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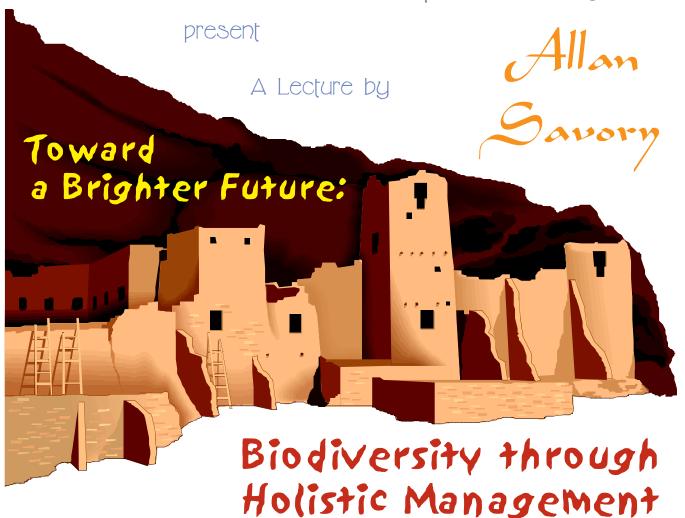
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We are trivializing the concept of biodiversity at our peril. Only recently has it become accepted that over thousands of years many civilizations have been self-destructive by damaging biodiversity—something now facing global civilization. Savory will present reasons why one can be more optimistic about humanity's future than ever before in history. He will discuss ways that the general public and policy makers can start to move to a more hopeful future through structuring decision making processes on the level of families, businesses, communities, and governments.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For special accommodation, contact us at 565-2266 or philosophy@unt.edu.

Friday, April 4, 3:00 p.m. in EESAT 130

Savory is the founding director of the Center for Holistic Management in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the author of Holistic Management: A New Framework for Decision-Making (Island Press, 1999). He was a research biologist and game ranger in Northern Rhodesia (today Zambia), and a politician, international consultant, farmer and game rancher in Southern Rhodesia (today Zimbabwe). In the 1960s while working on the interrelated problems of increasing poverty and disappearing wildlife, he made a significant breakthrough in understanding what was causing the degradation and desertification of the world's grassland ecosystems. Exiled in 1979 as a result of his opposition to the ruling party, headed by Ian Smith, he emigrated to the United States where he co-founded the Center for Holistic Management.