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OUT OF THE SMOKE

DEMOLITIONS RAISE DUST AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

Concerns about the environment were raised after this weekend's demolitions, but environmental experts say that there is nothing to worry about.

Both ASARCO smokestacks and City Hall released clouds of dust and debris that alarmed residents and environmental advocates.

Emilio Rodriguez, director of Environmental Health and Safety,

said that UTEP took samples of the ASARCO site after the demolition.

"We will hear about the results on Wednesday (April 17), and expect them to be positive, with no hazardous materials present," Rodriguez said.

Robert Moss, assistant vice president for Environmental Health and Safety, presumes El Paso is safe after the demolition but said without the data from the lab results he can't know for sure.

"They took measures to manage dust but dust still got off the site," Moss said. "The towers were made of cement, concrete and brick, so 99 percent, I presume, would have been turned to dust at the time of demolition."

Roberto Puga, ASARCO commissioner and site custodial trustee for ASARCO, said the smokestacks were checked prior to demolition for metals, organic chemicals, chemicals of warfare and asbestos. According to Puga, the analysis

came back negative, deeming the site safe.

"The data indicates that these towers are made of concrete," Puga said. "There is no basis for worry about there being dust clouds with toxic contents."

Scott Brown, environmental cleanup contractor, said that after the demolition, the environmental cleanup team went onto the site to gather rebar—steel bars that reinforce concrete—which has money-see SMOKE on page 8

"There is no basis for worry about there being dust clouds with toxic contents."

- Roberto Puga, ASARCO
commissioner

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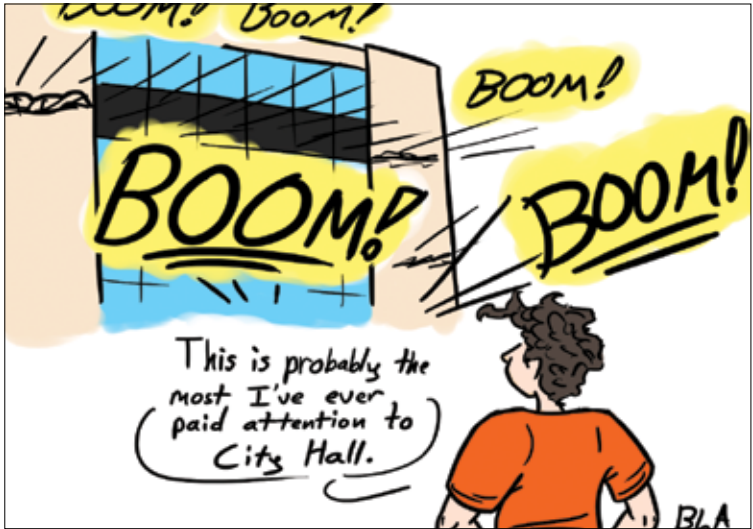
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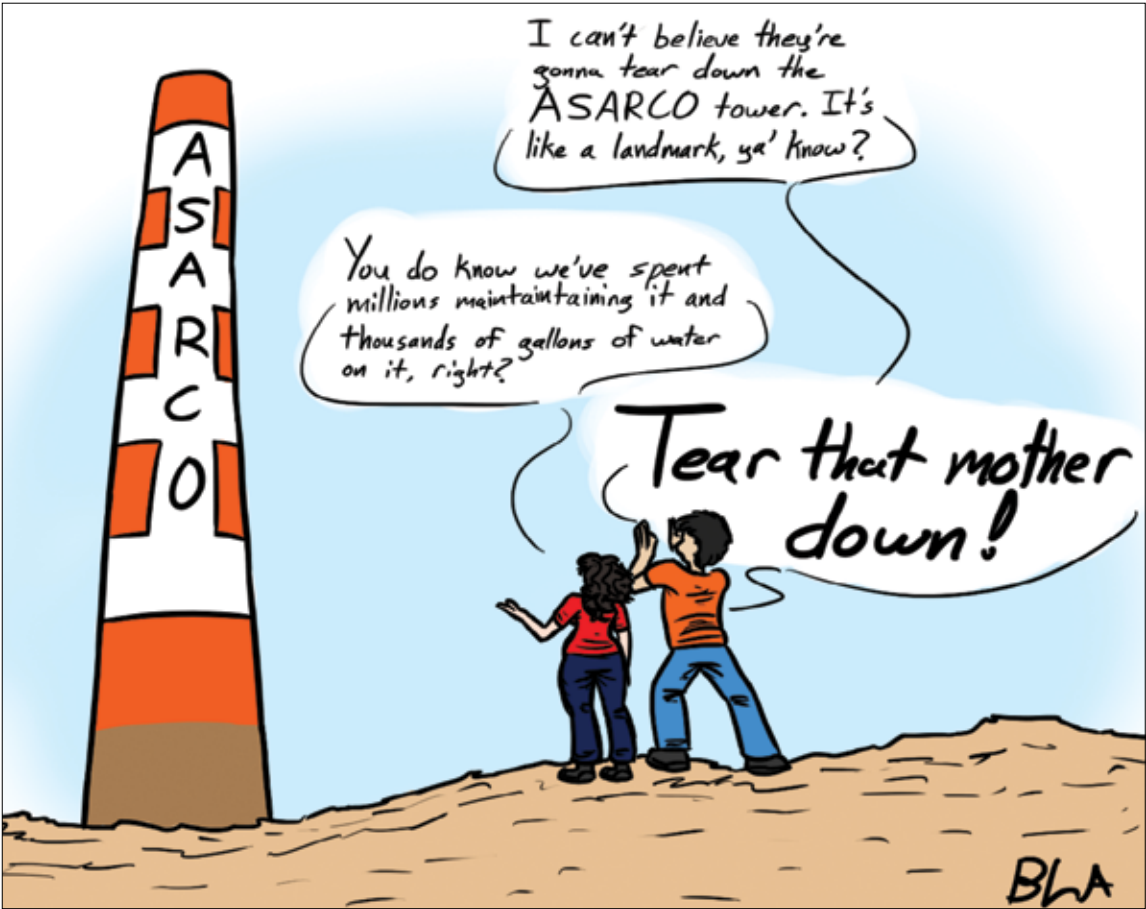
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Earth Week

Miner Recycling System promotes a greener campus



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Sophomore studio art major, Monica Veleta, recycles her plastic water bottle at one of the recycling bins in the Union.

