

CACConnections

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CAC Helps MIT's Biodiesel Student Group Find a Home

The Campus Activities Complex has continued its role helping student groups with their office space by assisting the newly formed Biodiesel group with their move into their new home in NW14. The students will transform used cooking oil from MIT Dining locations into usable, green fuel for the Facilities group. Debi Kedian, Assistant Director, worked on getting the space in shape with building access, telecommunications, and facility conditions. With further assistance from EHS, the students have produced their first batch of biodiesel this past summer.



Kyle Gilpin

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Do you have an idea for a Coffeehouse Lounge student event?

Student groups can reserve the space for events with up to 50 people and all events must be open to the entire MIT Community. Use of the space includes the use of the upgraded AV equipment.

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Guitar Hero Tournament

We had a blast last semester, so we are doing it again! Guitar Hero is back at the Coffeehouse Lounge on October 20, 2009 at 7:30pm. Last semester 20 students participated in the tournament and we look forward to another successful, competitive event. All participants will receive a Boston Theme T-shirt.

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st Place- \$80 Tech Cash
- 2nd Place- \$60 Tech Cash
- 3rd Place- \$40 Tech Cash

Not a big scorer?? No worries - we have prizes for Best Performance and Best Costume as well.

Snacks/Refreshments will be provided. E-mail Nicole at nmessuri@mit.edu.



Watt a Difference a Bulb Makes

Partnering with Facilities, two of our buildings, the Stratton Student Center and the Stata Center, are on the cutting edge of the Institute's efforts to promote energy efficiency as a way to reduce costs and more green. This summer, the common areas and restrooms of these facilities received new lights, which are not only of a lower wattage but also have a longer lamp life, creating additional savings in labor costs. Funded through a donation to the Institute, this project will significantly lower utility costs with a savings of over \$175,000 per year.

New Cleaning Processes Instituted at CAC

This past year, CAC updated its cleaning processes for ways to improve and lessen their environmental footprint with new "green" products and equipment. The office now utilizes command distribution centers which mixes concentrated solutions that can be used for various tasks. By choosing concentrated solutions, the costs and environmental impact of shipping water-heavy products can be avoided. Debi Kedian, our Assistant Director, has been leading the charge and has already seen savings.

Green Your Home, CAC Style!

Our new "green" products include micro-fiber cleaning cloths which can be washed and reused. If you want to green your home, pick up some of these clothes at a hardware or home goods store.

Recycling with Ease is the Easiest

Recycling, It's in the Bag

The Undergraduate Association's Committee on Sustainability reached out to the Campus Activities Complex last semester to discuss plastic bag recycling on campus. Debi Kedian, Assistant Director, and Claudette Palmer, Manager of Day Operations, coordinated with the Grounds' Recycling group to provide specially marked bins in the Stratton Student Center and Stata Center.

One Bin. Three Ways to Recycle.

The popular and long-anticipated single stream recycling program was launched this spring in all CAC buildings and we've been busy purchasing new containers to keep up with demand. No longer do folks need to use separate bins for cans, bottles, and paper. Now you can place all recyclable materials into the same container and rely on the off-campus sorting facility to sort and recycle it. What can you place in these containers?



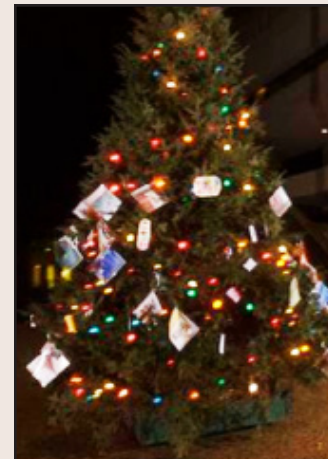
W20 Student Center Lobby

- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs
- Telephone and soft cover books
- Paper (staples/paperclips are okay!)
- Paperboard (cereal/shoe boxes)
- Food containers (clean out the food as much as possible)
- Glass or plastic bottles
- Aluminum
- Metal cans

For more information about single stream and conventional recycling, visit <http://web.mit.edu/facilities/environmental/recycling.html>

May Your Days Be Merry and Bright (and Green)

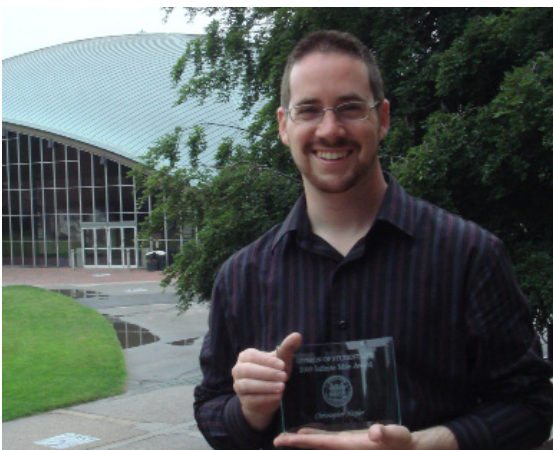
This year the Stratton Student Center holiday tree enters the 21st century. A tradition since the opening of the Student Center in 1965, the tree has been lit by strings of C-9 lights bringing warmth and good cheer during the cold, dark days of December. With many of the lights needing replacement, CAC looked at alternative, energy saving lights to replace these old strings. This December, the tree will be lit with LED crystal lights, which are brighter than the older style but use 90% less power. LED lamp life is 100,000 hours, which is 250% greater than the old lamps. This tree lighting is brought about with the assistance of MIT Grounds and the MIT Electrical Shop.



Simple Changes Make a Big Impact in Community Spaces Across Campus

As part of MIT's Institute-wide recycling efforts, Sustainability@MIT has launched the Green Ambassador program. Chris Nayler, Assistant Manager of Technical Operations, joined the group and has been busy working with our staff to see how we can adapt and improve our efforts in this area. The impact has been felt throughout the department with decisions ranging from printing on double-sided paper to turning off lights in areas that are not being heavily used.

For more information, visit <http://sustainability.mit.edu/resources/become-a-green-ambassador>.



Chris Nayler



Green Advertising – Use a CAC Sandwich Board.

Promote your event in a more green way by renting a sandwich board from CAC. With just a few posters on these boards at key outdoor locations, the campus will know about your event in a higher impact way, and you will use less paper than putting posters up all over campus. With 20 sandwich boards in its inventory, CAC continues to expand its offerings to help MIT groups on campus. Boards can be rented for up to a week. Student groups can rent for free, and departments are charged \$10 per board. Contact CAC for more details.

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New sound system in room
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