



# HEASC News Digest

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### 1. Sustainability in Higher Education Gets Coverage in *Newsweek* and *Time*

Both *Newsweek* and *Time* featured articles on greening trends on campus this month. The Presidents Climate Commitment was noted in both articles, although not by name. The articles are still available online as of this writing and can be accessed at the following:

*Newsweek: The Green Campus*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20216979/site/newsweek/page/0/>

*Time Magazine: Getting Schools to Think and Act Green*

[http://www.time.com/time/specials/2007/article/0,28804,1651473\\_1651472\\_1652067,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/specials/2007/article/0,28804,1651473_1651472_1652067,00.html)

-Mary Reilly

### 2. HEASC Member Education Committee Reconvenes

Kathy Benton (SCUP) and Kathleen Kerr (ACPA) convened a meeting (teleconference) of the HEASC Member Education Committee today, kicking off an ambitious set of activities for this fall/winter and into 2008. Kathy and Kathleen, co-chairs of this committee, will send out a summary of the meeting that will outline the proposed projects and activities. We would like to have representation from each HEASC member association, so if your association is not represented, someone will contact you! The committee will hold monthly conference calls on every *third* Thursday of the month, from 1:00 – 2:00pm, Eastern Time. If you would like to participate, contact [mreilly@secondnature.org](mailto:mreilly@secondnature.org).

-Mary Reilly

### 3. Institute for Community College Development Leadership Issues Series Held at Cornell

Debra Rowe participated in Cornell's ICCD Leadership Issues Series—"Sustainability for Community Colleges: Curriculum, Culture, Conservation", and was the featured speaker at the event which took place on Aug 5 – 8.

At the conference, participants learned about and created plans on:

- how to include a sustainability focus in all areas of the campus – curricula, operations, purchasing, facilities, planning, etc.
- how to use the role of higher education and their institution to help shift society to sustainability
- how to utilize students and staff to engage in democracy and support elected representatives to change regulations to produce a sustainable future (e.g., moving from service learning to political service and engagement)

See

<http://www.iccd.cornell.edu/iccd/glp/map/resourceDevelopment/leadershipIssuesSeries/index.html>

-Debra Rowe

#### **4. Several Upcoming SCUP Sustainability-Related Events**

*Campus Sustainability Day V*

<http://www.scup.org>

Please share with your constituencies this opportunity to bring together people from across departments and disciplines to celebrate successes and brainstorm on problems. Our webcast this year features Bill McKibben, Tom Kimmerer, and Norm Christopher and involve the concepts in McKibben's book, *Deep Economy*.

*David Orr to Keynote SCUP's North Central Regional Conference*

<http://www.scup.org/regions/nc/2007/>

"Our Campus - My Space" is October 15-17 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

*SCUP & The New York Times Teaming Up*

(NO LINK YET)

We're looking at a November date for a webcast, one of a series of webcasts on differing topics with *The New York Times*, on "Climate Change and Higher Education: Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality." Details to come.

-Terry Calhoun, SCUP

#### **5. Call for Sustainability-Related Events for Mailing to College and University Presidents**

SCUP will be fulfilling its Campus Sustainability Day sponsorship obligations with a mail-out to college and university presidents in early September. If you have sustainability-related events on your calendar during the coming academic year and can provide a name, location, date, and maybe a link, please send them, ASAP, to [terry.calhoun@scup.org](mailto:terry.calhoun@scup.org).

-Terry Calhoun, SCUP

#### **6. Nature's Website Adds New Section on Climate Change**

The distinguished journal *Nature* has covered climate issues for decades. They have now pulled it all together into a new website, <http://www.nature.com/climate/index.html> that is a rich source of science-based information on climate change. There is also a free monthly report, *Nature Reports Climate Change*, available at the same site. Full content of all articles, except recent original research articles, is available.

Also, the latest in the *Nature Collections* series looks at the promises and pitfalls of new energy technologies, including the potential of biofuels and nuclear power, new ways to lock away CO<sub>2</sub>, and renewables such as solar and wind power. Read the series at:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/supplements/collections/energy/index.html>

-Tom Kimmerer, AASHE and Mary Reilly

## **7. Buying Green Computers Is Easy**

Sam Hummel, AASHE's IT Manager recently posted some excellent information on purchasing "green" computers. If you are in the market for new desktops or laptops, you'll want to consider machines that consume less energy, have good take-back policies and reduce the use of toxic materials. Sam includes links to third-party verification systems that will help you make the best choice for clean and green machines. Read Sam's posting on AASHE's new staff blog at:

<http://www.aashe.net/staffblog/campus-operations/information-technology/buying-green-computers-for-your-campus-is-easy>

*-Mary Reilly*

## **8. Reminder: Greening of the Campus VII Conference at Ball State University—Sept 6-8**

If you haven't yet signed up for this event, there's still time. Ball State University will be hosting its seventh *Greening of the Campus* conference of which HEASC, AASHE and the US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development are partners. This year's theme is "Partnering for Sustainability: Enabling a Diverse Future". Keynote speakers include Eban Goodstein of "Focus the Nation" and Debra Rowe of the US Partnership.

For more information go to: <http://www.bsu.edu/greening/>.

*-Mary Reilly*

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