

Green Pastures

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Housing Kicks-off Energy Fest '08 on Earth Day!

On April 22, Green Campus participated in the Housing Green Committee's Earth Day Celebration. The event encouraged sustainable living in campus residence halls. A drum call greeted many of the residents at Encinitas lawn who were encouraged to join in on the festivities. The effort to create a harmonious sound reflects how each individual's contribution affects the whole community, stressing the importance of working together for sustainability. Members of the Housing Green Committee gave out notebooks and pencils made of recycled newspapers, and Green Campus interns provided free Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) to kick off energy education week. CFLs are energy efficient light bulbs that use 75% less energy than regular incandescent bulbs. Residents

were asked to sign a pledge to replace at least one incandescent in their dorm room. Green Campus hopes that this will remind students to save energy during the upcoming energy competition as well show that energy conservation can be as simple as changing a light bulb.

From April 22-24, Resident Advisors (RAs) held informative programs on how to best save energy in the dorms. Power strips, CFLs, air conditioning, and behavior were just some of the week's topics. Residents were told to set their thermostats to 75 degrees or higher to reduce the air conditioning consumption, and to shut off their power strips when they leave their rooms to lower their appliance phantom loads (appliances such as DVD players, cell phone chargers, and stereos use energy even when

they are powered off). RAs hope that this will prepare residents for the upcoming energy competition, Energy Fest '08, scheduled from April 28 – May 23.

All participating buildings will receive a small prize and the winning building will receive a grand prize. Every Tuesday, residents will be updated on how they are doing compared to the other residence halls. RAs have come up with creative ways to remind residents to save energy during the competition, including posters with an array of energy saving tips, or distributing bottled water with energy saving tips. Residents are excited to see how they will do in comparison to the other residence halls. Let the competition begin!

By: Razilee Tadeo

Cal Poly Pomona and the National Wildlife Federation present the 2008 Campus Climate Summit

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22nd and was started by former Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. After a decade of dramatic of environmental change, from Congress's approval of Wilderness Act to Rachel Carson's prolific book "Silent Spring," Nelson saw the need to create a day to celebrate the Earth. Nelson's idea became a plan and the first Earth Day was held on April 22nd in 1970. With the help of Denis Hayes, then a graduate student at Harvard, the team organized activities and teach-ins throughout the country estimating a participation level of 20 million from schools to communities all across the state.

Today Earth Day is alive and well and celebrated throughout the world. From Cal Poly Pomona to across the Atlantic, Earth Day is seen as a day of celebration and reflection of the importance of protecting our planet.

Not only did Green Campus participate in Earth Day with a CFL exchange this year, but we were also present at the 2008 Campus Climate Summit held on our very own campus. The summit took place on

April 24th in the AgriScapes Visitor's Center and presented in collaboration with the National Wildlife Federation. The Summit brought together the California State University, University of California, private universities, and community colleges from all over southern California and community members to address the various ways higher education institutions can work together to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and share best practices in promoting sustainable practices on campus. The event highlighted the need for a coordinated effort to develop a climate action plan on every southern California campus. Cal Poly Pomona, one of the first CSU campuses to sign onto the President's Climate Commitment in 2007, was proud to host and support a continued collaborative effort. As a result of this convergence, attendees developed the web-based network and list serv, Southern California Climate Action Network (SoCalCAN). To sign-on to the list serv, or for more information, go to www.SoCalCAN.org.
By Sunny Tsou

Earth Day Fair Yields Good Results and Lots of Fun

The Earth Day Fair was an amazing success this year! On April 22nd nearly 300 people visited the Earth Day Fair in University Park at Cal Poly Pomona. The Green Team, Green Campus Program, Alternative Vehicle Club, and the Center for Regenerative Studies were just a few of the participating organizations. Clubs and organizations provided information about their programs, and the Alternative Vehicle Club gave a technical presentation on how to make bio-diesel.

Green Campus distributed a total of 133 compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) throughout the day. These energy efficient light bulbs use up to a quarter of the energy of their incandescent equivalents and last ten times longer! It is estimated that these bulbs will save 5,388 kilowatt hours per year, and prevent approximately 21, 812 pounds of CO₂ from being emitted into the atmosphere. Everyone who received a bulb, pledged to replace and properly dispose of an incandescent in their own home.

Green Campus hopes all who took part in the event enjoyed and learned about what they can do to help live a sustainable lifestyle. We would also like to send out a big thanks to the Green Team for setting up the event.

By: Christopher Scotti

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2007-08 academic
year to date:

Metrics:

Energy Savings:
435,389 kWh
savings

\$ Savings:
\$8008.35

-Based on CFLs exchanged
-Savings over course of
year

This Month's Fun Fact

-Every year, more than \$13 billion worth of energy leaks from houses through small holes and cracks. That's more than \$150 per family!

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