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TAKE THE STAIRS DAY A MAJOR SUCCESS!

By Haley Gilmore

Green Campus celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd by hosting a Take the Stairs Day. From 10 am to 2 pm Green Campus interns tabled in Chico State's Free Speech Area asking passersby to sign a pledge stating that they would take the stairs, if they were able, instead of the elevators around campus for the day. Within the four hour period, GC interns were able to get 497 pledges, which included Chico Mayor Ann Schwab.

Signage highlighting the benefits of opting to take the stairs was out on display and Green Campus informational pamphlets were available for the taking, as well as energy savings tips from PG&E. Captain Energy even made an appearance to help draw people to the table!



Captain Energy collecting pledges

Those who signed the pledge were informed about how taking the stairs, although a small behavioral change, can add up to huge energy savings for the university.

Those who pledged were also given candy and an informational flier about the Green Campus program and those who indicated their name and phone number were eligible to win gift cards to either Chipotle or Best Buy.

Tabling and Outreach

By Shannon York

Green Campus was busy this month with a variety of tabling and outreach events. Not only was Take the Stairs Day tabling a huge success but our two other tabling events were a success as well!

Staff and interns manned a table during the Thursday Night Market and passed out information about a power management software program called "Edison" that individuals can put on their home computers and laptops to save energy and money as well as general energy efficiency tips for the home as well as some specific for the summer.

Green Campus staff and interns also manned a table at ChicoFest where the same energy efficiency material was passed out, along with general Green Campus brochures.

Tabling is such an effective way of getting the word out not only about the Chico Green Campus Program but also about energy efficiency and the fantastic monetary and energy savings that can come of it. Green Campus was proud to participate in all of these events and looks forward to doing more in the future.



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MONTHLY METRICS

Tabling outreach
187 fliers handed out

Vending Miser savings (7 more vending misers installed this month)
5,897 kWh saved annually

~ \$771 saved annually

Sustainability House presentations participants
An average of 16 people per presentation

Take the Stairs Day pledges
497 signed pledges



SCOOP UPDATE

By Jackie Mercure

SCOOP has been very busy this month. We have completed five of the six office audits we have scheduled for the semester and are now working on putting debriefs together in order to present them to the offices.

The audits themselves have been a great learning experience for everyone involved. Getting out there and using the energy audit tools is very exiting. We also have been very impressed by the offices. The staff is very interested and wants to be involved in making their offices more sustainable.

It is also surprising to see what practices they already have in action. For example many of the offices already use their lighting strategy and actually are lit to the correct luminescence.

We look forward to presenting the information to the offices and hopefully making more changes.

POWER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

By Kalen Daniel

Green Campus and User Services will be receiving the power management software within the next week and will have a total of 1600 licenses to install within various labs across campus.

At the Power Save Lab Managers Meeting, many of the lab managers seemed very interested in installing the software and those that were interested will be involved in the piloting process.

Rebates will more than likely be applied for during the summer and the university may be generous enough to give Green Campus a portion of the rebate that would cover the costs for the software and maintenance of the software for five years that Green Campus has purchased.

Green campus will begin installing on individual Associated Students staff computers in the BMU next month. Interested lab managers will begin installing and piloting the software over summer. After the software is installed on various labs, Green Campus and User Services will obtain spreadsheets and data charts to show the actual savings at each networked computer lab that has the program installed.

Hopefully, after successful piloting of the software, the university will consider adopting a campus-wide plan to incorporate this software on compatible computers all across campus, although, for now piloting is limited to only staff and lab computers.

Ryan Richter will take over the project with one of our continuing Green Campus interns to guide the project along the piloting process. If this project is implemented successfully, it could save over a \$100,000 annually!

This project has been getting some major attention, include some from AASHE. They were kind enough to feature us in their most recent newsletter! We're hoping this will encourage other campuses to follow in Chico State's low-carbon footprint.

A special thanks to Halli Bovia from the Institute for Sustainable Development, Ryan Richter and everyone else who have contributed to making this project a success for User Services, Green Campus and the university!



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ENERGY COMPETITION UPDATES

By Shannon York

The first Whitney Hall and the Shasta and Lassen energy reduction competitions were all huge successes! Thank you to all of the students who participated, the RAs who spread the word and Brad in Whitney and Eric in Shasta/Lassen for helping us run everything smoothly!

Look for the energy-saving results from April's energy competitions in next month's newsletter!

From what it looks like right now, it seems as though all three halls have saved the required amount of energy to earn them each an ice cream party. Green Campus will be throwin' scoops and teaching residence about energy efficiency through the movie *Phantom Hunter* and a raffle!

Sustainable Sundays Teach Simple Ways to Decrease Impact

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Green Campus has been hosting a new program called Sustainable Sundays for the residents of Sustainability House and the rest of North Campus. These programs aim to introduce the residents to other aspects of sustainability that compliment energy conservation and efficiency.

In the past month, Sustainable Sundays hosted Adele Pfister from AS recycling on April 5th and Deanna Dottai and Desi Hatton from Take Back the Tap on April 19th. Over 50 residents have attended these workshops since they started last month and Green Campus believes it has been an effective way to introduce new sustainable practices into the lives of Chico State freshman. Both Green Campus and AS Sustainability are also benefitting from this new collaboration.



There are two more workshops taking place before the end of the semester. Mark Herrera from RARE (Recycling and Rubbish Exhibit) will be giving a Composting 101 presentation on Sunday, May 3rd and Green Campus interns will finish off the series by presenting an Energy 101 workshop on May 10th.

VENDING MISER INSTALLATION

Seven more vending misers were installed during the month of April and three more are to be installed before the end of the school year. The locations where the most current vending misers were installed include O'Connell Hall, Holt Hall, Glenn Hall, Meriam Library and Plumas Hall.

Finding the right conditions for vending misers is trickier than one may think! There has to be fairly easy access to the back of the vending machine to attach the miser, there has to be enough space between the machine and the ceiling in order to attach the sensor and the machine can't be too heavy. Green Campus has run into all of these problems, but is determined to get the misers on as many machines as possible!



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