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The Eco-Reps featured in the Observer

Jess Madding, Eco-Reps co-coordinator wrote a great piece on the Eco-Reps program and the initiatives they're starting up. Check it out [here](#).

December 10, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

The semester is coming to a close, classes are officially over, and the temperature is dropping lower with each night. While the end of the semester means insane amounts of work for students and faculty alike, it also means the holidays are upon us! I personally have been listening to the Charlie Brown Christmas soundtrack on repeat and drinking nothing but hot chocolate and eggnog ever since the clock struck midnight on December 1st. But even if you're not as into the holidays as I am, it's a nice reminder that a much needed break is only days away. So grab yourself some cocoa, curl up under a warm quilt, and read through the updates and events coming up from the OOS!

This edition, we have a green buyer's guide for holiday shopping, as well as an awesome [intern opportunity right here at OOS](#). Plus, intern Katherine Sawyer ponders "Will new Tufts president Monaco provide the environmental leadership we need?" (OOS, of course, would love to see the Gifford house renovations so desperately needed lead to a showcase 'green' home for our new president!).



Do you work at Tufts? Help reduce paper!

Student Employees (and all employees for that matter) at Tufts University are now eligible to receive their 2010 W-2 online in Employee Self Service instead of as a paper copy. IRS guidelines require that employees agree to receive this form online each year. If you consented in 2009 or anytime before 12/1/10, you must consent again.

Log into Employee Self Service
<http://eserve.hr.tufts.edu/>,
 select "Payroll and Compensation" and "W-2/W-2c Consent" to agree to receive your 2010 W-2 tax form online. This paperless process provides easy, confidential delivery of this important information.

Climate Counts Scorecard

Climate Counts, an organization that rates companies based on their sustainability practices, has released their 2010-2011 guide just in time for the holiday season! Ensure your holiday purchases

As finals are next week, and vacation is the week after, this will be the last newsletter of the semester. Don't fret though, we'll be returning again in January, so until then,

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: While it hasn't snowed yet, winter is most definitely upon us. Happy Holidays from all of us at OOS!

News

OOS Intern Chosen for Fulbright-Hays Grant

Intern extraordinaire Katherine Sawyer recently received a Fulbright-Hays grant for advanced Chinese language training programs from the U.S. Department of Education for her study abroad program in Shanghai, China next spring. The \$10,000 scholarship is part of the U.S. Department of Education's International Education Programs Service (IEPS), which specializes in helping Americans gain expertise in foreign languages and international studies.



Katherine will work with IEPS to document how her experience in China will help with future career goals of public service in grassroots environmental movements in China. We will miss Katherine next semester but know that she'll be bringing sustainability to China!

Will Monaco provide the Environmental Leadership we need?

Guest Column by Katherine Sawyer

avoid poor companies and support those doing a good job. Check it out [here](#).



Job Opportunities

[Office of Sustainability Intern](#), Office of Sustainability (here!), Tufts

[MIT Sustainability Projects Coordinator](#), Cambridge, MA

[Environmental Consulting Internship](#), Green Restaurant Association, Boston

[Groundwork Somerville Garden Club Volunteers and Interns](#), Somerville, MA

[Program Intern](#), CLF Ventures, Boston

[Breakthrough Institute Summer Fellowship Program](#), Washington D.C.

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Interesting Links: Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)

With the selection of a new Tufts President on November 30, Tufts students all over campus were Googling the name Anthony Monaco. Some wanted to see if his hailing from Oxford meant he would have a British accent, some were learning every detail about his family, and some of us were pursuing more serious topics, looking to see if we could count this new university leader a champion of our most valued causes. I, personally, was looking into Monaco's stance on the environment. Turns out, he has plenty of experience; so why hasn't he advertised it?



