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Free T-Ride on July 4!

The T is free on the Fourth of July after 10:30pm, so be sure to take public transportation this Sunday if you plan on heading out!

Curious about the Kerry-Lieberman Climate Bill?

Columbia Law School's Center for Climate Change Law has posted

Office of Sustainability Newsletter July 2, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

My name is Jason Merges and I'll be heading up the OOS newsletter for the rest of the summer, this one being my very first one!

This week, we're all about Eco-Ambassadors. We learn about Tisch Library's efforts to be greener, as well as say a poetic farewell to a much loved Ambassador. We also have lots of other great stuff in this edition.

Enjoy!

Jason Merges

Know Before You Go: 511

Save time this summer by knowing traffic conditions before you hit the road. MassDOT has announced that their 511 traveler's information service has been expanded statewide. Drivers now have the opportunity to receive personalized travel information alerts via email, text or telephone. Just dial 511 on your cellphone or log on to the [511 website](#) to register for personalized updates.

Or, if in doubt, you could always take your bike!

extensive analyses of the provisions of the Kerry-Lieberman bill, available [here](#).

Quick Climate Change Survey

Help Tufts Alum and Past ECO-Member Alice Graff with her masters' dissertation by taking a quick 10-15 minute survey on opinions towards climate change. The survey can be found [here](#).

Blog Entry of the Week:

Girly Green Girl at the President's Picnic



Girly Green Girl writes from this past week's President's Picnic,

where the Office of Sustainability and Tufts Recycles worked to make the event more environmentally friendly. The blog entry can be found [here](#).

Track the spread of oil in the Gulf

The New York Times has launched an interactive map that lets you track the spread of oil in the Gulf. You can watch the oil spill grow from April to the present. Make sure you press the play button at the top left of the map -- it's pretty amazing!

The Tisch Sustainability Team

By Jess Warner

I have only worked at the Tisch Library for two and a half years, but I spent four years as an undergraduate on the Medford campus and I am deeply connected to Tufts University. My husband is also an alumnus who graduated from the Engineering Program, my mother is a colleague of mine and my late grandmother was a Tisch Library retiree. Returning to Tufts, and especially Tisch, has been a blessing. The library is the heart of a campus. It is where students come to read, study and research; to meet with professors and advisors over a cup of coffee in the Tower Cafe, to print material, attend a class, or even rent a movie. A library represents a university, so it is important that it reflects the initiatives of the entire campus. At Tufts, we aim to be environmentally sustainable as incoming students increasingly take this into account when applying to colleges. Once on campus there are many ways in which a student can nurture this goal; but what about the opportunities for faculty and staff?

Two years ago, the Office of Sustainability launched the much needed Eco-Ambassador Program to give faculty and staff the tools to bring sustainability into their offices and departments. As a direct result of this initiative, the Tisch Sustainability Team, TST, was born. Laurie Sabol, a pioneering graduate of the program, established a Team Charter and recruited three members under the guidance of the library's Director, Jo-Ann Michalak, and the Planning Council. As an environmentally concerned citizen, I eagerly joined this team. I also signed up for the newly expanded Eco-Ambassador Program where I learned how to socially market our sustainability objectives to co-workers. TST established three major goals: to prevent and reduce materials either recycled or put into the trash, to make it easy for staff and patrons to recycle, and to promote energy saving practices. It is important for staff and faculty to prove to students that we care about providing a sustainable learning environment for them. The library is an integral piece in this undertaking and as we strive to meet these goals, students will reap the benefits.

Read the rest of the article on the OOS website, and find out more about TST and their projects [here](#).

So Long, Joanie

...in a depressing sort of way.

Watch it [here](#).

Job Opportunities

[Environmental Safety Specialist](#), Georgia Southern U

[Instructor, Sustainable Energy](#), Montana State U

[Transportation Demand Manager](#), Duke U

[Instructor, Environmental Studies](#), Foothill-De Anza CC

[Program Officer](#), Vanasse Hagen Brustlin Inc (Albany, NY)

[Environmental Education & Interpretation Internship](#), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Patuxent Research Research (MD)

[Program Analyst \(Agriculture and Climate Change\)](#), USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, (Washington, DC)

[Outreach Coordinator](#), The Center for Energy, Enterprise, and the Environment- PennFuture (PA)

[Manager, Waste Reduction & Recycling](#), Wake Forest U

[More job listings from TIE](#)

Know a friend who would like to get this newsletter?



