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UC Los Angeles

9/12/2011: UCLA Fleet and Transit Director named a Sustainability All-Star

Sherry Lewis, UCLA Fleet & Transit director, has been selected as a Sustainability All-Star by *Green Fleet* magazine. She is one of 50 individuals nationwide to earn this distinction, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to environmental sustainability in the fleet industry.

Sherrys overall sustainable transportation goals continue to be reducing energy consumption and transitioning our fleet to renewable power sources. Currently 39.2% of UCLAs 1037 vehicle inventory are alternative fuel, including CNG, hybrid, flex-fuel, electric, and fuel-cell hybrid vehicles. Fleet & Transit partners with academic units to further the advancement of research projects for Original Equipment Manufacturer and fuel suppliers. UCLA has been recognized as an industry leader for innovative transportation programs and as an early adopter of new vehicle technologies.

Sherry is featured, along with all the newly named Sustainability All-Stars, in the September/October issue of *Green Fleet* magazine and was honored at the 2011 Green Fleet Conference in Grapevine, Texas on October 3-4. <http://www.greenfleetmagazine.com/article/50622/40-sustainability-sluggers-first-ever-all-star-awards/p/4>

8/31/2011: UCLA's top teachers: Law prof trains defenders of environment

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-s-top-teachers-inventing-214682.aspx>

One in a series of stories about UCLAs Distinguished Teaching Award winners. When Environmental Law Professor Ann Carlson first made the switch from politics and law firms to UCLA in 1994, she jumped right in by creating the schools environmental law clinic.

8/4/2011: UCLA profs' water-cleaning system could save campus thousands of gallons, dollars

Now, a combination ultra-filtration/reverse-osmosis system, devised by the UCLA Water Technology Research (WaTeR) Center, is chugging away in the basement of the Cogen. Its part of a pilot project that could save UCLA millions of gallons of water as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars...In February, Cohen, Christofides and their team of researchers set up Com2RO in the basement of the Cogen, and last week, the machine began continuous operation. The research team including four UCLA engineering grad students and a postdoc who have been working together on the project for two years is confirming the quality of the purified water, which is good enough to drink, Cohen noted. The use of the Cogen as a proving ground for technology invented at UCLA is a model for future projects, said Nurit Katz, the universitys sustainability coordinator. Were learning to integrate research and operations.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/profs-water-cleaning-system-could-211573.aspx>

8/1/2011: [U California Los Angeles Offers Green Commuting Incentives](#)

The University of California, Los Angeles' Transportation department has launched a web-based program that offers incentives for students to commute to campus in an environmentally friendly manner. Members of the Bruin Commuter Club can access services ranging from discounted parking to an emergency ride service. The program is designed for students, faculty and staff who carpool, use public transportation or bike and walk to campus. Since the clubs induction on July 11, more than 1,000 members of the university community have registered. The incentives, including an annual gift card for restaurants and online carpool matching program Zimride, will continue to be added to the program in 2012 to encourage ongoing sign-ups.

5/26/2011: From connecting farms to geo-mapping: UCLA staff and student develop sustainability plans

UCLA is about to pursue a combination of projects that range from high-tech, geo-tagged databases to literally back-to-the-farm ideas, thanks to teamwork between staff and students. The projects Bruins have developed include using more local farms and canneries for cafeteria food to amp up the university's sustainable food levels, building a tree-mapping database that can track everything from proper watering levels to climate changes effect on UCLA flora, a green the Greeks environmental program and more. The programs are the latest crop from UCLA's [Education for Sustainable Living Program](#), through which students can take a class that pairs teams of undergrads with staff stakeholders. Staff work with students Action Research Teams (ART) all year, relying on their energy to research and develop programs that may have percolated in the office but lacked the manpower to be realized.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/farms-and-geo-mapping-staff-students-204255.aspx>

5/27/2011: UCLA, UCI win awards for alternative commuting programs

UCLA Transportation wins the top Corporate Blue Diamond Award for pioneering development and robust management of wide array of commuting options for a daily campus population of 65,000. When all efforts to mitigate traffic are considered, UCLA generates less vehicle traffic today than it did in 1990, despite a 30 percent growth in the campus...Awards for Orange County top efforts in commuting and parking management on behalf of their employees and the community went to "ETC of the Year" Michael Davis of U.C. Irvine.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/staff-applause-transportation-204302.aspx>

http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/a-sweet-ride-annual-Diamond-Awards-showcase-commut/

