Recycle Mania

RecycleMania 2006 is HERE!

For the second year in a row, USU is competing in RecycleMania, the national recycling and waste reduction competition sponsored by the EPA. The competition started on January 30th, and runs for 10 weeks; until April 7th. This year there are 88 schools competing (as opposed to 48 schools last year). We’d really like to win this thing, but we at LEAST have to beat BYU, and as of the first week of the competition, we aren’t even doing that! To check out how we are doing compared to other schools, check out http://www.recylemaniacs.org/universities.asp and click on the name of the university.

So how do we win the competition? RECYCLE! All paper and cardboard count in the competition, as well as aluminum and tin cans, and glass and plastic bottles #1 and #2 (check the bottom of the container for the number in the chasing arrows). At USU we recycle other materials as well, but the ones listed above are what count for the competition.

One extra note, as of this week USU now recycles ALL types of plastic, including plastics #3-7 AND plastic bags as well as plastic lids and ALL other miscellaneous types of plastics! That’s a HUGE step for USU because up until now, we’ve only been able to recycle plastics #1 and #2. If it’s made from plastic, regardless of shape, size, or content, we can now recycle it! So, instead of removing the plastic lid from your bottle, LEAVE IT ON. We can recycle it now! You can now put all of the plastics in the Beverage Container bins located in hallways throughout campus.

RecycleMania this year also includes a waste reduction competition. For this competition, the idea is to reduce waste as much as possible, because even recycling counts against us. So, instead of just using one side of the piece of paper and then recycling it, use the other side first, then recycle it. Rinse out your bottles and reuse them until they’re worn out before tossing them in the recycling bin. Use cloth napkins and handkerchiefs, and reuse utensils rather than just getting disposable ones.

In week 1 of RecycleMania, USU did not do very well. We are still trying to get the word out and get as many people involved as possible. In week 2, we doubled our recycling from week 1, so we are improving rapidly. We need to keep the momentum high for the entire competition though. We are looking for volunteers to help us with various activities relating to RecycleMania, and we’re giving out “Recycle or Die” t-shirts to those who volunteer. We need volunteers to sort paper at the Recycling Center on campus for a few hours, and we need people to adopt recycling cages/bins throughout campus by emptying them and making sure they are being used properly. We are also looking for ways to improve recycling here on campus and welcome your suggestions. If we use your suggestion, we give you a t-shirt too.

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Professor Spotlight

Name: Johan du Toit

Where did you grow up? Zimbabwe

Where did you get your degrees?
   Cape Town University Undergrad, Ph.D. from Wits University

What are those degrees in?
   Zoology, undergrad, Ph.D. in Animal Ecology, Post Doctorate here at USU

When did you decide and what inspired you to go into your degrees?
   I was a farm boy in the bush surrounded by wildlife. I was fascinated by wildlife ecology, and
   was also influenced by my parents.

Have you had any interesting jobs before becoming a professor?
   I once worked at a steal mill, and have had biology internships
   working with aquatic mammals.

Hobbies/Interests:
   Raising kids, and am a snow boarder (shredder and catching air).

What book would you recommend for someone to read?
   Douglas Adams' "Salmon of Doubt"

Favorite Music: Cuban Salsa

Pet Peeves: Injustice.

Thoughts on Logan? Do you enjoy living here? What’s your favorite part about it?
   I really like Logan. I have lived here previously. It’s a friendly way of life.

Favorite Food:
   Italian

If your Mother-in-law were a kitchen appliance what would she be?
   Tumble Dry, warm and fluffy, because she always made things better.

JOB NOTE:
Cameron, one of our fellow peer advisors in the Academic Service Center (NR 120), would like everyone to
know that he holds in his hands a hand dandy handout that has a ton of websites and great resources for
student’s job pursuits free of charge. Although penny donations for the peer advisors’ retirement fund would be
appreciated.
How to Cook a Husband

“A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women go about it as though constantly in hot water; others let them freeze by indifference and carelessness. Some keep them in a stew by irritating words. Others roast them; some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good, if managed in this way, but they are really delicious when properly treated. In selecting your husband, do not go to the market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none, unless you will patiently learn how to govern him. See that the linen in which you wrap him in is properly washed and mended, with the required number of buttons and strings tightly sewed on. Tie him in the kettle by a strong silk cord called “comfort” as the one called “duty” is apt to be too weak. They are apt to fall out of the kettle, and to be burned and crusty on the edges, since, like crabs and lobsters, you have to cook them while alive. If he sputters and fusses do not be anxious—some husbands do this until they are done. As a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. A little spice improves them, but it must be used with judgment.”

