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UC System-wide

10/12/2011: UC's sustainability program helps deal with budget crunch

In an era of reduced budgets and cost cutting, UC's [sustainability efforts](#) are allowing it to save money while furthering its goals to make its campuses greener. The topic is what England, UC Berkeley Sustainability Director Lisa McNeilly and UC systemwide Sustainability Manager Matt St. Clair have been invited to present in a panel called "[Crisis Into Opportunity: Can Sustainability Programs and Budget Cuts be Mutually Supportive?](#)" at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's national conference this week in Pittsburgh. UC Riverside Chancellor [Timothy White](#) is one of the keynote speakers at the conference. He is chair of the [American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment](#) and the UC Riverside Chancellor's Committee on Sustainability. White's speech focuses on the important role universities play in sustainability, serving as a resource and role models for the communities they serve, even during a budget crunch. "Despite significant budget challenges in the state of California and perhaps because of them I continue to fund UCR's sustainability program, not only because I believe it is the right thing to do, but because in the long run I believe it will not only conserve precious natural resources but also save our institution money," White said in his prepared remarks.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/26478>

8/23/2011: UC campuses start "green office certification" programs

"...It's an idea that's part of a green office program being planned at UC Riverside, which is one of seven UC campuses that have or are implementing similar programs to encourage sustainable workplace practices. Green office programs are designed to help campus departments identify and employ workplace practices that cut the use of energy and other resources, which also leads to cost savings and helps UC meet its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. One of the first university green office programs in the country and the first at UC was started at Berkeley in 2009. [UC Santa Barbara](#) started its program just after Berkeley's and initiatives are in place or beginning at [UC San Francisco](#), [UCLA](#) and UC Santa Cruz, which just [certified its first office](#). UC Davis is piloting a program now and UC Riverside will be testing its in the fall."

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/26163>

7/18/2011: UCSC/UCOP delegation brings campus greening tips to Taiwan

The green delegation, including UCSC undergraduates Gabi Kirk and Cameron Fields, and UCSC sustainability director Aurora Winslade, traveled 6,449 miles to Taiwan, where they led a two-day workshop on June 29 and 30 for the Taiwan Green University Program...The group of visitors also included a staff member from the University of California Office of the President, and a staff member from New York University. The workshop, held at the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) in Taipei, drew a healthy response; 158 Taiwanese students, faculty, staff and administrators from universities across Taiwan signed up for the conference. The conference covered topics including energy efficiency, sustainable food systems at UCSC, NYU and the UC system.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/07/UCSC-green-ambassadors-to-Taiwan.html>

7/14/2011: [AASHE Blog: Budget Cuts Create Opportunities for Sustainability](#)

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a budget in June that cut higher education by \$1.3 billion and it was announced recently that students in all 23 California State University campuses will be paying 12 percent more this fall than they did last year. This blog takes a look at the innovative sustainability solutions to the state budget crisis that were highlighted during the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, held July 10-13 at California State University, Long Beach.

7/12/2011: Central location for UC's computer servers is expected to reduce cost and GHGs

Thousands of servers the backbone that supports computer networks and computer-aided research are hosted at University of California campuses and medical centers, but advances in technology largely have made obsolete the need to physically locate these machines near their users. To varying degrees, UC campuses and medical centers have centralized their servers to cut costs and energy use and make computing more efficient. Now, the 10-campus system is taking this strategy systemwide to conserve even more energy and help UC reach its ambitious goals for cutting carbon emissions. The [pilot project](#) will move servers from campuses to the San Diego Supercomputer Center, where 225 racks of server space have been dedicated to testing the feasibility of a [systemwide colocation center](#)...In general, energy use will go down with colocation, but at UC campuses, the bill for electricity usually is not charged to departments, groups or individuals, so cost savings may not be an incentive to colocate. Moving servers to San Diego would mean they would start getting a power bill. A subsidy from the UC Office of the President available to each UC campus will cover the cost of migrating 10 racks to San Diego.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/25919>

6/21/2011: UCOP gets farm fresh sustainable produce weekly

"It all began in 2007 when UCOP's [Sustainability Office teamed up with HR to] kick off its Community Supported Agriculture program and teamed up with Full Belly Farm in Guinda to provide the goods. In a nutshell, the program lets employees here buy shares in a farms harvest, said Andrew Coghlan, UCOP sustainability specialist. The farm gets a guaranteed market for its crops, the local economy gets a boost and members get fresh produce plus a better understanding of where their food comes from. Each box comes stocked with seasonal fruits and vegetables from tomatoes, peaches and eggplants in the summer to cabbage, turnips and hard squash in the winter. For those stumped about what to do with the fennel or beets they find in their box, an emailed newsletter supplies recipes for how to turn ingredients in the box into tasty dishes. Full Belly Farms website carries an archive of the recipes too."

<http://link.ucop.edu/2011/06/21/farm-fresh-produce-comes-to-ucop-every-tuesday/>

6/8/2011: Building a Green Lab

Making research labs more sustainable can help UC campuses to cut energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/research/stories/2011/06/sustainability.html>

5/6/2011: Energy efficiency programs save UC \$21 million per year

UC has won national praise for its 50 [LEED-certified](#) facilities, the most of any U.S. university. Many are considered shining examples of the latest in energy-efficient technology. But most UC campus buildings were constructed long before LEED green standards and conservation took hold. Making those more efficient entails doing much more low-profile things like fixing leaky steam pipes, making sure air conditioning doesn't run in the winter and swapping incandescent bulbs for the latest in lighting technology. Since January 2009, the 10 UC campuses have initiated some 400 projects to improve the efficiency of buildings, in some cases using technology developed by UC researchers. Their goal: Cut energy use, costs and emissions to year 2000 levels by 2014.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/25496>

3/8/2011: [U Calif System Seeks Energy-Efficient Solutions to Budget Cuts](#)

Facing Gov. Jerry Brown's recent call to cut \$500 million from the University of California system for the 2011-2012 school year, University of California leaders are looking for system-wide efficiencies in the areas of energy usage, among other solutions. The University of California, Riverside, for example, is looking to reduce its power usage by turning down air conditioners.