According to his CV, Monaco is Chairman of Oxford's Sustainability Steering Committee, a title that indicates not only significant knowledge of the importance of enacting environmentally-conscious policy at a university, but also considerable experience in such endeavors. According to Oxford's Estates Directorate for Environmental Sustainability, the Sustainability Steering Committee makes decisions for a sustainable future based on the input of the Environmental Panel, a comprehensive organization featuring an array of campus interest groups. The Panel is composed of members of every academic area, university officials, and students, and it works closely with Oxford's Environmental Sustainability Team. The panel exists to "provide a forum for the exchange of information and discussion of matters relevant to the implementation and development of the University's Environmental Sustainability Policy." This policy, while a bit vague and lacking any concrete goals or standards, presents a wholistic view of sustainable development, addressing concepts from energy and greenhouse gases to sustainable purchasing to biodiversity.

In short, as Chairman of the committee that creates highly informed environmental policy, Monaco definitely has experience in sustainable universities- so why didn't we see this in his platform? Monaco is in charge of sustainable development at Oxford. This is no small feat- regardless of the area, being the head of an overarching university committee seems worth highlighting or at least mentioning in a campaign for university president. And indeed, Monaco thought so, too. In January of 2010,

- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs:

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Monaco became one of three finalists for a coveted spot as the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. According to "The Daily Tar Heel," the school newspaper, "Monaco's ambitions for UNC include increasing environmental sustainability, promoting diversity among faculty and enhancing the student experience in both classrooms and residence halls." His goals for Tufts were the same, except for the notably absent move for "increasing environmental sustainability." Where did this environmentalism go? And are we responsible for its disappearance?

To start with the latter question, I think the answer is a resounding "yes." Monaco has the experience, has included his penchant for sustainability in previous campaigns, and clearly knows how to market himself - he was chosen as our next president, after all. I think we can blame ourselves for not making environmentalism a priority. Was environmental leadership a part of the job description for president? I would guess not. I would also doubt that anyone came forward and pushed the issue of sustainability. Diversity became a big issue in this bid for president, not only because of its inherent importance, but also because individuals came forward and made their voices heard - they asked for a president who valued diversity and the university listened. Increasing diversity, working toward need blind admissions, and maintaining an international, global perspective are all ideas Monaco presented because they are all ideas he knew Tufts valued. I don't think he knew we valued environmental sustainability because neither the university nor the student body made a point to highlight this issue. Only by combing through Monaco's CV could I find any indication of his environmental involvement - there was no mention of it in any of the materials the university published after his selection, nor in his interview with the "Daily." We supposedly pride ourselves on being a "green" institution but what is that worth if we don't ask for environmental leaders?

I'm hopeful that despite our apparent lack of a campus culture of environmentalism and regardless of our previous apathy towards the environmental credentials of our next president, Monaco's environmentalism hasn't gone anywhere; ideally, **he will take Tufts in a new direction**, using his expertise in sustainable development to build a better, more environmentally-conscious Tufts. We stand at a critical point in the university's development: here we have a leader with the knowledge and power to take Tufts in the direction many of us want and know that we need in this ecologically degraded world, but will he take it? Can we as a community care enough and push hard enough to

prove that these issues matter to us? While I don't know the answer, I have enough faith in Tufts students to pose a tentative "yes." What I know for sure is that we need to start asking now, showing right now what we value and what our next president should also laud if he wants to meet the needs of his campus. So, future President Monaco, I'm imploring you: please use your expertise, your experience to take the Tufts community in a more sustainable direction like you know you should. It matters.

On-Campus Events

New:

Student Produced Films for Social Change Screening

**December 14, 2010, 7:00pm-11:00pm
Braker Hall, Room 001**

An Evening of Student Films! Come check out five short documentaries written, produced, and directed by Tufts students. This year films address topics ranging from the local food movement, to the foreclosure crisis, to bicycle planning issues in Boston (produced by two current UEP students).

