Earth Week

Impactful changes for better living

By Rebecca Guerrero
The Prospector

Earth Week is a time not only to think about the impact people’s daily lives have on the environment, but to make changes that could benefit the Earth. Many who have already committed to living greener lifestyles insist that even the smallest efforts can go a long way in ensuring the environment is better cared for.

“I hope that during Earth Week, students will take a close look at their environmental footprint at earthday.org and think about how their daily choices affect all life on Earth,” said Elizabeth Walsh, biological sciences professor. “It is important to start thinking about how status, including on university campuses, is tied with consumption like who has the latest smart phone, faster car or big screen TV, and how it impacts the environment.”

According to thedailygreen.com, some of the biggest issues with wastefulness are things that could be fixed easily. For example, leaving the water running while you brush your teeth wastes 1.3 gallons of water, and by reducing the time you spend in the shower by two minutes, you could stop 1,000 lbs. of CO2 from being emitted into the air. Other steps include reusing scrap printer paper as homemade post-its and washing clothes in cold instead of warm water saves energy.

Another issue that affects the environment is eating habits.

“One activity that contributes to global climate change is our diet choices,” Walsh said. “If students want to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle they should eat less meat or even become vegetarian or vegan. Animal agriculture comes at a tremendous cost to the environment in terms of land use, pollution and especially emissions of greenhouse gases, such as methane that are contributing to global climate change.”

As UTEP is a commuter school, many students rely on cars to get to school, but the vehicles have a big impact on the environment. There are other alternatives for students to get to campus that are more Earth friendly.

By Kristopher Rivera
The Prospector

Engineering students and professors at UTEP are making strides to create new technologies that will benefit the environment. From developing new ways to power electrical devices such as computers, cell phones and cars, to building alternative fuel vehicles, they are ahead with the going green initiatives.

Miguel Mendoza, engineering graduate student, is one of the students involved in the development of finding newer alternative fuels.

“Like with trees and paper, we’re going to run out of those materials if we keep consuming at this rate of use,” Mendoza said. “So we should be concerned and try to be greener and make appropriate use of our materials that will affect the future.”

Mendoza is the aiding assistant for professor Yirong Lin, who is leading the project to develop new ways to power...
E-waste adds to growing pollution problem

By Jasmine Aquilera

In honor of Earth Week, I would like to do this column to highlight concerns about electronic waste, or e-waste. E-waste is basically waste from small electronic devices like cell phones, computers, and televisions that contain hazardous materials. This type of waste is becoming a growing problem in the United States and around the world. There are now international laws known as the Basel Convention, under which the U.S. is not a part of, that aim to control international waste exports and dumping. This convention has been around since 1989, which means that a lot of the current e-waste exports are illegal.

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Take advantage of resources that are available to consume recyclable electronics. There are electronic collection points, like the El Paso area. I found them at Extension and the El Paso County. They can be part of another load in your washing machine, or if you need them now, they can be part of another load in your washing machine.

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Environ mental conscience earn Green Awards

By Lorain Watters

The UTEP Green Awards were estab lished during the 2011 Earth Week and since then, these have been used to recognize green initiatives. “The UTEP Green Awards focus on the contributions of students, faculty, and staff around UTEP’s multiple campuses,” said Lorain Watters, an assistant professor of chemical engineering.

“Students take action to better the environment at their own level of experience. By nominating a colleague, a faculty member, or a student, the campus community is encouraged to continue taking initiatives.”

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Don’t toss that T-shirt

BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

For a China-made T-shirt to make its way to the U.S., it must travel a distance of 10,369 miles, according to a study by Business for Social Responsibility. That mileage makes up one percent of the T-shirt’s green house emissions. The rest of the greenhouse emissions, from a T-shirt, whose average carbon footprint is 2.34 kg CO2e, comes from its manufacturing, sea-hauling and laundering.

Megan Nicolay, author of “100+ ways to transform a T-shirt” suggests this energy is wasted in the making of a standard 3-ounce T-shirt, as being able to repurpose or re-purposed fabric for six days.

To keep all that energy in their going to waste here are various ways to repurpose any old T-shirts.

Tote bag

First, cut off the T-shirt sleeves (the holes will serve as handles). Then cut a deeper neckline along the collar. Turning the shirt inside out, sew the bottom and top of the shirt, turn T-shirt inside out and sew the bottom of the shirt (just below the holes) to leave a square. Then, the top part of the shirt (just below the holes) can either be glued or stapled. The shape of the pillowcase can be cut accordingly and sew the bottom and top to the book cover vertically. For more information about recyling T-shirts and for more projects visit generation-t.com. Megan Nicolay, author of “100+ ways to transform a T-shirt”.