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ
The Prospector

A new student organization aims to implement green initiatives while giving its members an entrepreneurial experience.

The Miner Recycling System operates with Facilities Services as well as the Center for Research Entrepreneurship and Innovative Enterprises. The organization was proposed to and approved by the Student Government Association's Green Committee.

Graduate students and system engineering majors Mario Salomon and Juan Carlos Armenta, along with senior finance major Pedro Diaz and MBA Leandro Brandi, are the developers of the MRS.

Diaz began the project as a business proposal that wasn't submitted to the Paso del Norte Venture Competition, he later approached Salmon with the idea. The proposal was inspired by the need to implement recycling activities at the campus.

"There's a committee within the SGA that manages that fund and that fund is used to promote a green university," said Jorge Villalobos, director of Facilities Services. "They accept proposals from faculty, staff, students, from the whole gamut, and in this case, it was those three students that submitted it. They gave them the money so they could work on this."

Villalobos said the vision of the MRS is to create a self-sustaining organization ran by students who are trying to generate recycling initiatives, and create a training environment for those who want to become business owners.

"These guys are really quite unique. They have very cool visions and they're very involved in trying to get this thing done," Villalobos said. "Recycling is just one of the things that they're passionate about. Right now we're focusing on recycling because it's the issue at hand (but) they're also very concerned about sustainability."

Armenta said there are three main phases to the MRS. First is the research phase, which is currently being worked on and should last three months. There is also the implementation phase, which will last seven months, and a growth and sustainability phase that is linked to a five-year business plan.

"UTEP students should already participate actively in recycling activities, it is our social responsibility," Armenta said. "However, our system and educational push will commence on fall 2013 and through the student orientations."

Students are already participating through the Green Fund, which uses \$3 from student's tuition, collecting up to \$40,000 every semester. The money collected usually goes towards recycling programs at UTEP.

"(UTEP) plays the important role of educating future leaders. Leaders should set an all-around example, not only on their field. This includes something as simple as recycling," Diaz said. "We looked at the percentage that we currently recycle, 8.47 percent (versus) what other universities recycle, around 40 percent on average, and concluded that it was not satisfactory for a great and upcoming university such as UTEP"

According to Diaz, the business aspect of MRS will impact UTEP financially.

Diaz said the MRS will aid UTEP on its road to tier one and will enhance the reputation of the school, while reducing costs and contributing to a better world by creating a zero-waste campus.

"We will successfully and dramatically increase recycling at UTEP, this will generate cost reduction in disposal expenses and landfill costs for the university," Salomon said. "Some of that money being saved will be used for the member salaries to keep up with our vision of generating a net zero campus."

Salomon said that starting a business entity such as this is not something

that can be done overnight, it requires work and multidisciplinary collaboration. The most important and difficult

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- Juan Armenta, system engineering major

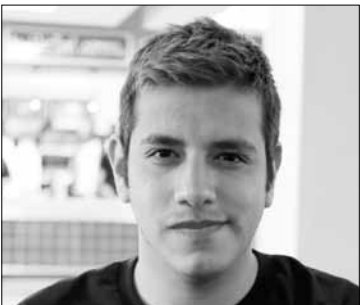
Question of the week

In what ways do you go green?

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DIANA CAMIYANA
Sophomore nursing major
"I really hate when people throw papers in the streets, and so I pick them up and throw them in the recycling bin."



JEFF QUINTANA
Junior theater major
"Whenever I do not have to stay late on campus, I do not drive my car and I take the bus. I recycle bottles and paper. I have a collection in my car and will dispose of them properly rather than just throwing it away in the trash."



JENNIFER CARILLO
Freshman nursing major
"I have to recycle at home. My family and I recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. If I can, I will have a water bottle rather than having to buy the plastic bottles from the vending machines."



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"I try to always unplug all my electronics. I tend to recycle. I don't like using paper and whenever I do use it, I try to reuse pages that I already used."



LIDIA CISNEROS
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"I try to avoid littering and instead of throwing away seeds, I keep them to plant them in our garden at home."



TREVOR DASILVA
Sophomore criminal justice major
"I usually recycle. I like to recycle a lot. I tend to turn off the lights when I don't need to and things that will reduce the CO2 consumption."



MIGUEL SALDAÑA
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"I go green by driving a Civic Hybrid."




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"I conserve energy, by lowering my electrical usage, turning off lights, disconnecting different appliances, and making sure everything is reused and recycle..."



JUSTIN CRUZ
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Construction

Renovations to eliminate concrete, increase trees



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Construction work, such as that being done at Leech Grove, is making room for a greener campus.

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ
The Prospector

UTEP will have traded in the asphalt and concrete for plant life and shade once the campus transformation is complete. Not only will the campus appear greener with the addition of trees, grass and shrubs, it will also be greener as it incorporates natural substances while recycling old materials.