Off-Campus events

New:

Greening America's Capitals: A

Symposium on Greening Government Center

December 9, 2010, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston

Moderator: Ted Landsmark, Boston Architectural College. Panelists: Bob Fox, Cook + Fox Architects; Janet Marie Smith, Baltimore Orioles; Chris Reed, Stoss

Landscape Urbanism; Alex Krieger, Chan Krieger NBBJ;
and Matthias Rudolph, Transsolar

Early Registration for Fostering Sustainability Workshop in Toronto

Ends January 21st

This April Dr. McKenzie-Mohr, an environmental psychologist, will be presenting an introductory two-day community-based social marketing workshop in Toronto (**April 7th & 8th** -- please note that this session is one of few workshops being offered this year in North America). Dr. McKenzie-Mohr is the founder of community-based social marketing and has written and presented extensively on the topic. His work has been covered in the New York Times and his book recommended by Time magazine. We invite you to attend this workshop, as we are confident that the training provided will fundamentally change the way you think about program delivery.

For information and registration, [click here](#).

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[Green Building Tour](#)

December 12, 2010, 12:00pm-12:30pm
Mass. Audubon's Boston nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Boston

Educational Opportunities

The Bard Center for Environmental Policy Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy

Bard CEP is guided
by the belief that
today's young



people are coming of age at an extraordinary moment in human history. By virtue of being born around 1990, their generation must shepherd humanity through this critical bottleneck: in which rapidly rising populations, all seeking a better way of life, are running up against critical resource limitations and profound environmental challenges-chief among these, the ever-thickening blanket of CO2 that is quickly heating up the planet. Their focus is on leadership education, giving students the skills and ambition to transform businesses, NGO's and governments, to rewire the world with clean energy, and to build a just and sustainable economy. The first year curriculum is a unique, interdisciplinary mix of science, economics, policy and law. In the second year, all students participate in a 4-6 month internship, and then return to Bard to complete their Master's thesis. The exceptional faculty-student ratio and small class size ensure close attention to the individual student's career preparation and placement. Check it out [here](#).

Across Borders: Managing Trans-Boundary Environmental Resources in the Middle East and the United States

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

"Across Borders: Managing Trans-Boundary Environmental Resources in the Middle East and the United States" is an international exchange program for Emerging Professionals (EPs), sponsored by the US Department of State's office of Citizen Exchanges. This highly selective, 4-week study-abroad program is designed to foster a substantive understanding of how environmental, economic, social and political factors converge to influence policy and practice in the management of trans-boundary environmental resources, with a particular focus on the Middle East and United States. An interdisciplinary program of study, combined with site visits, experiential learning and skill building activities will form the basis of the institute. Participants will work together to complete interdisciplinary group projects on program themes.

Applications are invited for the "Across Borders" Summer 2011 session, which will be hosted by the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) in Israel in partnership with Dickinson College.

Emerging Professionals, including both early career academics and practitioners and public servants in the

areas of environmental studies and environmental management, policy studies, international affairs and government, as well as EPs from the military and the media, are invited to apply.

All participants selected will receive full funding for the program, including travel, housing, meals, books and materials, limited sickness and accident benefits coverage, and visa processing. This project is funded by the Fulbright-Hays Act under the aegis of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges.

Applications must be received by **December 15, 2010**. More details about the program and application are available here: <http://blogs.dickinson.edu/acrossborders/>

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[EPA Sustainability Grant Opportunity](#)

Deadline: December 22, 2010

Inman Square, Cambridge (specifics TBA)

[Campus Ecology Costa Rica](#)

January 4-13, 2011

Webinars

U.S. Center 2010 Cancun Web series

Daily until December 10th

The U.S. Center is hosting dozens of live, 90-minute programs, from the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP-16. Each program is centered around one of six elements necessary for an effective global response to climate change: mitigation and transparency; adaptation; finance; technology; forests/REDD+; and climate science. From November 29 through December 10, programs begin daily at 10:00

and will end at 18:15 CST (GMT-6 hours). CO.NX will open an online window into U.S. technical work on climate change through interactive webcasts and webchats with leading climate change experts. For more information and links to the videos, visit [this website](#).

See you next week. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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