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Heat exhaustion common at sunny Kyle Field games

By John Coles
Reporter

On game day at Kyle Field, in the middle of the afternoon, when the sun is beating down and the breeze is standing still, heat exhaustion is likely to claim a few students.

"Heat exhaustion is nothing new to Kyle Field on game day, considering the Texas heat and the lack of wind at Kyle Field," says Andy Yee, the public relations and media coordinator for the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team.

He says most cases of heat exhaustion occur at the football games early in the year when College Station weather is still hot, but the sun is not the only factor involved in heat exhaustion.

Ken Hutchenrider, an ECT member, says, "The crowded stands play a big role in causing heat exhaustion. All of those people standing so close and crowded in the stands create more heat and it gets worse when the wind is not blowing."

At the Texas Tech game the ECT treated between 100 and 150 people for heat-related conditions, Hutchenrider says.

The second deck on the students' side is always the busiest, Hutchenrider says, because it is the most crowded area in Kyle Field and it receives most of the sun but very little of the breeze.

Matt Menger, special events coordinator for the ECT, says the intense heat and lack of wind add to heat exhaustion, but that each person must be responsible for himself.

"If you know you are going to be in the hot sun at the game you should take care of yourself," he says. "Avoid staying out late, get a good night's rest and especially, try not to drink too much alcohol the night before a game."

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Some other things to avoid are wearing tight clothes such as tight jeans, tight dresses, panty hose and tight shoes, Menger says, since wearing tight clothes or shoes constricts circulation and adds to the probability of heat exhaustion.

Menger says missing breakfast, lunch or both meals also can be a factor, especially if a person drank alcohol the night before a game.

Menger says if someone does suffer from heat exhaustion, the people

with him should call for a paramedic immediately.

Six to 10 volunteers are on call at each of the five first aid stations at Kyle Field during a game. There is one first aid station for each of the second and third decks of each side of the field. The main station is at the north end zone on the first level of Kyle Field.

"But if you send for a paramedic make sure you tell him exactly where the incident has occurred," Menger says. "Tell the section and row number, and the seat number if possible."

"We've had people frantically run into the first aid station and tell us someone has fainted on the third deck. Before we can find out the section and row number, they've left the first aid station."

While waiting for a paramedic, there are a couple of things that can be done to make a person more comfortable, Menger says.

First, he says, if the person falls down and hits the ground, do not attempt to move him, but if the person sat down himself or if someone caught him before he fell, slowly lie the person down on the ground.

Second, give the person some shade and loosen his clothes, Menger says. Put a wet cloth on his forehead and some ice on the back of his neck and armpits to help cool the person down, he says.

