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Twenty-five Years of Earth Day: A Celebration of Life

There's something for everyone at Earth Day 1995

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The UNLV celebration of Earth Day 1995 begins Friday at 9 a.m. and will continue on until 9 p.m. in the academic mall area.

The price of admission to the event, which encompasses the grassy areas from the Moyer Student Union to the Judy Bayley Theatre, is one aluminum can. To encourage all UNLV students and faculty to take part in Earth Day festivities, they were moved to Friday.

As many Americans celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, students and the rest of the population are made aware of how fragile environmental protections are for the health and safety of the entire nation.

"It is our generation that will bear the burden of the anti-environment actions of the new Congress," explained Britta Ipri, a Rutgers University student and chair of the Student Public Interest Research Group. "We refuse to let irresponsible corporations pollute the political process and the environment."

President Roosevelt once stated, "There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."

Students all over the country are becoming more involved in the environmental movement, according to Campus Green Vote (a student voter registration and environmental training group). "We are witnessing the most extreme and concerted assault on the environment in recent history. Students nationwide are mobilizing to protect our environment," Chris Fox, Executive Director of Campus Green Vote, stated.

At UNLV, there is a healthy environmental consciousness arising out of the many people involved in making Earth Day happen. The Steering Committees outdid themselves in preparing for the event. Many thanks goes to the EPA, UNLV Americorps, UNLV Office of Environmental Affairs & Communi-

ty Sustainability, Electric Auto Association of Las Vegas, Desert Research Institute, Citizen Alert, Nevada Power Company and many others.

Kathy Lauckner, Quality Assurance and Steering Committee Chair for the Harry Reid Center, is highly optimistic about the raising of public conscience regarding environmental issues during the celebration.

"Many exciting events will take place during the course of the day, so make sure to bring your aluminum can."

About 800-900 Clark County school kids will be involved in various activities that have been scheduled in a "round robin" format to keep the kids busy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Electric vehicles will be on display at unlv, compliments of Gail

Lucas of dri and founder of the Electric Auto Association.

"They bring the electric cars to the campus to show people it is a reality to use an electric vehicle. A Solar Power Station will create electricity to plug the electric cars into when re-charging is needed," Lauckner stated.

According to Lauckner, all businesses and organizations that will have booths on Earth Day at unlv are environmentally conscious. Businesses such as Hillman Young, Inc., Red Wing Shoes and IT Corporation are going to be promoting their wares and educational materials, which advocate the use of recycled materials in their products.

Character entertainers will be around to make the day more

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Women in Science Share Earth Day with Children

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"I can't imagine a more exciting way to spend Earth Day than sharing it with kids," related Ellen Jacobson, coordinator for the Women in Science and Engineering Program.

WISE, in conjunction with the Soptimist International of Las Vegas Valley, will host 200 plus Girl Scouts that have been invited to an Earth Day celebration at Whitney Mesa Environmental Education Nature Preserve.

Jacobson was exuberant as she discussed the plans for Earth Day. She said that the program has three purposes: awareness, advocacy, and action.

The girls, Jacobson said, will learn what plants and animals are indigenous to the Mohave Desert, how non-native plants can harm the environment, how to revegetate the desert and will act to improve the preserve.

"Earth Day is the time to focus on our Mohave Desert and what it means," Jacobson said.

Among the activities scheduled are an indoor program and an outdoor hike. In addition, the girls will help mark the trails with rocks.

During lunch the girls will participate in a waste minimization contest Jacobson related. This contest was suggested by the girls, and prizes will be provided by the United States Department of Energy,

Pollution Prevention Committee. The Girl Scouts will bring their own sack lunches, and the girl with the least waste at the end of lunch will win a prize.

Whitney Mesa Nature Preserve is land owned by Clark County School District that is being developed into an outdoor classroom. Jacobson said the race to get the preserve ready for the

