



UHHSA SENATE REPORTS

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- The UHHSA Student Sustainability Committee has 59 students members as of 25 Oct. 2009.
- The Lights-Outs sticker campaign was completed in early October. 9 students placed stickers reminding facility users to turn out lights were ever appropriate on campus.
- The Tennis ball recycling program first batch of 500 balls has been collected and vendor contract paperwork is anticipated being completed this last week of October and the balls can then be shipped off. A mechanism for collecting balls is still being designed.
- The pilot-project to redirect compostable waste from the cafeteria waste stream was completed Oct 20-22. 19 students volunteered for a total of 81 hours. A total of 117 lbs of compostable waste was diverted from the landfill in three days. If a permanent system is institutionalized it stands to divert ~275 lbs of waste from the land fill/week. In addition it was determined that on average 78% of cafeteria users eating in the cafeteria that use plates unnecessarily choose disposable plates instead of porcelain plates. A future goal of the committee is to work with Sodexo to drastically reduce this number to prevent the generation of this waste in the first place.
- Upcoming project:
 - The Committee will be creating and administering a survey for small businesses addressing concerns related to the passage of a bill that would prohibit business from providing plastic checkout bags to their customers at the point of sale.