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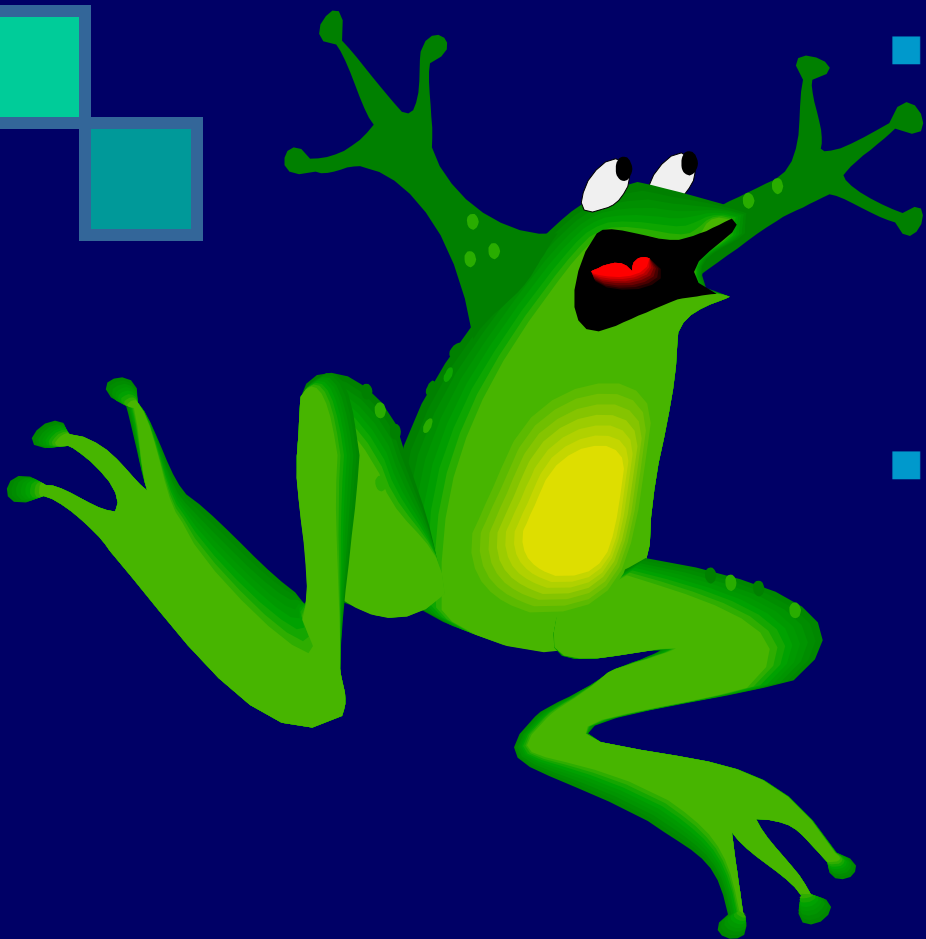
It's *Easy* Being Green!



NLU Green Committee




Our goal: Greening NLU



- Our world is heating up - Americans contribute more carbon dioxide per capita and overall than any other nation
WE NEED TO REDUCE IT!
- It's time for NLU to join others in instituting green practices
TIME TO GET ON BOARD!

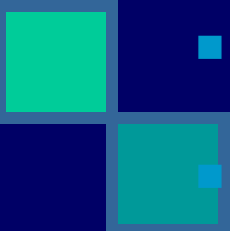



“Think Globally – Act Locally”

- Each campus has different issues
 - There are engaged faculty, staff and students at each campus – we all need to work on the local level
 - But most policies are university-wide, not local
 - Bill Roberts and Karolynn Boness oversee initiatives on any campus – and we rent everywhere but in Wheeling
 - Most changes have budget implications and must be included in budgeting for the following year
 - All initiatives require raising consciousness and changing daily habits
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Positive Milestones so far – did you know?

