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Recap of Energy Awareness Month

by Brietta Linney

The PowerSave Green Campus team was busy during the month of October.

We celebrated Energy Awareness Month with various activities throughout the month and implemented some exciting new projects. Read this newsletter to learn all about our Energy Awareness Party (a **huge** success!), Mock Energy Bills, new blog, and Green Room Certification. Our team worked hard planning for these events, and it showed!

If you missed our Energy Awareness Party, be sure to check out our Facebook for pictures of the event. Or maybe

you saw the picture featured in the Times Standard?

I also want to welcome new readers of the PowerSave Green Campus newsletter—we had a lot of sign-ups during October! Please send us an email if you have any suggestions or comments.

Thanks for your continued support,

Brietta Linney
Newsletter Editor



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Energy Awareness PARTY!

by Adrienne Spitzer



Above: Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney demonstrate how to use Kill-A-Watt meters.
Left: One of the attendees takes a shower timer to help reduce her water use.

On October 17th PowerSave Green Campus hosted an Energy Awareness Party to celebrate National Energy Awareness Month.

The party was held in the UC South Lounge on campus and was geared toward students. The party had many different stations set up with food, activities, trivia, and giveaways. The Humboldt Energy Independence Fund also had an information table set up at the party and was a pivotal part of the marketing for the event.

In the kW guessing game, students learned about phantom loads and tried to guess how many watts certain appliances—toaster, computer, phone charger, and hair dryer—used. This was a really fun activity that got people to think about energy use of everyday items. Power Pong and the trivia game were also a hit and tested attendees' energy knowledge. A special thanks to Max Tanti for

finding awesome energy facts and for making the trivia board!

Overall, the event was really fun and successful with around 75 people in attendance! PSGC received a lot of positive feedback from the students who stopped by to check it out. The event even made it into the local Times Standard!

Energy Awareness Month may only happen once a year but energy saving is year round! PSGC would like to offer a friendly reminder to unplug appliances when not in use to combat those pesky phantom loads! Remember to be conscious of your energy use in the upcoming winter months.



Above: A group of students fill out a pledge at the HEIF table.
Below: Some students gather around the kW guessing game as others try their luck at Power Pong and trivia.



Check out more pictures on our Facebook!

"HSU PowerSave Green Campus"

Energy Blog Launched

by Anais Rodriguez

In honor of Energy Awareness Month, Powersave Green Campus decided that October would be a great month to start an intern led blog with energy saving tips, project updates and pictures. [THE NEXT BRIGHT IDEA](#) blog is intended to serve as an additional resource for fellow energy savers who are browsing the PSGC site. Every week PSGC interns have an opportunity to tailor posts to keep topics interesting yet informative. THE NEXT BRIGHT IDEA hopes to spark innovative ways for saving and reducing energy consumption. Our goal is to promote energy awareness and inform readers about the importance of saving energy and how easy it can be! Individual blog posts can be shared using social network sites and comments on individual blog posts are always encouraged. We hope that readers find the blog helpful, fun and interactive as well as a daily reminder to save energy.



CALCULATE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

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Energy saving starts with assessing the areas in your life that require help. Figure out what your current energy consumption is like then set goals to reduce your carbon emissions by making small changes in your everyday life. Remember: Energy consumption has a monetary value therefore

REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION to SAVE MONEY!

Calculate your Carbon Footprint

Tweet 0

Like 0

Add Comment



ABOUT OUR BLOG

We are the Fall 2012 interns for Powersave Green Campus! Elizabeth, Augustine and Anais

<http://www.powersavehsu.com/blog.html>

Mock Energy Bills

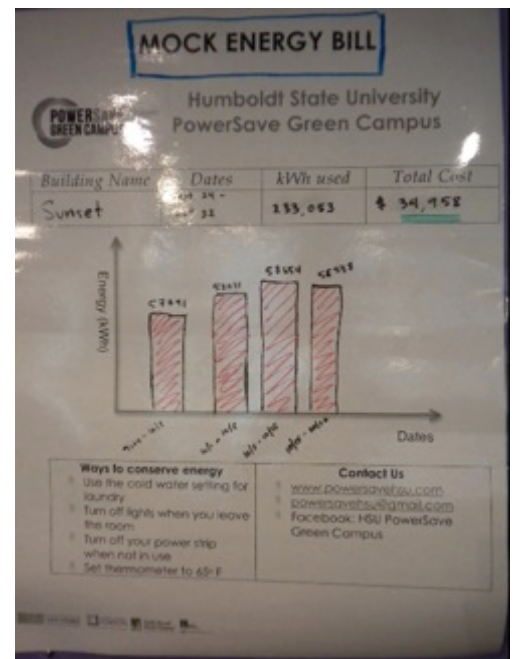
by Max Tanti

Today there are many reasons to change our behaviors to use more efficient technologies and to conserve resources.

However, the first step to changing behavior is awareness. In the residence halls we would like to bring awareness to the idea that our daily activities consume resources, which cost money and impact the environment. That is why we implemented Mock Energy Bills in the HSU residence halls this semester.

The bills are displayed at a central location in each Residence Hall (except for Cypress whose energy cannot be monitored) and display accurate energy consumption information.

From these displays, residences can learn about their energy consumption and costs. The response has been positive, with some students saying that the residence halls should adopt solar power. Our hope is that the bills will inspire some students to better see the connection between their actions and the consumption of resources.



Green Room Certification

by Elizabeth Soto

Do you live in a residence hall, and wonder how much your electric bill is? It is easy to forget to turn off the lights, but how residents live affects Humboldt's overall sustainability efforts. Many students are unaware of how much energy they waste because they don't receive a monthly bill. It is important to practice sustainable living habits while living on campus and anywhere else. HSU Housing and PowerSave Green campus have created a program where students are encouraged to live a greener lifestyle. The **Green Room Certification Program** empowers students to choose a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle. It is very easy to get certified. All you have to do is fill out a survey.

The survey can be found on the housing website. The link to the website is <http://humboldt.edu/reslife/sustainability>. Once you are certified you get a nice certificate to post on your door. You may be thinking, why should I do this? Well, for one it is FUN and who does not want to be green? Becoming certified is a good way to help out the university. We have also incentivized the program, and becoming certified automatically enters you into a drawing to win sustainability-related prizes. Yes, you read that right *free prizes!!* I



How to save on laundry day

by Jenna Bader

Down to your last pair of socks? PowerSave Green Campus has some suggestions for your next load of laundry that can help you save energy and money!



For each individual that does one load of laundry per week, 130 kWh of energy are used to power these appliances every year. The carbon dioxide emissions produced by washing and drying the clothes of the majority of the Arcata population are equivalent to 145 additional cars on the road every year! Think of how many people are using these machines on a larger scale. Luckily, there are many ways to decrease our energy and water use and their associated costs.

Sustainable Laundry Tips:

- **If your dryer has a cool-down cycle, get in the habit of using this great feature! The residual heat left in the dryer can be used to finish drying your clothes without wasting that extra heat (a.k.a. energy)**
- **De-wrinkling clothes by means of electricity (ironing, for example) could be avoided by immediately hanging clothes to dry in a bright area with optimized airflow.**
- **Wash clothes in cold water with cold-water detergents**
- **Load the washer to capacity every time, saving water and energy**

Picture of the Month:



Interns pose at the Energy Awareness Party on October 17th.
Left to Right: Augustine Sughrua, Anais Rodriguez, and Elizabeth



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November Metrics

75 attendees at Energy Awareness Party

12,826 kWh savings from Green Workplace Assessment

44 Power strips given away

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