Pocket Squares

Generation-t.com, Nicolay’s website, suggests taking an old t-shirt and cutting horizontal strips along the shirt (1 inch) without completing the cut accordingly and sewing the bottom and top to the book cover vertically. Each piece of the shirt can be reused as make-shift pockets for extra accessories. For more information about recyling T-shirts and for more projects visit generation-t.com.

Before throwing away an old T-shirt, consider repurposing it as a chapter scarf. For those a little handier with the sewing machine a book sleeve made from an old t-shirt can prove a fun project. First, cut out the shape of an open book, leaving an excess of 3 inches all around. Then, the book becomes really this gift wrapping, sewing instead of taping. Fold and sew the bottom and top to the book cover vertically. For more information about recyling T-shirts and for more projects visit generation-t.com.

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UTE P EARTH WEEK
CELEBRATE FOR LIFE!
EARTH WEEK 2012: APRIL 16-20

UTE P’s Earth Week Celebration has daily themes. The themes for the week are life and nature’s four elements: water, air, fire, and earth. Everyone can attend discussions and events on various topics, including energy conservation, global warming, transportation, the impact of urban sprawl, water scarcity, and more. Family-friendly events include a solar hot dog cooking challenge and outdoor activities.

UTE P GREEN AWARDS
Do you know someone in an organization here on campus that is doing something green to help out the environment? Well, let us know about it!

- We want to know who on campus is helping take care of our environment.
- What innovative methods are people putting to work in efforts to be more environmentally friendly?
- What initiatives are they instituting to better save energy?
- What makes them sustainable living超新星 stars?

To nominate a stand-out UTEP environmentalist, simply let us know, in 500 words or less, why they are deserving of the UTEP Green Award and what they are doing to help the environment. We know that people on this campus are going green; it’s time they get the recognition they deserve. Nominate someone today and let us know about all the environmental activism that is taking place.

Categories:
- UTEP Individual Student
- UTEP Individual Faculty or Staff Member
- UTEP Student Organization
- UTEP Department

Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, April 18. Nominate your superior for the “UTE P Green Award” at admin.ute.p.edu/earthweek

The awards will be announced on Thursday, April 19, during the Earth Day Celebration on the Geology Lawn.

WATER DAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 17
UTE P GREEN WALK/TENNIS SHOES CONTEST
11:50 AM
Leech Grove

UTE P GREEN WALK
An opportunity to experience the beauty and uniqueness of our campus while providing a healthy benefit to you. Register today and invite your colleagues to join the group as we move an masse to show the campus that we are both health conscious and eco-conscious.

TENNIS SHOES CONTEST
SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Display your UTEP pride in this friendly competition. Decorate your tennis shoes and wear them in the UTEP Green Walk during Earth Week on Tuesday. Your footwear must be comfortable and functional allowing you to walk your way to a healthier you. Three top prizes will be awarded in University Bookstore gift cards. Participants of the “UTE P Tennis Shoes” contest will be judged on uniqueness, representation of UTEP and functionality. To be eligible, competitors must participate in the UTEP Green Walk.

UTE P OUT TO LUNCH
12:00 PM
Visit the Earth Week website for a list of restaurants offering discounts.

AIR DAY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
SYMPOSIUM
10:00 AM
Union Plaza Stage
The purpose of this forum is to build awareness of UTEP’s operations, research and instructional activities that are currently being accomplished on the UTEP campus.

DIRTY SOCK CONTEST
PRESENTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Geology Lawn

FIRE DAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
All Thursday activities will be held on the Geology Lawn
YOGA
ENJOY A FREE YOGA MORNING CLASS
8:30 AM

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Celebrate our Earth by spending your day outdoors taking in some Vitamin D and enjoying local live music! While listening to great music, visit booths hosted by UTEP departments and local groups to help you get your GREEN on!

LIVE MUSIC BY:
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• DJ Technotics • Ribolivin

SCAVENGER HUNT
PRESENTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Final clues throughout the Geology Lawn.

EARTH DAY LIVING ART EXHIBIT
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PIEING FOR THE PLANET
SPONSORED BY THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
This event aims to educate the UTEP campus about healthy and sustainable eating by providing a delicious free lunch. Tickets can be picked up in the CAB Garage (Union West, Room 111).