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- Computers will be timed to turn off earlier and fewer will be in operation starting this month
 - Our Dell computers are recycled by the company
 - Printer paper is already 30% post consumer recycled paper
 - NLU washrooms' hand towels use recycled paper, save electricity and are battery powered
 - The Copy Center makes notepads from waste paper from printers – as you have seen today!
 - We've got a group in the Banner portal to store minutes, links, and photos and send emails
 - The university has given us a conference call number to have monthly phone meetings – thank you NLU!
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What's new in Greening NLU?

- Mixed use recycling bins are now in operation on all campuses!

- Wheeling
- Milwaukee
- Chicago
- Lisle
- Elgin
- Beloit
- North Shore



**“Hey dude, put
your Burger
King bag right
in this blue
bin....Ribbit....”**

What else is hopping?

- Green tips are now in every NLU Newsweekly!
- An Inconvenient Truth for Faculty Staff Connection is in the NLU library – check it out!
- We attended 2 SCARCE events on Green Universities, they'll help us green
- We had a rep of the Lieutenant Governor's office speak in Chicago, and we are in touch with the campus initiative
- goal to track paper use on all campuses with quarterly audit
 - goal: 20% less paper purchasing
- We're about to have a webpage at the NLU site with our weekly tips, links to important green resources, and a blog....



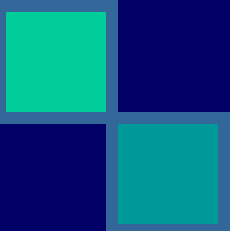

What else is hopping?

- ALL ink cartridges are collected and recycled through NLU's copying vendor
- Battery collection is underway on the Chicago area campuses..... coordinated by the PACE program!
- We're networking with other building tenants and other universities





Recycling exists – and is now a maintenance issue....

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- We must learn to use the recycling and use it correctly! Greens on each campus need to check that
 - Recycling bins are clearly marked
 - There are sufficient bins – ideally in each classroom and work area
 - Students in each class are told about it and encouraged to use the recycling – it's up to them!
 - Recycling bins are next to regular garbage, with both marked. That works best
 - To that end, here is a sample sign for use at your campus (Lisle campus sign follows first one):
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RECYCLE HERE!!!

YES

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- PAPER
 - CARDBOARD
 - GLASS
 - METAL
 - PLASTIC

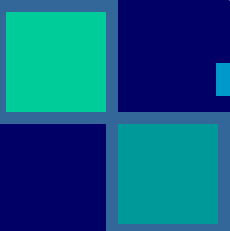
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- STYROFOAM
 - FOOD
 - DRINKS
- food wrappers
and drink cups
can be recycled
if clean & dry
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LISLE - RECYCLE HERE!!!

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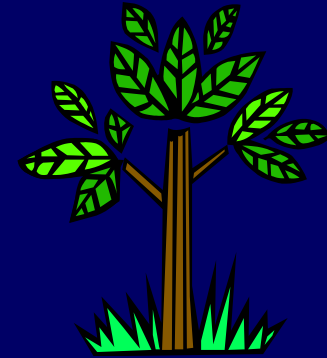
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Networking - Chicago



- The Early Childhood Education Group has made recycling at Chicago campus its project for the year!
- issues: lack of supervision in computer labs causes **tremendous** paper waste, need to train campus to follow new recycling procedures, especially for classes and **large group events**
- some Chicago liaisons: Rob Morrison, Charlotte Metoyer, Randee Lawrence, Vito DiPinto, Kathryn Osen, Heather Swanson, Rudy Smith and.....

Voice from Chicago campus



There are many simple ways to show I care for my environment.

First and foremost I commute to work on my bicycle, therefore using my own power to get myself to and from work, and at the same time getting myself to work and in shape, using

rechargeable batteries, and batteries that run on my own power for illumination.

This is good for the planet, as well as myself. Besides, I enjoy the activity (and like being called "the bike guy" at work!)

Justin Phillips – Voice from Chicago campus

I recycle ALL of my refuse by tying it to the back of my bicycle and riding it over to the local recycling center every Saturday.

At work I recycle everything I can and use paper on both sides when necessary.



