ES Newsletter, Week of Oct 22, 2007

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Gas Week
Monday, Oct. 22 – Friday, Oct. 28

Monday, All day (Smith Union): Information table
Wednesday, 8:00pm (Cram Alumni House): Teach-in.
Thursday, 7:00pm (Beam Classroom at the VAC): Who Killed the Electric Car
Friday, 3:00pm (meet at polar bear outside Smith Union): Brunswick Bike Ride co-sponsored with the cycling club and the communal bike club

University of Minnesota School of Architecture
Tuesday, Oct. 23 12:00
ES Common Room, Boody-Johnson House

Find out about Graduate & Professional Studies in:
- Architecture
- Sustainable Design
- Heritage Preservation

The State of the Planet: How can we help?: Mathematics Seminar
Tuesday, Oct. 23 4:15-5:00 pm
217 Searles
Mary Lou Zeeman, R. Wells Johnson Professor of Mathematics, Bowdoin College

Interested in Environmental Studies?
Come to a “Pre Majors” Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 25 7:30 pm
Chase Barn – Boody-Johnson House

Meet with ES faculty, staff and students
Hear about ES courses and other opportunities in Environmental Studies
Learn how you can combine the major with off-campus study and fellowships
Enjoy some ice cream and coffee
Questions– Contact Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu

HOLD THE DATE

Green 2.0: Growing a Universal Environmental Movement by Amanda Griscom Little
Monday, Oct. 29 7:00 p.m.
Main Lounge, Moulton Union
Reception to follow
Dinner 5:30-6:45 in Hutchinson Room, Thorne Hall

Amanda Griscom Little is one of the leading environmental journalists of her generation, writing regularly for The New York Times, The Nation, The Washington Post, Wired Magazine, and Rolling Stone. She is also a columnist for grist.org.
The author of a forthcoming book from Harper Collins about the implications of the approaching end of petroleum as the principal fuel of our civilization, Ms. Little earned her bachelor’s degree in literature from Brown University. (www.grist.org)

** There are other opportunities to meet with Ms. Griscom Little, please call or e-mail Rosie at rarmstro@bowdoin.edu for more information.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

**Maine Green Chemistry Event**  
*Friday, Oct. 26 8:30 am – 5:00 pm*  
Hannaford Lecture Hall, Abromson Community Education Center, USM, Portland

Investors, sustainable business leaders, cutting-edge researchers and policy makers will come together to explore “Green Chemistry” solutions that expand our economy by replacing hazardous materials in consumer products with safer alternatives. We’ll identify opportunities to replace petroleum-based chemicals with bio-based products, and get the latest information on an innovative project already underway to make bio-based plastic from Maine potatoes. $15 for students. Go to www.MaineGreenChemistry.com for more information and on-line registration.

**Arctic Refuge Sutra: Teachings from an Endangered Landscape**  
*Saturday, Oct. 27 4:00 pm*  
Frontier Café and Gallery, 14 Maine St, Fort Andross

Sutra is a sanskrit word for thread and a Sutra in Buddhism is a thread that connects a series of spiritual teachings. We call this afternoon presentation and conversation an Arctic Sutra, wishing to stitch together the deep prayerful poetics of this endangered landscape. Join Arctic traveler, Patricia Reis, and Arctic dweller and guide, Shannon Coykendall, for a journey into the heart of the Arctic. $7 General Public / $6 Adults over 65, College Students with I.D., Children Under 12. All proceeds go to benefit Alaskan Wilderness League, the only Washington DC-based environmental group devoted full-time to protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other wilderness-quality lands in Alaska.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Volunteers in Brunswick needed**  
*Saturday, Oct. 27*  
The Maine Board of Pesticides Control & Maine YardScaping Partnership are looking for a few students that are willing to help them conduct a survey of adults going to soccer or football games at Brunswick’s Old High School and Lisherness fields. The survey is an evaluation of educational materials they have posted at those fields and were part of a Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program grant from US EPA. They thought volunteers from the High School were all set up to do the surveys but they have not pulled through for them. If you can help out please contact Gary Fish of the Maine Board of Pesticide Control at Gary.Fish@maine.gov
Mellon International Student Fellowships
Environmental Studies Program

The Mellon International Student Fellowships provide Environmental Studies majors and minors with funds for travel, research and living expenses to engage in international environmental research based in a country or region where the student has previously studied, had an internship, or been on a service program. Mellon International Student Fellowships will not exceed $3,500. The fellowship supports the following opportunities:

- Students who have participated in a study abroad semester in the fall semester and would like to return the following summer of their junior year to continue research on a topic examined as part of their academic program.

- Students who are planning to study abroad during the spring semester of their junior year and have identified a research interest prior to departing campus and would like to extend their stay in the country of interest to conduct research. In certain cases, students can coordinate an application while abroad, however, this is not encouraged

- Other student research projects under special circumstances, with approval by ESCOM

To qualify, students must meet the following criteria.