4/20/2011: UCLA residence halls serve as living laboratory on motivations for saving energy

The study, Engage, takes the university's expertise in environmental economics and remote sensing and combines it with campus sustainability efforts and undergraduate support for environmental causes. Engage is systematically testing ways to instill conservation-minded behavior and the preliminary results show students are reducing their energy use when they can see just how much power they're using, and a little friendly competition with their floormates appears to make them cut back even more.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/students-compete-to-use-less-energy-201876.aspx>

Spring 2011: UCLA: A Living Laboratory for Sustainability

Since 1990 the University of California, Los Angeles has grown almost 40%, adding nearly eight million square feet to the campus footprint, the equivalent of over 4,000 houses. Over the last two decades UCLA research awards and grants have exploded from less than \$300 million to over one billion dollars annually. One would expect with such remarkable growth to see a parallel increase in environmental impact and resource use. Yet over the same two decades the University's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are almost level - a reduction of 26% in GHG emissions per square foot - water use has decreased, and less waste is sent to landfill. Is it possible to grow in a way that is responsible and conserves resources for future generations? Is it possible to generate economic activity and at the same time protect the environment? UCLA is striving to demonstrate a resounding "yes" to these questions. The motto of the University of California is *Fiat Lux*- Let There Be Light.' Through the years that light has not only grown brighter, it has grown smarter and more efficient. While the State of California and the world is in serious economic crisis, the University is harnessing the energy and creativity of the people of California to generate innovative solutions.

<http://www.environment.ucla.edu/reportcard/article.asp?parentid=10852>

3/9/2011: [First-Ever Bicycle Friendly Campus Designations Announced](#)

The League of American Bicyclists has announced the first institutions to receive its Bicycle Friendly University designation. The program recognizes colleges and universities that create environments where bicycling can thrive and provides a roadmap and technical assistance to create great campuses for bicycling. For its breadth of programs, including a cycling network, education programs like the Bike Safety Dorm Challenge, bicycling incentive programs and 21.7 percent of bike commuters, Stanford University (CA) received the only platinum-level award. Both Gold designations went to UC campuses - UC Davis and [University of California, Santa Barbara](#). One of the nine Silver designations went to UC Irvine and UCLA earned a Bronze.

11/09/2010: UCLA program creates competition, rewards for offices that go green

UCLA's new Green Office Certification program just named the Center for the Study of Women the greenest office on campus and center Director Kathleen McHugh hopes the news will inspire competition from other offices. We're happy to have a green throw-down with any unit on campus," said McHugh. "We would love to be beaten." The [Green Office Certification program](#) was developed by Nurit Katz, the UCLA sustainability coordinator, and after a successful summer pilot program, Katz is ready for more offices to [take the challenge](#). <http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/program-creates-competition-rewards-178773.aspx>

10/6/2010: UCLA Institute of the Environment now the *Institute of the Environment and Sustainability*

The Institute of the Environment begins fall quarter with a fresh title and extended identity as the [Institute of the Environment and Sustainability](#). "Everyone needs to operate in a way that allows future generations to thrive in the same way that we do today," Nordby said. "To accomplish that, we need to ensure that all of our actions are sustainable, which means they must be environmentally sound, they must help drive the economy, and they must be done in a way that is socially just and equitable. Environmental problems will only truly be solved when we also address the economic context and social concerns that surround those issues."...IoES faculty and programs draw from engineering, the sciences, policy, law, economics and social sciences in an integrated manner that is the foundation of sustainability, MacDonald said. [Leaders in Sustainability](#), a certificate program open to all graduate students, is operated by the institute, as is the [Education for Sustainable Living Program](#). A hallmark of this program is the Action Research Team that includes a university administrator to tackle issues of campus sustainability. Last year, the institute developed a course, Sustainability and the Environment, which provided students with GE credit in the physical, life or social sciences. There are plans to develop a professional graduate degree in sustainability. The institute's seven [research centers](#) will also work on developing specialized sustainability initiatives, MacDonald said.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/institute-s-new-name-highlights-172949.aspx>

5/28/2010: [U California Los Angeles Students Complete Green Projects](#)

Students at the University of California, Los Angeles have completed Action Research Projects to help make the University a more environmentally sustainable campus. Over the course of two quarters, 70 students were divided into 11 groups that each took on a different project. Topics included bicycles and their benefits, drought landscaping, sustainable food systems, water conservation, green student orientation, composting in residence halls, promoting drinking fountains over plastic water bottles, paperless course evaluations, single stream recycling, and green graduate housing.