I make all these activities part of a routine so it does not seem like I am going out of the way to go green. With a little bit of a routine and some perseverance anything is possible! - **Justin D. Phillips**, Administrative Assistant to the ViceProvost

Networking – North Shore

- The PACE program will coordinate the battery recycling and the bird audit!
- Issues: Recycling is in place but there are too few bins, and they are not placed strategically and at large group events
- Liaisons: Karen Roth, Kristin Lems, Margaret Higgins, Luisa Rapisarda, Vito DiPinto, Kate Zilla, Carol Burns



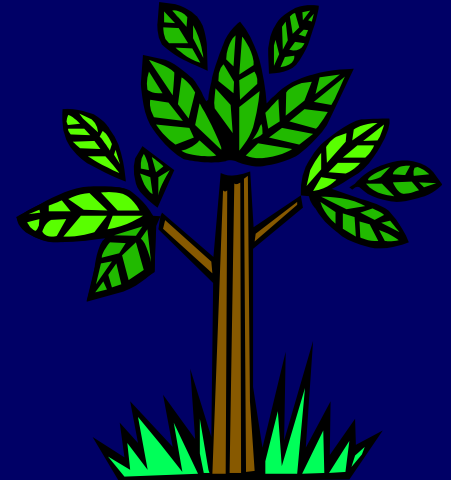
Voice from North Shore campus



- I'm constantly challenging myself to live my beliefs. It's slow but steady. I am a conscientious recycler now – will walk quite a ways to put things in the right bin. I have learned the bus routes and use them. I have a saddle bag on my bike that fits my laptop. I take my Jewel and Chico bags shopping now, and haven't taken a new plastic bag for a couple of months.
- I talk with my students about these issues on a regular basis. They're teachers, so they can make a huge difference. – **Kristin Lems**, professor

Networking - Elgin

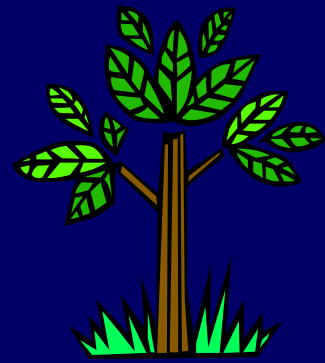
- Mixed use recycling is in place!!
- Issues: Signage is still needed to guide users to recycle, bin is far from computer lab, so much paper is wasted

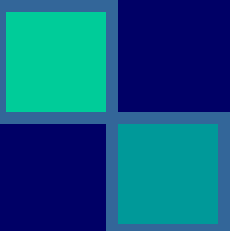



Elgin member for Green Committee: Margaret Stemler



Networking - Lisle



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- Lisle is in DuPage County and is able to take full advantage of the SCARCE resources (Glen Ellyn) – they have county funds to assess, train, send interns, etc. This contact should be fully developed!!
 - Issues: Clear signage needs to be placed; bins are too far from classrooms to be useful when students are discarding things. Paper waste.
 - liaisons: Randee Lawrence, Sunday Cummins, Terry Jean Day, Heidi McReynolds, Suzanne Millies, Michael Knapp
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Voice from Lisle Campus – old books




One way NLU keeps its library print collection up to date is by “weeding” outdated or unused books.

But what happens to them after that? Being good stewards of resources, we put them on “Free Book” carts placed in lounge areas where students, staff, faculty, and visitors can select what they like. That’s the REUSE mode of conservation.

- Still, there may be some items that remain. Now that we have recycling bins at the campus, we can place paperback books in the bins and RECYCLE.
- Text books that are less than 10 years old, encyclopedias less than 12 years old, and dictionaries, and thesauruses can be donated to SCARCE in Glen Ellyn. Then schools in less prosperous areas in Illinois and around the world can have the benefit of these resources.




Voice from Lisle Campus, cont.