Ten Eyck Landscape Architects have provided the vision behind the changes that will occur to the grounds. TELA founder Christine Ten Eyck said the pathways located primarily around Centennial Plaza will be composed of stabilized decomposed granite, crushed gravel that is solidified and held together by a natural glue in it made from psyllium husk. The plan behind the Cen-

tennial Plaza portion of campus is to create a green space for gatherings and events.

"(It's) for people that want to play frisbee, volleyball, there will be walking paths," Cynthia Villa, vice president for Business Affairs said. "There are going to be several hundred mesquite trees planted in that whole area to create this bosque of shade and

canopy of shade and there will be (pathways) all around this area."

Ten Eyck said she is trying to reduce the use of concrete and asphalt. She is also trying to create new arroyos that will tie into the existing arroyo to allow rain to soak into the ground rather than run off quickly.

"Right now (rain) hits the asphalt and goes flying into the arroyo so it's about really trying to slow that water down and make the campus more safe too, by giving students places to walk where you don't have to interact with cars all the time," Ten Eyck said. "We're trying to create shade and outdoor gathering spaces for everybody."

Rather than dispose of the concrete that will be removed, TELA will be repurposing it in retaining walls as well as setting it on the ground like flagstone with gravel joints.

"We're excited about reusing the concrete in a new and very interesting way compared to just a huge swamp of it (because) it will add texture and interest to the paving and make it a richer ground surface to walk on," Ten Eyck said. "Plus, it was allowed permeability because now we're going to have these joints where it was broken apart where rain can soak into the ground."

Senior biological sciences major and Green Fund committee member, Tanya Sue Maestas said Ten Eyck's decision to repurpose and bring more organic materials to use along the pathways is a great decision because

it stays within the realm of making UTEP's campus greener.

"Being able to re-use old material and use more earth-friendly material, only adds to the direction of the campus transformation and UTEP's direction in becoming more green," Maestas said. "Ultimately, UTEP and the campus transformation architects are taking the appropriate measures to ensure that UTEP is green and sustainable."

"We're trying to create shade and outdoor gathering spaces for everybody."

*- Christine Ten Eyck,
Ten Eyck Landscape Architects*

Some of the trees that will be planted along campus include desert willows, Mexican White Oaks, Chinkapin Oaks and mesquites, all of which are able to survive in the desert.

"Every once in a while we're going to be using some Cottonwood where we do gather water, like the one in Leech Grove, but we'll be sort of careful on where we use those. They'll just be in certain places," Ten Eyck said. "We'll also be using a few Sweet Acacia, although in (El Paso's) freeze a couple years ago, they were pretty hard hit so we're going to be more

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(Top) City Hall crumbles as the cleanup crew take photos. **(Left)** A group of onlookers walks away from the site where City Hall stood covered in dust on April 14. **(Right)** After the smokestacks' demolition April 13, onlookers at the P-6 parking lot April 13 stayed despite the dust. **(Bottom)** A woman leaves downtown after City Hall's demolition.

WEBFIRST

Activists protested City Hall demolition

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

Just minutes before the demolition of City Hall took place, several activists showed up at the site to demonstrate their discomfort on taking down the building to make room for a new baseball stadium.

The MountainStar Sports Group is bringing a Triple-A franchise, the Tucson Padres, to El Paso in 2014. The stadium will be erected where the City Hall building stood for more than 30 years.

“The reason why the building will be imploded today is because the City Council, John Cook and most representatives voted to deny us the right to vote,” said activist Salvador Valentino Gomez. “They denied me the right to go to a ballot to vote on this dramatic and expensive issue, not only myself, but approximately they denied 300,000 registered voters in the city of El Paso. We got the petitions certified by the city clerk and according to the city charter, our successful petition drive would automatically take the issue before the voters for the election on May 11.”

Gomez and several others stood on the intersection of Franklin and Oregon St. just one block away from where the media was awaiting the implosion. The activist had several signs in protest, but stood behind the red police tape. They witnessed how the building came down in front of their eyes just minutes later.

“It breaks my heart to see this building go down, me and my kids went



AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Salvador Valentino Gomez and other Activists gathered around City Hall before the demolition for one last protest, April 14.

there many times and it's going to be heart-breaking,” said activist Angela Noaker “The demolition of City Hall is going to be more heart-breaking than seeing ASARCO go down.”

In the first hours of the morning a cold breeze was a concern for the crew, but the wind eventually died out an hour before the scheduled time. It only took about 15 seconds for the building to collapse entirely.

Most activists would have given up after seeing that City Hall had collapsed, but Gomez and several others had already planned their next steps.

“My next step is to boycott the ballpark,” Gomez said. “Just let the people know that this is an unfair thing, an illegal action against ‘we the people’ and we must boycott the new ballpark, we cannot spend one penny on that ballpark”

The clean up of the site is expected to take about two weeks, and the stadium is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2014 Triple-A season in April of next year.

“They denied the right to decide whether or not to demolish City Hall,” Gomez said. “This is America and this is a severe violation of constitutional law, and I’ll fight it to the end, I was knocked down but I wasn’t knocked out, I’m still alive and well and we’ll still fight for City Hall... The fight isn’t over. There is still a legal issue pending on the court regarding this”

Most City Hall employees have been relocated to the old building that used to belong to El Paso Times, while the city is leasing extra office space throughout downtown to accommodate all of it’s employees.

“I don’t think they should build a ballpark because of all the history behind the building, City Hall has been there for almost 40 years, to me this is a fight to preserve history,” Noaker said. “I’m kind of shocked that they’re taking it down.”

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part of the process, he said, was to get the right people on board.