<http://www.dailybruin.com/articles/2010/5/28/making-it-easier-be-green/>

5/2010: UCLA Health System Cafeterias Switch to Compostable Products

UCLA Health System recently improved its efforts to promote a healthier environment by replacing nearly all of the food service disposable products in the Dining Commons at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (RRUCLA) and cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital (SMUCLA) with sustainable, renewable products that are compostable and biodegradable...UCLA Health System is also taking steps to promote healthy eating while promoting a healthy environment by offering meatless entrees, made-to-order salads, bison burgers and other foods produced using sustainable agricultural methods. Reducing meat consumption correlates with reducing total livestock production, which in turn reduces methane gas pollution.

http://townhall.mednet.ucla.edu/hs_news/may2010/1005p7.html

4/16/2010: Student interest in green degree surges

When UCLA professor Glen MacDonald helped design the environmental science major in 2006, he knew students' growing involvement in sustainability would make the degree appealing, but resigned himself to the assumption that the rigorous requirements would dissuade many undergrads from signing up. Boy, was he wrong — and delighted to be so. The Environmental Science B.S. degree, offered by the [Institute of the Environment](#) (IoE), has become one of UCLA's fastest growing majors...The major surged from its inaugural 10 students in 2006 to 74 the next year. Now in its fourth year, roughly 230 students major in environmental science. Maybe it's

something in the water — sipped from reusable bottles made of recycled content, of course — that has inspired this rapid growth. But MacDonald thinks it's about awareness and job opportunity.

<http://www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/environmental-major-grows-157052.aspx>

See Also: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/04/22/ioe-earth-day/>

3/11/2010: UCLA trains day laborers for green gardening jobs

Victor Narro, a project director with UCLA's Downtown Labor Center, is creating a job placement co-op for newly certified green gardeners. Day laborers with an interest in gardening are being trained in small batches by a [Los Angeles city program](#), and the labor center is preparing a one-stop-shop to help homeowners find the right gardener skilled at installing and caring for drought-tolerant landscaping. The co-op, Native Green, will be a worker-owned organization designed for green-gardener job placement, Narro said.

<http://www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/going-native-ucla-gives-green-155024.aspx>

3/01/2010: UCLA students work with Inglewood high schoolers to start community garden

For a group of high school students in Inglewood, a community gardening project began with picking up debris: bags, bottle caps, a sprouting potato and crack pipes. Launched by students under the leadership of DArtagnan Scorza, a graduate student in education, the project aims to cultivate not only the city's first community garden, but also a sense of civic engagement and empowerment. Once a week, Scorza and two of his UCLA classmates, Lorna Apper, a graduate student in geography and Erick Sanchez de Leon, a UCLA alumnus, drive down to teach the students everything from soil composition and water drainage to shoveling basics.

<http://www.dailybruin.com/articles/2010/3/1/inglewood-garden-grows-more-plants/>

2/23/2010: UCLA, UCB speakers headline sustainability event at CSU Northridge

Nearly 200 attendees gathered at California State University, Northridge, Feb. 18 to tour the university's one-megawatt fuel cell power plant and accompanying rainforest before hearing from leading sustainability thinkers from the academic and private sectors. Geared primarily toward those in the field of environmental and occupational health and safety, the fourth annual Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) Technical Symposium provided a variety of perspectives on the topic of [Sustainability Initiatives: A View to the Future](#). After experiencing this concrete example of a successfully implemented sustainability initiative, attendees heard from distinguished speakers from UCLA, UC Berkeley and the private sector about what their organizations are doing to embrace sustainable practices.

