



Report to Faculty Assembly from the Campus Sustainability Committee

February 13, 2009

GOLD STRIKE

It is particularly fitting in this *150th anniversary of the Pikes Peak Gold Rush* that we recently learn that the Recreation Center will be rated a LEED gold building for its environmental and sustainable construction and operation.



Thanks to Dean of Students Robert Wonnett who saw that the planning process was open to the students who financed the building. The subsequent involvement of the SEAS student organization demonstrated that when students are given the opportunity to be engaged, they will be and will devote time and study to the effort.

Thanks also to the Administration which recognized the value of going for the gold both for our educational mission as well as for substantial life cost operation savings.

Thanks especially to Facilities and to Linda Kogan, Sustainability Office, for the constant oversight of the process to insure a positive outcome.

MORE KUDOS

Public Safety has purchased two Priuses. The Enterprise side of campus now has recycle bins in the Student Center and in the Lodge.

RECYCLE MANIA. Bravo to all of us and especially to Facilities and the Sustainability Office for our success for far in the national Recycle Mania competition. For more info, see <http://www.recyclemania.org/>

SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT. The Sustainability Committee will not meet in February as many of our members are attending the **Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit: Forging Solutions at Colleges and Universities**, University of Colorado at Boulder <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/rmss2009/cfp>

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE SYLLABUS. Please consider the following or a similar addition to class syllabi—

Respect the environment. Sustainability is a UCCS campus goal. Limit the amount of paper used in this class. Print assignments double-sided and use an 11 point font. Make use of the recycling bins around campus and in class. When time allows, take advantage of the beauty of our campus and walk between classes and to the Recreation Center.

SUSTAINABILITY CALENDAR 2009

Statewide sustainability events calendar

<http://www.casba.info/calendar/events/index.php>

February 11-13, 2009 Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit: Forging Solutions at Colleges and Universities, University of Colorado at Boulder <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/rms2009/cfp>

February 26-27 ELEVATE 2009: Climate Change and the New Frontiers of Urban Development. University of Colorado Leeds School of Business and the University of Colorado Law School. The Symposium-to be held in conjunction with the Leeds School of Business' annual Real Estate Conference-will bring together a diverse group of some of the nation's leading thinkers and practitioners in this arena to advance the increasingly rich, complex conversation about sustainable land use and real estate development in the age of global warming. Featured speakers include writer and social critic **James Howard Kunstler**, University of Pennsylvania business and planning professor and author **Witold Rybczynski** and **Teddy Cruz**, architect, design entrepreneur and an innovator of the new American city. <http://www.colorado.edu/law/elevate/overview.htm>

March 13, UCCS Sustainability Committee meeting, 8:30-10:00, EPC 304C

March 17-19 CORE (Connected Organizations for a Responsible Economy) Colorado, Sustainable Opportunities Summit, Denver, <http://sosummit.org/home/>

May 2-3 Denver Green Festival™, a joint project of [Global Exchange](#) and [Green America](#). <http://www.greenfestivals.org/denver/>

May 17-19, Summit for Recycling, Vail, Colorado www.cafr.org/summit/