- On a personal note, since I live in Wheaton, I have taken some things from NLU to the **SCARCE** center. But I also use this outlet for items from my home. Folders, binders, even used crayons can find a useful second life (the real kind, not virtual) at SCARCE.
 - Over the years, my husband and sons and I have composted our kitchen scraps, leaves, and grass clippings. We've also grown a vegetable garden without pesticides or weed killer, making us organic gardeners, I suppose. And I've canned and frozen the produce, which means I've reused the containers multiple times.
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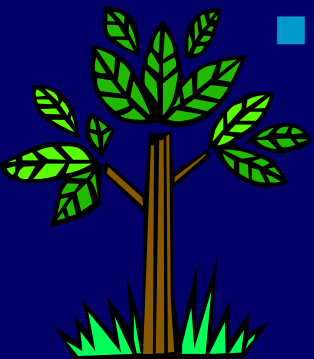
Voice from Lisle Campus, cont.

- We save scrap printer paper and use it for rough drafts. Of course, we take advantage of our city's free recycling service, which cuts down on the amount of trash to be picked up, a paid service.
 - Recycling isn't really hard; it just takes a little forethought—and practice. It's a good habit to start.
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- - Terry Jean Day, Lisle Campus Library



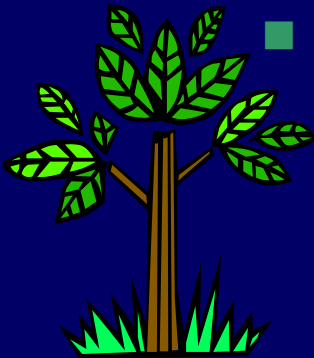
Networking – Wheeling

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- WE CAN DO MORE HERE – we own this facility – green roof? electric car for campus mail?
 - Mixed use recycling is in place
 - Issues: Too few bins and locations hard to find; people needing more education in using them
 - some liaisons: Laura Cozak, Linda Gibbons, Kathy Walsh, Alexandra Fidyk, Maja Miskovic, Sophie Degener
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Networking – Beloit/Milwaukee

- Mixed use recycling has been instituted at both campuses, thanks to initiatives from Green Committee members and the helpful offices of Director Bob Vance
- liaisons: Mary Hauser, Mary Ann Kahl



Voice from Wisconsin centers – Milwaukee and Beloit



Since Mary Ann Kahl spoke to me some time ago about making the Wisconsin campuses more eco conscious, Milwaukee and Beloit instituted a total recycling program.

This includes paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and aluminum. The local garbage companies were happy to work with us on this. Personally I am used to recycling at home, but I have never done so where I've worked.

Voice from Wisconsin centers – Milwaukee and Beloit



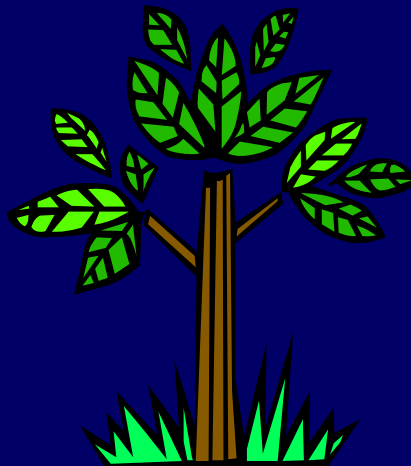
Before we started this I didn't realize how much material we were sending to the landfills each day. It gives me a great feeling knowing that I am helping the environment form work, as well as home.

Bob Vance, Executive
Director, Wisconsin
Campuses



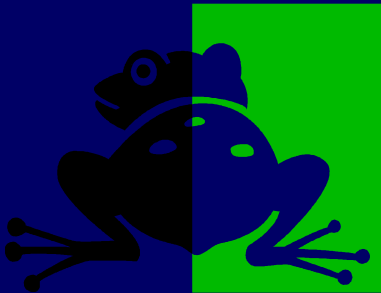
Networking - MacLean

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- We await news of your initiatives!



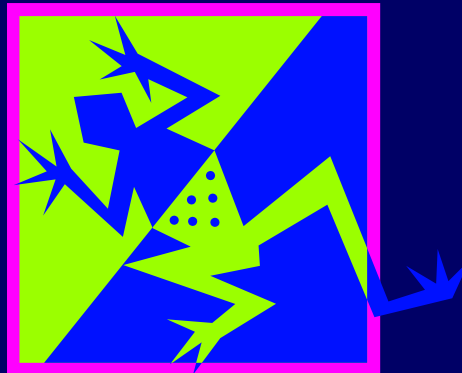
Networking - Tampa

- Battery recycling has begun and a comprehensive recycling program should begin soon.
- Liaisons: Holly Genzen, Marie Nelson



Networking – home offices

- Please let us know how you have customized your home to provide an environment in which waste is minimal, energy use is optimal, and recycling occurs....



the SCARCE Center in Glen Ellyn – a great resource

- their website: www.bookrescue.org
- take a look – the SCARCE Center is right in Glen Ellyn and it's got a LOT of projects going on!!