Alas, this week also sees the departure of one of our other prolific Eco-Ambassadors. Joanie Tobin, a 2008 Eco-Ambassador is leaving Tufts' Photography division after five years to head to journalism school. She worked tirelessly to educate her colleagues in University



Joanie chats with colleagues next to the recycling bins that she helped bring to events at 80 George St.

Relations/Publications department - giving a [presentation](#) at her staff meeting, starting an office green team and spearheading an [office waste reduction campaign](#). She will be missed by many, as exemplified by this clever limerick crafted by her colleague Julie

Steinhilber.

A shutterbug named Joanie Tobin...
Had places to go out a'rovin'...
Her camera in tow,
Many places she'd go...
And her zoom lens was most always open.

She's not a Joan but a Joanie...
And she doesn't take too much baloney...
Be it crowd shots or stills,
On Tufts campus hills
Her subjects would never look phony!

In the digital world of scans,
she is one of the many true fans.
A JPEG or TIFF,
A RAW file or GIF,
will be worked into everyone's plans.

She's ecologically inclined,
And recycling is on her mind...
Keeping Tufts going green
Lights Out! is the scene,
Saving energy of every kind!

So she's starting new ventures beyond!
Where raincoats are frequently donned...
To a grad school in Wales...
Hello!.. lagers and ales...
We'll miss her across the pond!

Julia S. 8/23/2010

Don't forget to sign up



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Join Our Mailing List!

for the OOS Summer Book Club!



Bottled & Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession with Bottled Water

From Island Press "Recently, Peter Gleick, renowned water expert, scientist, and MacArthur Foundation "genius" discussed his newest book [Bottled & Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession with Bottled Water](#) with

National Public Radio's Fresh Air host Terry Gross. In [this interview](#), he explains how bottled water industry insiders have worked hard to make us fear the tap. As a result, bottled water has become one of the most successful commercial products of the last century, with unprecedented impacts on our water supply.

He digs deep, exposing the political workings of an industry dependent on our groundwater. He tallies the massive costs-many hidden-of an industry that consumes vast amounts of energy while adding billions of plastic bottles to landfills. He asks what commercial bottled water means for our public drinking water systems and the disappearing public water fountain."

And decides... [deleted for suspense!]

Think this sounds interesting? **Join the Office of Sustainability's summer book club!** This summer we'll be reading Gleick's [book](#) and learning how the choices we make about water affect our future and that of others in this country and around the world.

Sign Up

Details: We'll meet 2-3 times over the summer to split the book up into more manageable chunks for us busy folk. When you [sign up](#) you'll be asked to select which day of the week works best for you for a **1 hr** lunchtime meeting.

If you work at another campus - no worries! We'll delve into the wild world of video-conferencing! Tufts has the capabilities after all, so let's put 'em to use!

Washington Post [book review](#) of Bottled & Sold

Upcoming Events

2010 Campus Progress National Conference

July 7-8
Washington, DC

Apply to attend the sixth annual 2010 Campus Progress National Conference. Hear from climate activist Van Jones, White House national security aide Samantha Power, CNN commentators and political strategists Paul Begala and Jamal Simmons, Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter, Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., Washington editor of The Nation Chris Hayes, as well as attend a training to gain skills that will enable you to be a more effective activist, putting your skills to the test later that day on Capitol Hill.

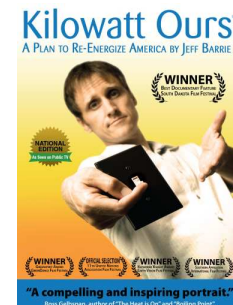
Apply [here!](#)

Screening of *Kilowatt Ours*

July 29, 6:30 pm
Main Library, 449 Broadway

Screening of [Kilowatt Ours](#).

Movie followed by discussion on energy conservation.



Northeast Organic Farming Assoc. Summer Conference

August 13-15, 2010
U Mass Amherst Campus

Over 200 workshops, dozens of exhibitors, a Teen Conference, Children's Program, an Afternoon Fair with farm animals, live music, auction, and an ALL-LOCAL dinner. Stay on campus in the dorms or camp in a tent under the stars.

Keynote speakers Sally Fallon Morell of the Weston A. Price Foundation, and Dr. Fernando Funes, of the Cuban Association of Agronomists and Foresters. All registrations that are received before July 12, 2010 receive a \$20 discount. For more information contact:

NOFA/Mass, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre, MA 01005,
978-355-2853, info@nofasummerconference.org. [More information](#)

[Calendar of NOFA/ Farm-Based Events in Massachusetts](#)

Global Work Party

October 10, 2010

Tufts University

Do you like the environment? Do you hate climate change? Do you want to do something about it?

