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The "shared street" in this design calms traffic, treats stormwater and promotes community in a plaza-like garden space.

Green neighborhood offers 'community' feel

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The UA Community Design Center has developed a new vision of neighborhood for the Washington County chapter of Habitat for Humanity: no sidewalks, no curbs, no gutters and no flooding, even after torrential rain, according to a press release.

Porchscapes: An Affordable LEED-Neighborhood Development, the official name for the project, was awarded a 2008 ASLA professional award in planning and analysis from the American Society of Landscape Architects, according to the ASLA Web site.

The project was developed by the UA design center in partnership with Professor Marty Matlock of the Ecological Engineering Group in the UA Division of Agriculture, the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, the city of Fayetteville and McClelland Consulting Engineers, according to the press release.

The project also was given a \$23,000 grant by the UA Women's Giving Circle and a \$464,000 grant by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to support the design phase, according

to the press release.

"I am very proud of the project," said Kendall Curlee, director of communications for the UA School of Architecture. "The community design center has won so much for sustainable development that it raises our national awareness for the school.

"The planet is growing, and we need to find a way to live light on the land," she said. "This kind of development is very important."

The Porchscapes plan means residents will benefit from a "shared street" — on track to be the first of its kind in the U.S. — that promotes community, slows down cars and soaks up stormwater like a sponge, according to the press release.

There are four overarching principles of the project: density and compactness, walkable streets, street network and access to public space, and solar orientation, according to the ASLA Web site.

"The University of Arkansas is taking a leadership role with this low-impact development project," said Bobby Hernandez, community planner for the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6,

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Host families help international students adjust to United States

Spring International Language Center provides intensive English and cross-cultural education



LAEL SIMONS Staff Photographer

(Above) Firas Jamaludeen, an international student from Saudi Arabia, chats with his host mother Lea Criss on their porch Monday evening. Jamaludeen has been studying at the UA since January. (Below) Firas Jamaludeen enjoys a coke and the newspaper at home with his host parents.

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Students from countries around the world contribute to the diversity of the community while attending the Spring International Language Center.

SILC Director Leyah Bergman-Lanier said one of the wonderful things about Fayetteville is its willingness to embrace diversity.

The SILC is a 25-hour-a-week intensive English language program specifically designed to prepare students to enter U.S. colleges and universities, assist professionals who desire to strengthen their English language skills and teach anyone who seeks to improve their English communication skills, according to an information flyer provided by the center.

Bergman-Lanier founded the SILC 16 years ago. "It started with just eight students from six countries," she said.

The mission of the SILC is to provide an intensive English and cross-cultural education to international students, according to the flyer.

"My perspective is you can't separate language and culture," Bergman-Lanier said. "Worldview is bound in language."

The program has students going to places all the time that give them an idea of how Americans do things, she said.

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PROFILE

UA graduate student goes after U.S. Senate seat against Rep. Boozman

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UA graduate student Abel Tomlinson will appear on the ballot this November against incumbent Rep. John Boozman.

Boozman and Tomlinson both met with students last week after each hosted separate and overlapping discussions on sustainability.

Boozman currently has a 10 percent rating by the League of Conservation Voters. Video of the meeting is posted on

YouTube.

Tomlinson's platform is marked for its frontline stance on environmental incentive programs and nonviolent foreign policy tactics.

It also calls for an effort to decrease the need for U.S. support in Iraq, improvements to the carbon footprint by increasing independence from fossil fuels, linking U.S. dependence on oil to the war in Iraq and global climate changes, which have led to recent famines throughout the world.

"If we don't make the right changes, we may be facing a serious economic and societal collapse," Tomlinson said. "The world is affected by decisions Arkansas makes."

Tomlinson's platform favors election reform to make voting easier for voters. He takes issue with the quantities of fiscal revenue allocated to weapons, prisons, insurance, pharmaceuticals, oil, coal and nuclear industries, noting "the wealthi-

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Graduate student Abel Tomlinson stands at the corner of Dickson Street and College Avenue protesting the liberation of Iraq. Tomlinson is running against Senator John Boozman.

RIAA requests file-sharing info from UA

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UA administrators recently received a formal request from the Recording Industry Association of America, a trade group that represents intellectual property and First Amendment rights of the U.S. recording industry, asking that the UA cooperate in addressing illegal file-sharing activities. And like at most universities across the nation, UA students are not happy.

"There's no reason why the RIAA should have the right or ability to do this," said Taylor Hunter, former on-campus resident and senior at the UA.

"How is it not legal to tap phone lines but it's legal to trace down people's IP addresses? It's needless," he said. "I think we could devote our time elsewhere, for a better cause. It's a needless process."

IP addresses are unique addresses that computer networks

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New RSO focuses on helping the Delta

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Students and faculty can help retain the heritage of the Arkansas Delta and rebuild its future through a new Registered Student Organization, said Krista Jones, president of the Advocates for the Arkansas Delta.

The mission statement for AAD is that it's a student-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to building outreach activities directed toward the people, culture and heritage of the Arkansas Delta by preserving the past, enriching the present and shaping the future, Jones said.

Those collaborating on the RSO thought it would function as a forum for people to talk about or participate in projects going on in the Delta, promote regional activities and discuss strategies to overcome economic, social and racial divides that exist in the Delta, Jones said.

"We are starting the RSO now so that we can have funding in the fall," she said. AAD consists of David Jolliffe,

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