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2010/02/23/academic-and-corporate-perspectives-converge-at-eoh-symposium/>

12/04/2009: UCLA law student blog from Copenhagen

After a full semester in a UCLA law class studying everything to do with international climate agreements, attending this month's [U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen](#), Denmark, will be "like a rock concert for climate geeks," said law student Maya Kuttan. Kuttan is one of six students hand-picked for a class taught by Cara Horowitz, executive director of the Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment. Horowitz designed her class around the U.N.'s December conference, and is taking all six students on the field trip of a lifetime.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/copenhagen-climate-summit-attracts-149618.aspx>

UC environmental law blog: <http://legalplanet.wordpress.com/>

11/09/2009: UCLA Hosts Sustainable Business Conference

The third annual sustainable business conference, hosted by L.A.-based Opportunity Green in partnership with UCLA's Price Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, drew nearly 600 participants, including 45 companies displaying the latest green products and technologies...During the two-day conference that ended Sunday, executives from Fortune 500 businesses and start-ups shared their experiences on developing green products and sustainable practices.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-ucla-green9-2009nov09,0,5951363,print.story>

11/04/2009: UCLA experts take lead in regional climate plan

In a unique effort to address climate change, experts with UCLA's Institute of the Environment (IOE) have been tapped to administer a new countywide collaborative and help create the group's regional climate plan. The group, called the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability, referred to as the LARC, seeks to include the county's 88 cities as well as transportation agencies, clean air groups and other organizations to unify the region's plan of attack. Some of the agencies involved are already directing grants to UCLA to support the collaborative.

<http://www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-experts-take-lead-in-regional-112040.aspx>

8/20/2009: UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, UCLA Rank in Sierra Club's Top 10 "Coolest Schools"

Rankings earn coverage in L.A. Times and campus newspapers:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/default.aspx>

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/>

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=3149

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-places-among-top-10-greenest-99867.aspx>

6/18/2009: UCLA Building Receives LEED-EB Certification

The Public Affairs Building at the University of California, Los Angeles has received LEED-EB certification. Recent upgrades to the building include a new heating, cooling, and ventilation system; occupancy sensors; and ultra-low-flush urinals. The Facilities Management staff has calculated down to the minute when they can turn off air-conditioning or heating, saving at least 40 hours of electricity every week. UCLA officials expect a 20 percent annual reduction in energy use as a result of the upgrades.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/building-s-green-makeover-wins-94602.aspx>

4/29/2009: UCLA to build turbine lab

UCLA is preparing to build a new wind turbine research facility in downtown Los Angeles as part of an ongoing push toward sustainable energy. The lab is the only one of its kind in Southern California. It will focus on developing stronger and more aerodynamic turbine blades.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/stories/2009/apr/29/ucla-build-turbine-lab/>

4/15/2009: Waste Watchers weigh in on trashed food

During their sophomore years, Heidi Winner and Alisa Ahmadian noticed that UCLA students living in the dorms waste a lot of food. Interested in finding out just how much is left on the trays, the now fourth-year students organized volunteers to measure the leftovers. Winner and Ahmadian, who met in seventh grade and are now roommates, call themselves "Waste Watchers." The pair have found that the average student wastes about 0.18 pounds of food each meal, the equivalent of three slices of bread, said Winner, co-facilitator of Waste Watchers. By making students more aware of their leftovers, Waste Watchers aims to save money and help the environment, Winner said.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/stories/2009/apr/15/waste-watchers/>

4/13/2009: Greenspace: UCLA goes green

Cattle-raising is a major source of greenhouse gases across the globe: Forests are razed for range land, thus losing carbon-absorbing trees, and cows belch methane. Now UCLA dining services is doing its part to prevent global warming by starting out the spring quarter with an initiative known as beefless Thursdays. It is removing beef from dining hall meals once a week. According to Robert Gilbert, the sustainability coordinator for housing and hospitality services, removing beef just once a week from the dining hall menus can save about 1,000 pounds of beef and 1,500,000 gallons of water and promote healthier dining alternatives.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2009/04/ucla-takes-collective-green-action.html>

4/10/2009: UCLA Awarded \$2.1 million for hydrogen filling station

Vasilios Manousiouthakis, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, has been awarded \$2.1 million in grant funding to build a state-of-the-art hydrogen fueling station on the UCLA campus..."The grants will enable UCLA to achieve a number of its long-

term goals for promoting sustainability, both on campus and in the greater Los Angeles region," said Michael Swords, executive director of Strategic Research Initiatives at UCLA. "The development of this hydrogen fueling station will also provide our students with a state-of-the-art learning and research facility where they can study and evaluate the logistics of hydrogen generation, distribution and supply all of this while also providing a much needed boost to the development of the 'hydrogen highway' here in California."