2/11/2011: 'Green' Efforts Ease UC's Utility Bills

In a cramped classroom, junior Katya Cherukumilli stands in front of a projector, looking out at a dozen of her seated peers. Here, on the seventh floor of Wurster Hall, she comes twice a week to lead a project-based class trying to effect environmental change at UC Berkeley... This endeavor serves a double duty. Not only does it lower greenhouse gas emissions - it also relieves campus financial strain. Similar initiatives, created by students working to cultivate a culture of sustainability, are also cropping up at other UC campuses, all of which are facing budget

cuts as the economic crisis worsens and the UC's growing student and staff population becomes aware of its deepening environmental footprint. But this lack of funding might actually be yielding a positive side effect: campuses are driven to save energy. Historically, the UC has received money from the state to cover utilities costs for buildings that are eligible for state support - those that are used for research and instruction - which make up about half the total UC space. Over the past 10 years, and as the state's economy started to plummet, California has struggled to provide funding. Although the UC has redirected millions to ease the strain from these expenses, it has become each campus's responsibility to fill this gap.

http://www.dailycal.org/article/111905/green_efforts_ease_uc_s_utility_bills

1/14/2011: UC releases 2010 Annual Sustainability Report to UC Regents

University of California campuses increased their number of LEED green-certified building projects during 2010 from 33 to 49, which remain the most of any university in the country. The green buildings contributed to UC's energy cost savings, which increased from \$15 million to \$21 million last year due to efficiency initiatives on all campuses. "Our leadership in sustainability not only saves the university money, it creates a cleaner, greener environment for our campuses and the communities we serve," said Nathan Brostrom, UC's executive vice president for business operations. "Sustainability is an integral part of the University of California's public service commitment." These energy-efficiency milestones are highlighted in the UC annual [sustainability report](#) which Brostrom [presented] to the Board of Regents at its Jan. 18 meeting at UC San Diego. The annual report is called for in the systemwide [sustainability policy](#), which has made UC one of the greenest universities in the country since being enacted in 2004.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/24812>

Link to the annual report and the ppt presentation to the Regents (complete with speaker notes):

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sustainability/reports.html>

1/04/2011: UC students inspire sustainability efforts

The UC sustainability policy that students, staff and administrators crafted became a trendsetter in higher education. "The University of California is committed to being a good steward of the environment, and collaborating with students has played an important role in developing our policies," said Nathan Brostrom, UC's executive vice president for business operations, who oversees systemwide sustainability policies. "The passion students display informs and inspires our sustainability efforts."...Students lobbied for green programs and policies at UC long before the term "sustainability" became associated with environmentalism. Some early efforts included [an organic farm](#) created at UC Santa Cruz in 1967 and [a student-run public bus system](#) started in 1968 at UC Davis.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/24748>

11/4/2010: UCOP wins Business Efficiency Award for waste reduction efforts

At a recognition event this morning, public agency StopWaste.Org honored 12 Alameda County companies and organizations with the 2010 Business Efficiency Awards. The awards are presented annually for outstanding achievements in waste reduction, enhanced operational efficiency, and environmental performance. The winners are: Peerless Coffee & Tea Company (Oakland), A. G. Ferrari Foods (San Leandro), Coca Cola Bottling Company of California (San Leandro), TMG Partners for the Emeryville Public Market (Emeryville), Novartis (Emeryville), University of California Office of the President (Oakland), Washington Hospital Healthcare System (Fremont), and Wentle Family Estates (Livermore).

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=978>

9/21/2010: UC Berkeley student newspaper covers expansion of UC-wide energy efficiency program

A University of California systemwide energy program will see an expansion in energy-saving projects after the UC Board of Regents voted last Tuesday to increase the program's budget by more than \$15 million. The increased budget will enable UC Davis and the UC San Francisco Medical Center to complete more energy projects under the university's 2010-2012 Statewide Energy Partnership Program - a collaboration between the UC and some California utility companies to reduce utilities costs while increasing energy efficiency and sustainability.

http://www.dailycal.org/article/110428/uc_energy_sustainability_programs_set_to_expand

8/16/2010: Eight UC campuses make Sierra Club's green rankings

Eight University of California campuses made Sierra magazine's list of [100 Cool Schools](#), which ranks environmentally friendly polices at universities across the country. Leading the way for UC was [Irvine](#), which placed sixth on the list with a score of 84.4 out a possible 100. Santa Cruz was 11th with score 82, San Diego was 15th with 81.6, Davis was tied for 16th with 81.2, UCLA was 25th with 77.6, Berkeley 32nd with 76.3, Merced 39th with 73.3 and Santa Barbara 44th with 72.2. The Cool Schools survey results will be published in the September/October issue of Sierra, a publication of the Sierra Club.

UC press release: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23885>

Chronicle of Higher Ed: <http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Sierra-Magazine-Shuffles-the/26247/>

NPR Talk of the Nation: <http://www.sciencefriday.com/program/archives/201008205>

Environmental Leader Daily: <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2010/08/16/sierra-names-green-mountain-college-as-top-school-in-green-college-ranking/>

8/3/2010: Three UC campuses among the 18 on The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll

Eighteen U.S. colleges and universities made [The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll](#) for maintaining the most sustainable practices, policies and course offerings among all campuses rated for their environmental friendliness, said the company that created the popular "best colleges" guides. The Princeton Review issued its third annual green honor roll along with its green ratings for colleges yesterday. Guides containing school profiles with the green scores go on sale today and next week. This year 703 schools, the most thus far, submitted environmental information that was scored on a scale of 60, the least possible score, to 99, the highest possible score. The schools on the honor roll received scores of 99.

