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SIAS Woodland rolls out “green” wheels

Campus group launches borrow-a-bike program for students and staff

June 8, 2011 – Mountain bicycles are now available for SIAS Woodland Campus students and staff heading out to off-campus appointments. The new “borrow-a-bike” initiative allows students and staff, who walk or take the bus to the campus daily, a convenient, economic and environmentally friendly way to keep medical and dental appointments and run other errands.

Instructor Lillis Lawrence, chairperson of SIAS Woodland’s Green Group, says, “Green is an action word. Woodland’s Borrow-a-Bike program supports transportation that is enjoyable, healthy, efficient, plus good for the environment.”

Four bikes are stored on campus and can be signed out through the student association office. A helmet and key for the bike lock can be borrowed against a student or employee card. The bikes were purchased with a grant from SIAS’s Campus Green Initiative 2010-2011 fund.

The idea was proposed at a fall meeting of the SIAS Woodland Campus Green Group, which includes students and staff. In addition to saving time and money and reducing environmental impacts, the initiative also promotes fitness. Other SIAS Woodland Green Group initiatives include Lug a Mug, which encourages SIAS Woodland customers to use their own beverage mugs, plastics recycling, Earth Week videos and environmental impact displays.

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