<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/ucla-engineering-professor-awarded-88112.aspx>

4/9/2009: UCLA campus organic food options grow

The bushel boxes of fresh produce started arriving last fall, when the UCLA Graduate Students Association partnered with the SCFC to bring Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) to campus. CSA is a new idea in farming in which a community of individuals pledges support to a farm operation and shares in the risks and benefits of food production...Students are generally the first to jump on the environmental bandwagon, but at UCLA, they have been joined by the people in charge of the campus restaurants, catering services and dining halls...According to Robert Gilbert, sustainability coordinator for Housing & Hospitality Services (H&HS), approximately 1 percent of the food served in the campus residential dining halls and eateries is organic. All of the tofu served in the halls is organic, and there is one entirely organic salad bar in Hedrick Hall. In addition, Gilbert said, H&HS has begun a new program called beef-less Thursdays.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/campus-organic-food-options-grow-88353.aspx>

4/7/2009: Achieving Laboratory Energy Efficiency

UCLA is encouraging its researchers to make their laboratories more energy efficient. By informing lab researchers about what they can do to help conserve energy, laboratory managers can involve their researchers in reducing energy costs and carbon emissions.

For example, fume hoods are major energy consumers. One fume hood uses enough energy annually to power 3.5 households. A typical fume hood exhausts as much energy as 20 residential bathroom fans running simultaneously, according to the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](http://www.epa.gov).

<http://www.labmanager.com/articles.asp?ID=229>

4/1/2009: UCLA Magazine Green Issue mailed to 130,000 readers

"...That awareness has led to a flood of sustainability-oriented programs scattered across campus: Students support local farming by getting fresh produce delivered weekly; researchers get tips from a roving lab team on making energy-hog labs more efficient; Bruins eat their organic salads with biodegradable corn utensils instead of indestructible plastic sporks; and frat boys and sorority girls battle it out in a 'Green the Greeks' competition. The profusion of programs led UCLA to hire its first sustainability coordinator, Nurit Katz M.B.A. and M.P.P. '08. Katz will organize the tangle of programs, guided by another first the campus' new Climate Action Plan."

http://www.magazine.ucla.edu/features/how_green_your_campus

1/22/2009: Editorial: Make an effort to save more, waste less

The UC system is green – not with envy, but with environmental goodness. The University of California system has been awarded an Excellence in Sustainability Showcase Award by the California Sustainability Alliance. Two other institutions also received the award: Inland Empire Utilities Agency, for sustainability projects, and the Thomas Properties Group, for California sustainable development. This accolade draws attention to the bounds that we've made in the green movement, but also asks what more we can do to improve the university's sustainability efforts. It also exemplifies the impact that students can make on a broader scale and the possible role of higher education in such efforts.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2009/jan/22/editorial-make-effort-save-more-waste-less/>

See also: Daily Bruin story, [UC receives 'green' award](#)

1/21/2009: GSA to implement sustainable initiatives

UCLA's Graduate Students Association will hand out reusable water bottles to GSA members at tonight's forum meeting. The event follows the group's ongoing efforts to keep up with sustainability efforts made by the entire

UCLA community. The water bottle initiative is part of a set of broader initiatives being made by the student governments. <http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2009/jan/21/gsa-implement-sustainable-initiatives/>

1/20/2009: UCLA Releases Climate Action Plan

To keep cutting emissions, the plan focuses on seven basic steps. In addition to the HVAC retrofit and more efficient lighting, the campus will buy more green power; explore the use of solar power; make campus housing more efficient, for example, by renovating kitchens and adding occupancy sensors; and expand rideshare programs. Instead of creating a mandate, campus officials are also counting on the seventh step: the cooperation of staff, faculty and students to make some changes on their own such as giving up Styrofoam containers for biodegradable ones, easing off their addiction to bottled water and living with thermostats at 68 degrees when it's cool and 76 degrees when it's hot.

