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Safety Fair to advocate vigilance on campus

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Organizations that focus on campus safety will hold a Safety Fair today to educate students and faculty about the safety resources available year around.

The Safety Fair, which is sponsored by ASUA Safe Ride, Campus Acquaintance Rape Educators and the Women's Resource Center, will be held on the UA Mall from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Josh Wright, director of Safe Ride, said he wanted a way for students to easily find out about the safety resources on campus, which is why he and representatives from CARE and WRC created the Safety Fair and invited organizations in the community to participate.

Wright, a psychology and religious studies senior, said organizations at the fair will each have a booth and be ready to speak with students, answer questions and hand out brochures. Students and faculty who attend will receive a free safety whistle, doughnuts and hot chocolate.

Booths will include the UA Police Department, the Brewster Center, the Oasis Program, Wingspan, Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, and Parking and Transportation Services, which will all be providing information to students and faculty.

"We want to really make sure students and faculty are aware of the many, many safety resources. They aren't aware of what we have here just on campus," Wright said.

The Safety Fair is at the perfect time for students to be safety-conscious, Wright said, because of recent incidents on campus such as the man who entered a shower in Apache-Santa Cruz residence hall and a student who was raped outside her home just north of campus.

Andrea Merkley, a physiological sciences freshman, said she will attend the Safety Fair to get more information on how to stay safe because she's heard about recent campus crimes.

"I just want to know what's been going on

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Art building evacuated after fire



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Associate Director of Risk Management and Safety Herbert Wagner discusses causes of a fire that caught in a sculpture kiln yesterday in the Art building. The fire was contained within the kiln, but alarms caused students to be evacuated and fire and emergency crews to be called to the scene.

Small kiln fire causes cancelled classes, but minimal damage

By Jesse Lewis
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The Art building, 1031 N. Olive Road, was evacuated around 11 a.m. yesterday when wax buildup in a kiln ignited a small fire, officials said.

A bronze casting class was melting the wax off their ceramic molds when the wax buildup in the kiln caught fire, said Carlton Bradford, sculpture instructor and shop technician.

The small fire was more smoke than flames and was put out immediately by the kiln's internal fire suppression system, said Bradford, who was in the building at the time.

Bradford said the machine was thoroughly cleaned last week and the fire was a rarity for the department.

"I've been here two years and this is the first time I've seen anything like this happen ... it was an accident," Bradford said.

As a precaution, the building was evacuated to ensure

the safety of the students, said Deputy Chief Randy Ogden, Tucson Fire Department spokesman.

"The wax built up and produced smoke which set off the alarm. There really was minimal damage," Ogden said.

The fire left chemical dust that was cleaned up by UA Risk Management.

No one was injured in the fire and it was completely contained within the kiln, Ogden said.

The kiln was in the basement of the Art building near

the loading docks.

Everyone from the building was let back in as soon as police and fire officials deemed the building safe to reenter, Ogden said.

"The building was only evacuated for 15 or 20 minutes," said Herb Wagner, associate director for UA Risk Management and Safety.

The Theatre Arts building, near the Art building, was also briefly evacuated.

Bradford said the fire called

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Carlos Mauricio talks to students and faculty in the Student Union yesterday about his experiences being tortured in El Salvador.

Torture survivor speaks on rights violations, School of the Americas

By Monica Warren
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A survivor of government-inflicted torture in El Salvador visited the UA yesterday to speak out against the use of violence against civilians by militaries around the world.

Carlos Mauricio, a former professor at the University of El Salvador, spoke to about 20 people in the Social Justice Leadership Center. He detailed his time as a prisoner and

his fight to bring justice to those who were also wronged.

Mauricio was abducted from his university in June 1983. He was taken to the National Police headquarters, where he was beaten, tortured and interrogated for about two weeks.

He said the police accused him of being a guerilla insurgent because of his association with people involved in the guerilla movement.

Mauricio said he was handcuffed, blindfolded, beaten and denied food, water, sleep and use of bathroom

facilities. He said, at one point, he and other prisoners were hidden from the Red Cross by their captors.

In July 2002, he and two other torture survivors sued two of the military generals who were in charge at the time of his abduction. A jury awarded them \$54.6 million in damages. The case set a precedent for other torture survivors who want compensation for their pain,

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