Hey, Orson, you aren’t graduating this Spring, are you?

Heck no, it will be YEARS before I graduate. I have a mission: to get every member of our community to be more sustainable.

Whoa, that’s ambitious, although we made major strides this year. During RecycleMania, we placed #12 out of 228 schools in pounds of recyclables collected per person (34.18). Well done! Hey, think I could get internship credit for all my work. No?!

Before you leave...

Wells is again holding its Trash2Treasure move-out collection program to divert as much still-usable stuff as possible from landfill trash.

We will collaborate with the King Ferry Food Pantry, and Finger Lakes to accept donations of non-perishable food, clothing, housewares, and we-don’t-yet-know-what-all.

Donations collected in the residence halls will be transported to the Center for Sustainability for further sorting and assessment. We will keep an eye peeled for stuff to restock the shelves in the RUMPU$ Room (office supplies) and the Bargain Basement (everything else) for incoming and returning students to avail themselves of in the fall.

As you prepare to pack up and head out, think before you toss. What is trash to you today could well become someone else’s treasure tomorrow.

What “treasures” can you donate?

- Gently-used and clean (please!) clothing
- Unopened, non-perishable food
- Lightly used school and office supplies
- Still-working electronics and appliances
- Videos, DVDs, CDs
- Furniture (your own, not the College’s! 😊)
- Housewares (kitchen items, towels, linens, etc.)
- Furnishings (posters, lamps, rugs, furniture, etc.)
- Arts & craft supplies
- Costumes (gently used and clean, please!)
- Textbooks – trade books – paperbacks
- Personal care products and cleaning supplies

Trash-2-Treasure collection areas:

- Dodge: Front lobby
- Glen Park: Front lounge
- Weld: North front lounge (left of the entry)
- Leach: Front lounge
- Main: the “crossbar” on each floor
- Fairlane, Mandell, Green: please bring items to the Sustainability Center Zabriskie room 212

Faculty and staff: this is a good time for you to “clear the decks” too. If you have any items from the list above, please bring them over to the Sustainability Center.

Questions about more sustainable practices? Email: sustainability@wells.edu

“Installment” is a double play on words: these mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles (“in stalls”) and the content changes periodically - in “installments.”

Get it? Got it? Good!

Did we getcha? Did the leaders of the sustainability-related clubs spot you using your reusable mug and reward you with a GOTCHA card? Each card is redeemable for a free coffee or hot tea refill at the Grind Café. Note that this free refill will only be dispensed into your own reusable beverage container. Redeem your second block GOTCHA card before May 20.

PLEASE turn everything off…

If you will be out of your office for any extended period of time this summer, please make sure to turn off and unplug any electrical equipment. Unfortunately, those evil energy vampires never take a vacation.

Bring any plastic shopping bags, burned-out lightbulbs, and dead batteries to the collection boxes in the Sustainability Center.

And the last one out, please turn off the lights!

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Arrive curious. Graduate prepared.