A GREENER TULANE Gives Back to the Environment

From the McAlister Mall project that makes the uptown campus a greener place to live, study and work, to implementation of a single-stream recycling program on the downtown campus, Tulane University has given back to the environment in 2010. And the New Year will bring even more gifts from the university to Mother Earth.

(Reporting by Fran Simon. Illustration by Tracey O'Donnell)

• A fall 2010 survey found that 35 percent of Tulane staff and faculty walk, bike, ______ carpool, use alternative transportation or drive a fuel-efficient car to work.

- Through the Tulane Center for Public Service, Tulane students contributed 7,536 hours to environmentalrelated service organizations, such as Green Light New Orleans, which installs energy-efficient lights, the Gulf Restoration Network and others. Read more...
- In the fall semester, campus dining areas sold 1,465 reusable cups that have been refilled 6,500 times. Paper cup use dropped by about 10 percent.

• The URBANbuild house at 2036 Seventh St., designed and built by Tulane architecture students and professors, has been certified LEED Silver by the U.S. Green Building Council. Read more...

• After its renovation, Dinwiddie Hall is 14 percent more energy-efficient. To reduce the environmental impact, 75 percent of the construction waste was recycled. More than 50 percent of the building's interior elements were reused. Read more...

• A new residence hall under construction is projected to use about 30 percent less energy than the average comparably-sized new building.

• 15 new bike racks on the uptown campus that hold 165 bicycles, and another 8 bike racks are on the "wish list." • Almost 1,000 pounds of salvaged glass from the renovation of Dinwiddie Hall will be used by artists in the Pace-Willson Glass Studio. Each semester, students use about 16,000 lbs. of recycled glass in the studio. Read more...

- Nearly 100 percent of the materials from a temporary modular site – concrete, metals, asphalt, plastic pipes and trailers – were recycled to prepare for construction of the new basketball and volleyball practice facility.
 - Tulane received an A- on the College Sustainability Report Card, joining 52 institutions named as College Sustainability Leaders. Read more...
 - More than 10 tons of clothing, household items, food and books were collected and donated during move-out weekend at the end of spring semester.
 - Tulane University has planted 65 new trees on the uptown campus this year, including three new live oak trees along St. Charles Avenue. Read more...
 - Tulane recycled 60 tons of plastic bottles and cans in 2010 – twice as many as in 2009.
 - The university collects and donates 5 to 7 tons of Mardi Gras beads to the ARC, which provides jobs for people with intellectual disabilities who package the beads for Mardi Gras krewes.
 - The new basketball and volleyball practice facility will be 36 percent more energyefficient than similar facilities. Read more...