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-s-emissions-roadmap-from-78591.aspx>

1/6/2009: Aiming for a greener UCLA

Ever since she received a book called "101 Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth," Nurit Katz has been interested in sustainability. Katz is returning to UCLA as its first-ever sustainability coordinator, years after her interest was sparked when she participated in a fundraiser to purchase an acre of the rainforest. She was the 2007-2008 president of UCLA's Graduate Students Association and has worked with the sustainability committee.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2009/jan/06/aiming-greener-ucla/>

11/20/2008: UCLA Today article on new UCLA Sustainability Coordinator

"The sustainability pipeline at UCLA is bulging with new initiatives, from the campus's first-ever Climate Action Plan to student-run delivery of locally farmed produce on a weekly basis...Sustainability leaders across campus have predicted that 2008-09 will be a busy year for green activity, but lamented that no one could devote their full attention to it until now. After years of faculty and staff piling environmental goals on top of their full-time jobs, UCLA now has its first sustainability coordinator, Nurit Katz."

<http://www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/sustainability-coordinator-72026.aspx>

October 16, 2008: NBC News Features UCLA's New Sustainability Theme Hall

If you think about it... the best place to test out a green lifestyle might be this fall at a college dorm. Consider for a moment that most students go off to college with little of their old belongings and tend to buy just about new everything to furnish the dorm room. So what better place to start a green lifestyle with students, than when they leave the house and enter the dorm for the first time? [UCLA](http://www.knbc.com/greenisuniversal/17558257/detail.html) has taken up the sustainability theme this fall as students move in for the new school year. Text/video: <http://www.knbc.com/greenisuniversal/17558257/detail.html>

October 14, 2008: UCLA Today Online Announces Green Events Initiative

You'll be soon seeing more environmentally friendly options at campus events up to half a dozen different bins for recycling and stashing trash. Right now, event organizers are just missing one thing a few green helping hands. Faced with an array of bins, people can easily feel overwhelmed and toss their trash in the wrong place. So the UCLA Events Office is calling for volunteers, willing to be green to the extreme, to help guide event-goers to the right recycling or trash bin.

http://today.ucla.edu/campus/081014_green_volunteers-trash_events/

September 2008: SEI Releases 2009 Sustainability Report, Three UC's Named Campus Sustainability Champions

The Sustainable Endowments Institute has released its *College Sustainability Report Card 2009*. SEI's report includes profiles and grades for the 300 schools with the largest endowments. Four UCs appear in the report card: UC Berkeley (B), UCLA (B-), UCSD (B+), and UC Davis (B+). Davis, Berkeley, and San Diego were all named Campus Sustainability Champions. The average grade for all schools surveyed came to C+, with more than 75 percent of colleges and universities earning sustainability grades in the B and C range.

<http://www.greenreportcard.org/>

July 25, 2008: Environmental courses signal a shift in learning

Don't know much about history? Biology? Don't worry. The hot subject for college students these days is sustainability. Melting polar ice caps, talk of \$300-a-barrel oil and increasingly violent storms are altering the university climate as much as the weather. Law, business and economic degrees are still a draw. But more and more students are lining up for green degrees - programs that focus on environmentally friendly subjects like management of urban growth, scarce water resources and global warming. Green studies are among the fastest-growing degree programs at some universities. Cal State Northridge plans to open a Sustainability Institute; UCLA is hiring a sustainability czar; and USC recently introduced a new graduate program in energy, technology and society. "It's a sign of the times," said Tom Smith, acting director of UCLA's Institute of the Environment. "We are looking at a pending crisis of climate warming and dependence on fossil fuels and the loss of biodiversity. We are in a crisis." http://www.dailynews.com/search/ci_9964427?IADID

June 24, 2008: UCLA's Pilot Study for Greening a Lab

An unprecedented collaboration among the Weintraub Center, the campus Sustainability Committee, UCLA facilities and purchasing departments, and student activists is finding ways to help the lab change its practices. Cully Nordby, chair of the Sustainability Committee, called the evolution of the project, from grassroots to campuswide, "the way this all should work."

"They're becoming UCLA's pilot study for greening a lab," Nordby said.

http://www.today.ucla.edu/campus/080624_greening-a-lab/

May 9, 2008: UCLA Students Pass TGIF

The Green Initiative Fund, which will raise student fees to fund green efforts on campus, passed by a margin of 3-1.

