached at ext. 4743 or by email at clmiller@uta.edu.

Caron has three children and five grandchildren. She has taken up classical guitar and performs once a month at All Saints Hospital. She also enjoys yoga and tai chi.

15-Passenger Van Driving Regulations Implemented

To remain compliant with new guidelines for the operation of 15-passenger vans in U.T. System Business Procedures Memorandum 16-05-02, anyone that has not attended the 15-Passenger Van Specific Training will not be authorized to drive these types of vans effective September 1, 2003. This will also include vehicles that are leased from the authorized lease companies. Several training sessions are scheduled in July and August. See the training calendar on page 4 for dates and times. Attendance is required for both segments, the classroom instruction and behind the wheel on road driving. Please call the Environmental Health and Safety office at extension 2185 to sign up.

All drivers registering to take the specific training must already be listed as active on the UTA authorized driver list. Having a DPS Driving Record Check within the last year and taking the Defensive Driving Course once every three years are the two requirements that must be fulfilled to remain a current authorized driver.

From the Fire Marshal’s Station

by Joel Box

It’s summer time on campus. It’s also time for a quick look at some of the possible hazards that go along with the season. The Fourth of July is upon us, and there isn’t a more traditional way to celebrate than to go to the greatest parade presented by any community in North Texas (and possibly the entire state), and that is our own city parade.

Fireworks displays are also a major part of a great celebration. The city of Arlington, in conjunction with The Texas Rangers Baseball Club, puts on an excellent permitted public fireworks display at The Ballpark in Arlington. Besides the fact that they can be dangerous, the possession and discharge of fireworks in the city limits and on the UTA campus is illegal. Fines can range from 200 to 2,000 dollars. Not much to celebrate about that.

The third and maybe the most satisfying celebration of the summer is the Bar-B-Que. Your outdoor culinary arts can be practiced at or on the UTA campus by using university provided cooking equipment located in approved locations outside your dorms and apartments. Just remember, the storage of propane cylinders and charcoal lighter fluids are not permitted indoors or in unapproved areas outdoors such as balconies, patios, or common walkways, etc. If you have any questions regarding the use and storage of these flammable materials don’t hesitate to call the Environmental Health & Safety office at 817-272-2185.

Fortunately, we have been blessed with a good amount of rain during the month of June, but as all Texans know, it can’t last. As the local conditions get drier, please remember how important it is to discard all smoking materials in approved containers and not to leave those outdoor cooking fires unattended, not even for a minute.

Have a great Independence Day and a great summer!
5 Ways to Keep Safe this Summer

1. Protect Yourself from Skin Cancer
   Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Apply waterproof or sweat-resistant sunscreen (SPF 15 or greater) generously 30 minutes before exposure. Reapply every hour.

2. Remember the Shades
   Sun damage can lead to eye disease. Wear sunglasses that block at least 99 percent of the sun’s ultraviolet rays. Consider wraparound sunglasses that prevent light from entering the eyes from the sides.

3. Understand Heat Stress and Heat Stroke
   To prevent heat-related illness, know the warning signs of both heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
   - **Heat Exhaustion** -- you might feel dizzy and lightheaded, as if you’re going to faint, and have a headache. Lie down under a shady area, drink some water, and rest. Consult a doctor.
   - **Heat Stroke** -- This is a more serious condition because people can die from heat stroke. The body’s temperature soars as well as the person’s pulse. Cool down a person by undressing them and immersing them in cold water. Seek medical assistance immediately.

4. Be Careful Around Fireworks
   In 2001, there were an estimated 9,500 visits to emergency departments across the country because of injuries related to fireworks. Leave the show to the professionals.

5. Don’t Leave a Child or Pet in a Hot Car
   Cars can reach a temperature of more than 130 degrees when the windows are rolled up on a hot summer day. If you see a child in a hot car with the windows rolled up, call local police authorities immediately.

DSL's Are Training for All Situations

Our Department Safety Liaisons have been very busy this summer. In addition to those receiving AED/CPR training (see photo below), many have also learned how to use the evacu-chair. Evacu-chairs are located in multi-story buildings to assist in getting physically disabled occupants out of buildings during emergency evacuations. The chair is designed to be safely taken down stairs.

Chairs are located in Carlisle Hall, Nedderman Hall, Life Science, Library, Hammond/Trimble Hall, Social Work Bldg. A and Arlington Hall. The UTA Police also have a mobile unit that can be used for any buildings that do not have a permanent chair stationed.

If for any reason you would require assistance evacuating the building in an emergency, please notify the Department Safety Liaison representative for your building or department.

Our campus Department Safety Liaisons are being trained to use the automated external defibrillators that have been placed in many buildings on campus. Statistics show that in emergency cardiac situations, having quick access to these machines even before medical personnel arrive on the scene has saved many lives. Some participants included (from left): U.C. Building Manager Okechukwu Egbulu, and DSL’s Norman Spayd, Valerie Goodwin and Keith Jones.
Listed below are the names of 15 previous events/actors/groups who have performed at UTA’s Texas Hall. Unscramble the letters to find the names. Submit your completed entry to the Environmental Health & Safety office, Box 19257. There will be eight prizes this year—four hardcover cookbooks and four colorful mouse pads—which will be awarded to the winning names drawn from all qualifying entries.

A list of past event titles is posted on the EH&S website to give you some help. Go to www.uta.edu/ehsafety/main.htm and look for the contest link. GOOD LUCK!!

Print and mail your completed contest entry by August 1 to: EH&S, Box 19257.

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Defensive Driving
(EH&S Training Rm.)
July 23 & 24, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
August 18 & 21, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
(must attend both days)

General Hazard Communication/
RCRA Waste Management
July 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (EH&S Training Room)
Aug 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. (EH&S Training Room)

15-PASSENGER VAN TRAINING
8:30-11:30 a.m.  EH&S Training Rm.
1:00-5:00 p.m.  Drive Van, Wetsel Parking Lot
July 15 (Tuesday)
July 16 (Wednesday)
August 26 (Tuesday)
August 28 (Thursday)