FOR-CREDIT INTERNSHIPS

By Ravi Sahai, Secretary

Green Campus is looking to expand its team to include a for-credit internship. For-credit interns would work alongside our current paid interns, assisting them on current projects and possibly even leading their own projects.

In order for the intern to get academic credit, they are required to go to their specific department and request academic credit from their supervisor. They must request credit on their own; we cannot provide it for them. The intern will get credit if they can tie their work with Green Campus to their major and submit written reports periodically with a final report at the end of the quarter, although this process varies slightly between departments. To make the process of earning academic credit as straightforward as possible, written reports and updates will be required as part of the job responsibilities.

Green Campus is currently in the process of identifying faculty sponsors for the program in different departments. Advertisement for the position will begin in the fall, and interns will be hired winter quarter.

NEW INTERN HIRING

By Sarah Fleming, Team Manager

The Cal Poly Green Campus Program is looking for a new Project Intern to join the team. This person will work with the Green Campus Program to implement energy saving projects, attend weekly meetings and participate in team logistics. The position will start in the fall 2009 quarter and the recipient will participate in projects such as the Dorm Energy Competition. Applicants should have excellent written and oral communication skills, be motivated, and have experience in environmental issues, with emphasis on those relating to energy. The Green Campus team would prefer candidates with experience in on-campus activism, a relationship with campus environmental groups, and a working relationship with administrators and staff in facilities and/or the housing department.

The team is currently in the process of developing a for-credit internship. Once this is in place, the Green Campus team will have an opportunity to hire a student who has completed the internship. This student will already have experience with the program, types of projects, and team members which will make for a smooth transition into the intern position.

DISHWASHER REPLACEMENT

By Ravi Sahai, Secretary

In June, analysis was conducted to determine whether or not the auxiliary dishwasher could be replaced with a smaller dishwasher. The auxiliary dishwasher has a very different
operating schedule than the main dishwashers in the dining complex and VG’s Cafe. It runs an average of 4 hours a day with sporadic use, which results in smaller energy consumption due to the lighter dish load. Because of the smaller demand, Green Campus proposes that Campus Dining downsize the dishwasher from a flight type conveyor to a door-type system.

To decide whether or not downsizing is feasible, measurements will be taken in September to determine an equivalent racks per hour. These measurements will allow Green Campus to compare the washing rates of the two dishwashers. The door-type machine uses much less energy and water than the flight-type, and replacing the current auxiliary dishwasher with a door type conveyor would result in major annual energy and water savings.

Green Campus recommends that the dishwasher in VG’s Cafe be replaced by the Stero STPCW-ER-21, a dishwasher with comparable size and capacity. The Stero STPCW-ER-21 uses significantly less water and energy than the old dishwasher and would result in an estimated savings of $18,412 annually.

We will meet with Alan Cushman, Associate Director of Campus Dining, in September to recommend replacements for the old models.

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THE NEW LOOK OF CAL POLY GREEN CAMPUS

By Danielle Chandler, Public Relations

The Cal Poly Green Campus Program has a fresh, new look. After hiring a new Public Relations Intern this summer, the Program was given a facelift, including logo and newsletter layout, with even more refreshing changes on the way.

With the new look, the Cal Poly Green Campus Program hopes to grab the attention of a wider audience, captivating the students and staff of Cal Poly. Unique, modern colors and more fundamental and intriguing advertisements will draw further attention to our cause, and create a more successful, and very green, campus.

As fall quarter approaches, advertisements for the new intern position will be posted, promotional material will be created, and the students of Cal Poly will become even more familiar with the face of Green Campus.

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TOTAL GREEN CAMPUS ENERGY SAVINGS

- Annual energy savings generated by projects through July: 7,449 kWh
- Annual Cost Savings generated by projects through July: $744.90
- Total energy savings of program to date: 371,553.59 kWh
- Total cost savings of program to date: $37,155.36