"We're feeling quite ecstatic. I think we've all seen a newfound optimism in the student body," said first-year political science student Rio Scharf, who worked to pass the initiative.

See also:

<http://dailybruin.com/news/2008/may/01/fees-would-turn-ucla-green/>

May 6, 2008: Seeing Green

While cleaning up after one of the Center for the Study of Women's weekly events, staffers April de Stefano and Jessie Babiarz got to talking about the overflowing garbage bags they tossed out after every gathering — plastic sacks bulging with water bottles, paper napkins and other little-used disposable items.

"We saw that there were simple changes we could make," said de Stefano, the center's assistant director. "Instead of individual water bottles, we could have large containers for everyone to pour a glass from, and compostable plates and cups."

So with a series of small steps over the past year, de Stefano and Babiarz have managed to turn the center's home in the Public Affairs Building into perhaps one of the greenest offices on campus, according to a top advocate for campus sustainability.

http://www.today.ucla.edu/campus/080506_office-recycling/

April 23, 2008: Promoting a Greener Campus

Bruin Plaza became a bit greener Tuesday when student groups set up booths and held activities to educate community members on how they can create a more environmentally sustainable UCLA.

The event marked Earth Day, started in 1970 by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson to make citizens aware of their impact on the earth's natural resources, is observed globally every year on April 22.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2008/apr/23/promoting-greener-campus/>

April 2, 2008: Campus switches on greener light

UCLA is a large university and therefore uses a large amount of energy – so much that it has its own cogeneration plant. Second-year undeclared student Alex Jeffries and other students, as well as the university, are concerned

with how the university's electricity usage impacts the environment. David Johnson, director of Energy Services, said the buildings on campus that use the most energy are the science-based buildings, such as the Center for the Health Sciences and the NanoScience Institute.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2008/apr/02/campus-switches-greener-light/>

February 2008: Seven Ways that Gold and Blue Goes Green

Universities have a dual role when it comes to the environment — to create knowledge about the Earth and to develop solutions to problems. Here are seven things UCLA is doing for the environment that will affect your everyday life — from checking the weather report to your morning commute. Plus, learn what you can do to make a big difference for UCLA and the Earth.

http://www.ucla.edu/about/impact/feb08_impact.html

February 1, 2008: Southern California schools target global warming

A group performed a yoga sunrise salutation to kick off the program at Fullerton College. UCLA marked the day with panel discussions and art displays.

Caltech students used food to make their point, while Loyola Marymount University students dumped plastic bottles onto the lawn outside the library.

And at Santa Monica College, along with speeches from politicians, students invoked Dr. Seuss to teach kindergartners about protecting the environment.

The five colleges were among more than 1,500 schools and 300 other organizations that held events Thursday for Focus the Nation, a grass-roots effort to promote environmental protection.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-focus1feb01,0,7486025.story>

January 31, 2008: Students Speak Out Across the Nation

All across the country, students will be speaking out about global warming and pressing politicians for change today, as part of Focus the Nation, a day of discussion about sustainability.

At UCLA, the day's events will include several speakers and discussion panels. Professors, staff and community members prominent in the sustainability movement, including Chancellor Gene Block and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-Norwalk), will be speaking about their perspectives on the issue, and more than 30 vendors will be in Bruin Plaza all day.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2008/jan/31/students-speak-out-across-nation/>

January 25, 2008: [UCLA Law School to Establish Center on Climate Change](#)

The University of California Los Angeles School of Law recently secured an endowment fund to establish the Emmett Center, a center dedicated to the study, research and teaching of knowledge related to climate change and the environment. The Emmett Center plans to engage UCLA experts who are working on matters related to climate change and intends to play a key role in addressing environmental issues.