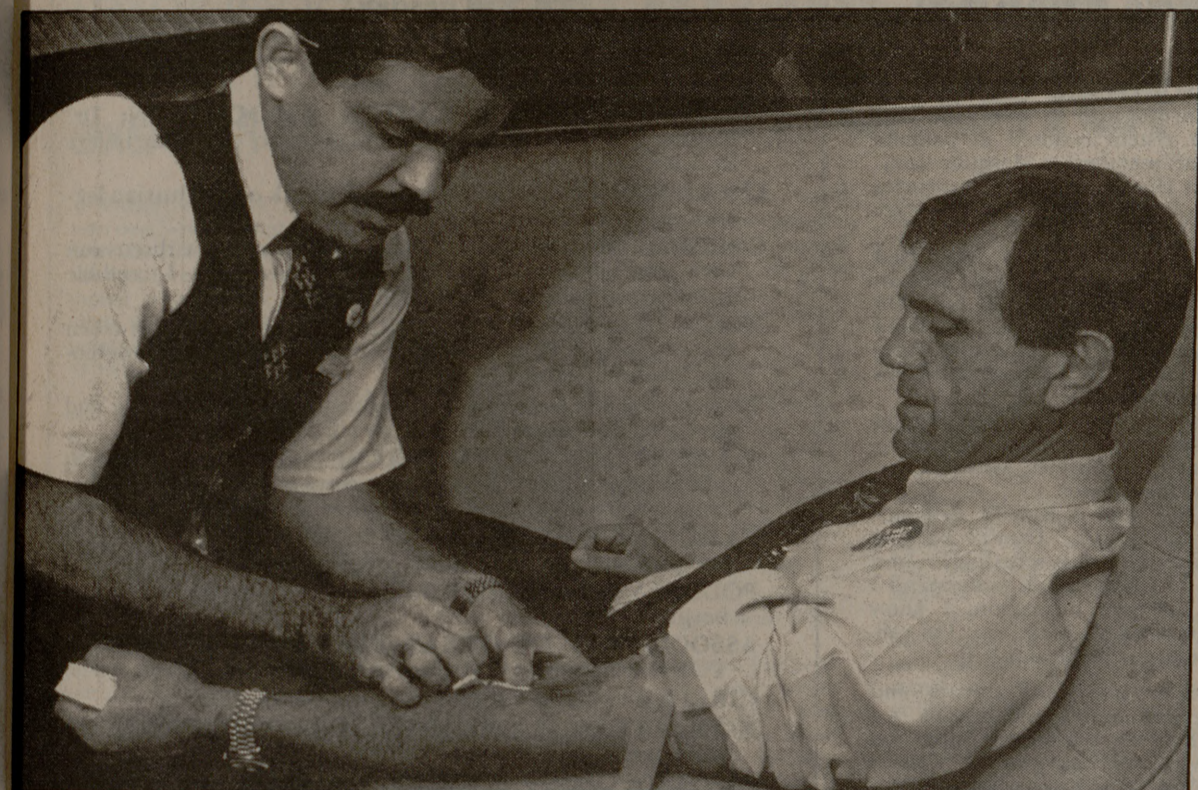


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Texas A&M athletic director and head football coach Jackie Sherrill donates blood Monday.

Aggie Blood Drive sponsors hope to collect 2,600 pints this week

By Lisa Fleischmann
Reporter

The students stand in line, filling out information cards, waiting to give blood in what was once the lobby of the Commons but now resembling a scene from "M*A*S*H."

These students are waiting to participate in Texas A&M's largest blood drive. It is also Wadley Blood Bank's largest blood drive among Texas colleges.

Carol Hill, Wadley's donor recruiter, says the blood bank hopes to collect 2,600 pints this week.

Volunteers can give blood at four campus locations: the Commons lobby from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., the second floor of the Zachry Engineering Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

buses near Rudder Tower and Sbis Dining Hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 65, and this year the minimum weight requirement has been lowered, Hill says.

"We have a new program that allows people who weigh between 100 and 109 pounds to give blood," Hill says. "We call this our 'blood lite' program."

Hill says that after the blood is collected, it is packaged and taken to the airport, and then volunteer pilots fly the blood to Dallas where the blood is processed.

When the blood reaches Dallas it is tested for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and separated into plasma, platelets and red blood cells.

These components are shipped to hospitals surrounding Dallas and, only in the case of an emergency, to hospitals nationwide.

"The biggest reason to give blood is because someone needs it and could die without it," Hill says. "There is also the assurance that any Aggies who might need blood would have it."

This assurance is part of the Aggie Blood Club sponsored by Wadley. Wadley credits A&M with the quantity of blood that is donated during campus drives.

These credits entitle students, faculty members and their families, staff members and former students to as much free blood as the University has credits, Hill says.

Bullock opposes cash notes plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Comptroller Bob Bullock says he is opposed to issuance of "cash management notes" as authorized by the recent special session of the Legislature.

The Cash Management Committee consisting of the governor, lieutenant governor and comptroller is scheduled to meet Wednesday to consider issuance of the notes to pay the state's current bill when the treasury runs out of cash.

In Advance

Senate to consider reapportionment

The Student Senate Wednesday will hear the introduction of a reapportionment bill at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

Student Body President Mike Sims said the bill is designed to determine the number of student senators that are elected from each living area, academic college and the freshman class.

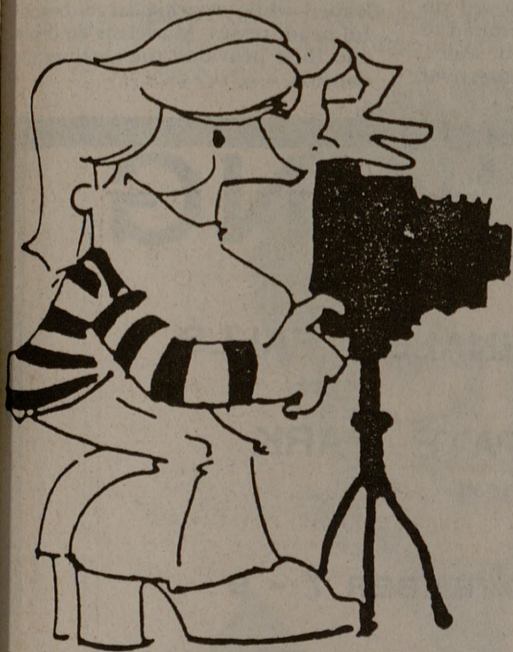
Miles Bradshaw, speaker of the senate, said the bill on University

health care, which was introduced at the senate's last meeting and sent to the student services committee for review, also will be brought to the senate floor Wednesday for debate.

The bill calls for the senate to support the Graduate Student Council's efforts to reactivate 24-hour emergency care at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

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