

Community Supports Earth Day

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The UNLV Department for Community Involvement is cosponsoring Friday's campus Earth Day event with the Environmental Protection Agency by providing financial assistance, help with finding volunteers and advisement said Director T. Bernard Cotton.

Cotton said that the funding for the event comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the parent organization for AmeriCorps. The EPA approached Cotton to include the Department for Community Involvement as a cosponsor.

Cotton thinks it is important for students to become involved in the Earth Day celebration. "I think it gives them an opportunity to learn to preserve the conditions that we have now and clean up some of the mistakes of the past," Cotton elaborated. "Also, it lets us know how important our entire ecosystem is. It's more than us."

Cotton also thinks it is important to get the Clark County School District K-12 kids involved. "The earlier you learn some of the lessons the more passionate you will be about it. We feel that if we can get these kids at an early age, then by the time they're 18, 19 and 20 they will actually live a life that is friendly to the earth."

The Department for Community Involvement has an added interest in Earth Day, Cotton related, because it is establishing the Southern Nevada Environmental Corps. This will be a team of UNLV students working, doing such activities as home audits, clean-ups, participate in earth conservation events and provide environmental education.

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ΣΓΕ Joins Celebration

The Geoscience Honor Society, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, will participate with many other campus organizations to celebrate 25 years of Earth Day.

Their booth, located on the academic mall, will have posterboards with general information on garbage, including information on illegal dumping of garbage.

A posterboard and information packets will also be available about Frenchman Mountain, an area the organization implores others to help keep clean. Several plaques have been placed in the area by the honor society, pointing out the "great unconformity."

Tickets will be available for \$2 to help the fundraising project for SCOPE called "Adopt a Plot" (of land). The winner of the drawing will be announced at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

For more information, please contact Dawn Peterson, Sigma Gamma Epsilon president at 597-0929 or call the Geoscience Department at 895-3262.

Celebrate Earth Day 1995

UNLV and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invite all students, faculty and their friends and families to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day on Friday on the academic mall of UNLV.

A variety of events will fill the day, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. The price of admission is one aluminum can. Proceeds from the can recycling will go towards scholarships for UNLV students.

Population Control Active During 25th Earth Day

WASHINGTON — Population issues will be advocated by student activists on more than 100 college campuses nationwide this Earth Day. Members of Zero Population Growth, a grassroots organization for creating a sustainable balance between people, the environment and resources, will revive population activism through activities and demonstrations.

One activity, a Condom Toss, uses humor in the form of water-filled "balloons" to get the message out about the need to slow the population growth. Activists will also have information on population-related issues and ZPG's Contract With the Future, a petition anyone in support of sound environmental, family planning and population policies is urged to sign.

Members want people to know environmental problems are a result of the population multiplying at too quick a pace, Pamela Strother, Campus Outreach Coordinator for ZPG said. Recognizing the link between population, consumption and the environment "is a crucial first step in achieving other Earth day goals."

"From welfare reform to the proposed repeal of the Endangered Species Act, this Congress will create devastating effects on our communities," Strother warned. "We are hear to say we will not sit back and take it."

For information, please call (202) 332-2200 or write: Zero Population Growth, 1400 Sixteenth Street NW, Suite 320, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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enjoyable. Power Rangers, Smoky Bear, Barney and the Blues Brothers are all part of the scheduled entertainment.

Environmental groups like the Sierra Club, SCOPE, Shadow, Safari Wildlife: Jungle Friends, the Tortoise Group and Friends of Red Rock Canyon will be at booths to educate and help the festive mood.

Safari Wildlife: Jungle Friends will bring animals to the UNLV campus for the kids and others to enjoy. The attention for the animals helps raise funds for the organization, which are then used to help save the rain forests around the world.

Shadow, a high school student group, will be making recycled paper right here on the campus.

Friends of Red Rock Canyon will be promoting hiking as a hobby worth ex-

ploring, bringing maps and brochures for information on hiking and Red Rock Canyon.

The EPA proved to be an invaluable help, according to Lauckner. The EPA Steering Committee is headed by Marianne Carpenter.

The media will be here to join in the UNLV Earth Day celebration. KVVU-Fox-5 will bring "Rusty the Fox" to promote the Kid's Club show.

The Edge will emcee when the bands are playing and help entertain Earth Day visitors and students. KUNV will also be on-hand for the festivities.

Many national student organizations, such as Campus Green Vote and the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), believe there is an urgency to this Earth Day that hasn't been seen in 25 years. Twenty million people took part in the first Earth Day in 1970. Since that time, the question has arisen to many - Do we who are alive now owe anything to

future generations of people and life?

"Forging and maintaining a sustainable society is The Challenge for this and all generations to come. At this point in history, no nation has managed to evolve into a sustainable society. We are all pursuing a self-destructive course of fueling our economies by degrading and depleting our resource base," stated ex-Sen. Gaylord Nelson in a letter to students all over the country. Nelson is also founder of Earth Day and the Wilderness Society.

"A society," Nelson elaborated, "is sustainable when it manages to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Volunteers are still necessary even on the morning of the event. "Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out on Earth Day should check in at the EPA booth," Lauckner invited. "Volunteers are needed when the school kids are visiting between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m."

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