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May Workshop:

The Story of Beer Monday,
May 19

Green Facts:

- Making a ton of paper from recycled stock saves up to 17 trees and uses 50% less water than making paper from virgin fiber.
- The U.S. uses nearly \$1 million worth of energy every minute.
- The average American generates 4.5 pounds of trash every day, which is almost twice the amount of trash the average American produced daily in 1960.
- Manufacturing just 17 new cars uses enough water to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool.
- Only 10% of the energy used by an incandescent bulb produces light; the rest is given off as heat.
- The polar ice cap is now melting at the alarming rate of 9% per decade. Arctic ice thickness has almost halved since the 1960s.
- 55% of our trash goes to landfills, 14% is burned, and 31% is recycled.

Teaching Learning Center

Cedar Valley College

The Teaching Learning Center (TLC) nurtures instructional design, critical thinking and technology skills for the faculty and staff of Cedar Valley College. The TLC provides assistance in a supportive environment and provides a forum for informal faculty discussion.

TLC Sponsors Second Life

The Teaching Learning Center was the first in the District to offer professional development for Second Life.

Patti Jennings, of the Le-Croy Center came to CVC to give a workshop on how faculty can use Second Life in their curriculum. This was timely because on April 3, 2008, DCCCD broke virtual ground on an exciting new project which takes place in a world called Second Life. People from around the world meet online with their virtual persona called an avatar. Here they are able to teleport from one location to another, meet other residents, build houses, sell items, make friends, and more. As reported by the DCCCD: "Such virtual worlds also lend themselves to education, a concept

which the Dallas County Community College District will use to incorporate experiential learning through role playing, modeling and



Second Life groundbreaking Ceremony for DCCCD

program building that will enable faculty and students to create simulations related to their areas of academic interest."

DCCCD Island is the virtual location where the groundbreaking took place. This island is also where DCCCD is co-locating with

the University of Texas at Dallas. From here, students will be able to travel to UTD's School of Management Island and its Arts/Technology Island without teleporting, which is the normal mode of travel in Second Life.

DCCCD officials believe that "this partnership will enable the District's students to learn more about the management and arts/technology programs at UTD. It also enhances transfer agreements between the two institutions and is viewed as a potential marketing tool in the future. Students in DCCCD's multimedia programs also will have an opportunity to create simulations through scripting and modeling and to build their portfolios."

Cedar Valley Green

In its most recent efforts, Cedar Valley College has made great strides in becoming more green.

As society realizes the importance of recycle, reuse and reduce, our campus is making strides forward towards a more sustainable future. Green tips have been posted around campus and keep your eye out for our new and improved recycling program. Cedar Valley also participated in our own Earth Day celebration.

So what is the deal with all this green and what are the



CVC Earth Day Celebration

steps we need to do next? Small efforts do create big changes in this case. Take

time to think about your lifestyle at home, work and at the store. What are healthy practices that you can do daily, weekly, or yearly?

The green changes that can be made are as simple as using both sides of a piece of paper, or they can be as complex as placing a radiant barrier in your attic. The key is that if every person makes a conscience effort to do one or two things, the impact really begins to grow.

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TLC Director Gets Hitched

After nearly forty years of the single life Tim Xeriland, the Director of the TLC, is getting married!

In 2002, Tim started work at Cedar Valley College and a few months later Andrea Smith also started work at the college as a math teacher. Because of a mix up Andrea was without an office. She found her way to the TLC where Tim told her she was welcome to stay and store her items during the day.

Andrea had found a home in the TLC and became the number one TLC customer. She attended more workshops than any other faculty member

and was even issued an award for her attendance. After years of working closely together Tim sent an email to Andrea



that said, "There is a humorous irony in that you are a mathematician and yet it feels like you can't put 2 and 2 together" and she began to calculate!

Tim and Andrea began dating and became engaged during a trip to Ireland this past summer. The wedding will take place at 1pm July 12th, 2008 in Dallas, Texas and all are invited.

You can visit Xeriland.com to see photos, sign the guest book, and read more about the couple and the event.