

Earth Day events scheduled for Sunday

By Bonar Tucker
YELLIN' REBEL

With Earth Day 1990 just around the corner, activities to celebrate are building momentum.

On Sunday, April 22 at 10 a.m., everyone is invited to the Earth Day Picnic on the north lawn of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (behind Thomas & Mack, 944 East Harmon).

The day will begin with a bike-in around the UNLV campus, originating on lots seven and eight of the Thomas & Mack parking lot at 9 a.m.

After a tree-planting ceremony, congressional representatives and local politicians will address, "What You Can Do" to help the environment in the area.

Music and entertainment will highlight the afternoon. "The Press," a soft rock group, UNLV's dance team "188" and "Swing-

street" from the Stardust will perform along with environmental songs given by Annie Lawrence.

Food and exhibits from 50 booths as well as tours of the EPA laboratory and UNLV's Arboretum will round out the day with events coming to a close at 5 p.m.

Marianne Carpenter, Earth Day chairperson said, "I believe environmental awareness has surged," she said. "I think Earth Day has been the catalyst and the propellant for that."

Carpenter mentioned a recent USA Today news article stating 80 percent of the population is now concerned with planet care issues.

"I think the next decade will see a total resurgence of interest in caring for our environment," she said.

National surveys have indeed shown that American people are far more concerned about their environment than are many of their

elected leaders.

National Wildlife Federation commissioned a survey in November, 1989, which was conducted by Hughes Research Company. Undergraduate students between 17 and 24 years of age were surveyed.

The results showed clearly that college students are not materially and socially disconnected at all but rather are very concerned about their environment.

A solid 95 percent agreed that Congress should pass tougher laws to protect the earth and a whopping 94 percent said they are willing to pay more for products that are environmentally safe.

The same survey revealed that 75 percent believe that the recycling of newspapers, glasses and cans should be required by law in all communities. Seventy percent believe that the environmental protection concerns of candidates are important in their own forming of

electoral decisions at the voting booth.

Carpenter said she believes this is only the beginning.

"The Earth Day actions will continue after April 22," she said. "We're going to stick with this."

The Earth Day celebration happening nationwide next Sunday is a call to action for all U.S. citizens.

Twenty years ago in 1970 the challenge was given to Americans. In the fall of 1969, then Senator Gaylord Nelson mentioned that Americans should hold a "teach-in" to promote concern for the planet. Earth Day was born, the spring of 1970.

The Las Vegas Review Journal states that Ronald Reagan's secretary of the interior, James Watt, fought to open western lands to development, over environmentalists' objections.

Former EPA administrator

Anne Burford presided over substantial cuts in the agency's budget, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality was cut from 50 people to eight. One of Reagan's most quoted environmental observations was that trees produce pollution.

The 1980's became a self-indulgent decade, many said.

Supporter's say landmark legislation can and does have beneficial effects. The EPA has been created, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Clean Water Act was passed and the Clean Air Act still works and adjusts to provide better quality air. The Endangered Species Act has saved many plants and animals from extinction.

"By staying together and working together, all of the combined emphasis will make a big difference," Carpenter said.

Library Society sponsors yearly book sale

By Sean Higgins
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The University Library Society will hold its Fifth Annual Membership Meeting and Reception Saturday April 21 at 6:45 p.m. on the first floor of the round building of the James R. Dickinson Library. (Go to the east entrance of the original round library building.)

The membership reception and advanced sale of thousands of books, a silent auction, and refreshments will follow from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A silent auction is one in which the items to be auctioned off are bid on in writing, written on a piece of paper. The item (items) this year include a set of University of Nevada press books, a 68 quart cooler filled with gourmet meats and cheeses, a cordless phone and an oil painting by a local artist.

(These items will be on display at the book sale and may also be bid on through the weekend,

during the public sale.)

This special event is open to members only, and new members may join at the door.

Memberships are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students. All members who attend will receive a copy of Las Vegas Paradise, by Ralph Roske. (Limit of one book per family)

The sale of books to the public will follow on Sunday April 22 from 12 noon - 9 p.m. and on Monday April 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hard cover books will cost \$1, paperbacks and records will be 50 cents, and magazines will sell for a dime. Special books will be priced separately.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the library research collection.

Members who wish to volunteer their help during the public sale may call the library office at 739-3286 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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