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2010/08/03/princeton-review-names-greenest-colleges-us#ixzz0wFeajutV>

See also: <http://www.fastcompany.com/1677738/yale-harvard-west-virginia-university-make-princeton-reviews-list-of-green-colleges>

8/2/2010: Zimride helps UC drivers, passengers connect

create a ride-sharing network used today by 55 universities including nine University of California campuses and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Along with easing the commutes of UC students and staff, the ride-sharing network is helping the university achieve its goal of [reducing its carbon footprint](#)...As a student Green started the first car-share program at UC Santa Barbara while working at the campus transportation department. He also served three years on the Santa Barbara city transit board.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23808>

7/27/2010: Energy efficiency expert Karl Brown named 2010 UC Sustainability Champion

Karl Brown, a key advocate of this technology, has been named the 2010 University of California Sustainability Champion. The deputy director of the [California Institute for Energy and Environment](#) (CIEE), a UC systemwide program based at Berkeley, Brown is known as a low-key operator, much like the building-performance metering systems he promotes. He accepted the award on the opening day of the ninth-annual California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, held in Los Angeles June 20-23.

"To get that recognition from that group at that event was very meaningful to me," Brown says of the honor. The annual conference brings together students, faculty, and staff from California's three higher-ed systems (UC, CSU, and CCC), to share best practices for reducing their campuses' impact on the environment. "It's a very motivational event perhaps the most inspiring gathering I go to each year," Brown says of the yearly summit.

http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2010/07/27_sustainability.shtml

6/23/2010: UC's Energy Efficiency Keeps the Lights on in Dark Times

In the midst of severe cuts at most of Californias public universities, there may be one bright spot. The University of California has embarked on an energy efficiency project that has started to reap financial benefits. Thats no small feat, at a time when the UC system has had to hike student fees, furlough faculty, and reduce course offerings to close a \$1 billion budget hole. California State University and community colleges have undertaken similar steps to boost energy efficiency on their campuses. Combined, the University of California and California State University systems account for one percent of the states energy consumption. The amount of energy UC uses each year is enough to power 270,000 households. At the same time the state is pumping less money into

education, the school system has seen its utility bills and health costs for which the state doesn't provide funds skyrocket. The money for health benefits and energy bills comes out of the same pool of money that funds education and research. With rising energy costs and shrinking state funds, the potential for energy efficiency to reap financial gains is grabbing the attention of UC's leadership.

<http://newamericamedia.org/2010/06/ucs-energy-efficiency-keeps-the-lights-on-in-dark-times.php>

6/19/2010: Article on sustainable food in hospitals mentions UC sustainable food policy goals

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, a 278-bed hospital that serves as a regional trauma center, launched a Balanced Menus program in May 2009, intent on injecting local, sustainably produced meat, dairy and produce into a institutional food service system...On another major institutional food front, 4,000 students at 350 universities have joined the Real Food Challenge, advocating a \$1 billion shift, or 20 percent, of campus food service purchases toward sustainable foods. The University of California last year adopted a goal of procuring 20 percent sustainable foods by 2020.

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20100619/LIFESTYLE05/100619443?p=all&tc=pgall>

6/7/2010: UC Sustainability Program to receive Millennium Environmental Award

Global Green USA is honoring the University of California for the environmental commitment the university has demonstrated through its academic, research and sustainability practices...UC President Mark Yudof said winning the award is a "tremendous honor" that recognizes students, faculty and researchers who are transforming the University of California into a national leader for sustainable development. "We view the university as a living laboratory," Yudof said. "Not only are we generating the research into sustainable ways of living, we are finding culture-shaping ways to apply it." Yudof is accepting the award on behalf of UC at [Global Green's annual Millennium Awards](#) ceremony on Saturday (June 12) in Santa Monica at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23525>

5/25/2010: UC Research Centers to Produce Roadmap to a Sustainable Future for California

Institute for the Future, in collaboration with California Institute of Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2) at UC San Diego and UC Irvine, and Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) at UC Berkeley, announced today the launch of a project focused on ensuring a sustainable future of California for the next ten years and beyond. Together with thought leaders from a diverse range of disciplines -- including economics, energy, water, health, technology and others -- the group will produce a comprehensive roadmap of key issues facing California in the next 10 years and beyond and their likely impacts.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/institute-for-the-future-kicks,1315939.shtml>

4/30/2010: UC Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards Announced

Campus sustainability [efforts](#) at Berkeley, Irvine, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz were among the winners of [Best Practice Awards](#) given out by the [UC/CSU/IOU Energy Efficiency Partnership Program](#). The awards highlight successful and cost-effective projects on University of California, California State University and state community college campuses that implement sustainable design strategies and energy-efficient operations, water conservation, sustainable foodservices, waste reduction and student-run sustainability programs. The awards will be presented at the [California Higher Education Sustainability Conference](#), which is being held at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College from June 20-23.

full article, with short descriptions of each award-winning project:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23314>

4/20/2010: Eight UC campuses listed in "The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges"

The guide is "an effort to recognize the impressive environmental and sustainability programs at universities and colleges across the country," Princeton Review said in a statement...Hundreds of universities nationwide were surveyed to ascertain an institutions commitment to using USBC's LEED green building certification program, environmental literacy programs, formal sustainability committees, use of renewable energy resources, recycling and conservation programs, among other criteria. In 2009, the Princeton Review published Green Rating scores for 697 schools. Out of those schools, the 286 schools in the current guide received scores in the 80th or higher percentile. The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in the guide hierarchically. The guide is free and can

be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/greenguide

4/15/2010: Campuses expanding sustainable foodservice

Patrons accustomed to loading up their trays at UC Berkeley's residential dining halls have had to adjust their eating habits this semester. In January, Berkeley joined other UC campuses and many universities across the country by eliminating the plastic trays in dining halls as part of an effort to reduce waste and make food service more sustainable... For students, trayless dining is a tangible sign of UC's recently enacted sustainable foodservice initiatives that set goals for using products from organic or local sources, environmentally friendly practices and education on sustainability issues.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23223>

10/22/2009: UC System strengthens sustainability commitment

The University of California has expanded its sustainability policy, raising the bar on green building requirements and establishing one of the most comprehensive sustainable food service policies of any university in the country.