According to Villalobos, this is a successful group that will start a good thing at UTEP. “They can become COOs, CEOs, CFOs, and they understand the commodity market of recycling and they have to work with employees and how to get things done,” Villalobos said. “We (will) have the seniors that are running the show, and hopefully we have freshmen coming in and being trained. Every four years you’re essentially cycling through a whole cycle of people.”

Salomon said with the current team and help from advisors, he is more than certain they will accomplish all of their goals.

Students interested in joining the MRS can contact the organization through their Facebook page, Brandi said.

“As far as recruiting for the business entity, the need for open paid positions will start arising through the

implementation phase, as those opportunities start coming we will look for committed, qualified and self-driven students,” Brandi said.

Villalobos said the short-term goals of the MRS are to see some enhancements in the recycling program, more bins on campus and also to figure out how to manage the waste streams.

“Our mission as a university is to really focus on the educational value of this experience,” Villalobos said. “Not only are we doing something cool for the university and something that’s valuable in terms of the environment, but we’re also focusing on the educational value to the group that’s actually doing the work.”

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(Top) The remains from the 828-foot smokestack. (Bottom) The dust and debris travels eastward passing through I-10 and parts of UTEP.

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mission for Environmental Quality also took samples of the site.

“We will take the TCQ sampling to make sure that the information collected is consistent with the data collected prior to the demolition,” Brown said.

Jessica Camacho, senior environmental science major and president of Environmental Advocates, said the smokestacks should be the least of everyone’s worries.

“There should have been more precautionary measures for the City Hall demolition than for ASARCO to protect the environment,” Camacho said. “There was debris flying into people’s homes and that debris was going into their lungs; they should have been more considerate.”

Camacho said that ASARCO was deemed safe since they had tested for metals prior to the demolition and

found nothing. She said City Hall’s central location made it easier for residential neighborhoods to be affected by damaging particles.

“I was upset when I heard that the demolition went well, yet all of this dust was spreading into the environment,” Camacho said. “They should have taken the same measures that they did with ASARCO with City Hall, by using the misting system to control the dust and particles being scattered in the sky.”

Like Camacho, Janet Arteaga, graduate philosophy major, believes the City Hall debris enveloping the downtown area is harmful to the environment.

“It was an older building whose building materials would probably not pass new building regulations,” Arteaga said. “The environmental impact of the demolition is one thing I’ll definitely be monitoring the news for.”

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careful with using those and we won’t use as many.”

Ten Eyck said many of the shrubs and the ground covers that will be used are either native to the El Paso area and the surrounding region. She said they plan to help the big arroyo by slowing rainwater down and filtering it as it goes through the campus.

“We’re going to use those in masses through some of these places and these new arroyos and also we’re creating these linear gardens that are going to go along the university mall that will harvest water from the mall and it’s just a slightly concave planting area rather than putting it in a big catch basin or a drain. Eventually it will find it’s way into the arroyo,” Ten Eyck said.

Villa said Ten Eyck believes in a style of architecture that embraces the land.

“(Ten Eyck) looked out here and said, ‘This is horrible. All I see is asphalt and parking. I want to recapture the natural character of what was here once,’ which was arroyos and rock outcroppings,” Villa said. “If you ever hear her and have an opportunity to see her describe her designs and how she’s come up with her designs, it’s really inspiring. She really believes you should embrace the natural beauty of the land and you modify it to allow for traffic and for pedestrian traffic.”

Maestas said the added trees and plants will create more shade and an atmosphere that invites students to enjoy their time outside studying or hanging out.

“The added oxygen and shade that the plants will provide is a huge incentive to enjoy our El Paso spring weather and alleviate the extreme heat in the summer,” Maestas said. “I also have positive feelings towards the removal of the concrete and asphalt in lieu of more natural landscape, for it is an opportunity to create a more modern atmosphere and will hopefully encourage students to spend more time outdoors.”

Ten Eyck said she is hoping the new landscape is a showcase of Chihuahuan desert plants.

“There’s a lot of learning and fun that can go on outside of the classroom and that’s what we’re trying to do is really make this campus safe for all of you that are walking or biking to your classes and just really be an example to the city of El Paso about the incredible place in the country where you are. The Chihuahuan desert is just phenomenal,” Ten Eyck said.

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Recreate, Rethink, Rediscover exhibit opens for Earth awareness

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The Prospector

The Union is opening a new exhibition to embrace Earth Week and present UTEP students with creative ways to recycle their unused materials and turn them into pieces of artwork.

The exhibition, Recreate, Rethink, Rediscover will open, April 17 and will feature pieces of art to celebrate and to raise awareness of environmental issues.

“We want students to get the art behind it the idea that it’s just not putting together bottles but to actually create something new and artistic,” Alexandria Garcia, event services coordinator at the Union said. “Basically, it is that students can appreciate and can get the point of Earth Week, that we can all do something.”

The exhibition will feature sculptures, jewelry and fashion, all made from recycled materials.

“The theme of the exhibition is futuristic, so many artist used recycled CDs, chips, post-it (notes), paper clips and more,” Garcia said.

Mariana Rivera, student assistant of the gallery, said the exhibition will work to reinforce Earth Week celebration.

“We want to create an exhibit to make students awake and raise awareness about recycling,” Rivera said. “That is why (it) is named “Recreate, Rethink, Rediscover,” because we do this in this exhibit.”

The exhibition will feature some UTEP students and alumni as well as outside artists.

“We have students from Loretto that are doing the recycled material dresses,” Rivera said. “And the rest are UTEP students from graphic design.”

Students like the exhibition as a form of self expression.

