



HOW THE WEST WAS FUN

Saturday
October 2
Family Fun!

Free carnival and petting zoo, fireworks, Richardson Symphony, lawn seating, bring a blanket and picnic, concessions available. No pets or alcohol, please.

For more information call ext. 6259.

Presidential Serach Update

The Presidential Search committee is picking up steam as they move towards narrowing the field of over fifty prospective candidates. By mid-September personal interviews will be conducted with several "semi-finalists" to narrow the field even more. I am glad to report that we have an outstanding pool of candidates. Stay tuned for further developments.

Betty Loy



2004 Corporate Challenge / Benefiting Special Olympics Begins August 24th

Sign-up Today! Time is running out!!!

In August, companies from all over Richardson will compete against each other in the 2004 Corporate Challenge benefiting Texas Special Olympics. The City of Richardson has a terrific website for you to explore and learn more about this wonderful community event. <http://www.cor.net/CorporateChallenge/>.

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We need a CAPTAIN for Track & Field.

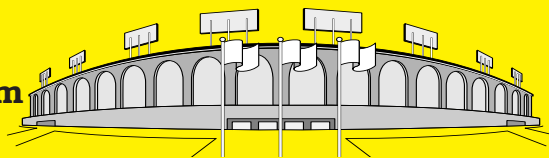
We need participants for the following teams:

42 (Dominoes)	Badminton	Billiards	Flag Football
Racquetball	Tennis	Track & Field	

WE NEED YOU!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Lanham at ext. 2233 or clanham@utdallas.edu.

Come One Come All!!
UTD Faculty, Staff & Families
Corporate Challenge
Opening Ceremony
Richardson HS Stadium
August 27, 2004



5:00 pm TAILGATE PARTIES BEGIN (Food will be provided)
6:00 pm Corporations start to come in and take their place in the West stands
6:35 pm Skydiver team jumps
6:45 pm Band plays National Anthem while Richardson Police and Fire Honor Guard present the flags.

Companies start their march Olympic Style down center of field and around thru a hole in the bands formation. (Judges from the Council and the RISD School Board rank their enthusiasm for the Spirit Award)

7:40 pm Special Olympians abbreviated track meet begins
7:50 pm Corporate Challenge abbreviated track meet begins
8:15 pm Corporation Spirit Awards are presented
8:20 pm Band marches on again to perform their show. During the last song the Olympians are invited to come out and stand by their favorite instrument.

Punt, Pass and Kick Winners are awarded their Medals

Mark your calendars for Information Resources' Fall Technology Fair
November 11 • Student Union, Galaxy Rooms

Intersession PUB Hours

THE PUB will be closed August 12 and 13. It will be open Augst 16-18 from 8am - 2pm for front counter service and beverages only. It will reopen with full service August 19. Don't have time to cook dinner? Stop by THE PUB in the Student Union and order take-out. Watch for new menu selections and fall specials.

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Spring 2004 CARE Award Recipients



Sandy Burdine, Judy Snellings, Kathy Meyer, Judy Lewis, Myrna Tureff

Nilza Lopez

The spring 2004 CARE Award recipients were honored in May. Each recipient received a certificate and an engraved clock to commemorate his/her contribution to the University.

Sandy Burdine – School of Engineering and Computer Science

Sandy is the type of person who will sacrifice herself to make sure that the task is completed. A former student, she is a walking billboard of the caliber of the student that this university produces personally and professionally. Sandy could be the poster child for a program designed to show that UTD cares. Sandy has been involved in corporate challenge, University Venture Forum and various student organizations.

Judith Lewis – Callier Center

Judy gives personal attention to an incredibly broad range of persons, programs and concerns, and all with a sense of humor. She focuses on what is needed rather than just doing a job. She has acted as primary liaison during the construction phase of the new childcare facility built by UT Southwestern at UTD-Callier. Her personal involvement makes Callier's mission of excellence achievable.

Kathy Meyer – Career Services

Kathy makes a positive difference in the lives of our students every day. Kathy always treats her peers and supervisors with respect and caring. Her caring is evident in the number of personal notes and thank-you's she receives from students. Kathy is active in the UTD Alumni Executive Committee, corporate challenge, and serves as adviser to Alpha Lambda Chi. This past fall, Kathy won the UTD Student Life Award for Special Achievement.

Nilza Molina-Lopez – School of Management

Nilza is one of the most respected staff members in the School of Management. She is one of those unique individuals who can brighten up your day with a smile and caring word. Nilza mentors bilingual children in reading and math as part of the TEAMS mentoring program at Sigler Elementary School in Plano. Everyone values and appreciates her dedication to the betterment of the School of Management.

Judy Snellings – Office of the President

Judy is the heart of this university. She has kept two University President's "going" and "doing" what they need to do to further the future of UTD. She understands how important the smallest detail can be to the image and long-term success of this institution. Judy attends every commencement, Sounds of Class, Service Awards, Student Ambassador interviews, as well as many of the President's official functions. She is a special person with outstanding character qualities.

