Here’s a challenge for all you folks out there: Name an area on the Oakland campus where there is a recycling bin for paper, cans, or newspapers. Can you think of any? Though this is not a comprehensive list, here’s a few places where this reporter can remember seeing a recycling bin:

1) There are recycling bins for newspapers next to the two newspaper stands on campus: one in HEC and one in Bechtel Hall.
2) There are a few blue bins scattered in the library for paper.
3) Bechtel Hall’s front desk area, near the copier, has a blue recycle bin for mixed, colored paper.
4) Sammy’s Café has a bin for cans.
5) Various offices have blue bins adjacent to their regular rubbish bins.
6) Entrance to Bechtel Hall via the Lower Towne Court glass doors has a couple of blue bins for recycling.

What about the campuses in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sacramento? Where are their recycling bins located? The reason this question is being posed is because there is a severe shortage of recycling going on at Samuel Merritt College (SMC).

According to LaTorri Johnson, Facilities’ Administrative Assistant, SMC’s recycling is overseen by Anastasia Nicole of Nor-Cal Waste who contracts with East Bay Conservation Corps (EBCC). EBCC is the entity who physically picks up SMC’s recycling once per week. Summitt Medical Center does not have recycling at this time. Many groups on campus have been asking about doing their part in keeping the landfills from filling up with recyclables. As a result, the SBA plans on gathering students from different campuses.

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Happy Green New Year!

Many decisions that are made regarding students need to have student representation. Did you know that the ten cent per copy policy was implemented because there was no student representation on the Information Technology Committee? Various committees around campus need students and their voices. Ask your student representative about the different committees that need student opinions!
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organizations to help improve the state of SMC’s recycling.
There is a plan in place to meet with students during lunchtime to set up a plan of action.
What will need to happen is the following:
1) Hold a meeting Thursday, February 7th at 12p to determine if student-led recycling is of any interest to students.
2) If interest is there, determine what groups will be in charge of certain activities:
   • Coordinating who will take recycling to recycling centers in the local areas.
   • Handling the finances: what will happen to the money that is generated as a result of recycling? Donations? School-wide activity?
   • Set up petitions/sign-ups to encourage the Summit Medical Center to implement a formal recycling program.

Schools around the country have been recycling and doing their part in helping the planet. Let’s do our part to help. For more information about school recycling programs visit: http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/students/school.pdf.
-Margaret Kirkham

Kerry’s Kids Talent Show

The Physician Assistant students of Samuel Merritt College hosted the second annual Kerry’s Kids talent show in April 2007 to raise money for local children in need of medical care.
The show featured a wide variety of talent, from professional bands to poets. A silent auction was held in conjunction to the talent show and guests bid on items such as acupuncture treatments, artwork, jewelry and dinner at local restaurants. The talent show and silent auction were a tremendous success with almost 4,000 dollars raised for this important organization. Just recently, Kerry’s Kids received another generous donation from Pixar Corporation in the amount of 5,000 dollars as a result of the diligence and hard work of the talent show organizer, Kelly Mullarky, PA-S.
PA students have worked closely with Kerry’s Kids for many years. PA volunteers find the experience rewarding as they are able to practice their skills as future clinicians in addition to provided a much needed service to children of the community. In the process of volunteering, PA students gain a better understanding of the importance of rapport building with patients. It is also a tremendous learning experience as students collaborate with pediatricians, social workers and program leaders in the common goal of providing essential medical care to children.

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Each month the Scoop spotlights a student, staff, or faculty here at Samuel Merritt College. This month we feature Katherine Jean (K.J.) Henderson.

K.J. was born in San Diego, Ca and spent much of life in Berkeley. As a mother of three grown children, she worked as a single mother at SMC for 20 years. She began in 1987 when SMC was a nursing school. The first, second, and third floors were offices for the nursing faculty and the fourth through sixth floors were for housing students.

She first joined Summit when there was a need for a breast cancer research coordinator and when the grant ended, she needed a job. She eventually made her way to Samuel Merritt College, and she has been here ever since.

KJ enjoys her work at SMC because of the students. She enjoys seeing them arrive here and develop into young men and women ready for the world. She also loves the diversity that is at SMC. All types of people and all walks of life come though Bechtel Hall’s doors.

KJ also enjoys working at SMC because this environment is a place where people understood family. As mentioned before, KJ raised three children and raised them with strong values, love, and a sense of family. Her employment here at SMC was able to provide flexibility and the sense of family she needed to successfully raise her family. Thankfully, KJ is here to raise the SMC family in the same thoughtful, caring, and dedicated way.

When asked about sharing some words of wisdom for the students, she offers this: “Breathe, relax, and have faith in your choice for the future. Know that you’re going to get through it.”

Thank you, KJ, for having faith in us.

-Margaret Kirkham

SMC would like to welcome Dr. Jeanne Zeamba as the new Director of Counseling & Student Wellness.

The position of Director of Counseling and Student Wellness is new for the College and was brought about because of a need for more proactive services to support our students on multiple campuses. Over the course of the next semester, Jeanne will be meeting with students, faculty and staff to assess the College’s needs and working within Enrollment and Student Services to design appropriate services. She will also provide individual care for students.

Prior to joining the College, Jeanne worked as a Staff Psychologist, Director of Wellness and Adjunct Faculty at Santa Clara University for the last six years. In these roles, Jeanne provided brief and longer term individual and group therapy, crisis intervention and developed and implemented a health and wellness program for the university. Her positive energy, strong drive to do outstanding work, and exceptional interpersonal connections with students, staff, faculty, and administrators, have helped her excel greatly in her time there. She received her B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and her M.A. and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant University.

Jeanne’s first day with the College will be Monday, January 28th, and her office will be in Peralta Pavilion 2802, across from the Campus Service Center. Her email will be jzeamba@samuelmerritt.edu and her phone will be 510-869-1516.

-Craig Elliott
Do you have a good story for the Scoop? Do you want to write for the Scoop? Please contact Margaret Kirkham at scoop@samuelmerritt.edu.

We welcome submissions of stories, Who’s Who nominations, or other newsworthy topics. Please provide a summary of 175-250 words and photos. Please note that the summary may be edited for content and for space. Thank you.

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Do you see diagonal gray lines? →

Are these eyes spinning? →

What can you see amongst the black dots? ←

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