“I think this exhibition is great because it’s a way for artist(s) to express themselves using the environment to recreate,” Genoveva Fuentes, sophomore criminal justice major said. “I think UTEP students can really enjoy this exhibition.”

This is the first time Fuentes’ artwork is showcased. Her piece is titled “Imagine.”

“It is a paper sculpture that takes the paper of torn books to make it,” Fuentes said. “I take the books from the library that they want to give away and when they are all torn and unusable I take them and (tear) them.”

Fuentes said she always wanted to participate in an exhibit such as this.

“I’m barely starting as an artist, but I think this is an extraordinary opportunity,” Fuentes said. “There are some professional artists and some extraordinary works that all students should take advantage of it.”

Garcia said she is excited about the exhibition because it is her way to contribute to Earth Week.

“Most of the time, I’ll say 90 percent of the time, we receive positive reviews and it is important to know what people think,” Garcia said. “This way we help educate people on how to use their recycled material.”



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Fashion pieces pictured above are made from recycled materials, such as CDs, paper clips, water bottles and more.

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Events



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Earth Week will allow students to learn how to be green through various events held throughout the week.

UTEP continues green awareness with Earth Week

BY MARILYN ALEMAN
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As the world prepares for the 43rd annual celebration of Earth Day, UTEP will host the fourth annual Earth Week, providing several events in collaboration with different departments working together to better the community.

Starting April 15, days are themed in correlation to the natural elements and participating events, beginning with life, then water, air, Earth and lastly with fire day on April 19.

“The intent of Earth Week has always been to showcase with the university that as a whole to be conscious of our carbon footprint in the planet,” said Jorge Vasquez, executive direc-

tor from the Office of Special Events. “(We) also showcase what the university does for the community as far as our efforts to be good neighbors and good habitants of the planet.”

The events will include walking, recycling and discussions to promote the environment and personal health.

“When we think about health no matter what stage you are in trying to be healthier, walking is something that is really important,” said Eileen Aguilar, university wellness manager.

“Instead of taking your car across campus or maybe going to a meeting, what we’re trying to do is let you know to prepare a little ahead of time to take that walk and save gas, it will help the air quality and then there’s that extra benefit (on) your health.”

Participants on the different Earth Week events will receive discounts on some of the restaurants located close to UTEP. To receive discounts, students, faculty or staff should wear a UTEP shirt or bring a Miner Gold Card.

While going green does not only mean walking and saving gas, it also includes the benefits of a growing digital age in which many technical advancements are contributing to save trees.

The University Library is holding a display and informational handouts on its main floor that informs of all the digital changes that have been implemented to go green, such as 300 online databases, 60,000 journals and 100,000 e-Books. Handouts

during Earth Week are labeled “Go Green, Go Online.”

Robert Klapthor, reference librarian said that by having 60,000 journals online, the library has access to 20 times more information online and with 3,000 library subscriptions of paper, online usage has saved approximately 4,000 shelf seats.

“All together we saved 60 percent of a floor of the building by going to all of the electronics,” Klapthor said. “And since all that paper wasn’t spent, out of various estimates it seems as if we saved about 2,400 trees that didn’t have to be cut down.”

Another Earth Week event includes the appropriate disposal of electronics such as televisions, radios, computer monitors, etc. from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and again at 2-4 p.m. during Earth Week at P-4 in the Rudolph Lot. The event has been organized by the Geology Club in coalition with Sigma Gamma Epsilon and the City of El Paso’s Environmental Services.

Smaller electronics like iPods and old cell phones are also being collected at the Student Government Association office by the Enviromental Advocates and in return are giving students a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win a free Crazy Cat custom fitted

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- Jorge Vasquez, executive director of the Office of Special Events

one-speed bicycle. The winner of the bike will be announced on April 19.

On Air Day, April 17, Sodexo is hosting a symposium by two guest speakers, one of them, David Zubia, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering who will discuss the benefits of solar powered buildings.

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Community

Permaculture Society promotes ecological sustainability

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

The Permaculture Society at UTEP is aiming to bring students together to promote ecological sustainability and community outreach striving for this Spring, as they officially became a registered student organization on campus.

Raul Armendariz, junior environmental science major and president/chief cultivator of the Permaculture Society said the main objective of the organization is to teach students about sustainability and apply different epilogue systems on campus.

“We want to promote awareness and the impact that permaculture can have on campus,” Armendariz said. “Our hands-on projects will help students get the experience of seeing sustainability in action.”

Armendariz said that the idea of creating an organization, dealing with the involvement of green projects and the outreach of ecological design systems was something he was genuinely interested in implementing on campus.

“Being a environmental science major, I have always been very attracted in gardening and eco-friendly projects that can benefit our community,” Armendariz said.

In order to make this idea happen, Armendariz approached a representative at the El Paso Permaculture Group (EPPG) booth at the Neon Desert Music Festival.

“They helped me with the concept I wanted to create,” Armendariz said.

“After that, I decided to get together with my roommates and they were pretty much on board with the idea, deciding to move with the next steps.”

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Student officers, along with Armendariz, contributed in the development of the Permaculture Society,

Maribel Diaz, senior biological science major and vice president/sustainability regulator said that the society will not only introduce the trending

movement of permaculture to many students that know little about, but it will also contribute to UTEP’s transition in keeping a greener and more environmentally friendly campus.

“Our current and future projects incorporate the ‘be green’ message, while also encouraging student involvement,” Diaz said. “The principles teach us about adopting a more sustainable and health conscious lifestyle, something every student can learn more about.”

Diaz, who was an active member of EPPG, said that the idea of permaculture was something she had always wished to see at UTEP.