The Policy on Sustainable Practices applies to all 10 UC campuses, the five UC medical centers and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. [Read the full policy here](#) (PDF).

The university's efforts to green itself are a natural outgrowth of its teaching and public service mission, said Nathan Brostrom, UC's interim executive vice president for business operations.

"For a long time UC students learned about issues like resource scarcity and global warming inside the laboratory and classroom, but the university was doing business as if these problems didn't exist. That sends a mixed signal," Brostrom said. "Now we're practicing what we teach. By embracing sustainability and transforming our business practices, UC can have a positive environmental impact today and save the university money through increased efficiencies. In leading by example, UC can also influence generations of students who will tackle environmental problems in the years to come."

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/22179>

6/18/2009: [System-wide] Sustainability conference walks the walk

When representatives from dozens of state universities, colleges and community colleges gather at UC Santa Barbara next week for an annual sustainability conference, they will practice what they preach by engaging in "green" activities. The sold-out UC, CSU, CCC Sustainability Conference — which includes dozens of seminars and presentations on green building, innovative technology, campus lighting designs and other sustainable practices — will also feature a comprehensive recycling program, free webcasts and video conferencing.

<http://www.thedailysound.com/061809ucsconference>

6/10/2009: UCOP demonstrates UC-developed lighting technology

"Now the Office of the President is putting some of those innovations to use in our own Franklin Street building. With help from the California Lighting Technology Center, based at UC Davis, UCOP is testing new approaches to electricity consumption. On the ninth floor, the pilot project has reduced energy use by 59 percent. That is just for the half of the floor that the Business Resource Center occupies... 'We estimate that lighting represents 20 to 30 percent of all electric usage,' said Dirk van Ulden, UCOP associate director of energy and utilities. "Once we convert the entire building lighting system, we should see an energy cost reduction of at least \$50,000 per year while improving visual comfort and contributing to UC's sustainable practices policy goals."

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/21300>

3/31/2009: Regents Pump Millions Into UC Energy Overhaul

The UC Board of Regents authorized a systemwide energy deal with five in-state utility companies this month to combat rising utility costs, help reduce internal spending and work toward the university's goal to generate 10 megawatts of energy from sustainable sources by 2014. The companies will grant \$61.4 million toward the university's sustainable-energy plan, which includes 900 individual projects, by 2011. But going green isn't cheap,

especially in the context of this year's systemwide budget cuts and an ailing state economy. The university must find an additional \$186 million to meet the projects' needs.

<http://www.ucsdguardian.org/news/regents-pump-millions-into-uc-energy-overhaul-1.1634648>

3/17/2009: UC partners with California utility companies to save money, energy and the environment

The UC Regents' grounds and buildings committee authorized external financing that will allow the University of California to embark on a bold energy efficiency program over the next three years...The program -- in partnership with the state's major utility companies -- will provide substantial energy and cost savings, reduce UC's greenhouse gas emissions, and help UC meet its sustainability goals. The partnership will provide an estimated \$178 million to help fund energy efficiency projects for 2009-11, which are expected to reduce the university's annual utility costs by \$36 million.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/20762>

3/10/2009: UC Press receives green publishing award

University of California Press has been selected as a winner of the third annual SustainPrint Awards from *Book Business* and *Publishing Executive* magazines for outstanding achievements in environmental sustainability...UC Press received the SustainPrint Longtime Leader Award in book publishing in recognition of its role as an industry leader. Ogden Publications received the Longtime Leader Award in magazine publishing, and Newcomer of the Year Awards were given to Melcher Media and *Boho Magazine*...UC Press established a corporate environmental sustainability policy in 1995 and uses post-consumer recycled content paper in about 75 percent of the approximately 200 books it publishes each year. An estimated 50 percent of titles are printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified paper, and 25 percent on paper certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative...UC Press' dust jackets and paperback covers also usually contain recycled content. "We strive to be 'green' from cover to cover," says Director of Design and Production Anthony Crouch.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/20722>

2/3/2009: Sustainability report: 2008 was a green year at UC

"UC continues to receive recognition as a national leader in a broad range of sustainability categories, ranking in the top tier of numerous green ratings last year. The Sierra Club singled out UC as being "in a league of its own" in its second annual ranking of the top 10 greenest universities. Also, the UC Irvine campus earned the state's top environmental honor, the Governor's Environment and Economy Leadership Award, for its sustainable transportation program. The report highlights a number of UC accomplishments in 2008..."

