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# the green scene

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#### **New Flex Parking Program**

Parking Services has announced an experimental parking program for the East Campus Garage that will not only save you money, but will support the university's master plan by decreasing the number of cars driven to campus daily. The flexible permit parking program provides an incentive for faculty and staff commuting to campus to use alternative forms of transportation such as public transit, carpooling or ride sharing programs, biking or walking. The program works by charging you only for the weekdays that you use your parking permit instead of charging you for an entire semester of parking. Fifty respondents who are currently permit holders in the East Campus Garage will participate in the experimental program. If you drive to campus every day, please consider reducing your environmental impact and use alternative forms of transportation!

# U.S. Green Building Council Conference and Expo

Carnegie Mellon will be showcasing its green building practices at the USGBC First Annual Green Building International Conference and Expo in Austin. Texas this November. The university will display the new Residence Hall which will be the first LEED™ certified building on campus, and will highlight the green building strategies used in the project. This conference will be the pre-eminent showcase for leading-edge green technologies in the building industry. It will offer an innovative education program promoting a sustainably built environment and will serve as the annual meeting place for the Green Building industry. For more information on the conference, see www.usgbc.org.



#### **Green Practices Interns Needed**

The CMU Energy Manager is looking for students interested in internships concerning campus energy use and conservation strategies for Fall 2002. Please contact Brad Hochberg at bradh@cmu.edu for more information.

The CMU Environmental Coordinator is looking for students interested in internships working with and improving the campus recycling system for Fall 2002. Please contact Barb Kviz at bk11@andrew.cmu.edu for more information.

#### **Environmental Institute Events**

The Distinguished Lecture Series of the Environmental Institute will include three events in the Spring of 2003. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Green Scene. The University Lecture Series sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Education will include an environmental lecture during Fall 2002:

Gene Duvernoy, President of the Cascade Land Conservancy, Seattle, WA (www.cascadeland.org/) Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) is a private, non-profit organization that conducts voluntary transactions to preserve natural and open space lands in urban and rural communities. A key figure in the preservation of land in the Seattle area. Gene Duvernoy is now head of a task force to develop ways of financing the operation of 20 parks in Seattle. He also played a major role in an agreement to purchase 100,000 acres of timberland near Seattle to protect it from development. He is also a graduate of Carnegie Mellon, 1974.

Lecture: Monday, November 18th in the Adamson Wing, 136A Baker Hall at 4:30pm.

Environmental Institute website: www.ce.cmu.edu/EnvInst

Green Design Initiative website: www.ce.cmu.edu/GreenDesign

#### **EARTH Student Environmental Group**

If you are interested in environmental issues and want to be actively involved in EARTH, or would like to know what is going on with local campus issues, national issues and global issues, please request to be on EARTH's distribution list.

EARTH email: Wendy Buffett earth@andrew.cmu.edu EARTH website: www.andrew.cmu.edu/org/earth/

#### Get Involved!

The types of events that EARTH is involved with are:

- Raising Environmental Awareness: art displays, posters, tabling, bringing speakers, and helping to keep you educated by knowing what's going on either on campus or off, knowing about new environmental issues, or keeping updated on changes in ongoing environmental issues
- Political Activism:
- writing politicians, protests, attending larger demonstrations in other cities, connecting with larger organizations to have a greater impact
- Volunteerism:
- cleaning up a park, helping out at an animal shelter, assisting an environmental research project, fundraising for a good cause
- Making Change Locally: attending Green Practices Committee meetings, being involved in a dialogue about university or purchasing decisions, connecting with Pitt/Chatham/Duquesne environmental groups, trying to get composting established locally, meeting local environmental groups

Green Practices website: www.cmu.edu/epc



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## Paper .

Mixed office paper can be recycled by taking these items to the blue recycling bins located in each department or computer cluster. Students can place these items in the recycling dumpsters located outside residence halls. Paper should be free of paper clips and other contaminants such as excessive tape or glue. Staples may remain. Shredded paper can be recycled in separate bags.

white and colored paper white and colored envelopes CMU phone directories booklets/manuals fax/telex copy paper greeting cards tab/time cards

cash machine transaction receipts NCR/carbon-less forms post-it notes/envelopes soft-covered books w/ white pages manilla folders adding machine tape

#### Cardboard \_

Flatten cardboard. No waxed cardboard. No packing materials. Corrugated cardboard should be placed beside the recycling bins in your area. Students can place cardboard in the recycling dumpsters located outside most residence halls.

## Plastic Containers \_\_\_\_

#1 and #2 only. Plastic bottles and food containers should be thrown into beverage recycling containers with cans and glass. Rinse food residues. Labels need not be removed.

plastic bottles (beverage) PET plastic bottles (beverage) PETE (Milk and Food Containers) HDPE

## Glass Containers \_\_\_

Glass containers should be rinsed. Remove lids. Labels need not be removed. Glass should be thrown into beverage recycling containers with plastic cans and bottles.

clear, brown, green, and blue containers

## Metal Containers .

Cans should be thrown into beverage recycling containers with glass and plastic bottles. Rinse food residues.

aluminum steel bi-metal (tin) cans

# Other recyclable items -

Pick up an envelope in the library to send in ink-jet cartridges ink-jet cartridges

Drop off toner cartridges at Computer Operations (Cyert 100)

toner cartridges

Send the following items in campus mail to FMS Recycling:

compact disks transparencies batteries: alkaline

See EH&S web-site at www.cmu.edu/ehs/ to recycle the following items:

batteries: nicad, lithium-ion, nickel metal-hydride, lead-acid

fluorescent light bulbs computers and monitors aerosol cans and paint cans

## More good stuff \_

clothing: 'Give as you Go Program' in Housing Services allows for students to donate clothing and

unwanted items to the Salvation Army and Goodwill

styrofoam peanuts: bring to Mailboxes Etc. on Craig Street newspapers & magazines: keep separate, specially marked bins coming soon

phone books: keep separate, may be stacked next to your paper recycling bin

## NON-Recyclable Materials \_\_\_\_\_

All of these items should be put into the proper trash receptacle. Please do not place these items in the recycling receptacles. Trash is not sorted from recycling bins and "contaminated" recyclables will be thrown away.

wraps from paper meams magazines pizza boxes blueprints soiled or wet paper hard covered books

tissues

paper towels carbon paper

brown paper lunch bags polystyrene coffee cups paper with food waste on it cellophane (candy wrappers) golden kraft paper envelopes

Carnegie Mellon For more information contact:
Facilities Management Services x8-7858 GREEN PRACTICES Questions: recycling@andrew.cmu.edu **Thank you for your cooperation.** Learn more: http://www.cmu.edu/epc/