“I was really excited when Raul was motivated to make this an official organization on campus,” Diaz said. “I quickly jumped on board and together with the rest of the officers, made it happen.”

Open to students from any major, Armendariz said that this is a great benefit to the organization.

“We have a very diverse group of students that are interested in this subject, bringing different skill levels, concepts and ideas to the table,” Armendariz said.

“We have students from computer science all the way to communication majors, and thanks to their different backgrounds, we are able to learn from each other, working together to improve the organization.”

Building individuals to become skillful and practice their leadership

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Raul Armendariz, president/chief cultivator of the Permaculture Society works with Maribel Diaz, independent of the organization in one of the permaculture projects.

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UTEP will host Earth Week, consisting of events that will promote green awareness, between April 15-19.

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Meanwhile, a three-course meal, all made with organic local ingredients will be served for those that RSVP for the event April 16 by email to Adriana Ruiz, aruiz4@utep.edu. The symposium is from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the University Suite 312E at Union East. The cost for the event is \$14.50 per person.

Air Day also debuts the Re-Create, Re-Think, Re-Discover art exhibit at the Union Gallery, where 14 artists from UTEP and the El Paso community will display pieces done with used materials and sculptures.

“Basically we can convey the message to recycle and start into that green state of mind or awareness,” Alexandra Garcia, event services coordinator for Union programs said.

Magazines, water bottles, earthy ceramics and other recycled materials will be viewed until April 24. A reception will be held at noon on Earth Day, April 22.

April 18 is when all the 15 departments and organizations collaborate together for the Earth Day celebration under the Union Breezeway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Informational pamphlets and live music by DJ A-rom and Bumpstreet Fonanza will be performing.

At 4:30 p.m. in Geology room 123, the Environmental Advocates will also be displaying a documentary entitled “Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction” followed by a power point presentation by president and senior environmental sciences major, Jessica Camacho.

“The main purpose of this is to kind of show what we could do with the resources that we have,” Camacho said.

April 19, which is Fire Day, is the day for Earth Week in which the recurring events and hard work comes to its close.

“Putting this together is a lot of work,” Vasquez said. “It’s a lot of effort that it takes to put this together and I think ultimately what we all want is to make sure that people know that it’s going on, that they somehow acquire a conscious of responsibility and support these activities. These are fun activities, this is stuff that we can be a part of, it doesn’t cost us anything and it supports the efforts and celebrates our planet.”

For more information regarding Earth Week, visit admin.utep.edu/earthweek/.

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(Top) SGA will raffle off a custom fitted Crazy Cat bike after all electronic donations are made. The winner will be announced April 19. (Bottom) The library has selected various books, articles and references about each Earth Week theme.

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is something Armendariz would like for the organization to help interested members with.

“The community garden at Ocotillo Hall, that was first introduced to Miner Heights residents, has been a great opportunity that the organization has provided students with,” senior creative writing major Amber Morrison said. “Not only are we learning more ways to stay green but also about natural landscape that is being incorporated in our own backyard.”

According to Diaz, he expects that the Permaculture Society will increase student involvement in the next semesters.

“We will continue contributing to the centennial celebration,” Armendariz said. “Which is the drive that keeps the organization moving, ultimately increasing the level of sustainability that UTEP is working towards.”

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The community garden at Ocotillo Hall allows students to learn the methods of permaculture and awareness through ecological sustainability.

Leaping past obstacles a norm for Grant



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Junior jumper, Donovan Grant competes in the long jump during the UTEP Invitational April 13.

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Senior jumper, Donovan Grant, gazed at the sunset during the UTEP invitational April 13 as he reflects on his last home track meet at Kidd Field and his journey at UTEP.

“It is sentimental, I think I’ve really made a breakthrough here at UTEP,”

Grant said. “This really became home for me. There was a time when I first got here at UTEP, when I went back home for a break to Los Angeles, and I was ready to come back to El Paso.”

Grant said he likes that El Paso is a city with a small town vibe.

“For someone who came from Los Angeles...when I first got here a lot of people were like, ‘what? why did you

pick here?’” Grant said. “But something really captures the soul when you get to UTEP...you find a lot of genuine people here in El Paso...I plan on living here for a while.”

Grant came to UTEP as a junior and was able to get off on the right foot. He got third in the triple jump at the 2012 Conference USA Indoor Championships. Then, at the 2012 Conference USA Outdoor Championships, Grant placed third in the long jump.

Though his debut year seemed to be successful, Grant said it was not an easy transition.

“Last year I had a rough season, I was jumping 21s, 22s, like man, it was disappointing because I know I’m a better jumper,” Grant said. “When I came here I was a 24-foot jumper. It was a hard transition as far as getting used to the ways, the system but I was still able to come through at the end last year and I’m able to contribute this year so I’m happy about that...it’s definitely been a blessing.”

At the meet, Grant had friends and family supporting him in the stands. Grant’s father, Donovan T. Grant, his church family and his best friend’s mother and grandmother came out to support him at his last home meet.

Grant, a Christian, has strong religious ties.

“I actually got saved out here, that’s probably really why this became home,” Grant said. “This is where God spoke...everyone finds some kind of organization, I happened to find Christ so that’s always been my connection.”

At the age of 6, Grant faced some difficult obstacles, which is why he is committed to his faith, he said.

“My mom passed away when I was younger at 6, my parents were never together, so I think a lot of times the experience you grow up on adversity and you find yourself in college, you try to figure out who you are,” Grant said. “When I found out who I was through Christ that kind of changes everything.”