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/19451>

1/14/2009: UCs statewide sustainability efforts earn award from the California Sustainability Alliance

The University of California was named one of three recipients of the Excellence in Sustainability Showcase Awards by the California Sustainability Alliance. The Sustainability Showcase highlights the efforts of organizations in California who are leading the way towards the state's sustainable future. The University of California will be honored at the California Sustainability Alliance Showcase Awards luncheon to be held Feb. 10 in Sacramento. To learn more about the University of California's sustainability efforts, visit the Sustainability Showcase at www.sustainca.org/showcase/uc. The other two award recipients are the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, for its range of sustainability projects including green building, energy-efficient operations and resource management strategies, and the Thomas Properties Group, a pioneer in California sustainable development.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/19310>

12/01/2008: UC receives multiple 'Go Beyond' sustainability awards from R&D Magazine

Several University of California recipients were recognized by the first annual Go Beyond Awards, which honor individuals, organizations, projects and laboratory manufacturers that "go beyond" the status quo to minimize the environmental impacts of laboratory and other high-tech facilities and lab equipment. The awards were publicly announced by R&D Magazine in the November issue of its Laboratory Design Newsletter.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/19072>

October 2008: [Kiwi Magazine Releases 2008 Green College Report](#)

Kiwi Magazine has released its "2008 Green College Report," which profiles 75 colleges and universities committed to sustainability, including the UC system. The report is intended to help high school students and parents choose a green higher education institution.

September 2008: University and utility partnerships in California lower emissions

The Higher Education Energy Partnership, a program connecting two large California schools with major state utilities, such as PG&E and SoCalGas, aims to establish a framework for long-term, sustainable energy management. The University of California and California State University, which incorporate more than 30 campuses between them, joined the partnership in 2004, and in the first two years saved more than 32 million kWh and 1.5 million therms of gas through efficiency retrofits and building initiatives. In the second two years, between 2006 and 2008, funding doubled to \$34 million to help the universities move past quick wins such as compact fluorescent bulbs and updated appliances.

<http://www.nwf.org/campusecology/climateedu/articleView.cfm?iArticleID=10>

August 21, 2008: UC a 'shining star' for college campuses in sustainability

Sierra magazine has placed the University of California's 10 campuses "in a league of their own" in the Sierra Club publication's second annual green college guide, which hit newsstands today (Aug. 21).

The ranking, along with others by Kaplan and Hearst's TheDailyGreen.com, highlight UC's role as a sustainability leader.

"Sustainability is a priority for the University of California," said Katherine N. Lapp, UC executive vice president for business operations. "We are honored by the recognition of UC's initiatives to reduce waste, expand transportation alternatives, conserve energy and water, and offer green dining options on campuses. We're excited about continuing to enhance these best practices while also advancing research innovations to solve environmental challenges and preparing students for green careers."

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200809/coolchools/>

See also:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/18423>

http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_10404688?IADID

<http://www.bizjournals.com/eastbay/stories/2008/08/18/daily59.html>

August 5, 2008: Kaplan Include UC System on its List of 25 Green Schools

The 2009 Kaplan College Guide 2009 features information on environmentally responsible schools and green careers. The guide features 25 green private and public colleges from across the nation, including the University of California system. The green schools and careers profiles are not rankings. Instead, they give students interested in sustainability and conservation well-researched ideas and a cross-section of options.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS135812+05-Aug-2008+PRN20080805>

August 2, 2008: Sustainability Conference press

With a solar-powered house and Cal Poly students as his backdrop, Lt.Gov. John Garamendi on Friday called for California's public colleges and universities to be environmental leaders by encouraging greater energy efficiency on their campuses...The state universities and colleges are getting together to say, How can we do this better? How can we come up with creative ideas to make campuses greener? Garamendi said.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/story/428538.html>

<http://www.californiaaggie.com/article/1239>

July 30, 2008: Cal Poly to host 7th annual Sustainability Conference this week

Cal Poly is hosting the seventh annual Sustainability Conference Thursday through Sunday. More than 850 students, faculty, staff and administrators from the California State University, University of California and California Community College systems will converge on campus to discuss how California higher education can

better develop and implement sustainable practices.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/breakingnews/story/426353.html>

See also: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/18295>

July 29, 2008: UCs Score Highly on Inaugural Princeton Review Green Rankings

Five UC campuses received scores 92 or greater on [Princeton Review](#)'s first annual Green Rankings. Only ten California colleges and universities scored above 90 on the 100 point rating scale. The high-scoring UCs were Irvine (92), Santa Barbara (94), Berkeley (95), Riverside (96), and Davis (96). UCLA also scored well on the new survey (87); San Diego, Merced, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco were not evaluated.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/thehomeroom/2008/07/the-greenest-co.html>

July 29, 2008: Free Stuff Fridays Promote Green UCOP Workplace

Priscilla Hoffnagle knows a good deal when she sees one. On her first visit to the new Franklin Street office recycling event, she left with a box full of free supplies. "This is really great," said Hoffnagle, a facilities manager for Continuing Education of the Bar. "It's a good deal, and it's better than this all going into a landfill."

That's exactly the point of the re-use program, which is held the first Friday of each month in the storage room off the Franklin Street lobby. (Doors open at 8 a.m.) The Office of the President's Departmental Sustainability Coordinators group organizes the event, collecting unwanted office supplies from any UCOP office that wants to unload them and overseeing the monthly shopping opportunity.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/18287>

July 2007: UC Ranked 7th "Greenest College in America" by *the daily green*

When it comes to protecting the planet, many schools have given it more than a college try. In fact, America's institutions of higher learning are some of the best incubators of sustainable solutions to myriad problems, and they are molding and inspiring the bright minds that will inherit the environment from the current generation of leaders...Today's cutting edge colleges and universities have gone way beyond simple recycling to starting organic gardens and farms, installing green roofs and solar panels, treating wastes with "living machines" and offsetting all emissions.

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/10-greenest-colleges-460708>

March 5, 2008: 'UC Day' Event In Sacramento Has Green Tint

University of California alumni and state legislators gathered in Sacramento yesterday for UC Day, a two-day event to recognize legislators and research contributions, and to address concerns facing the UC system. The annual event, held over the last two days with the theme "UC Goes Green," offered alumni the chance to bring local concerns to lawmakers.

