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Beware of Vampire Power!

This Halloween, worry not about ghosts and ghouls but rather something much more real yet just as scary: Vampire Power. Vampire Power is the power drained by appliances that constantly use power even when turned to standby. Researchers have found that the

October 29, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

This weekend, as all of you know, is Halloween! Tufts is celebrating in full swing, with Halloween on the Hill this Saturday from 11am to 3pm, to a spooky wind ensemble concert on Sunday at 3pm. Hopefully you all have your costumes and appetites for candy ready, and while you're celebrating, consider [greening your Halloween traditions!](#)

Also, I've been getting some reports that some parts of the newsletters are sometimes illegible, and I am trying to sort this problem out. If you are encountering any problems reading or accessing the newsletter in any way, please email me (Jason.Merges@tufts.edu) with whatever is going wrong. I'd greatly appreciate the help! Also, don't forget that you can also click on the "having trouble viewing this email?" link at the top of each newsletter to get redirected to a website version.

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Happy Halloween from all of us at the OOS!

constant power draw from these electronics can amount to 15% of your electricity bill. Luckily, slaying vampire power is as easy as unplugging things when they're not in use!



[Learn more](#)

Wondering who to vote for on Tues?

The Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters has a list of recommendations for those interested in the environment. Also, they just released their 2010 Environmental Scorecard which outlines how each legislator voted on environmental issues in the past year. You can see them both at: www.mlev.org

Finance audits its trash

FY10 Eco-Ambassador Karin Barry has been raising the profile of recycling at TAB this semester - forming a staff team in the finance division and even dressing up as a recycling bin for Halloween!

News

OOS Goings On Around Campus

Eco-Reps

This week [the Eco-Reps](#) are busy planning their first large event - the **Metcalf Green Room Certification Kickoff and Trashion Show** on Thursday, November 4th at **8pm!** Residents will learn how they can have their eco-friendly practices acknowledged as well as be entertained by some unique fashion.

Eco-Ambassadors

October was waste and recycling week for Tufts [Eco-Ambassadors](#). They not only learned the ins-and-outs of how to recycle at Tufts from Dawn Quirk, the Waste Reduction Program Manager, but they went on a tour to a zero-waste sorting facility in Boston!



[Click here for more pictures](#)

Plus we recently got an update from FY10 Eco-Ambassador Carla Walsh who let us know what's happening in her office. You can read about her efforts and see what others have done in their offices [here](#).

Are you helping *your office* become more environmentally conscious? We would love to hear about it! Email us at sustainabilityoffice@tufts.edu

Experimental Action: Shifting from Saying to Doing

There has been much interest in the class from sustainability offices around the country and Dallase (who designed and taught the class last year) and Tina had the



Job Opportunities

[Sustainability Coordinator](#),
Housing & Dining Services
Colorado State University

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Colorado
State University

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Georgia
Southern University

[Sustainability Student Affairs Coordinator](#),
Johnson County
Community College

[Energy Conservation Project Manager](#), Williams
College

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Know a friend who would like to get this newsletter?



opportunity to give three different presentations about the class at two different conferences this month. The [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) annual conference drew over 2000 sustainability professionals to Denver over the 10/10/10 weekend, whereas the Northeast College Sustainability Consortium [annual conference](#) provided a more intimate venue at McGill University in Montreal earlier this week.

STARS

With Rachael Wolber's transition to Eco-Rep coordinator, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) progress had been slowed down. However, last week we were happy to welcome [TIE intern, Sarabeth Buckley](#), who moved across the hall to help us finish collecting the data. So, if you were one of the people contacted earlier this year - be warned - you'll be getting a gentle prodding soon!



Vegetables!!



This summer's [CSA farm share](#) program has been a big success with our lobby filled with around 43 'large' and 'small' boxes of fresh vegetables each Wednesday. In my estimation that adds up to food for well over 100 people. The summer season ended recently and this week saw the first drop off of the winter share season.

On-Campus Events

New:

Screening of "Climate Refugees" and Climate Justice Panel Discussion

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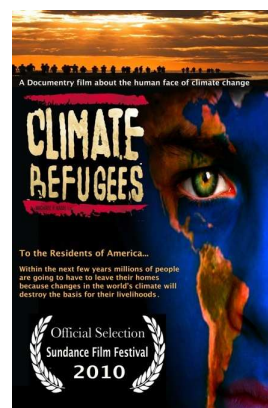
November 3, 2010 4:30pm, discussion at 6:00pm Barnum 104

Join the [Tufts Institute of the Environment](#) (TIE) for a screening of the new climate change documentary, "Climate Refugees." Panelists will include:

- **William Moomaw**, professor at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy
- **Sivan Kartha**, senior scientist at the Stockholm Environment Institute
- **Paul Kirshen**, founder of the Water: Systems, Science and Society (WSSS) program

Reception to follow. This event is part of TIE's [Climate Change Climate Justice initiative](#).