Here's your chance! On October 10th, 2010, Tufts Institute of the Environment will host A Day to Celebrate Climate Solutions, in conjunction with [thousands of other events around the world](#).

Imagine: bike repair workshopers in San Francisco, school insulating teams in London, waste-land-to-veggies-gardeners in New Zealand, and solar panel installers in Kenya. And most importantly, YOU at TUFTS!

For one of the Global Work Party projects, Tufts is partnering with [HEET](#) (Home Energy Efficiency Team) to weatherize a building on or near the Tufts campus using student, staff and faculty volunteers. It could be a frat house, a local non-profit's headquarters, or maybe even the building you live or work in!

With your help, 10/10/10 is going to be the biggest day of practical action to cut carbon that the world has ever seen! There are lots of ways to get involved with Tufts' projects: we need volunteers, team leaders, and enthusiastic energy efficiency advocates; there are different levels of involvement too - from leading an energy efficiency team to just showing up and getting trained on the day of the project.

Please e-mail [Get.to.work.Tufts\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:Get.to.work.Tufts(at)gmail.com) for more information.

October is a few months away still, but in order to make this an awesome work party, we've got to start planning now. **Will you help?**

Educational

Opportunities

(These are the same as last week's)

Professional Certificate in Campus Sustainability Leadership

July 12 - 16, 2010

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Distinguish yourself as a leader by earning a [Professional Certificate in Campus Sustainability Leadership](#) and/or three graduate credits through this week long program at the beautiful, award-winning green campus in the heart of the thriving city of Burlington, VT

Learn from leaders in the field. Expand your professional network and learn how to integrate sustainability across the curriculum and campus operations, bring about change through transformative, financially sustainable innovations at your institution, and help your campus become a model of sustainability. [More info](#)

Programs at The Green Roundtable in Boston

June 29, 6-7pm

[Boston LEED Users Group: Rainwater Reuse Systems](#)

July 7, 12:30-1:30pm

[Lunch and LEED: Be a LEED Green Associate](#)

July 8, 5-7pm

[LEED Study Group](#)

July 22, 6-7:30pm

[Energy Efficiency: Why Are the Low Hanging Fruit So High?](#)

July 28, 12:30-2pm

[Lunch and Learn: Advanced Technology in Translucent Daylighting](#)

August 4, 12:30-1:30pm

[Lunch and LEED: Be a LEED AP & Maintain Your Credential](#)

For more info go to the [Nexus/Green Roundtable Calendar of Events](#)

Education in a Changing Climate

Faculty Workshop

August 1 - 4, 2010

Unity College; Unity, ME

Unity College is offering a workshop that will offer attendees practical ways to educate themselves, their students, and the public about climate change. The event will provide a climate change primer on basic climate science; likely effects on ecosystems and people; some ethical, literary, and artistic responses; and a sampling of potential solutions that range from political to personal and technological to philosophical.

[Registration](#) ends July 16, 2010. [Workshop website](#)

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom Workshops

June 30-August 17

Seekonk, MA

Teachers: Join us for one of more of our summer workshops and try out some hands-on activities for the classroom while you explore local farms. Each workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers classroom-ready educational activities and focuses on a different area of agriculture with exploration of the work that takes place at that farm. The \$30 fee for each workshop includes the educational program and tour, all educational materials and activities, and ten professional development points with a related classroom activity. Lunch is also included with ten of the twelve workshops. All Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Website](#) and [workshop schedules](#)

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop

September 13-14, 2010

University of Toronto; Ontario Canada

This two-day workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster sustainable behavior. Those who attend the workshop will learn the five steps of community-based social marketing (selecting behaviors, identifying barriers, developing strategies, conducting pilots, and broad scale implementation) and be exposed to numerous case studies illustrating its use. [More information and registration](#)

How to Plan for a Sustainable Community: Eco-municipality Planning and Leadership Training

September 29-Oct 2, 2010
Harvard Square; Cambridge, MA

A 3 ½ -day national training session to increase planner and citizen leadership capacity in communities and their local governments to initiate and lead a change process to become a sustainable community. The objective of the training is to prepare planners and potential local leaders to lead a planning process that involves community sustainability education, bottom-up participatory planning, a comprehensive and systematic approach, and a strategic implementation process to transition to becoming a sustainable community. [20 AICP CM credits will be available]. [More info](#)

See you next week!

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