<http://www.dailycal.org/article/100741/ uc day event in sacramento has green tint>

January 25, 2008: UC to participate in national climate change teach-in Focus the Nation

Continuing to demonstrate its commitment to developing environmental sustainability solutions, the University of California will join hundreds of colleges and universities taking part in Focus the Nation, a groundbreaking two-day event (Jan. 30-31) addressing climate change.

The national teach-in is a free program seeking to engage students, faculty and others in combating global warming. Through Webcasts, panel discussions and workshops, the grassroots event aims to bring a wider audience to the discussion of climate change.

All UC campuses throughout the state will hold workshops, provide demonstrations of clean energy solutions and conduct roundtable discussions on sustainability efforts. UC chancellors, California Assembly members and environmental experts will host talks and participate in a number of events across the campuses.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/17207>

January 25, 2008: Merced campus exemplifies UC goals for sustainability

The University of California has been praised for its work toward more sustainable operating practices, having implemented programs and policies aiming to minimize the university's contribution to the deterioration of the global environment.

The efforts the university has devoted to improving its sustainability practices have earned prestigious awards from national environmental protection institutions including the Sierra Club, and have established the university's position as one of the most environmentally friendly campuses in the country, according to a statement released by the UC Office of the President.

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2008/jan/23/merced-campus-exemplifies-uc-goals-sustainability/>

January 15, 2008: Annual Report Shows UC Continues Progress in Sustainability Practices

The University of California has been a leader in its sustainability practices and gained momentum in 2007 by expanding its sustainability policy, completing energy efficiency projects that are providing more than \$5 million annually in operational savings and gaining national recognition for its green efforts.

University of California officials delivered their annual report on UC's progress in implementing their Policy on Sustainable Practices to UC Regents today (Jan. 15). The 4-year-old policy establishes a set of ambitious goals to advance environmental practices at UC campuses, ranging from efficient energy use to innovative sustainable purchasing practices. And UC is meeting those goals.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/17146>

December 14, 2007: Colleges Strain to Reach Climate Friendly Future

[T]he signatory list for the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment has swelled to 448 names as of last week, representing every size of educational institution in this country, from the tiny College of the Atlantic to the vast University of California system. Those institutions, as well as some nonsigners, have embarked on a decades-long diet to curb their appetite for the fuels and practices that spew carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and help warm the globe.

<http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i16/16a00101.htm>

December 12, 2007: Proposal for center to coordinate energy, climate change research

The University of California may soon become home to an ambitious, \$600 million institute that would coordinate energy and climate change research at schools and labs throughout the state, supported by money from your monthly electric bills.

The proposed California Institute for Climate Solutions would bring together universities - such as UC Berkeley and Stanford - better known as rivals than partners.

Each school and national laboratory involved already has scientists and engineers hunting for sources of energy, more efficient ways to use power and other means to fight global warming. Now their efforts would be coordinated by a central administration hosted by UC.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/12/12/BU5HTS7GG.DTL>

November 2007: Our University Features UCOP Sustainability Team

As a graduate student at UC Berkeley, Matthew St. Clair helped lead the campaign to get the University of California Regents to adopt a sustainability policy. "I realized if we could get UC to do it, it could be a model for the rest of the country," St. Clair said. Indeed, UC's growing sustainability team has been a model, implementing and expanding the policy to have a local and national impact. "If we're going to succeed in turning around the negative effects of global warming, it's going to take an all-out, team effort," said George Geten, director of facilities management. "The Office of the President, working with the campuses, is setting a great example of how teamwork can make a difference."

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/16727>

November 2007: Sierra Magazine Names UC-System 4th Greenest University in the Nation

Sierra magazine has named the University of California system one of America's Top 10 "coolest" schools for its efforts to stop global warming. UC ranked No. 4 on the Sierra Club magazine's inaugural listing of the nation's greenest campuses.

UC was the highest-ranked public university – and the only California institution – on the list, which was led by Oberlin College. Harvard University was second and Warren Wilson College was third.

"The University of California system is honored that Sierra Magazine has recognized the significant impact that our sustainability policy is making," said Matthew St. Clair, UC's systemwide sustainability manager. "Our sustainability policy has been a model for other universities, and each of our 10 campuses shares their strengths with one another to improve the university's environmental practices across the board."

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200711/coolchools/ten.asp>

See also:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/16612>

<http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2007/oct/30/uc-top-green-public-system/>

<http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1700>

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2007/October/26/local/stories/07local.htm>

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/167/story/62777.html>

November 2007: UC student sustainability activists features in fall issue of *Newsweek's Current Magazine*

The California Students Sustainability Coalition (CSSC) is featured in an article entitled "Think Big, Play Nice" about ongoing collaboration between students and administrators in the UC system.

11/1/2007: UC system recognized nationally for energy efficiency: Improvements at UC Davis a contributing factor

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy announced Oct. 23 that the University of California system and its partners in the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership are national leaders in energy-efficiency programs.

The partnership consists of the University of California, California State University, California Community Colleges, Pacific Gas & Electric and Sempra Energy's two California utilities.

Programs chosen for this honor were considered exceptional in their effectiveness and innovation in helping customers achieve higher levels of efficiency.

