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Every Day is Earth Day

Today marks the 29th celebration of environmental awareness

BY MARIUM MOHIUDDIN
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Earth Day has been celebrated for almost 30 years, with communities all over the United States getting involved. Earth Day was first started by Dennis Hayes in 1970.

"[Hayes] was an undergraduate student at Stanford, and he and a few students would check out all the congressmen who would vote pro/con on environmental issues," Mallika Anand, president of Texas Environmental Action Coalition and a junior German major, said. "They called them [the congressman] 'The Dirty Dozen,' and from there, it grew."

Lisa Whittlesey, extension program specialist with the Horticulture Sciences Department, said Earth Day was set aside as a celebration of our planet.

"It is a time to be more aware of our planet and be more environmentally friendly," Whittlesey said. "It is the air we breath, the water we drink and the food we eat; these all come from the Earth. It is a time to be more aware of our surroundings and be thankful. Learn more about it and to take care of it because it might not be around for us to enjoy. We have to take care of our planet."

April 22 was chosen as Earth Day by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Melanie Krause, co-chair of Environmental Issues Committee (EIC) and a senior genetic and biochemistry major, said there was no specific reason April 22 was chosen.

"[It] was a random day," Krause said. "In Texas, it happens to correspond with Arbor Day, which is also in the end of April. This day is for people to be more aware of trees."

In 1991, A&M Earth Week was first started by the EIC, a committee affiliated with the Student Senate.

- Using nuclear power to avert global warming by the year 2025 would require that a new nuclear power plant be built every 2.5 days
- If everyone in the United States used super-insulated windows, the nation would save more oil and natural gas each year than Alaska supplies annually.
- Switching all light bulbs to more efficient fluorescent bulbs would eliminate the need for all 111 nuclear power plants in the United States.
- Improving domestic car efficiency from the current average of 19 miles per gallon to 22 miles per gallon would allow the nation to stop importing oil from Iraq and Kuwait.
- At the current rate, all tropical forests will be gone within a century and all old growth forests in the United States will be gone in 15-25 years
- U.S. municipal solid waste is 50 percent packaging

The Environmental Statistics Website

Jennifer Weizer, sub-chair of EIC and a sophomore aerospace engineering major, said they will be hosting a variety of events.

"There will be activities to get students and the campus involved and to provide them with information," Weizer said. "This is a great organization because we are a part of student government and can implement things. We also inform students and want them to learn more about the environment."

Some of the games include Wheel of Waste, in

which students have to answer questions about recycling or waste products, and Shoot, in which students shoot them into a basket.

Krause said the goal of Earth Week is to educate the student body.

"Earth Day is one of our major events," Lower said. "During Earth Week, we will have recycling bins out there to encourage the cycle, and this will also give students the opportunity to ask questions. We are trying to make the student body in a fun way."

"We want to get people out there to pick up some information about environmental issues. It is not just recycling, there are five projects that we are trying to promote. We want to be aware of such things as energy conservation and water conservation."

A big part of Earth Week includes the recycling program at A&M, which has been running about nine years.

Tom Marshall, crew leader for the Victoria Plant's recycling program, said over the years, the amount of materials collected has changed.

"We basically pick up anything that is made of plastic, paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and wood," Marshall said. "We bale white paper, green boxes and printing mix. We bale all the office mix, and we also do cheap mailboxes. We also have a pilot program for plastic, but it is a challenge of handling that goes into that."

Weizer said many students are involved in the program offered on campus.

"A large amount of the student body knows that you can recycle cans, paper, and stuff," she said. "Not only can you recycle, but it is helping the environment. In my opinion, there is never too much that we can do. We are all working to make this planet a better place."

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