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Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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Campus Installs CFLs on Res Quad

Walking back to her office one day, Tina (OOS's Director) struck up a conversation with the folks replacing lightbulbs outside the office. What she found out was fantastic!



November 19, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

We have some really cool updates this week on stuff happening around campus, including CFLs in outdoor lamps on campus and the *Tufts Bikes* bike share getting funding! All of that is below. There are a couple new events to check out and some really good ones coming up, both on and off campus!

Lastly, the newsletter will be on vacation next week, so on behalf of all of us at OOS, Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Back to the original bike header this week, just to show my excitement for the [bike share getting funded!](#)

On Campus News

Tufts Bikes, a new bike share proposal, gains funding

For the last few weeks, I've been throwing in little tidbits on a potential bike sharing project that myself and a few

Did you know that all the streetlights on the Res Quad are high efficiency CFLs? After some quick calculations, OOS intern and resident engineer, Allison, calculated that these super-sized CFLs use 28% as much energy as the High Pressure Sodium light bulbs which were used previously. [Click here to see her calculations.](#)



The Onion on Climate Change

The Onion, the humorous online "news" publication, recently had a story covering the fact that the issue of global warming from 2 or 3 years ago "may still be happening." Check out the article on [their website.](#)

Job Opportunities

other students have been working on. I, for the most part, have restrained myself from going overboard on explaining the project, keeping mentions to the side bar and only a couple sentences. At least, until now.



The difference now is that we have overcome a major hurdle that was preventing us from moving forward: we have attained funding for the project! Last Sunday, the TCU Senators voted to allocate Tufts Bikes \$50,000 in a surplus grant to fund the program. The program will include 30 bikes, locks, and helmets, a space in

the Crafts Center for bike maintenance with tools and supplies, as well as storage for the bikes.

As you can tell, I'm extremely excited about the prospects of this program. We have put in a lot of work to get this funding, but we have a lot more work ahead of us. To read more about the TCU grant funding, check out [this article](#) that mentions us. Also, to learn more about the project, visit [our blog](#) where you'll find information and links, as well as updates on our progress.

The SOUPerbowl: huge success!

The SOUPerbowl, an event held last week by the student group ECO that revolved around local foods, was a big hit. There were delicious local cheeses, breads, and, of course, soup! Hotung was filled with students, who enjoyed fantastic live music by the band President Soup, as well as looked at a collection of student-made art. Additionally, there was a fun "best-bowl" competition, where the person who brought the most interesting bowl won a dozen cupcakes.



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Congrats to Monica for the best bowl!

On-Campus Events

New:

Tufts Energy and Climate Policy Research Seminar: U.S. Energy-Technology Innovation

November 22, 2010, 12:30pm-1:45pm
Crowe Room (Goddard 310), The Fletcher School

Richard Lester is Japan Steel Industry Professor and Head of the Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering (NSE) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is also the faculty co-chair and founding Director of the MIT Industrial Performance Center.

His research focuses on innovation management and policy, with an emphasis on the energy and manufacturing sectors. He is currently leading the Energy Innovation Project, a major MIT study of strategies for upgrading the U.S. energy innovation system. His book *Innovation- The Missing Dimension*, jointly authored with Michael J. Piore, looks at the sources of creativity and innovation in advanced economies.

Professor Lester obtained his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Imperial College (London) and a PhD in nuclear engineering from MIT, and has been on the MIT faculty since 1979.

Sponsored by the Tufts Department of Economics, Tufts Institute of the Environment, and Fletcher's Center for International Environment and Resource Policy

For more information about the Energy and Climate Forum, visit
<http://environment.tufts.edu/?pid=16>

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[Composting Workshop](#)

November 21, 2010

4pm-6pm

Campus Center

Off-Campus events

New:

Maple Syrup Brunch

December 4, 2010, 10am-4pm

The Independent, Union Square, Somerville

Come support the Somerville Maple Syrup Project and eat a delicious, maple themed brunch! The seasonal menu is slated to feature maple-inspired offerings such as Maple Sausage Belgian Waffles, Maple Pancake Breakfast Wrap with scrambled eggs and bacon, French Toast with honey crisp apple compote, a maple-inspired cocktail, and more!

The Somerville Maple Syrup Project is a joint project of Groundwork Somerville, the Friends of the Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools and Tufts University. Every February, maple trees in Somerville are tapped and the collected sap is stored for a public boil-down event at the Somerville Community Growing Center. Throughout the season, Groundwork Somerville staff and community volunteers teach a 4 week arts and science curriculum to 2nd graders in Somerville public schools. High school students working in the metal shop provide annual maintenance on the wood stove and evaporator pan they made in 2005. The syrup produced is given as thank you gifts to key partners and sold in small maple leaf jars at the Grown in Somerville booth at the Union Square Farmer's Market.

For reservations: Call the Independent at 617-440-6022 and say you're supporting the Maple Syrup Project. Be sure to identify you self as a supporter of Groundwork Somerville and The Maple Syrup Project. **To learn about Groundwork**

Somerville or if you want to get involved in the Maple Syrup Project, visit

www.GroundworkSomerville.org or call

617-628-9988. To learn about The Community Growing Center: visit www.TheGrowingCenter.org. RSVP on the event's [Facebook Page](#) and invite your friends!

20% of proceeds from brunch customers will support this collaborative community-based education project.

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[New England Conference of the Parties, NE COP](#)

**November 19-21, 2010:
Wesleyan University, CT**

[Confronting our Dependence on Oil](#)

**November 30, 2010: 5-8pm
Boston University**

Educational Opportunities

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

Solectria Renewables Webinar Series

**Friday, November 19th, 2010 at 2pm - Utilizing
Solectria Renewables PO Check list
Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at 2pm - Utility-Scale
Solar**

**For more information, and to register for the
webinars, [click here](#).**

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

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