"This recognition is just another indication that we take environmental matters very seriously in California and that the University of California is the research engine in pursuit of solutions to the environmental challenges we face," said UC Davis Chancellor Larry Vanderhoeff.

http://www.californiaaggie.com/home/index.cfm?event=displayArticlePrinterFriendly&uStory_id=4018528d-5a77-4a45-801c-8a0fa403d55e

See also: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/16613>

October 2007: UC Raises Sustainability Grade to B+

Wondering which colleges are greenest? The Sustainable Endowment Institute has released its second College Sustainability Report Card, grading the environmental status of the 200 U.S. colleges with the largest endowments. Two-thirds of the schools got better grades this time than last; the average overall grade was a C+, and six schools received an overall A- for their efforts -- Carleton College, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Middlebury College, University of Vermont, and University of Washington. The colleges were graded on transportation, administration, climate and energy, food and recycling, green building, and investment priorities, as well as endowment transparency and shareholder engagement (both of which most schools solidly failed). Among the encouraging statistics: Around half of the schools have committed to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, more than two-thirds have green building policies, and more than 80 percent source at least some cafeteria food locally.

sources: [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#), [PR Newswire](#)

straight to the report: [College Sustainability Report Card 2008](#)

September 2007: Three UCs Make List of 50 Green Colleges

“[A]s they head off to college, today’s teens are set to take practical steps toward protecting the planet. And schools are lining up to harness that energy with learning programs that give students the tools they’ll need to make real change happen. They’re also remaking campus physical plants into proving grounds for sustainability and the latest green technology.”

<http://www.kiwimagonline.com/green-college-report/pdfs/KiwiGreenReport.pdf>

September 21, 2007: UCD in the spotlight: Regents get a campus update as they meet in Davis for the first time since 1992

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi stressed the importance of energy efficiency and sustainability practices in new construction. Garamendi, one of seven ex-officio regents, was clearly displeased with a UC policy requiring only that new buildings receive basic Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and strive for silver, gold or platinum level. “So, the standard is the very lowest standard, is that something the university is proud of?” Garamendi said.

He noted that Assembly Bill 32, approved last year, requires state government to reduce its carbon footprint. The state must limit its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. “This is not very far off,” Garamendi said.

The issue will be discussed further at an upcoming regents meeting.

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2007/09/19/news/109new0.txt>

August 23, 2007: Green Goes to School: Students Spread the Word and Eco-Friendly Dorms Arrive on Campus

As the college-bound prepare to live away from home for the first time, campus crusaders for green living are trying to influence not only what is purchased in the back-to-school buying frenzy, but also how students go about their daily lives [Article mentions UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, and the Green Campus Program]

<http://www.latimes.com/features/printedition/home/la-hm-green23aug23,0,5494975.story> - or -
http://www.pitzer.edu/news_center/in_the_news/07-08-academic_year/LA_Times_8_23_07.pdf

July 2007: A New Front for Campus Activism: Energy Efficiency

Staff, faculty and students from California universities and colleges recently gathered to learn about hot lighting technology and other new ideas at the [UC-CSU-CCC Sustainability in Higher Education Conference](#). Held at U.C. Santa Barbara this summer, it was the nation's largest conference of its kind.

As climate change looms ever larger and with California still reeling from its 2001 energy crisis, the conference is just one sign that the state's behemoth higher education systems are overcoming bureaucratic inertia and clamoring for greener changes.

http://www.greenbiz.com/news/reviews_third.cfm?NewsID=35692

June 22, 2007: [Largest Campus Sustainability Gathering Held in California](#)

University of California, Santa Barbara recently hosted the sixth annual UC-CSU-CCC Sustainability Conference. The conference, which brought together more than 850 administrators, faculty, staff and students from University of California, California State University and California Community College campuses, is believed to have been the largest campus sustainability gathering in the US. The conference featured 11 different tracks and a total of 45 topic sessions ranging from green building to student life to sustainable food systems. In addition to presentations and discussions, the conference honored the 2007 Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership Best Practice Award winners. This year, 22 honorees were selected in areas such as building retrofits and operations, green buildings, sustainable transportation and student sustainability programs.

June 12, 2007: Experts offer House tips on how to become ‘carbon-neutral’

The House should consider taking on pilot programs as it tries to move toward a “carbon-neutral” environment by the end of the 110th Congress, according to three energy sustainability experts [including Matt St.Clair, Sustainability Manager, UCOP] who spoke on the Hill yesterday.

Dan Beard, chief administrative officer of the House, met with the experts to discuss the “Greening the Capitol” initiative. Each came from a university that had experimented with similar programs.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s (D-Calif.) recently announced the initiative, and a second report should be released in the coming weeks that will outline how the House can realize that goal.

<http://thehill.com/leading-the-news/experts-offer-house-tips-on-how-to-become-carbon-neutral-2007-06-12.html>

May 2007: UC Continues Progress in Sustainable Practices, Environmental Initiatives

UC continues to expand its sustainability policy and programs while receiving accolades from outside organizations on its cutting-edge environmental initiatives. One of the university’s most significant advances this year has been the creation of the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices, an expansion of the previous Policy on Green Building Design, Clean Energy Standards, and Sustainable Transportation Practices.

http://universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ouruniversity/05_07/arounduc.html

April 17, 2007: University of California awarded EPA achievement honors for sustainability efforts

The University of California on Monday (April 16) was honored with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Achievement Award in recognition of the University’s outstanding work in the area of environmental sustainability.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2007/apr17.html>

April 11, 2007: Responsible Purchasing Network Recognizes UC Sustainability Policy:

On March 22, 2007, the President of the University of California System issued an updated policy on sustainable practices and purchasing. The new policy covers Building Renovations, Climate Protection Practices, Sustainable Operations, Recycling and Waste Management, and Environmentally Preferable Procurement.

http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/news/news_detail.php?config%5br311%5d%5binstance_uid%5d=9

April 2007: UC Mentioned in “Student Sustainability” Cover Story in *Business Officer Magazine*

Despite Kermit the Frog’s lament to the contrary, being green *is* getting easier—especially at institutions where dedicated groups of students lead the charge for planet-friendly communities. From digging irrigation ditches and sorting recyclables to writing policy and shopping for locally grown organic foods, students keep ecological issues at the forefront on their campuses as they work cooperatively with faculty and staff to promote sustainability. And, while there’s money to be saved, students emphasize that the downpayment they’re making on the future goes beyond the immediacy of the bottom line.

