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CAMPUS BIKE PROJECT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY, APRIL 23

On-campus, non-profit bicycle repair shop celebrates Earth Day!

Champaign, Illinois (April 19, 2010) The Campus Bike Project, located at 608 East Pennsylvania Ave. in Champaign, will hold an open house on Friday, April 23, from noon to 5 p.m. in conjunction with Earth Day. Tours will be available every hour, on the hour, at 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.

The Campus Bike Project (CBP) officially opened on March 29 and is a collaboration between the University of Illinois and The Bike Project of Urbana-Champaign. The Bike Project has been operating as a non-profit, membership-based bicycle repair shop since 2006 on the lower level of the U-C Independent Media Center, located at 202 S. Broadway in Urbana.

"I was riding on my way to Naturally Illinois, when my chain broke. I stopped at the Campus Bike Project and was blown away by their helpfulness, friendliness, and skill" stated Matt Williams, the first cyclist to utilize the new location for a repair.

The CBP serves students, faculty, and staff who are looking for inexpensive, low maintenance, and environmentally friendly transportation and don't mind getting their hands dirty in the process. It provides a shared space for working on bicycles, instruction from skilled volunteer mechanics, and information about bicycle commuting, bicycle safety, bicycle repair, and bicycle culture. For membership details and more information about The Bike Project and CBP, visit:

<http://thebikeproject.org/campus.html>

The CBP is located in the southwest corner of the Natural Resources Garage. The space was donated by the Illinois State Geological Survey and the Illinois Natural History Survey, and the conversion of the 10 former garage bays was funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Student Sustainability Committee.

Regular CBP shop hours are as follows: Sunday: 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.; Monday: 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon; Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.; and Friday: 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.

The CBP wishes to thank the University of Illinois Office of Sustainability, Student Sustainability Committee, F&S Parking Department, and F&S Transportation Demand Management for their support. Thanks also to the Illinois Natural History Survey and the Illinois State Geological Survey, with the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability, for allowing us to use their space, and to Midwest Renewable Energy Services for their generous tool donation.

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