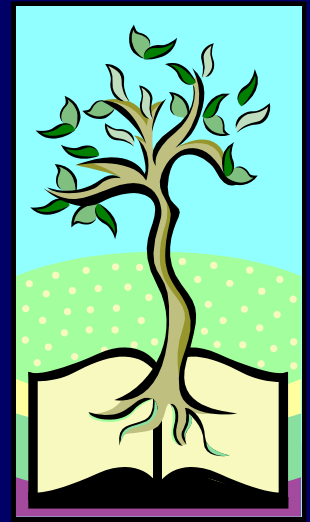




Who's on board so far:

- Rob Morrison, Marie Nelson, Luisa Rapisarda, Carol Burns, Heidi McReynolds, Kathleen Walsh, Kathryn McMahon, Sunday Cummins, Sue Doman, Carol Moulden, Mary Hauser, Bill Roberts, Margaret Higgins, Alexandra Fidyk, Maja Miskovic, Charlotte Metoyer, Mary Ann Kahl, Kate Zilla, Linda Gibbons, Karen Roth, Suzanne Millies, Rich Sorenson, Bela Barner, Randee Lawrence, Laura Cozak, Sophie Degener, Terry Day, Jennifer Peterson, Justin Phillips, Alex Montoya, Debbie Hanrahan, and Kristin Lems
- Want to join? Just go to my.nl.edu and click on "groups" in the upper right corner. We hold monthly meetings and email a lot in between. Join us!

How to become an active NLU Green



Monthly meetings – 2nd Monday of month, 9:30 AM, Wheeling campus or by phone hookup

- Contribute to and Read our “Green Tips” item in each newsletter
- Start your own project in your classroom, program, office, department, campus, or college, and let us help spread the word!

It's easy being Green, cont.



- Organize your work and kitchen area!
 - see that paper printing errors are reused on Side 2
 - always use recycling bins and urge others to do so
 - stock kitchenettes with reusable mugs, recycled cups & napkins, and avoid plastic and styrofoam products
- When you teach
 - minimize lengthy paper handouts
 - always do two sided copying of handouts
 - explicitly introduce NLU recycling resources to your students
 - encourage environmental topics and lesson plans



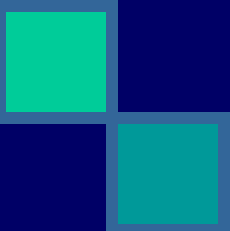

and...

- don't forget to turn out the lights when you leave.....
- don't forget to shut down your equipment and unplug your converters when you leave.....
- GOALS INCLUDE:
 - 10% reduction in NLU electric bill !
 - 20% reduction in paper use!
 - model green campuses!



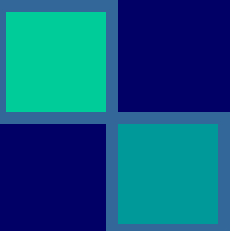



Other projects and ideas....

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- Getting an electric car for the NLU intercampus mail service?
 - Converting to 100% post consumer recycled paper in all copy machines and printers
 - activating two sided copying on printers
 - giving students a quota on free copying
 - having a community service day for Earth Day for NLU students, faculty, staff
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What are some of the ways you think green?

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- "I carpool to work – it saves \$ and CO2"
 - "I have insulated my home and become more energy efficient – we put insulation over the leaky windows"
 - "When the weather is nice and the schedule fits, I hang laundry outside to dry."
 - "I bike to the train station and take the train downtown"
 - "I walk or bike for errands and entertainment!"
 - YOUR GREAT IDEA HERE!
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"It's easy being green!"