<http://www.nacubo.org/x9040.xml>

April 9, 2007: UC featured in Business Week article on the greening of America’s campuses

The article includes a profile of UC Sustainability Manager, Matt St.Clair.

http://images.businessweek.com/ss/07/03/0329_climateactivism/source/7.htm

UC Global Warming Research

UCOP’s legislative office has developed a brochure detailing UC faculty research on climate change.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/globalwarming.pdf>

March 2007: Campus Climate Solutions - Green Building Case Studies

The Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) at UC Berkeley is an example of using an integrated design process to achieve sustainable building design goals. Comprehensive collaboration between the user group, the

design team, and the project delivery team produced a highly-sustainable building that satisfies programmatic requirements while adhering to construction schedule and budget...

...The University of California, Santa Barbara boasts the only LEED Platinum laboratory building in the US. In constructing Bren Hall, home to the interdisciplinary graduate school of environmental science and management, 100% of the demolition waste and 92% of the construction waste were recycled...

<http://www.architecture2030.org/news/Issue4/Issue4.html>

January 2007: Article in "Our University" to UC community from President Dynes

The University of California continues to lead the way in adopting and implementing environmental sustainability programs. From the ongoing expansion of recycled materials programs, to purchasing renewable energy, there were scores of accomplishments in 2006 for UC.

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ouruniversity/01_07/sustainability.html

October 2006: UC Global Warming Research Featured in President Dynes's Newsletter

President Dynes issued his latest newsletter, with "UC taking lead role in tackling global warming" headlining the newsletter. http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ouruniversity/10_06/welcome_op.html

October 2006: UC Students Support System-wide Sustainability Policy

Students on many UC campuses this week have been very active in calling for action to combat global warming in advance of the 2006 UC Sustainability Steering Committee meeting. The four articles below resulted from press conferences the students held on Tuesday.

UCLA: <http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/articles.asp?id=38460>

UCSB: <http://www.ucsbdailyxexus.com/news/2006/12207.html>

UCD: <http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2006/10/19/news/074new0.txt>

UCSC Students Combat Global Warming

(I couldn't find an active link to this article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, but have reproduced the full text below)

UC Santa Cruz students, in a coordinated campaign with students nationwide are asking university leaders to reduce global warming emission on campus. On Tuesday, nine campus environmental advocates announced that they would kick start the process by starting projects to promote energy efficiency, introduce on-site renewable energy, increase the use of alternative transportation and fuels and encourage recycling. The students, joined by lecturer and City Councilman Mike Rotkin, said that the campus is poised to be climate neutral in coming years.

September 12, 2006: Alma Matters: Colleges and Universities Are Learning What It Takes to Go Green

Source: [Grist Magazine](#)

The greening of academe is nothing new, but it seems to have taken root in a big way. Today, it's not just about doing a few good, green things -- recycling, buying green energy, building green buildings, and all the rest -- and it's not just about saving money or being seen as a good neighbor. It's about being seen as a sustainability leader in order to attract students, funding, and media attention.

http://www.greenbiz.com/news/reviews_third.cfm?NewsID=34026

August 3, 2006: Flexcar Announces new "Flexcar for Undergrads" Program

Car-sharing company Flexcar recently announced a new Flexcar for Undergrads program, which is being launched at six universities across the country. The first campuses include University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-San Diego, University of California-Berkeley, University of Maryland, Emory University and University of Portland. Car-sharing on college campuses is often restricted to those 21 and older. Under the new program, 18-20 year-olds will be allowed to participate as well. Flexcar will partner with more campuses in the fall as this pilot program demonstrates success at the initial sites.

<http://www.flexcar.com/about/press/pressReleases/pr080306.html>

March 23, 2006 University of California to Divest from Companies with Business Ties to Sudan Government

In response to concerns about genocide in Darfur, the University of California Board of Regents has voted

unanimously to divest all UC shares, including those combined in index funds, from nine companies whose business activities provide revenue to the Sudanese government. University of California is the first major public university in the US to take such action. To protect the Regents' fiduciary obligations to the health of the UC investments, as a result of making this decision on nonfinancial criteria, the implementation of the divestment plan is conditioned upon passage of legislation to indemnify individual Regents and the University as a whole for all costs and defense of any claim arising from the decision to divest. Divestment would be completed within an 18-month period, commencing once indemnification legislation has been enacted.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2006/mar16.html>

<http://insidehighered.com/news/2006/03/17/intl>

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0316/p02s02-legn.html>

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/03/17/SUDAN.TMP>

6/22/05 CSU and UC Make Largest University Purchase of Clean Energy

The University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) announced a purchase of 15 percent clean energy during a statewide sustainability conference in Santa Cruz. The purchase will establish the two universities as the leading university purchasers of renewable electricity nationwide over the next six months. The UC and CSU will purchase 39,000 and 34,000 megawatt hours of clean energy respectively. The announcement comes on the heels of a two-year campaign run by university students and Greenpeace that calls for the CSU Board of Trustees to adopt a comprehensive clean energy and sustainability policy.

9/28/05 University of California to Develop Sustainable Transportation Guidelines

The University of California Board of Regents recently authorized UC President Robert Dynes to develop guidelines to advance sustainable transportation initiatives. Under the guidelines, the University of California will, among other things: establish benchmarks for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; evaluate economic and environmental costs of petroleum and other transportation fuels with the goal of establishing a least-cost economic and environmental strategy for campus fleets; work with regulatory agencies to speed development and implementation of programs and technologies that support goals of sustainable transportation, such as increasing use of bio-diesel and other alternative fuel sources; set goals for increasing low- or zero-emission vehicles in UC fleets; pursue affiliate membership with the California Climate Action Registry; and establish protocols for collecting and interpreting benchmarking data needed to track UC's progress in advancing sustainable transportation practices.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/sep22.html>