[Climate Refugees](#) has been called "an agent for social change", "a resounding wake-up call for every human", and "the most important documentary made in the last 30 years". Director Michael Nash became interested in mass migrations caused by climate change: people looking for water and food in dry regions of Africa and losing their homes to rising seawater in Bangladesh. For this documentary, he visited locations from Orissa, India, where the coastal village of Kanhapura has vanished, to the South Pacific island of Tuvalu, which is slowly being submerged by the rising ocean.



This event is co-sponsored by: Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts Environmental Alumni, Fletcher Green, The Africana Center, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning & Peace and Justice Studies

Crash Course: Climate Justice and the Probable Future

**November 3, 2010 12:00pm
Eaton 206**

Join the IR Director's Leadership Council for their first Crash Course Lecture of the semester. Assistant

Director of Peace and Justice Studies at Tufts University Dale Bryan will be speaking about "Climate Justice and the Probable Future." Climate Justice deals with the global consequences of climate change and works to create policies and systems that reverse the unequal distribution of these burdens, like heat-related illness and death, respiratory illness, infectious diseases, unaffordable rises in energy costs, deforestation, urban pollution, and extreme natural disasters. Interested in climate justice, international policy, political relations between North and South countries, environmental law, NGOs, or social activism. Join the DLC for this informative talk on the future of Climate Justice! Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Off-Campus events

New:

Boston Harbor Sea Level Rise Forum

November 9-10, 2010

The Boston Harbor Association invites you to the first "Boston Harbor Sea Level Rise Forum" on the evening of 9 November and the morning of 10 November 2010 through lunch. The Forum will be one of the most informative and stimulating forums on this timely issue, and will debut maps showing potential impacts of sea level rise and climate change in Boston Harbor. We are pleased that Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Princeton University Professor Guy Nordenson, who coordinated the Museum of Modern Art's 2010 exhibition, "Rising Currents: Projects for New York's Waterfront," will be keynote speakers.

November 9, 2010:

6:00pm-7:30pm

New England Aquarium IMAX Theatre, Boston

Keynote Speaker: Gina McCarthy, Assistant

Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Boston Harbor Sea Level Rise Mapping: Dr. Ellen

Douglas, UMass Boston, and Dr. Paul Kirshen, Battelle Institute

Open Mike Session: questions and comments from the

public.

[Click here to register.](#)

November 10:

8:30am - 12:30pm, lunch provided

John Joseph Moakley Courthouse, Boston

Opening Comments: Mayor Thomas M. Menino

Keynote Speaker: Guy Nordenson, Co-author, "On the Water/ Palisade Bay", and Coordinator, "Rising Currents: Projects for New York's Waterfront" exhibition

Boston Harbor Sea Level Rise Mapping: Dr. Ellen Douglas, UMass Boston

Responses: Tom Kinton, Massport, David Begelfer, NAIOP, Hubert Murray, Partners HealthCare, Leo Robinson, Chelsea City Council, Rick Dimino, A Better City (moderator)

Open Mike Session: questions and comments from the public

Wrap-up Session: Kairos Shen, City of Boston's Chief Planner

[Click here to register.](#)

2010 Recycling Award Gala Celebration

November 17, 2010 5:30 - 9pm

The Artist for Humanity EpiCenter

100 West 2nd Street, Boston

MassRecycle presents the 2010 Recycling Awards Gala Celebration! The ceremony will recognize the 11 BEST Recycling Programs in the State in addition to presenting a special Lifetime Achievement Award to Ben Harvey of E. L. Harvey & Sons for his many years of leadership and the significant contributions he has made to increasing recycling and reducing waste throughout Massachusetts.

We hope you will join us in their recognition.



The Celebration will include:

- Wine tasting from local Turtle Creek Winery
- Silent auction (please let us know if you have items you would like to donate)
- Exhibit of art from reclaimed materials
- Live jazz trio
- Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

- Networking
- Award ceremony

For details and to order tickets click [here](#).

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Rose at 617-312-5671 or programs@massrecycle.org

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[6th Annual Conference on Clean Energy](#)

November 3-4, 2010
Hynes Convention Center, Boston

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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