



the GREEN @ UC Irvine

Points of Interest:

- UC Irvine's Green Campus Program has a new lead from the Alliance to Save Energy—Peter Jenkins
- Green Campus has a new program coordinator from UCI—Suzanne Hibbs
- Over 100 students signed up for Green Campus during Welcome Week

Save the Date:

- The First Green Campus Club meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 6:00 pm in SE2 1304
- CSU Facilities Management Conference will be held November 4-6th, 2007.
- The Alliance to Save Energy's Annual Green Campus Program Energy Efficiency Summit will be held February 10-11th, 2008 at San Diego State University.

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Emerging Green Builders Visit UCI

By Courtney Gill

On September 13, 2007 the Emerging Green Builders of Orange County made a special trip to UC Irvine to visit Middle Earth's Green Room.

A reception was held in Bucklebury where Samantha Kao, Green Campus Intern, explained the whole concept of the Green Room to the Green Builders. Then Samantha, Courtney Gill, and Andrew Sata gave groups of five to seven people personal tours of the Green Room.

According to Andrew, "It's better to see the Green Room in small groups like this.

It gives people a chance to see the types of products available to everyone as opposed to being forced to take a glance and rush through."

The Green Room at UC Irvine was recently moved from the Mesa Court freshmen housing complex to Middle Earth. It is now located in Balin? as the official tour dorm room of the housing community. It still contains all environmentally friendly products—from recycled materials, energy star appliances, to organic cotton clothing and bed sheets.

The Emerging Green Builders of Orange County is an



The Green Builders Reception in Bucklebury

organization composed of planners, architects, builders and designers all with similar ideals about building things in a Green way. Their mission statement says it all—"Building a network of students and young professionals advocating environmental awareness and sustainable development within the Orange County community and building industry."

Almost 40 people were in attendance at the event, but The Emerging Green Builders weren't the only group there. Architects and designers trying to obtain their LEED certification, students, and members of the UC Irvine community all participated. As Samantha said, "A project like this one draws all kinds of people. It helps change the way you think about what it means to be Green."



The Green Builders visit the Green Room



Welcome Week

By Kong Sham

September 24th through 28th, was UC Irvine's "Welcome Week," the official start of the 2007-08 academic year. Every day during the week, the coordinators of the Green Campus Program tabled both in Aldrich Park and on Ring Road. Both places were filled with

new freshman and transfer students anxious to join clubs.

Through our successful tabling we were able to attract many incoming and returning students interested in energy conservation and other environmental issues.

After totaling up all of the signatures, the Green Campus Program reached more than 100 students interested in hearing about our meetings. This is one of the most successful turnouts of sign ups for the Green Campus Program at UCI.

This influx of new students also forced us to change our club meeting room. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3 in Social Ecology 2, room 1304. It will be an exciting meeting with lots of new members to meet and get involved in the important issues and projects we hope to work on this year.



Green Campus Interns Kong Sham (far left) and Courtney Gill (second to the left) sign up new Green Campus members



Peter Jenkins

Introducing Peter Jenkins!

Hi, my name is Peter Jenkins, UC Irvine's new Green Campus lead from the Alliance to Save Energy. I have been working with the Alliance to Save Energy since February 2007 on both the Green Schools and Green Campus education programs.

In addition to my role as UC Irvine lead, I carry out a

number of administrative, communications, event coordination, and research roles.

I graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 2006, with degrees in Politics and Environmental Studies. As a student I worked with several campus sustainability groups, including the state-wide

CalPIRG program and Comercio Justo, a UCSC fair-trade and social justice organization, so I'm very pleased to continue working on campus sustainability issues. With all the great projects planned, I'm very excited to be working with the UC Irvine Green Campus team, and look forward to a great year!



Suzanne Hibbs

Introducing Suzanne Hibbs!

My name is Suzanne Hibbs and I am the proud new supervisor of the Green Campus interns at UC Irvine. Although my career position on the UCI campus is as the UCI Recycling & Refuse Coordinator I have gladly participated in several sustainability projects on campus and have been involved with the Green Campus program from the beginning.

About five years ago,

along with a very supportive faculty member I started a for-credit recycling and waste reduction internship. Since the inception of the Green Campus program at UCI, the for-credit internship has expanded to include Green Campus interns in order to help paid interns with their projects. Many of the for-credit interns have transitioned in to paid positions such as is the case with Samantha and Courtney. It

seems like a logical transition to name me as supervisor as I have worked closely with the Green Campus students all along.

I am extremely excited to work with this impressive group of students. They have a lot of very worthwhile projects planned for this year and I am eager to lend my support to them in whatever way that I can.

Upcoming Projects

By *Samantha Kao*

With a brand-new school year ahead of us, Green Campus interns are looking forward to our planned projects and events at UC Irvine.

Following the success of the lab competition and fume hood campaign in Natural Sciences I during the previous school year, we are currently working with the Department of Environmental Health & Safety to expand the project toward our graduate students

in the School of Medicine.

The Green Campus interns are also collaborating with Paul Wingco in coordinating office audits to maximize energy efficiency on other areas of our campus. We hope to include surveys of lighting, plug loads, and equipment that can be updated or replaced in selected offices.

In addition, Green Campus is looking forward to Focus the Nation, an event scheduled for January 31, 2008. Focus the Nation has been organizing schools and groups

all over the United States to hold events that raise awareness about global warming and other environmental issues, as a national symposium of sorts.

In addition to these new and exciting projects, Green Campus will also be continuing our yearly projects, including Take the Stairs Days, dorm education programs in Middle Earth and Mesa Court, CFL exchanges, and Earth Day. With so many projects planned, we're very excited for the Fall Quarter!

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