Myrna Tureff – School of Arts & Humanities

Myrna is the backbone of the School of Arts & Humanities. Myrna has a highly professional, courteous, respectful and kind manner about her. She is completely dependable. If she says she'll do something, she will. Myrna is someone who you would choose to be your next door neighbor. Myrna has been active in Staff Council, Women's Center Board and the Callier Angel Tree Project. She is precious. She is priceless. She is better than MasterCard.

Show you CARE - Nominate!

October 31 is the deadline for nominations for the fall CARE Awards. This award program honors outstanding staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/>. The form explains the CARE Award program, eligibility requirements for nominees, and who may serve as nominators. The CARE Award is given twice a year to up to six staff members each time. Nominate someone today who is doing a great job for the University.

Daniel Calhoun, Chair
Trudy Muller, Secretary
Andrew Aquaturo
Lisa Garza
Roberta Green
Gayle Holt
Jackie Long
Betty Loy
Ramona Metcalf
Emebet Sahle
Christina Sharpling



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or visit our website at <http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil>

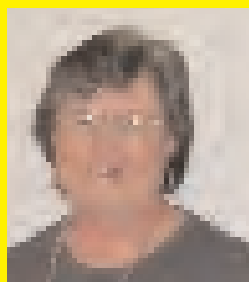
Scholarship Recipients for 2003-2004



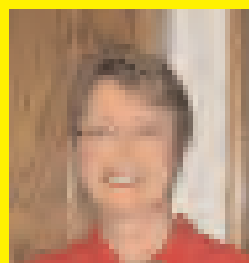
Peggy Attari
Peggy is working toward her degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She started work at UTD in April, 1984 and is classified as a junior. Peggy is currently an Adjunct Security Officer in University Management Systems.



Sherry Slovak
Sherry started working at UTD August 19, 1997. She completed her bachelors degree and is now working toward her MBA. Sherry works in the McDermott Scholars Program Office.



Susan Vail
Sue began at UTD in September 1999. She is working toward her Ph.D. in Arts and Humanities and is currently working in the School of Engineering and Computer Science



Patricia Schoch
Pat started at UTD in April 1999. She is working toward her Ph.D. in Humanities and is currently employed in the School of Management.

Web For Employees

In order to better serve and support the user community of The University of Texas at Dallas, changes are being made to the server infrastructure that supports the University's Self Service Applications, such as Web for Employees.

If you have Web for Employees bookmarked, you will need to change your bookmark to the following link
<http://gocomets.utdallas.edu/employee.htm>

Staff Council Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected Staff Council representatives for the term effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006.

District 1:

Sandy Burdine
Kim Holmes

District 2:

Donna Bomnskie
Wendy Newton
Randy Sims
Anastasia Lyden -
(Expires 8/31/05)

District 3:

Daniel Calhoun
Karen Jarrell
Kathy Meyer
John Terrell

District 4:

Gayle Holt
Alex Nestor

District 5:

Kris Faulk
Cleon Ramey

District 6:

Tina Butterfield
David Maldonado
Mary Ann Routzahn

District 7:

Donise Pearson
Betty Roth
Volya Wilds-Helm

Other:

Sandra Mitchell - (At Large)

New Employees

April 2004

Ta'Mara Brown, Enrollment Services
Richie DeRouen, Arts & Humanities
Oliver Green, Univ. Management Systems
Patricia Hatcher, Student Life
Linda Hollister, Natural Science & Mathematics

Keith Mattson, University Police
Vernon (James) McCardle, University Management Systems

Kendra Penny, University Police
Gloria Reckner, Science Education
Herbert Smith, Physical Plant

May 2004

Alina Acevedo, Callier Center
Gulshan Amlani, Univ. Management Syst..
Mary Dziorny, Technology Customer Svc.
Ting Gan, Natural Science & Mathematics
Temela Henson, Student Life
Dung Hua, Management

The returning representatives with terms expiring August 31, 2005, are as follows:

District 1:

Deb Day
Rochelle Pena

District 2:

Barbara Gordan
Keith Stelzenmuller
Doug Vass

District 3:

Fatiah Lambert
Ramona Metcalf

District 4:

Lisa Garza
April Gauer

District 5:

Andy Aquatero
J. B. Barnes
John Turner

District 6:

Mary Janes
Carol Lanham
Trudy Muller

Other:

Betty Loy - (At Large)
Sandee Goertzen - (Lifetime Member)

The Staff Council web site,

www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil has information about the staff scholarship program, ink-jet recycling program, minutes of Staff Council meetings, officers and member contact information, CARE award information, A-Z Guide (departmental directory information), and staff resources (information about discounts, Advisory Committee information).

