Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility
Mission Statement

- SPEAR will increase environmental awareness and promote more sustainable habits and infrastructure within Vanderbilt University, the Nashville community, and its own membership.
Recycling

- Began as Vanderbilt Recycles
- Residential Recycling
- IFC Recycling
- Printer Cartridge Recycling
- 2005 TP3 Tennessee Green Schools Award from TDEC
- Proposal for Resource Conservation Director
- Bamboo Bike Trailer
- Cardboard Crew
- Rites of Spring
Cardboard Crew

2007
- 6.73 tons of cardboard

2008
- 8.75 tons of cardboard
Rites of Spring

- **R.O.S. 2006**
  - 239 lbs of aluminum

- **R.O.S. 2007**
  - 898 lbs of aluminum
  - 132 lbs of plastic

- **R.O.S. 2008**
  - 982 lbs of aluminum
  - 243 lbs of plastic
Education

- Focus the Nation
- Outreach
- Kilowatt Ours Youth Initiative
- Earth Week
Energy Conservation

- Proposal for the Commons to receive LEED certification
- Reusable Mugs and Nalgenes
- Freshmen Dorm Energy Competition
- Compost Discovery Site
Composting

- Four 4 ft square bins
- Last year’s yield
  - ~300 lbs of compost
- Each day
  - Currently composting ~15 gallons of food waste and ~2 gallons of coffee grounds.
- Education
- Pledge
- 2008 Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Award for Green School in Higher Education
Currently...

- **Recycling**
  - Cardboard Crew
  - Rites of Spring
  - Bamboo Bike Trailer

- **Dining**
  - Composting
  - Charity Initiative

- **Education**
  - Vandy Forever
  - Kilowatt Ours Youth Initiative
  - Focus the Nation
  - Earth Day

- **Energy Conservation**
  - House Energy Competition
  - Electric Bike Generator
What You Can Do

- Increase dialogue
- Publicize events
- Continue the support
For further information...

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