



Touch

... With Planet Earth



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The Four Horsemen

Here is a picture of our four CU librarians who bicycle to work (weather permitting, of course). Steve Johnson, on the left, has been cycling to work off and on for the last 15 years. Figuring he cycles to work



two days a week for (let's say) 40 weeks a year, he has ridden 4,800 miles. If he had been driving a car that got 20 miles to the gallon, it would have used 240 gallons of gasoline. That's 240 gallons of gas that would have emitted untold quantities of pollutants into the air, contributing to smog, respiratory ailments, and global warming. The other three (from left to right, Derek Wilmott, Bobby Hollandsworth, and Scott Dutkiewicz) are the "new guys" on the staff, and have bicycled less, but are quickly catching up to Steve. All four agree that the biggest hindrance to more people cycling to work is Clemson's lack of bikeways. Despite the fact that several bikeways have been constructed in recent years, we still have a long way to go.

Cattin' Around!



Let's say you want to go to lunch. But you don't want to lose your park. Maybe it's raining, maybe your buggy's broken? Horse out to pasture? Whatever your problem, the Cat Bus system could be your *free* ride. That's right! **Free!** If your mama told you that there is no such thing as a free ride, well, she was wrong! We were introduced to the Cat system by the libraries' own Robin Chambers, who rides the bus in daily from Anderson. Robin says not only is the Cat Bus system free, but it's also great because you don't have to hunt for a parking place on campus. The drivers are very helpful and friendly, and are more than willing to help you find the right route. The three of us took the bus to lunch, and made it there and back in less than an hour! Plus, the Cat Bus system now goes from Seneca to Anderson, so if you live anywhere in between, you're set! And did you know that the Cat Bus system is the largest "totally free" public transportation system in the US? So throw caution to the wind, fly by the seat of your pants, live on the edge! Take a ride on the Cat! For more information about the Cat Bus system, pick up a map and schedule at the Circulation desk, or visit their web page at <http://www.catbus.com/>.



Robin Chambers, pictured with Dorothy Haygood—just one of the many friendly bus drivers for the Cat Bus System.

Find out more...

The Library contains a wealth of information for the environmentally-conscious, a veritable cornucopia of conservation information!

For example, on the 6th level we have:

The McGraw-Hill Recycling Handbook— TD794.5 .M397

Recycling in America— TD794.5 .K55

And if the thought of an elevator ride to 6 scares you as much as it does me, then try Periodicals on level 4:

E, The Environmental Magazine — TD171.7.E13

Environment (Magazine) — TD180 .E48

We also have electronic resources that you can peruse from your desk. Check out Pack a Waste Free Lunch— EP10.2:L97.

A new book in the Architecture library is Recycled Realities—TR655.W55 2006.

Whatever your conservation question may be, the environmental answer is mere steps away here in the Cooper Library.



Solid Green...

is the groundbreaking anti-litter initiative whose goal is to beautify Clemson. Solid Green is the first program of its kind in the state. It aims to create a “cultural shift,” where no one litters and trash ends up in the correct receptacle. Events like Solid Green Day, an organized campus-wide trash pick-up, help to create awareness and responsible action. There is also an Adopt-a-Spot program, where interested groups adopt an area on campus and pick up litter twice a semester. Most important to know is that Solid Green is more than the big events, that each member of the Clemson community can do their part, be it big or small. Picking up just a single item of litter or recycling used office paper helps to achieve the Solid Green goals. Additional information on the Solid Green campaign, including pictures and a calendar of events can be found on the web at: <http://www.clemson.edu/solidgreen/index.php>.



On Wednesday, October 25th several library employees participated in the Solid Green initiative. Thanks to all of those that volunteered!

No "butts" about it



Take a walk around the outside of the library. Look closely at the ground. What do you see? A cigarette butt here, a cigarette butt there? Actually, the Library is surrounded by a sea of cigarette butts. So many, in fact, that there is no way our hard-working custodial staff can keep up with them. Are you disgusted? Well, maybe we can do something about it.

According to CU President Jim Barker, “Members of the Clemson family are known for taking pride in their university and their athletic teams. Let’s be equally proud,” he urges, “of having a clean campus. One of Clemson’s goals is to maintain an environment that is healthy, safe, and **attractive**. So, please help us achieve that goal by having zero tolerance for litter.”

This fall the campus launched its **Solid Green — Keep Clemson Clean** campaign. As part of this campaign student groups have adopted sections of campus that they intend to monitor and keep clean. If you are concerned about the unsightly mess of cigarette butts and want to work on ways to keep it clean, please contact Steve Johnson at johnsos@clemson.edu

For more information on the **Solid Green** campaign, please visit their Web site at: <http://www.clemson.edu/solidgreen/index.php>.

Recycling in Super Dooper Cooper



Cooper Library does its share of recycling. Plastic bins are located at various places throughout the library for recycling paper, plastics, aluminum, and glass. So the next time you’re about to toss that piece of paper in the trash, think twice! There’s likely a blue recycling bin nearby. If you need one for your office, you can contact campus recycling at 656-2010.

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Would you like to show your support for Clemson’s Solid Green campaign? Send an email to Steve Johnson and request your free Solid Green bumper sticker and/or license tag (for the front of your car).