Marta Larin, Physical Plant
Lindy Lokker, Univ. Management Systems
Randi Mogul, Student Life
Kunjai Parikh, Natural Science & Math.
Neerja Saran, Natural Science & Math.
Julio Valenzuela, Physical Plant
Li-Juan Xiao, Natural Science & Math.
Lin Yao, Management

June 2004

Alberto Anguiano, Custodial Services
Albert Buckles, Student Life
Denise Heaton, Custodial Services
Carl Jackson, Physical Plant
Christine Jay, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
Dalia Sanders, Enrollment Services
Deontae Seargent, Grounds Maintenance
Jian Sun, Center for Applied Biology
Yuliy Tyrcho, Chemistry Program
Robert Wynn, Procurement Management
Nicolae Zoita, Center for Quantum Electronics

Tuition Fee Waivers

The Staff Council is pleased to announce that President Jenifer and the Cabinet have approved an expanded Tuition and Fee Waiver benefit for full-time employees beginning with the fall 2004 semester. Eligible employees may now enroll in up to six semester credit hours and have designated tuition and certain fees waived. After several suggestions to the Staff Council, this new program was made possible by the higher education deregulation legislation passed by the state legislature and subsequent action by the Board of Regents.

Under this new Tuition and Fee Waiver, the Career Placement Fee, ECS & SOM Graduate Advising Fee, Industrial Practicum Fee, Information Technology Fee, Instructional Infrastructure Fee, Library Acquisition Fee, Records Processing Fee, and Undergraduate Advising Fee will be waived. Statutory Tuition and all other fees will still be charged. Staff will have to pay all costs at the start of the semester and then receive a refund of the appropriate tuition and fee expenses.

Registrations will be on a space-available basis, and can only be done during the regular registration period. Registrations processed prior to regular registration will not be eligible for this waiver benefit. For the fall 2004 semester, the regular registration period begins August 10, 2004. Anyone registering before regular registration will not be eligible for the waiver.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and an application form, refer to http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/business/hr/employee_tuition_benefit.htm

The Staff Council would like to thank President Jenifer and the Cabinet for their support of the staff tuition and fee waiver.

Spring 2004 Retirees

Gloria Carrozza
Eric Crofford
Susan Marsh
Morrine McGuire

Coffee with the President

District #2 Coffee - June 10, 2004
Dr. Jenifer began by mentioning that this year his retirement has been and will continue to be a dominating factor for him. The search is going slower than the committee hoped and they are having a particular problem finding a qualified candidate from a major university. They had hoped to have the search over by June, but now it looks like it will be closer to January. With his "lame duck" status he had hoped to minimize any major changes at UTD, allowing the incoming president the chance to put his/her own stamp on the school. But if the search takes too long he will need to make major decisions out of necessity.

Dr. Jenifer talked about continuing to do what we do well and stay focused on our goal of first tier advancement. He mentioned that the university had concentrated the money on the academic side and not the operations side. This leaves us behind on new systems introductions. He is concerned that if someone doesn't come forward publicly and announce support for our first tier status goal and support our efforts for funding priority, we may be forced to adjust our steep climb with our academic priorities and divert our funds to operations.

Dr. Jenifer then spoke of the progress in building acquisition and remodeling current facilities, specifically Founders North, the Westech and Emmitt Buildings, and the Brain Health Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center and mentioned concerns by the Regents over such a large influx of square footage.

A new budget session is coming up in the legislature and without increases in funding new faculty hires will have to be cut back.

Dr. Jenifer spoke of the Tuition Waiver Program coming down the pike. He hopes he has good news to announce soon.

There was a brief discussion of the campus SPAM problem. Dr. Jenifer replied that there is software that he personally uses to minimize the problem but agreed it is a campus wide, if not worldwide issue.

Dr. Jenifer closed with a warning that if we don't get somebody to recognize our achievements and goal of being a first tier research university this goal will be in jeopardy.

Employee Advisory Council

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) met in Austin on July 22 and 23. Several presentations were made, including Computer Security by the Director for Information Security at U. T. Austin, Mr. Angel Cruz. He spoke about computer hacking and preventative measures in his department, as well as other security issues. He also talked about wireless usage and said that it is like sending information on a postcard. A representative from the Office of General Counsel spoke about the Education Assistance Initiative. This will continue to be an EAC agenda item. Mr. Sarver, Director of the Employee Group Advisory Council, gave a presentation about insurance changes and having more wellness oriented programs in the future.

Elections were held for the officers for the next year. Sandee Goertzen was elected Chair. She has been Chair of the Benefits Committee and David Maldonado is serving as Chair of the Communications Committee.

4th Annual Faculty/Staff Golf Classic

Greetings from the Department of Athletics! This annual athletics fundraiser will take place Tuesday, October 26, at Canyon Creek Country Club at 1:00pm with a shotgun start. Activities include lunch, a silent auction and prizes for winning teams in each flight.

In addition, you are invited to become members of the official booster organization, The Comet Club! UTD is committed to developing the highest quality athletics program to complement our already outstanding dedication to academics! In order for athletics to achieve the excellence envisioned, your help and support are needed. Donations can be designated by sport or placed in the general athletics fund to be used in many different ways to improve our competitiveness and the overall athletics experience of our student-athletes. Joining the Comet Club will afford you the opportunity to directly share in the success of our athletic teams. Benefits of being a Comet Club donor include email newsletter updates, official Comet apparel, game program recognition, media guides and other publications, and all-sports season tickets.

So, join in enhancing the athletics experience at UTD. For more information and a Comet Club donor brochure, contact Chris Gage, Director of Athletics, at 883-2055 or Albert Buckles, Assistant Director of Athletics for External Affairs, at 883-6166.