Grant’s mother, who passed away from thyroid complications, was a big part of his life even though he only lived with her until the age of 6.

“I was always with my mom, it’s very fond memories because she introduced me to a lot of things and just having a dad, it’s kind of rough, dads are critical...I just grew so much from it,” Grant said.

His growth through adversity has turned him into a team leader. He was voted as one of the team captains by his teammates.

“I try to lead by example. I’m never a big talker. I don’t like to talk, I like to just show it because the truth is always going to come out on paper,” Grant said. “So if you know the truth it’s always going to show itself, you don’t have to say it...that’s always been my motto.”

Assistant coach, Leon Settle, has kept a close eye on Grant since he arrived at UTEP.

“One thing we always try to do is definitely recruit character because that means a lot,” Settle said. “I’ve seen people with bad character that didn’t really go that far, but Donovan,

he’s got really good character plus he’s also a very talented individual.”

As a junior transfer, Grant had not yet met the expected level the coaches had for him, but in time he reached it.

“Last year his body weight wasn’t actually where we wanted it at and his strength level wasn’t actually where we wanted it at,” Settle said. “He knew the situation and he sat down with me, we talked about the plan and he worked really hard to reach those goals that we had set and the evidence showed today in his competition.”

Grant placed third in the triple and long jump at the UTEP Invitational.

Still gazing at the sunset, Grant talked about the last chance UTEP has to face schools like Houston in conference before the realignment changes.

“It’s probably equivalent next year, but we’re kind of losing our rivals that we’ve had for so long and it’d be nice to come out on top. We definitely want to come out on top and I think we have the team to do it,” Grant said. “That’s what I’m going for, let’s win it, and let’s take it all...I love El Paso, it’s been great. Even though it’s only been two years, it’s been great, I enjoyed it. I’m glad I picked UTEP. I really am.”

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Tennis

New coach, Roberts, already showing progress

BY ALBERT GAMBOA
The Prospector

Athletic Director Bob Stull decided to bring in a new head coach to change the team’s attitude. Last year, after the UTEP tennis team finished with two wins and 18 losses, Stull hired Mark Roberts, former assistant head tennis coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Conscious of what the team had gone through the past year, Roberts’ main goal was ton work on improving right away and to hold a firm record with high expectations. So far Roberts’ first year as head coach has not disappointed.

The Miners hit double digit wins (12) for the first time since the 2009-10 season and finished the regular season with an undefeated record (6-0) in El Paso for the first time since 2004.

“If they can consistently focus, bring out the intensity and competitiveness that they have, they’ll start to see how successful they can be,” Roberts said.

A native out of Durban, South Africa, Roberts began playing tennis at age 3. Tennis has always been in the family for Roberts. His parents were tennis players who met at a tennis club and his two older siblings all began playing at a young age which

gave the family a bonding experience, he said.

In his first two years in college, Roberts attended Boise State, but unhappy there he transferred to NMSU where he was immediately named captain. There he learned more about tennis and coaching thanks to long-time tennis coach, Don Ball.

Upon graduating, Roberts began to focus on coaching at NMSU as an assistant. From there he moved to Illinois to teach tennis for four years. In 2008 he was hired as an assistant head coach for the UNLV Rebels. There he helped coach the team to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances. Roberts was named 2010 and 2012 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mountain Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

Roberts now has his first stint as a head coach and knows he has another challenge ahead of him.

“I definitely feel a lot more pressure and responsibility as a head coach,” Roberts said. “Just the idea of you’re the person who is in charge of it all brings accountability to it.”

Coming in as a player is what Roberts believes makes him a good coach. As a former player he knows how the players feel after a loss or how to bring out the best in their abilities, he said.

“When I see them in difficult situations, I feel like I was in the exact same thing several years ago as a player,” Roberts said. “It helps me respond better as opposed to any other way.”

Now a head coach making all the tough decisions, Roberts still won’t hesitate to call up his mentor, his father, for advice. During a match or at practice, Roberts visualizes his childhood and thinks about what his dad would do.

Roberts’ long term goals for the team is to get back into the top 75 rankings. Players see his competitive edge and it shows that he cares about what he’s trying to do with the team.

“Coach Roberts is a big motivator, he doesn’t let us slack,” senior tennis player, Martina Trierweiler said. “If we have a bad practice he doesn’t care on making us run. He strives on bringing out competition which is good because we didn’t have that last year.”

Coming from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, freshman tennis player Jamie Leigh said Roberts helped with her transition to El Paso.

“He (Roberts) told me El Paso wasn’t the biggest American city around but the weather is good and it’s a friendly place to be,” Leigh said.

With a nine-win improvement in his first year at UTEP, the tennis team



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Head coach Mark Roberts observes the team during practice on April 15. (left) junior Rebeca Calvillo.

finished off their senior game with a win and hopeful promise for following years to come.

“It’s been a really fun year, busy but there was a lot to do especially in the beginning,” Roberts said. “It’s been a crazy ride and I’m looking forward to many more.”

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Men's Golf

Sophomore golfer leads the pack at UTEP

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
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In his freshman year of college, Martin Simonsen moved to a different country, started at a new school and became one of the best golf players UTEP has ever had.

"It took me a little while to get used to things," Simonsen said. "From school, having class in English all day to even playing golf where little

details in the game are different from back home, it was an adjustment, but a good adjustment. It did not take me long to get used to things and I am really enjoying studying and competing here at UTEP."

The Denmark native had more than a breakout first season, he held the team's best season.

Simonsen led the team in five of seven spring events, posting a 72.6 scoring average, the best on the team.

