

BEST PRACTICES, Housing

Title: Dump and Run # 531

Source: Acadia University **Co Area:** Student Government

Addl Info: <http://www.dumpandrun.org/dump.htm>

Abstract: We've all heard the phrase "One person's trash is another's treasure" but few people ever go so far as donating the items they no longer have use for. While at Syracuse University, Lisa Heller, the founder of Dump and Run, lost a ring that her grandmother had given her and decided to check the dumpster for it as a last resort. She never found the ring, but was amazed at what she did find. Upon looking in the dumpster Lisa found many perfectly usable items that had been discarded by students. She found, clothing, furniture, lamps, approximately enough canned food to feed a family of four for a week and even a cigar box full of rare stamps, one of which was worth \$400.00.

Students can drop off possessions when they leave for the summer (or graduate) or can purchase items cheaply when looking to furnish their residences. Shortly after Richmond's Dump & Run event for 2000, Dump & Run was granted it's 501C(3) status and this ambitious non-profit was born. What began as a one-time project has evolved into a cutting edge environmental organization.

Title: The Dawg House: Online Roommate Searching Tool # 899

Source: University of Georgia **Co Area:**

Addl Info: <http://www.sacubo.org/awards/bestpractices/archive/2009bp/>

Abstract: The Dawg House, the University of Georgia's online roommate searching tool, was developed in response to student concerns regarding the lack of a method to meet and communicate with potential roommates prior to attending classes. The Dawg House provides an online outlet for students to create a personal profile and an "ideal roommate" profile and to search for potential matches with other students using the Web site.

Research examining student roommate satisfaction in several areas indicates that students who used The Dawg House are more satisfied than those who knew their roommates prior to living on campus or those who were randomly assigned.

Title: Lighten the Load # 1187

Source: Western Kentucky University **Co Area:** Environmental Health & Safety

Addl Info: <http://www.sacubo.org/docs/bestpractices/2011/LightenLoad.pdf>

Abstract: As students move into, and out of, campus residence halls, recyclable and reusable items fill locally placed dumpsters. Two collaborative programs, the Move-in Cardboard Drive and move out "Lighten Your Load" collection drive offer opportunity to divert items from the landfill and demonstrate best practices that engage students and often their families. These initiatives are visible practices that are part of the university's commitment to sustainability. They promote campus-community relationships and also help to reduce operating costs and the campus environmental footprint.
