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Leaving Kyoto: The New Beyond Kyoto Initiative

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After gaining support from the Student Assembly (in the form of the creation of the Renewable Energy Fund), Kyoto Now! is now ready to discuss and negotiate with the Cornell community about establishing a checkbox in the New Student Registration Packet that will allow new students to donate any amount to the Renewable Energy Fund, which will be used to fund campus-wide renewable energy projects.

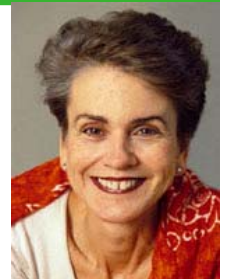
In addition to this, the student organization has launched the Beyond Kyoto Initiative in response to Cornell's projected compliance with the Kyoto Protocol, to which Cornell agreed in 2001 after support from Kyoto Now! This initiative aims to go beyond the checkbox option by expanding the flow of incoming donations to staff, faculty, and alumni. Three pillars have been created to achieve the Initiative's goal, which is to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency on campus with the committed help of the Cornell Administration.

The Investors pillar seeks to identify potential companies that would be willing to make recurring donations to the Renewable Energy Fund. The Students pillar aims to outreach to students through rallies, media, advertising, and other activities. Finally, the Faculty pillar will gather faculty in support of the Renewable Energy Fund and establish a mechanism for them to donate to the Renewable Energy Fund. For more information, contact Amy Freitag at aef33@cornell.edu.

- This newsletter is written on a monthly basis by the Sustainability Hub, the central place for all student organizations working towards campus sustainability and environmental responsibility. Please contact cmr55@cornell.edu for suggestions.

Frances Lappé enlivens Local Foods at Cornell

On Wednesday, September 20th, Farm to Cornell organized to have Frances Moore Lappe come speak at Cornell. She is the acclaimed author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, *World Hunger: Twelve Myths*, *Hope's Edge*, and *Democracy's Edge*. Starting with the question of why there is hunger in a world where we produce more than enough food to feed everyone, Frances spoke about the pitfalls of our current "thin democracy" and our one rule (greatest profits) economy. She (Continued on Page 2)



Did You Know?

Students, staff, and faculty can personally do something to fight global warming. Through energy conservation in residence halls, apartments, or homes, individuals can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Go to <http://www.energystar.gov/> or <http://www.rmi.org/sitepages/pid167.php>

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addressed how these make us feel powerless to cause change, but gave examples of how people's everyday choices can make a difference, and how we can create both a "living democracy" and a market economy in which we are not forced to set aside our values. She related it all back to the questions of food sustainability, and addressed the work that Farm to Cornell is doing here on campus. The event was a complete success, with full turnout (despite the short notice).

On Thursday, September 21st, Cornell Dining had their Fall Harvest Dinner at Robert Purcell Marketplace. It featured New York Sate food, and as much within a fifty mile radius as possible. Farm to Cornell provided a table with a display about buying locally, as well as a pamphlet that students could take. The dinner was festive and celebratory, and very well received by students. To learn more about Farm to Cornell, contact Miriam Goler at

Sustainability Hub : Bringing Interests Together

The Sustainability Hub began the year with a lot of energy as it recruited many new members at ClubFest. Last month, the Hub organized a Visioning Meeting

to gather ideas that would support that Sustainability section of Cornell's Master Plan. Many different student organizations came together to provide ideas ranging from green building to institutional support for sustainability.

The Sustainability Hub also organized the EcoChallenge Team (visit <http://sustainablecornell.blogspot.com> for more information), which will prepare proposals for MTV and GE's Eco Challenge. The Team consists of members from different student organizations working together to make the campus more sustainable. If successful, the Team would win \$25,000 to implement the proposal on campus.

Similar to the EcoChallenge Team, the Sustainability Hub is coordinating a team from different student organizations to organize Focus the Nation Week, which will begin on Campus Sustainability Day (Oct. 25th) and focus the campus on "stabilizing the climate in the 21st century" and campus sustainability. This event will showcase many demonstrations and outreach about the Hub's various ongoing projects. Finally, the Hub has set up Sustainability Boards in all Community Centers. For more information, contact Ding Kong at dk278@cornell.edu.



Updates from New World Ag and Ecology Group

Last spring NWAEG wrapped up its' semester long seminar series "Issues in Sustainable Agriculture Education" as part of our overall objective to foster a campus wide dialogue about the agricultural science curriculum. Over the summer, we continued our book group meetings and general meetings. In September we were able to offer logistical support for Frances Moore Lappe's visit hosted by the newly formed Cornell Farm to College Working Group (Farm to Cornell). Over 200 people attended her talk as part of a series of events surrounding Dining's local food dinner at Robert Purcell Hall. In September, members of NWAEG along with the community group Master Composters and Dilmun Hill tabled for a week outside of Trillium to support the student initiated post-consumer composting project there. NWAEG members also offered support to Danielle Wedral's successful effort to create a work-study position to keep this project going. Last winter NWAEG sent a delegation of 6 CU grad students to the first annual Facilitating Sustainable Agriculture Education national conference. Since then, several members of NWAEG have served on a steering committee with membership from other universities to plan the second annual conference. We are very pleased to announce that the 2007 Sustainable Agriculture Education Association Conference will be held at Cornell. Recently, we hired a conference planner/fundraiser and we'll keep everyone posted as the planning progresses. This conference will be a great way for Cornell to showcase its sustainability-focused programs and we're hoping that many other student groups on campus will be involved in this major event. Contact Allyson at alh54@cornell.edu for more information.