In Conference USA play, Simonsen finished with four sub-70 rounds, with a 67 at Arizona Intercollegiate, a 69 at The Farms Invitational, a 67 at Jim West Intercollegiate and a 67 at C-USA.

He tied for another top-10 finish at The Farms Invitational where he tied for sixth place.

Simonsen went on to take fourth place at the Conference USA Championship and earned Conference

USA Freshman of the Year while also being appointed to the Conference USA All-Tournament team.

He also earned an individual bit to NCAA Regionals in Norman, Okla. where he tied for first place.

Though Simonsen shot a four-par-over 76 on his final round, his score was not enough to advance him to the NCAA finals.

"He is an excellent player, we just need to work on his confidence" said UTEP head golf coach, Scott Lieberwirth. "He has everything you need to be great in this sport because of how well he knows it, but when he does not believe in his ability it does affect him. But that comes with time, he is barely in his second season, so he is still growing as a player and has the time do it."

Born into a family of golfers, Simonsen started playing golf at the age of 3. His father took him out and trained him his first few years of playing.

Staying with the sport, Simonsen started playing competitively around

the age of 11. By the time he was in high school, he had won several tournaments such as the DM Matchplay, Stygge Krumpen, JDT Final, Faxe 3 and the Jagerpris Open.

"My whole family plays golf, so playing was just something fun we like to do together," Simonsen said. "But for me it has always been something more. This is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

While Simonsen enjoys golf as a passtime with his family, he also likes the freedom the sport presents.

"I enjoy the fact that you have no one to rely on but yourself," Simonsen said. "You have nobody to blame but yourself if you do not play well, and when you do play well you know that, that was your hard work."

After graduation, Simonsen hopes to be able to continue playing golf as a professional player in the United States.

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UTEP MEN'S SOCCER CLUB PREPS FOR ALL SEASON



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For almost 10 years, Jorge Hernandez worked as a player and an assistant coach for UTEP's soccer club. Hernandez, a 2007 UTEP international marketing and International management graduate, now enters his first year as head coach of the club and looks forward to the opportunity to coach the sport he loves.

"We have around 30 players and they're all interested and they're all committed," he said. "There's a lot of passion going into this club, which is something I did as a player and I admire that people still do this."

Prior to coming to UTEP in 2002, Hernandez played at Mexico's third and second division with Soles and Astros from Ciudad Juárez. He also played one season for the El Paso Patriots soccer team while attending UTEP and playing for the soccer club.

The men's soccer club is part of Recreational Sports Department's sports clubs, which allow students to establish, develop and promote the interest and skills of their players in any particular sport.

Currently, the club practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at University Field. Hernandez said the club participates in the Southwest Desert Conference of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association and has begun practicing for the upcoming fall season, which starts in September. According to Recreational Sports, the club competes against other clubs from Arizona State University, University of Arizona and New Mexico Tech, and competes in these games to try to qualify for the national tournament, which is held in the summer.

Hernandez said that the soccer club is open to anyone who is a UTEP student.

"In order for them to travel, they need to fill out some pre-requisites about GPA and stuff like that, but we are open to all students," he said.

Cesar Hernandez, recreational sports specialist, said that for a member to be able to participate in tournaments that are outside of El Paso, they must meet certain academic qualifications.

"They must have over nine hours of credit per semester," Cesar Hernandez said. "They must also be in good academic standing or they will not be able to travel."

Defensive player and captain of the club, Raul Irigoyen, a junior civil engineering major, said that the key to success on the field lies in basic routines during practice time.

"We do weight training two hours per day, and during the first hour we do running," Irigoyen said. "We also practice techniques with the ball like corner-kicks, penalty-kicks and break-kicks."

Irigoyen, who has been the club's captain for a year, added that the experience is worth all the hard work he has done to become the captain.

"It's like I'm the leader of the team and I'm the cool representative of the team on the field," he said.

"It's like a second family for me. If I'm not home, I'm here with my friends."

*-Ricardo Lopez,
sophomore communication
major/club president*

He said that he hopes that the soccer club can help build a strong foundation in the future for soccer players and fans in both El Paso and Juárez.

"It's very popular, especially because we're on the border," he said. "A lot of Latinos like to come to the United States and play in the MLS (Major League Soccer)."

For Jorge Hernandez, the lack of an official men's athletic team at UTEP has also provided motivation for students to keep the soccer club going.

"I wish we had the opportunity to become NCAA because there is enough talent to have one of the best teams in the area," he said. "Even though players have to sometimes pitch in for jerseys and things like that, but there's a lot of motivation."

UTEP Athletics currently has an official women's soccer team that plays during the fall, but does not have a men's soccer team. In order for men's soccer to be officially added on as a sport in athletics, two women's sports would need to be added per the regulations of Title IX. Title IX is a law passed in 1972, which requires gender equality in every educational program that receives federal funding.

Sophomore communication major and club president, Ricardo Lopez, said that out-of-town tournaments also make up part of the club's competition apart from the main season.

"We just had a tournament three weeks ago in Houston and we did all right," Lopez said. "We've also been practicing for other tournaments and maybe in two weeks we're going to Dallas for another tournament."

According to Lopez, the majority of equipment and travel expenses for the men's soccer club are provided through their own funds with some help from Recreational Sports. Lopez said that the sport has also helped him develop stronger relationships with the other players.

"It's like a second family for me," Lopez said. "If I'm not home, I'm here with my friends."

Lopez said that he would also like to see an official athletics team for UTEP in the future and he thinks the El Paso community would embrace it.

"We have to do something and it's not just about football," he said "Because we are here as Latinos, we like soccer and like watching MLS while growing up and we have a lot of friends that play soccer."

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