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Community Cinema: “Garbage Dreams”

ITVS Community Cinema and the VU Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) will co-sponsor a film screening of “Garbage Dreams” on Saturday, January 23 at 2:30 PM at the Nashville Public Library. The Zaballeen (Arabic for garbage people) recycle 80 percent of the trash they collect. Follow three teenage boys born into the business who are forced to make choices that will impact the survival of their community. [Read more...](#)

Black, Gold and Green Women’s Basketball Night

The VU Sustainability and Environmental Management Office is partnering with the Student Department of Athletics and the

Happy New Year from SustainVU! We are starting out 2010 with a bang – a new look for our email newsletter and a new SustainVU Facebook page! We hope you like it! We are featuring a number of the green events and sustainability opportunities coming up this month, so think about checking one out. As always, more detailed information about these stories and events can be found on the SustainVU [website](#). Facebookers – don’t forget to click on the link at the bottom to become a fan of our new [SustainVU Facebook page](#) and get up-to-the-minute sustainability news and join our discussions. We hope you have a fun and sustainable start to your New Year!!

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**SEMO and Vanderbilt Athletics
offer basketball game recycling**

Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center to bring you "Black, Gold and Green Women's Basketball Night" on January 24, 2010 during the VU vs. Mississippi State women's basketball game which tips off at 2 PM. This event will raise awareness about the new basketball game recycling program as well as women's issues and accomplishments. [Read more...](#)

Integrating Sustainability into the Curriculum Workshop

Join the Tennessee Higher Education Sustainability Association (THESA) on February 5 at Belmont University to explore how basic sustainability principles can be integrated within the curricula of higher education institutions in Tennessee. The workshop will be led by Lindy Biggs, Associate Professor of History & Sustainability Coordinator for Auburn University, who has conducted summer curricula workshops for Auburn faculty over several years. [Read more...](#)

2010 TRC Annual Conference

The Tennessee Recycling Coalition will hold their annual conference at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs Wednesday, February 10 – Friday, February 12. The event will feature industry exhibitors, topic sessions, speakers, recycling representatives, a recycled product showcase, and a technical tour. [Read more...](#)

Tennessee Global Health Forum: Building

at home games

The Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) and Vanderbilt Athletics recently launched a new recycling program at all men's and women's home basketball games this season. Fans may recycle plastic bottles and commemorative cups at green recycling bins on the concourse.



For more information contact, recycle@vanderbilt.edu.

Recycle your Christmas tree to start 2010 sustainably



Davidson County residents can recycle their live Christmas trees at 10 Metro Parks locations through Tuesday, February 16. The trees will be collected for mulching at the Bordeaux Mulch Facility by Metro Public Works. [Drop-off locations and additional program details are available online.](#)

VU Plant Operations implements new environmentally-friendly deicer during winter weather

This winter, VU Plant Operations will prepare walkways and stairwells for snow and ice with Morton Eco-Safe Ice Melter, which uses



potassium chloride instead of calcium chloride. Calcium Chloride is a much harsher compound that is more commonly used in ice melting products than potassium chloride. Eco-Safe Ice Melter results in less damage to plants, animals, concrete, surface water and eventually groundwater while still melting snow and ice at temperatures as low as 5 degrees Fahrenheit. "Our first responsibility is to the safety of our faculty, students, patients, staff and visitors, and we also strive to protect our environment. Eco-Safe is a safe and efficient product that lets us do both," said Mark Petty, assistant vice chancellor

Sustainable Programs in Global Health

Join the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health (VIGH) for its' second annual Tennessee Global Health Forum on Friday, February 12 at the Vanderbilt Student Life Center from 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Participants will identify strategies that lead to the best use of resources and create the greatest impact on health and well-being and explore challenges to developing sustainable programs with a goal of strengthening projects and partnerships abroad and at home. [Read more...](#)



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What does it take to change recycling behavior?



A large national study of economic behavior led by a Vanderbilt researcher Kip Viscusi has found that effective recycling laws and incentives for recycling, such as deposit returns, are more effective in changing non-recyclers into committed recyclers. More information on [this study](#) and [Viscusi's work](#) is available online.



For more information on any of these stories, events and more, visit the SustainVU website at www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu or contact the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office at sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu or (615) 322-2057.