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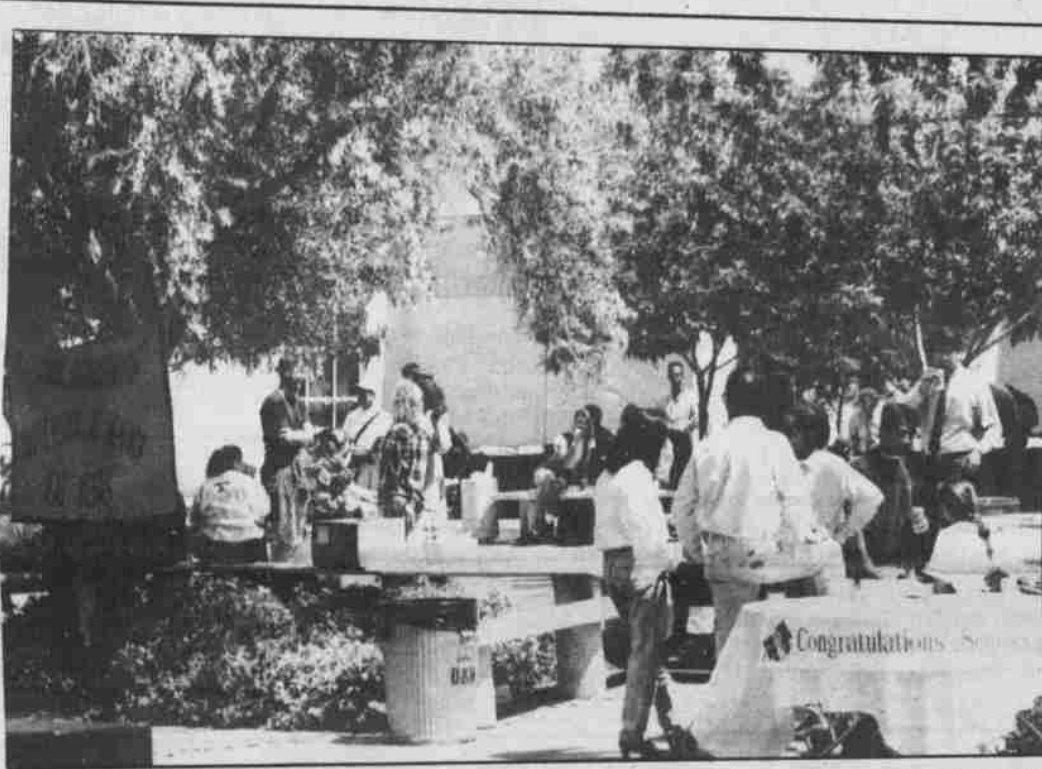


PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

December 1994 graduates and seniors who will graduate in May and August 1995 were honored Wednesday by the Alumni Association at a Senior Toast held in the Manzi Courtyard of the Richard Tam Alumni Center. Music, and free food and tee-shirts highlighted the event.

UNLV Says 'Happy 25th' to Earth Day

BY JEFF HAMILTON
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Does anyone out there know who Dramarama is?

They have a song that goes "It's April 21 and everybody knows today is Earth Day, Merry Christmas, Happy Birthday to whoever's been born."

Maybe fans of the group can appreciate that little line more than those who have never heard of them, but the main point of this illustration is that Earth Day is very near. Friday activities going on all day long as UNLV and the Environmental Protection Agency celebrate on cam-

pus, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Winners of the Earth Day 25th Anniversary Photo Contest will be announced on Friday at 3 p.m. Currently, the entries are on display in the Executive Center Building lobby of the EPA on the UNLV campus.

In addition to the photo contest, there will be:

- Morning activities for preschoolers thru fifth-graders, including a tour of the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History, a storyteller and puppet show, a play on recycling with demonstrations, and other kid-die activities.

- Afternoon concerts.

- Community Awards presented by Congressional and VIP dignitaries like Senator Harry Reid.

- Late afternoon entertainment with local bands The Press, Leisure Lizards, and Stetzen.

- Environmental movies shown against Wright Hall.

- Exhibitor and food booths open all day long.

For those on campus who care about the environment, Earth Day is just one of the days in the year when we can be environmentally conscious. To them, Friday might be a day to learn new ways to conserve and recycle and save things.

Student Senate Winds Down Its 1994-95 School Business

Budget increase, stipends and lecture cancellation Monday night's agenda items

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The Student Senate approved a \$5,000 budget increase at their Monday night

meeting to tide the student-operated radio station over until donors pay their fund drive pledges.

\$1,325 was allotted for the station's spring program guide.

A stipend of \$150 was approved for Stephanie Araiza, the CSUN Elections Board Director, after being tabled at last Monday's meeting. When a lower amount was suggested, Communications senator Terry Morrow said it was bad form to hire someone for a position and change the pay later. Fine and Performing Arts senator Leia Fleischman said that Araiza was in the office more than other people

she could mention who are being paid more.

In other business, the Senate discussed the low turnout at recent CSUN sponsored events. The Director of Student Services said he asked President Stephanie Boixo to cancel the upcoming speech by former Surgeon general Jocelyn Elders, which will cost CSUN \$16,000. The last CSUN sponsored lecture drew only 24 people. Boixo was not present to respond.

Business and Economics Sen. Edward Rivera spoke of his frustration with the way CSUN events are being handled. He

said Boixo did not "follow through" with events, and that events fail because of insufficient planning and advertising.

"She's very selfish," Rivera said. "I wonder if she really cares about this school."

In closing, Senate president J. William Romero announced two Senate seats, one in Human Performance and Development and one in Business and Economics, that are open. Students from these colleges are urged to apply at the Student Government office in MSU before the end of the semester.