Installment April 2015



Hey, Orson, you're really rockin' that shower cap.

Thanks. I'm planning to take lots of cool showers this month. But don't worry, I will only take short ones. I know how much water and energy a long, hot shower can waste.

Shorter showers are a good thing, Orson, but why so many...? *I hear that April showers bring May flowers...just doing my part.*Wait... what...? Oh, never mind. Enjoy your shower, Orson.

Pet Peeves

Maybe it's the delayed onset of spring, but a few things have pushed our buttons lately.

An eagle-eyed observer sent us a photo of one of the landfill trash containers overflowing with "go-cups" from the dining hall. The empty cup is indeed landfill trash, but the plastic lid and paper sleeve are recyclable. Please separate these materials properly. Remember:

Recycling is right - Landfill what's left.



Another campus community member remarked on seeing a number of seemingly able-bodied folks using automatic door opener mechanisms to facilitate their entry

into buildings. If you require such assistance, by all means, use it. If not, please don't waste energy-open the door yourself.

Same goes for taking the elevator when you're able to use the stairs.



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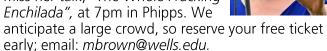
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April is Earth Month

The annual **Activism Symposium** will be held on Monday, April 13th, with lots of presentations and activities. Watch for

a special sustainability demonstration outside during the symposium – we're not telling what it will be...

On Tuesday, April 14th, the *Visiting Writers* series and the *Sustainability Speaker* series host internationally renowned ecologist, activist and author Sandra Steingraber. Don't miss her talk, "The Whole Fracking Enchilada", at 7pm in Phipps. We



Wells Campus Greens are planning several Earth Week activities – stay tuned to the Globe and the Wells Weekly for info about the schedule of events.

into action

If you have been on the sidelines of adopting more sustainable behaviors and practices, let this April mark the time that you:

Think Spring!

"Installment" is a double play on words: these informational mini-newsletters are put inside bathroom cubicles ("in stalls") and the content gets changed out - in "installments."

Get it? Got it? Good!



Will we getcha?

New *GOTCHA* cards are out for this block. Are you carrying your reusable mug? It so,

the leaders of the sustainability-related clubs might spot you doing the right thing. Each *GOTCHA* card is redeemable for a free 12-oz coffee or hot tea refill at the *Express Café*. Note that this free refill will only be dispensed into your own reusable beverage container. Thanks to *Skillet & Embers* for their continued support of the *GOTCHA* incentive program.

Watch Your Waste

You may have noticed the addition of a new compost collection bin in the dining hall dish room. This is an educational effort to get our community to properly separate their food waste. All non-paper plates, cups, glasses and silverware are reusable and should go through the dish machine – please be careful not to throw out metal silverware!

What goes in **compost**: All food waste garbage as well as brown paper napkins, paper bowls, and paper hot cups.

What is **recyclable**: Used plastic straws, empty yogurt cups and their foil lids, plastic eating utensils, plastic hot cup lids, paper hot cup sleeves, and *empty* condiment cups.

What is **trash**: anything else that's disposable.

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