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Save the Date:

- Green Campus will be holding their first Stakeholder meeting of the academic year during the first week of October. Stay tuned for updates from the meeting

Points of Interest:

- Upcoming green project ideas and happenings
- “What is your Eco-gesture?”

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Welcome Back Anteaters!

By Kelly Li

Welcome back Anteaters! Summer has just ended and Green Campus has already begun the year with a successful turnout during welcome week. Nearly 250 new students signed up for Green Campus, in the hopes of getting involved with some of our projects.

The first day of Welcome Week was the involvement fair. During the fair numerous freshmen and upper classmen walked through Aldrich Park to find the right clubs for them. They are extremely interested in getting involved with Green Campus as

learning more about energy and water efficiency. A number of students were asking about getting involved with some hands-on projects to reduce UCI's energy bill.

Not only were they enthusiastic about the project but they were also interested in becoming part of the “green” world. During the tabling event interns had a trivia board containing energy facts and information about Green Campus. When the students responded with the correct answer they

won a Green Campus button or Smencil. During the second day of welcome week, interns tabled on Ring Road. A lot of students showed great interest and talked

to the interns in order to receive more information about what Green Campus is doing and what they can do to help. Green Campus has become a household name among the student body, many of them had heard of Green Campus before they came over to the booth. Green

Campus also tabled at the Blue and Gold Spirit Rally where UCI held the largest dodge ball game in history. It was a great opportunity for Green Campus to recruit and advertise. Welcome Week has been a great success for Green Campus's fall recruitment. We will help these new students get connected to the energy and water efficiency projects and educational series at UCI. Students have received a lot of information about what is happening with UCI sustainability and Green Campus projects.

“Welcome Week was a great place to meet new club members. We received over 200 new contacts, which helped to spread awareness of Green Campus at UCI.”
- Intern Henna Pithia



Green Campus intern Cynthia Leung helps table at this year's Welcome week booth in Aldrich Park.



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Vista: The New Green in Mesa Court

By Henna Pithia

“RA Henna, the shower is leaking. RA Henna, can we have a compost bin? RA Henna, what exactly do we do as the Global Sustainability Hall?” Whether it’s notifying Residential Advisors of a leaking shower head that wastes water or whether it’s about finding out how they can get involved in the green movement at UCI, the first year residents of Mesa Court’s Global Sustainability hall, Vista, are on top of their game and seeking to promote sustainability within and outside the hall.

Not only are residents of Vista thinking about ways they can make a difference, but they have also begun to adapt their lifestyles by using the new technology in Vista to save water. This year’s Vista residents are the first group of students in Mesa Court’s history to have motion sensor , dual flush toilets, and shower

heads with a pause function. Residents also have a hydration station, recycled carpet, and multiple recycling bins within the hall.

In addition to these lifestyle changes, the RA of Vista, Green Campus intern Henna Pithia, will help introduce energy efficiency concepts to these students by setting an example and teaching them ways to save. Another way Mesa Staff plans to instill these concepts in the students is to hold a class during winter quarter that will cover energy and sustainability topics.

The opportunity Vista residents have to get involved with the green movement at UCI and learn how they can have an impact on energy and water efficiency is huge. Green Campus will keep you updated on what is happening in Vista and the new ideas that the residents come up with to help UC Irvine become a greener and more efficient campus.



From Left to Right: Vista Resident fills up his Re-usable water bottle at the all new hydration station. Vista Resident recycles a water bottle in one of the many recycle bins in Vista’s common kitchen area.

EUROPE AT A GLANCE



Parisians Push Green Cars to New Limits

By Cynthia Leung

While on my travels this summer, I spent six days total in Paris. One day, I was exploring the Champs Elysee, one of the busiest and most central street in Paris, when I stumbled across a concept car exhibition held by the French car company, Renault. Displayed in the front window was their one hundred percent electric car. Situated right across on the other front window was a car completely covered in grass.; obviously not for function, but it was definitely an attention getter.

One concept I found really interesting was their idea of having "Quickdrop Stations." These stations would allow for long trips without drivers having to wait for their batteries to recharge. A driver with low battery could pull into a Quickdrop station, drop off

their drained battery, and pick up one that has been fully charged at the station. As the driver drives off in their new fully charged battery, their old one gets sent into a rotation as it charges and waits its turn to be placed in another electric

"What is your Eco gesture?"

car once it has been fully charged.

My favorite part of the exhibition was their big wall of post-its titled, "ET VOUS, QUEL EST VOTRE ECO-GESTE?," which translates to, "And you, What is your eco-gesture?" Hundreds of post-its contained messages from all the people who visited the exhibit. It was a wall expressing the environmental thoughts of people from all around the world. After all, Paris is quite the international

city; what a great location to have a message board like this!

Being the faithful Green Campus intern, I also decided to add my own touches to this wall which is featured on the previous page. I was also lucky enough to have a chance to return to Paris at the conclusion of my trip and actually saw this whole wall filled a brand new set of post-its all with a whole batch of ideas.

The Renault exhibit fell right into line with the sustainable transportation I was taking to get around Europe. The innovative concept cars and ideas were a great showcase of the future of sustainable private transportation. Hopefully we will see more cars like these coming from our own American car industry as we work towards a more sustainable future.

Green Happenings on the Horizon

By Bogdan Rusu

Many UCs have passed student sponsored sustainability funds, often called "The Green Initiative Fund," or TGIF. Last year TGIF passed at UC Irvine. Former UCI Green Campus intern Max Broad, who graduated in 2009, helped pass TGIF. A \$3.50 fee was added to the student tuition, creating a budget of about \$120,000 per year. Since Max, there has been interest within the Green Campus program to have somebody apply for a TGIF position, in efforts to collaborate and get

projects going. Over the summer, current intern Bogdan Rusu applied for



the Marketing Commissioner position, and was elected. One of the fundamental questions that he deals with is how to market TGIF to more than 20,000 undergraduate students. It is most likely that the students involved in sustainability oriented organizations on campus will apply for

TGIF grants to fund their projects. It is Bogdan's wish to give the Green Campus club members and for-credit interns all the support and information they need to successfully apply for grants and get their energy efficiency projects funded. On the other end, he is currently working with TGIF interns and commissioners to make the application process as straight forward as possible, by shortening the 10 page application and creating specific applications for infrastructure, education, research, sustainable services, or



DID YOU KNOW?

- UC Irvine has been chosen as a site for an Arbor Day Foundation, Tree Campus, USA event. There will be a tree planting (about 75-100 trees) in Aldrich Park on Friday November 19th.
- UC Irvine was ranked 6th in the nation for "greenest" schools.

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