Department of Residence Life

Sustainability Efforts

2009-2010

Residence Halls:

- Working in conjunction with the Green Campus Committee on a recycling competition between the four residence halls for April. Competition would include measuring the amount of recycled materials, garbage, and “give aways” (for local shelters/pantries), with the winning hall receiving a pizza party for the entire hall.
- Plan to put individual recycling containers in all 422 student rooms this summer.
- Residence halls are participating in zero-sort recycling with the use of large containers in the wing lounges, but we need the individual recycling containers in each room in order to make this a more successful program.
- Go Green! Environmental Awareness Floor has been working on a project to collect soda cans from around campus and redeem them for money towards green programming efforts in the residence halls.
- Computer monitors were hung in the large RA office windows in the front of each residence hall which stream continuously with programs, events, and important information; thus significantly reducing the paper signs and information distributed in the residence halls.
- Older ceiling lights on basement floors within the residence halls were replaced a year ago with more energy-efficient lighting.

Residence Life Office:

- Plan to make copiers default to printing double-sided instead of single-sided copies before Fall
- Housing assignments were distributed on UCanWeb this year instead of via paper (began this process in Summer 2009, and will continue for future years)
- Housing application is available online (as of 2008), which has been successful
- Release request application will be available online by March 15, thus significantly reducing the need for our paper applications in the Admissions packet.
- Looking at putting student room combinations on UCanWeb instead of handing out paper packets at the check-in table on opening weekend.
- Planning to move to a paper-free system for students to submit “fix it” requests in the residence halls, hopefully to be implemented before Spring 2011.