4TH ANNUAL Watt Dog Competition
1:00 PM

OUTDOOR FREE FILM SCREENING
Disney “Earth”
7:30 PM

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TEACHER JOB FAIRS

DEAR STUDENT AND GRADUATE:
The University Career Center invites you to attend the 2012 TEACHER JOB FAIR. The event is intended to connect you with school districts interested in hiring UTEP graduates. We encourage you to arrive early, bring copies of your resume and/or portfolio, and wear professional attire.

UTEPII, TEACHER JOB FAIR
Friday, April 20, 2012
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Don Haskins Center

For more information on preparing for the Teacher Job Fair and a list of participating school districts, visit the University Career Center’s website at www.utep.edu/careers.

Lack of time and resources to manage an ongoing assessment of all capabilities can be a problem. The L.A.P. will support UTEP's "Eco-Friendly Engineering" project and, in cooperation with, develop specific annual reviews of the program as well as ongoing assessment of all capabilities.

The L.A.P. will assist UTEP in conducting an environmental education certification program, which will be among the first in the United States. The L.A.P. will work with UTEP to develop environmental assessment tools that can be used by all teachers, administrators and college faculty and staff. The L.A.P. will develop curriculum standards and materials and will work with UTEP to develop an assessment tool that can be used by all teachers, administrators and college faculty and staff.

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“Straight Violence Swag”

D-Line brings attitude, confidence to veteran defensive corp

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

On any given day during the 2012 season, the defense line has a distinct name for the team. The defensive line's nickname is "straight violence swag," and it's a phrase that's been incorporated into the team's identity.

"Straight violence swag" is more than just a slogan; it's a lifestyle. The defensive line embodies this attitude both on and off the field. "We want to be dominant on and off the field," said defensive lineman Marcus Bagley. "We want to set the standard for every other position on the team."

The defensive line's "straight violence swag" is a reflection of their strong work ethic and dedication to their craft. "We have a mentality of always pushing ourselves to be the best," said defensive lineman Miller. "We want to be the best on our team and in the conference."

This "straight violence swag" attitude is not just limited to the defensive line. The entire team, including the offense, has embraced this mentality.

"We all have a mindset of being dominant," said head coach (Patterson) what name we expect from his defensive line unit a new name that better fits their style of play. "When the season comes to an end, we want to leave with a new name that better fits our style of play."

When asked what the defensive line's nickname means to them, Miller said, "It means being dominant on and off the field. It means being the best in the conference."

The defensive line's "straight violence swag" is a reflection of their dedication to their craft and their commitment to success.

"We are the future of this program," said Bagley. "We want to leave a legacy that will be remembered for years to come."

The defensive line's "straight violence swag" attitude is a testament to their passion and commitment to success. They are a model of what it means to be a dominant defensive unit in college football.
“Continuity is very important in our sport and I think because of the way staff has changed...it’s kind of unfortunate for her.”

- Mike Laaksonen

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Abinuwa excels despite coaching-change frustrations

By Daniel Ornelas

Aminata Abinuwa is ready to compete in the 400-meter dash at the Olympic Games this summer. Abinuwa has struggled throughout her career, beginning with coach (Bob) Tolbert and coach (Althea) Johnson and coach (Scott) Roberts. Too many different coaches, but expects Abinuwa to have a coaching change every year.

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reeled off seven-straight runs to take the easy 7-2 win and finish the series sweep. The Miners went into the series with a bit of confidence after defeating the Nevada Wolfpack in game one April 12 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

“It gives us a little bit of a boost heading into the weekend, especially with the losing streak we had. That was a nice little pick-me-up for us,” Carrera said.

The win, which snapped a 13-game losing streak, was short lived as Nevada bounced back to take a 9-2 win in the second game.

“I think it’s definitely a blow but right after (the loss), Cami (Carrera) came up to us and said, ‘We’re going to Memphis and taking all three of these games,’ sophomore pitcher Colleen Hohman said. ‘She said exactly what she needed to say.’

Carrera had two home runs in the loss to expand her NCAA-best home run mark to 27.

The Miners will compete in the Mt. SAC and Drake Relays April 19-21 and 26-28 respectively before the C-USA Championships. The event will determine qualifiers for the NCAA Preliminary Round set for May 4-6.

Hamm said he still has no idea what his future plans are after leaving UTEP, but hopes that running remains a part of his life.

“I honestly don’t know. I know running somehow will always be involved in my life. It’s taken seed and I can’t help it, it’s just a part of me,” Hamm said.