Save the World, One Battery at a Time

Teva (teh-vah) is Cornell's Jewish nature and environmental club. Though most of our time is spent exploring nature through hikes and other events in a Jewish context, we have taken on a couple of sustainability projects. Although used batteries take up minimal space in garbage dumps compared to other forms of waste, they contain heavy metals, which leach into soils and the water table with every rain. These chemicals are highly toxic and detrimental to the environment, but do not despair!

Recently, we established a battery-recycling box that resides in the Hillel office in Anabel Taylor Hall. We are planning to establish such boxes in Residence Halls across campus. Later in the semester, we intend to have a campaign to encourage students to switch from incandescent to compact fluorescent bulbs to conserve energy. If you're interested in becoming involved with Teva, e-mail mlw63.

Did You Know?

Every year, a competition called **Recyclemania** successfully educates students across many campuses about recycling through a massive recycling and outreach effort. Any school can participate during this Spring competition. To find out more, visit www.recyclemania.org.

Updates from the Sustainable Enterprise Association

Now entering its pivotal 3rd year, SEA believes in using business as a catalyst for lasting social and environmental change. As a student organization, we seek to inspire, enable, and support students from all disciplines in exploring sustainable business practice. This year, our theme is “Why sustainability in business?” Keep an eye out for events, projects and “power hours” as SEA gears up for 2006-2007.

News/ Recent activity

New advisor/ programs: SEA is very excited this year to be working with Johnson professor Mark Milstein. The Director of the Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise, Mark is an actively engaged advisor who provides great insight and feedback. Through Mark (together with Johnson MBA students), SEA has brainstormed potential new programs to enhance sustainable enterprise education. These include grad-undergrad mentorship, an end-of-year trip to Asia, and an upper-level course to be taught by Mark Milstein.

Looking ahead

“Business trip”: In the near future, SEA would like to arrange a group visit to one of several local businesses that exemplifies the sustainable enterprise philosophy.

oikos Convergence: In January, Cornell will host the US Convergence of oikos International, a global student organization that promotes sustainability-oriented entrepreneurship (www.oikosinternational.org/usconvergence).

Career fair: In collaboration with the Cornell chapter of Net Impact (www.netimpact.org), the Johnson School’s February career fair will include discussion on how sustainability is affecting careers in management.

Hotel Ezra Cornell: The theme for the 82nd Hotel Ezra Cornell in April is “**Sustainability through Innovation.**” (www.hotelezracornell.com)

* SEA meets in Sage 134 on Wednesdays at 8:30 pm. Feel free to drop in.

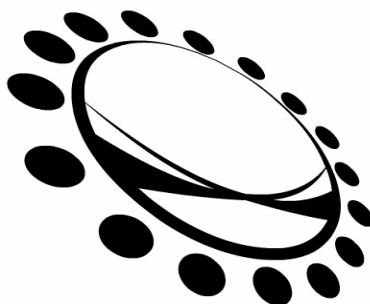
Updates from Engineers for a Sustainable World

Engineers for a Sustainable World has been having a very exciting semester. Recently, over 13 ESW members attended a National Conference in Iowa City. Over half of the participants presented project work to showcase to other chapters around the country. Students this semester are involved in; building solar ovens, a water treatment plant in Honduras, the ESW Veggie Van, and in the Ecomagination Competition. Local outreach projects on campus and in the community are also being planned. We would love for people to become more involved! We will be taking some students to Eco-Village on 10/20 and be showing 'sustainably minded movies' to inspire engineers to think about how they can leave a positive impact on our planet. Please see our website at www.rso.cornell.edu/esw or email Tamar at tms43@cornell.edu to get more involved!

Sustainability Hub
Meeting Times: Wednesdays at 5:00PM
Location: Uris Hall G28

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Websites for Student Organizations Featured in this Edition

Engineers for a Sustainable World: www.rso.cornell.edu/esw

Kyoto Now: <http://www.rso.cornell.edu/kyotonow/>

New World Agriculture and Ecology Group: <http://www.rso.cornell.edu/nwaeg/>

Sustainable Enterprise Association: <http://www.rso.cornell.edu/sea-cornell/>

Sustainability Hub: <http://sustainabilityhub.hopto.org> and <http://sustainablecornell.blogspot.com>

Teva: <http://cornellhillel.org/>