Recipe was given by a lecturer at Baltimore Cooking School.
Found in Grandma Armitstead’s old cookbook.

“The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls and looking like hard work.”

-- Thomas Edison

If you have ideas, a question, discussion, story, poem, discovery, research, advertisement, recipe, quote, etc. to help keep the Almanac alive; please contact Helena Torgerson at heletorg@cc.usu.edu with your innovation.
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If you are interested in volunteering at the Recycling Center or adopting bins or cages, or if you have a suggestion on how we can improve, please email usu_recycling@yahoo.com or call 770-6229. Check out our website for additional info on RecycleMania 2006 at www.usu.edu/recycle.

Most of all, do like Pdiddy, and Recycle or Die!
Student Spotlight

By Helena Torgerson

Presenting the lovely, the fabulous, Jamie Reynolds! ("Ya know, like Reynolds wrap; I wish I had family ties there.")


Year in School: Sophomore.

Home: Boise, ID (Potato Head that loves the Denver Broncos!)

Speaking of Potatoes… Favorite Potato Recipe: Yummy Potatoes (aka Funeral Potatoes) and Augraten Potatoes.

If she were an animal she would be… I love pandas, so I’d want to be a panda. Pandas are what got me into nature. You know, “Save endangered animals”.

Favorite Color: Purple

Most embarrassing moment: In Junior High at soccer practice I was pantsed. My shorts were stolen and put on the Jungle Gym. While I got my shorts back, all the girls that stole them sang “Blue Moon” to me.

Hobbies: Camping, Scrapbooking, I play the violin, bass and piano. I love to socialize. I talk a lot, and am very friendly. I am also a Motorcycle girl.

If she could go on vacation anywhere she would go to… Australia and New Zealand, but I will be going to Africa where I have some friends and Italy.

Motto: Always smile. Smile, it gives you something to do. One moment spent unhappy is one minute of happiness you’ll never get back. Life’s too short to be sad. I always try to live life to the fullest and be happy.

Favorite place on campus: CNR atrium

One more thing about Jamie: She’s a Conclave Team Member and is the “Bat Specialist”.

Note about Jamie: She’s a great gal, fun to chat with, has a cute smile and is a great friend. If anyone needs a shoulder and a listening ear, Jamie’ll be there. A smile can certainly make your day, and she’s full of them.
PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Earn 6 upper-division credits and a minimum $4950 stipend for completing all internship requirements!

Get hands-on experience and work in amazing places!
All Tehabi interns are required to: Register for 6 credits of Tehabi coursework; Participate full-time from mid-May to August; Complete all assignments and individual project.

Positions that are currently available:
Range Ecology (NPS, Page, AZ)
Range/Restoration Ecology (NPS, Page, AZ)
Ornithology (NPS, Page, AZ)
Field Sampling Technician - Grasslands (2 positions, NPS, Deer Lodge, MT)
Cultural Resources (NPS, MT, WY or CO)
Range Ecology (2-4 positions, BLM, Elko, NV)
Range Ecology (BLM, Ely, NV)
Wildlife (1-2 positions, BLM, Elko, NV)
Fisheries/Stream Surveys (1-2 positions, BLM, Elko, NV)
Wildlife Monitor (BLM, Ely, NV)
Recreation Planner (BLM, Ely, NV)
Fuels Technician (2 positions, BLM, Shoshone, ID)
Emergency Stabilization/Fire Monitoring Technician (4 positions, BLM, Ely, NV)

Complete position descriptions and applications are available on our website, www.tehabi.org/studentinfo/application.html

NEW PROGRAM FOR 2006 - Tehabi Crew Internships
Located Southern Idaho/Northern Nevada with the BLM Jarbridge Field Office

This year Tehabi has created a new internship program focused on a crew experience. All of the crew interns will work in the same BLM office to help with the new Resource Management Plan. The program was developed to provide students with a working crew experience based on the Stipulated Settlement Agreement related to the recent lawsuit with Western Watersheds Project.

Students earn 3 credits (ENVS 5810) focused on management implications of lawsuits, teamwork, leadership, and the BLM culture.

Earn minimum of $4950 for completing all internship requirements. Crew leader positions available for those with supervisory experience. Housing (trailers) provided for most of these positions.

