



Office of Sustainability

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Have a great summer!

#WhooshAwayHunger



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The effort led by **UNIV 3310 - Sustainable Development Goals and Local Action**, with the support of the Office of Sustainability, has resulted in **over \$3,000** being raised to support the **North Texas Food Bank** in response to COVID-19. Students enrolled in the course were initially exploring **hunger as a sustainability issue** in partnership with the North Texas Food Bank. This partnership quickly evolved as global events began unfolding. The Comet community was invited to donate as able and share the campaign with the hashtag [#WhooshAwayHunger](#). Upon the close of the campaign, **more than nine thousand meals** were donated. This aid will undoubtedly help those being affected adversely during this global event. Thank you to all who were able to donate! To learn more about the North Texas Food Bank, click [here](#).



[Giant Asian Hornets](#)

In the past few weeks, “**murder hornets**” and their appearance in the United States have been cropping up in headlines. The story has been making the rounds on several social media sites, but often with little or conflicting information. With such a moniker, people are understandably nervous. When dealing with something possibly dangerous to people and the environment, it’s important to have as much information as possible. Take a gander at [this article](#) compiled by **Eco Rep Caroline Lonneman** with some insight from bee expert **Dr. Scott Rippel**.



Behind the Scenery

We can all agree that The University of Texas at Dallas campus would not be what it is today without its magnificent **selection of trees**. Did you know that campus was **not always so green**? Thanks to some dedicated experts, the spirit of UT Dallas students, and the legacy of Margaret McDermott, the center of campus has grown from what used to be called the "**Concrete Canyon**" into the lush landscape that it is today. Read on to learn more about the [UT Dallas campus forest](#).

The Greenhouse

Here you can find updates to the UT Dallas Eco Rep blog!



Good Health and Well-Being

Some UN Sustainable Development Goals don't seem to fit very clearly into the broader picture of sustainability. Paulina explains how UN SDG #3 is applicable to our lives right now. [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)



[A New Item on the Dollar Menu](#)

Have you noticed the low gas prices? Caroline examines the cost of gas and the implications for you, me, and the future of energy in Texas.

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[Leftover Food Scraps?](#)

Looking for a fun summer project? You could start a small garden from your cooking scraps! Yen guides us on which plants we can start right now.

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[Vampire Power](#)

Is your wallet feeling a little drained, thanks to your electricity bill? You might have a case of vampire power. Sophia teaches us about what this is and how you can prevent it from costing you in the long run.

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