December 11, 2007: UCLA Hospital Doing Its Part to Heal the Earth

UCLA Health System comprised of [UCLA Medical Center](#), [Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital](#), [Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital](#) and [Mattel Childrens Hospital](#) entered the green arena about 12 years ago when it eliminated the use of ethylene oxide and glutaraldehyde, two highly toxic sterilizing agents, and replaced them with sterilants such as CIDEX OPA (ortho-phthalaldehyde). Once neutralized, CIDEX OPA can legally and harmlessly be flushed down the drain...That's just one of the many ways UCLA Health System is reducing its impact on the environment, said Victor Kennedy, director of the UCLA Health System Safety Department.

http://today.ucla.edu/news/071211_green-hospitals/

November 5, 2007: Viewpoint: Green UCs to set off domino effect

Alongside its sister schools, UCLA has made environmental advancements that have the potential to influence the nation long after being eco-friendly is trendy. These recent environmental advancements deserve more than just publicity and wide-eyed admiration. UCLA serves as a worthy role model for environmental progress at a time when "going green" has the dangerous potential to die out as a superficial and fleeting trend.

<http://www.dailybruin.com/news/2007/nov/05/green-ucs-set-domino-effect/>

October 11, 2007: Fair emphasizes resource conservation

Amid a fleet of electric and alternative-fuel vehicles, public transportation maps, and representatives from UCLA and the city of Los Angeles, attendees at the General Services Sustainability Fair in Bruin Plaza were able to find ways to reduce their carbon footprint on the planet. UCLA's first Sustainability Fair focused on recycling, water and energy conservation, electric vehicles, and mass transportation.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2007/oct/12/fair-emphasizes-resource-conservation/>

September 27, 2007: ASUC Pilots Energy and Resource Conservation Program

In an effort to reduce waste and consumption, the Associated Students UCLA Board of Directors has implemented a green pilot program at LuValle Commons. The pilot program, which took effect recently, seeks to follow the sustainability policy of using only what is necessary, said Roy Champawat, director of the student union. Champawat said LuValle Commons has seen subtle but effective changes in its operations, ranging from waterless urinals in the men's restrooms to condiment pumps.

http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2007/sep/27/luvalle_commons_adopting_greener_habits/

August 16, 2007: UCLA Begins CD and DVD Recycling

UCLA's Software Central office has recently implemented a program to coordinate the recycling of used CD/DVD disks on campus. The discs are collected at a central collection point, and then sent to the CD Recycling Center of America for recycling.

UCLA Launches Leaders in Sustainability Program

Currently, students in each of the graduate schools at UCLA have interests in this area, but few opportunities to experience or practice interdisciplinary thinking. "Leaders in Sustainability" aims, first, to provide a mechanism for students in these schools to pursue their interests in sustainability and, second, to attract top-caliber students with these interests to UCLA's graduate schools.

www.anderson.ucla.edu/leadersinsustainability.xml

May 18, 2006: UCLA Creates Campus Sustainability Committee, Website

UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale has chartered a permanent committee to advise his office on advancing sustainability. "We want to continue building a culture of sustainability at UCLA and to provide leadership in addressing sustainability issues," Carnesale said. The purpose of the Campus Sustainability Committee is to promote sustainability in planning, development and operation of the campus environment and facilities, as well as in the development of sustainability initiatives in education, research and community engagement. The committee will be co-chaired by Mary D. Nichols, director of the UCLA Institute of the Environment, and Tova Lelah, assistant director of Campus and Environmental Planning. The committee has developed a website which includes a report on summarizing UCLA's accomplishments in sustainability and setting the stage for future endeavors.

<http://www.newsroom.ucla.edu/page.asp?RelNum=7024>

<http://www.sustain.ucla.edu/>

Listing of over 200 campus sustainability websites (AASHE members-only):

http://www.aashe.org/resources/campus_links.php

July 6, 2005: New Center at UCLA Researches Efficient Potable Water

The UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Science has announced the development of a new Water Technology Research Center to improve methods of water conversion from salt water to potable water and to integrate these methods with more efficient and cost-effective energy sources. Also known as the WaTeR Center,

its mission is "to advance water production technologies in order to economically develop new and sustainable alternative sources for potable, irrigation and other consumptive water uses."

<http://www.watercenter.ucla.edu/>

June 29, 2005: UCLA Opens First Green Building

UCLA recently completed LaKretz Hall, its first green building. Green features include using steel containing 80 percent recycled material, interior and exterior lighting fixtures that minimize impact on the nocturnal environment, and a specialized air system supplies ventilation from the floor instead of ceiling thereby reducing electricity usage. In addition, an already-existing 5-million-gallon water tank was used as the foundation for the new building, thereby avoiding the environmental impact of developing a new site.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/articles.asp?id=33839>