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UW Celebrates Earth Day

Friday the 21st of April kicks off a week-long Earth Day 2000 celebration at the UW main campus. The UW is one of thousands of colleges, universities, and communities throughout the world marking the 30th anniversary of Earth Day and the birth of the environmental movement.

"The objective was to organize a national demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda." *Gaylord Nelson, former US senator from Wisconsin and Earth Day founder*

The 1970 Earth Day led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Communities around the country established recycling programs. In 1971, the University of Washington began recycling office paper.

Earth Day 2000 activities at the UW are being organized by both students and campus operations. Students are planning a parade, lectures, tree planting, and nature walks.

The Recycling Program has coordinated **Earth Fest** on Friday, April 21 to showcase the University's continued commitment to conserving resources. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., everyone is invited to the



HUB lawn where there will be information booths, music, and prizes. The booths will feature:

- UW's electric car
- Physical Plant's benches built with lumber made of recycled plastic
- Custodial Services' program to reduce use of harsh chemical cleaning agents
- Publications Services' silver recycling program
- Grounds Maintenance's integrated pest management practices
- Motor Pool's use of recycled oil
- Environmental Health and Safety's effort to reduce hazardous waste
- Student organizations' eco-friendly programs

Between noon and 3 p.m. on April 21, the Recycling Center will be open for visitors to see how campus paper is graded and baled for market. The Center is located at 4534 Union Bay Place, east of University Village, just south of the Bowman Building, across the street from Pinocchio's Toys.

As part of Earth Fest, the campus community is encouraged to bicycle to work. "It's a good way to reduce stress and help the environment," stated Peter Dewey, Transportation Office Manager.

On Wednesday, April 26 at 4 p.m., Associate Provost Debra Friedman will cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the UW Compost Demonstration Project. This facility is a joint project of the UW and King County Department of Natural Resources. It is managed by Dr. Chuck Henry, Research Associate Professor, Forest Resources. The composting site is located near the Center for Urban Horticulture off Clark Road. Please check the Winter 1999 issue of *Used neWs* for more information on the composting project. Call Dr. Henry at 685-1915 with questions about the dedication.

Other campus activities are scheduled through April 28. Look for additional information in *The Daily*.

USWest Delivers Fewer Phonebooks

Seattle telephone directories will be delivered to campus May 10 through May 12. Delivery to street addresses near campus starts April 19 and continues through May 15. The collection of old directories begins May 22. **Please have your old directories ready for pickup.** The recycling vendors for buildings the UW leases will recycle directories from each site.

USWest Dex is delivering fewer Seattle telephone directories to campus this year. Departments were asked to reduce the number of directories they order by 80%. The overall response to this request is remarkable. Some departments chose to keep their old phonebooks and access directories on the Web instead. One directory site is www.uswestdex.com.

Thank you for contributing to waste reduction efforts on campus.



....Talkback....



I want to recycle my glass and plastic drink containers. Where can I do this?

Receptacles for recycling glass and plastic beverage containers are located outside almost every building and at drop sites in areas of heavy foot traffic, such as: Parking Lot N-22, Kane Hall, and Sieg Hall.

There are also interior receptacles for recycling glass and plastic in locations where these containers are generated in high quantities, such as Housing and Dining's facilities and other food service areas. Plastic and glass beverage containers are collected at Husky football games, as well.

The Recycling Program is investigating expanding internal collection of plastic beverage containers. The benefit of convenience must be weighed against the cost of adding this element to our recycling program. Please continue to recycle glass and plastic containers at the many locations on campus.



We have sheets of self-adhesive labels on glossy paper to dispose of. Can these be recycled?

No, the glossy paper is not recyclable so sheets of labels must go in the trash.

Easier Hardbound Book Recycling

The 1024 Surplus form is no longer required to dispose of UW hardbound books and catalogues. The options now are:

- Put one or two at a time in a green (mixed-paper) bagit. Remember, the weight limit for each bagit is 35 pounds.
- Box larger quantities of hardbound books and catalogues. Contact 685-2811 or usednews@u.washington.edu to request a pickup. Please include your name, phone number, e-mail address, the number of boxes, and the building and room where the books are located.
- You may still include hardbound books and catalogues with items sent to Surplus Property.

Questions Answered Online



Does a recycling question lurk in the back of your mind? Find answers on the Recycling Program website. This site gives an alphabetical listing of materials or topics with links to additional information. You can e-mail service requests directly from the www.washington.edu/admin/recycling site.

This site can also be reached through links from "Information for: Faculty/Staff" on the UW home page. Look for "Campus Maintenance and Recycling" on the "Faculty and Staff Guide."

As we develop the Recycling Program site, look for recycling locations by building and links to local, state, and national recycling websites. If you know about great websites or places to recycle anything from toothbrushes to CDs, please share these resources with us at usednews@u.washington.edu.

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