1. The student must be sponsored or cosponsored by an Environmental Studies faculty member
2. The students’ research work will support either an Honors or advanced (400 level) Independent Study project. Arrangements for the Honors or Independent Study project must be made with the faculty advisor before award of the Fellowship
3. The fellowship is not for the purpose of supporting study abroad programs.
4. The student must identify a sponsoring organization in the country of interest who will assist with arranging housing and other logistics for the student, and a contact person within the organization. The organization must confirm these arrangements prior to final award of the fellowship.
5. The student must make a public presentation of their research upon return to campus.

Research proposals should consist of:
A description of the proposed research and explanation of how it ties both into the students’ study abroad experience and proposed Honors/Independent Study, the name of the sponsoring organization in the country of interest, a travel itinerary, a letter of support from an Environmental Studies faculty member, and a budget.

Two annual deadlines:

November 15
April 1

If you are interested, please contact Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu
**Orion Grassroot Network**  
Job and Internship listings  
http://www.orionsociety.org/pages/ogn/viewposition.cfm?action=newpostings

**Design Competition for Sustainability**  
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests proposals for the 5th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 is a partnership between the public and private sectors to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, planet protection, and improved quality of life. P3 supports R&D and design solutions to real world challenges involving sustainability. Areas of interest include: Energy, Water, the Built Environment, Agriculture, Materials and Chemistry, and Information Technology. In Phase 1,$550K expected to be available, 55 awards anticipated. Responses due 12/20/07. For more info, contact Cynthia Nolt-Helms at nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov or go to:  
Refer to Sol# EPA-G2008-P3. (Grants.gov 9/5/07)

**CONTEST: Create a video promoting electric cars and you could win $1000 scholarship and Bowdoin could win an electric car!**  
*MILES Revolution* is a large-scale action program aimed at broadly communicating the gravity of the pollution caused by internal combustion engines and the solution that electric vehicles present. A university specific interpretive art competition will allow college students to push the limits of their creativity and compete to win an electric car for their school and a cash scholarship for themselves.

The rules of the contest are simple. College students must view the *MILES Revolution* video on YouTube and interpret it in their own, unique style through any medium of expression. However, student interpretations must be recorded and uploaded on YouTube. Contestant videos need to somehow incorporate the “No Gas Required” logo or tagline and have an overarching sustainability theme.

The five students whose videos garner the most views on YouTube will each be awarded a $1000 cash scholarship and a *MILES Revolution* low speed vehicle for their school.

**Eligibility:**
To qualify for consideration in the *MILES Revolution* Video Contest, entries must meet the following criteria:

1. **Student Participation:** Students must be enrolled at least part-time at an accredited U.S. college or university.
2. **Message & Artistic Merit:** Each entry must be an original work of art—your style, your message, your medium of choice—with a clear “No Gas Required” electric vehicle sustainability theme. Submissions must demonstrate quality thought, planning, and artistic effort.
3. **Format & Public Visibility:** Your video must adhere to the *MILES Revolution* format guidelines in order to be uploaded to YouTube.

**Important Dates:**
- Video Submissions Accepted: September 15 – November 15, 2007
- Winners Announced: January 4, 2008
- On-Campus Award Presentation: January 16, 2008
For details go to: http://www.nogasrequired.com/docs/contestoverview.pdf

Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming National Competition
Entries Due November 30

National Wildlife Federation’s second annual national competition, Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming, is one of the key ways that NWF and partners are working to advance and recognize innovators of global warming solutions on campuses all across the country. Through energy efficiency, renewable energy, habitat restoration and transportation, students, faculty and staff are leading the way. The purpose of the competition is to highlight positive, practical solutions to global warming on campus and to share these with a national audience. Enter your project to win grant money and a feature in our multimedia broadcast on April 16, 2008. STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF are all eligible to enter the written OR video contest!

To enter Chill Out, go to: www.nwf.org/chillout

All Entries Due November 30

Power Shift 2007: Igniting our Generation
November 2nd – 5th
University of Maryland – College Park
www.powershift07.org

Power Shift 2007 will be the first-ever national youth summit on global warming. Thousands of young people from across the country will hear from leaders and experts in the global warming movement such as invited speakers former Vice President Al Gore, Majora Carter of Sustainable South Bronx, James Hansen and comedian Jon Stewart. In workshops such as "Leadership Development" and "Working with the Media" students will also learn skills of organizing and activism from the best in the business. The summit culminates on Monday with a rally on Capitol Hill.

Learn more about Power Shift and register for the summit at www.powershift07.org. To volunteer to become a recruiter for your campus call Vanessa at 877-328-1633, or email vanessapowershift2007@gmail.com.

It is our generation that will face the consequences of not acting to halt global warming now, and it will be our vision, our will and our power that finally tips the balance in the global warming struggle.
"If global emissions of carbon dioxide continue to rise, there will be disastrous effects. We are getting close to a tipping point."