Positions in:
Wildlife – species and habitat inventory
Ecological Site Inventory – vegetation and range assessments
Fisheries – fish inventory and habitat monitoring
Riparian Specialist – conduct proper functioning condition
Botanist – monitor sensitive plant habitat

For more information, contact Ben Baldwin (797-2582, ben.baldwin@usu.edu) or Summer Olsen (797-8004, summ@cc.usu.edu), or visit our website, www.tehabi.org
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen and other people who do not qualify as either;

This is an attempt at making you laugh. Please do not take me seriously. Were it a serious matter you would hear a loud snoring noise coming from the computer beside you as I fell asleep trying to write a twelve page paper on the fundamentals of arithmetic.

Enough disclaimers. This column today is about wasting your time. As you can see from the first part, the second part will be much like the first part and so on. If you are feeling rushed because you don’t have time because of a certain arithmetic paper you have to write, don’t read this. However, if you do have time, please enjoy the drabble as we go into… Paper clips.

Paper clips are derived from Eskimos who long ago saw how their snowshoes were kind of shaped like paper clips. Then, they decided to put the paper clips on paper. This worked well. The paper clip held onto the paper like burnt cookies on a pan. So, they decided to try it with two pieces of paper. The paper clip stayed on again, only this time, it also held the two papers together. Thus started a big tradition of placing many different pieces of paper together with a snowshoe. Staples stores everywhere rejoiced.

However, after the paper clip, another important invention came about. This invention was called… Valentines Day.

Valentines Day was created as a way for the infamous criminal, Galfon Smittyman to escape. You see, it was a cool night, and the cops were out giving warnings to speeders. Galfon was out driving when suddenly a cop spied him. Galfon quickly turned into a parking lot and did what anyone would do. He pulled a wallet with a fake ID out from his pocket.

“Well, Mr. Smith, what were you doing driving 50 in a 5 mile an hour zone.” (Really it was a 25 mile an hour zone, but the cop was trying to emphasize how fast he was going.)

“I forgot it was Valentines Day and I had to get my girlfriend something large and pink or she would freak out.”

That was when the cop realized that he didn’t have anything for his wife for Valentines Day. He excused Mr. Smith with a warning and sped off towards The Pink Frilly Shop Around the Corner.

Galfon was free to do his wicked deeds again, like splash puddles onto pedestrians. So you see Ladies and Gentlemen and Others, Valentines Day is just a ploy made up by a hardened criminal. Why should we spend it buying frilly things for our loved ones when we really could be doing things like… using paper clips.
EVENTS

Do your part...
Join SNC’s efforts to recycle printer cartridges
SNC has teamed up with Laser Precision to recycle empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges from the community. All you have to do is bring your empty cartridges to any of the following locations: Kinko’s Copy Center, Filbies Copy Center, or Stokes Nature Center. Each cartridge that you bring in will be recycled at Laser Precision in Providence and SNC will get money for programming.

CNR faculty and students,
The CNR has a bird and mammal collection available to staff and students located in NR219. All are welcome to check specimen out for educational presentations and/or for reference use. Specimen can be donated to the collection at any time. Freezers are also available in the lab for short-term storage of specimen. I have plenty of frozen specimen ready for skinning if anyone has the skill/desire to prepare study skins and would like to donate time doing so. Please be sure to fill out the check-out and sign in procedures found within the lab if you choose to use the collection. My office hours are Tuesdays 1300h to 1500h or by appointment. Obtain a key from Lana Barr in the FRWS office for entry outside office hours.

Gabrielle Diamond
Collection Curator

Stegner Center Eleventh Annual Symposium
Global Climate Change: The Arctic to the Rocky Mountain West
Friday & Saturday March 3-4, 2006
To register:
call: 801-585-3440,
e-mail: stegner@law.utah.edu
or visit the web at: law.utah.edu/stegner
Registration Fees:
$50 Seniors, University & College Faculty/Staff/Students (due by February 17, 2006).
$65 Seniors, University & College Faculty/Staff/Students (if paid by Feb. 18 or later).

GSC Meeting
February 23, 2005
5:00 PM in NR 102
Open to everyone.

Round Table February 16, 2006 at 3:00 PM
Quinney Library 3rd Floor
Featuring Author Carl Safina

“Fine Dining Fundraiser for Stokes Nature Center”
Support nature education by enjoying gourmet food on the first Tuesday of each month at the Painted Table restaurant in Logan. The owners of the Painted Table, Nelson and Sarah Swett, have generously agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds from your meal ($1 for every $10 you spend) to the Stokes Nature Center when you eat at the Painted Table on the first Tuesday of each month beginning on March 7th. Gourmet food for a gourmet cause! Please contact the Painted Table at 755-6811 or www.thepaintedtableonline.com and mention the Stokes Nature Center. Bon appetite and thank you for your support!

Drop by the Club Office, NR 112, for more information on upcoming events!