Energy Campaign

The energy campaign has begun once again! Last year we saw some great improvements. Out of the residential buildings, Freedom had the greatest percent change with a 34% reduction. This means they saved 61,603 kilowatt-hours, and 23 tons of carbon dioxide! All together the dorms reduced their energy consumption by 11% and the academic buildings had a reduction of 7%. The campus as a whole reduced their energy usage by 9%. Just shy of our goal of 10%. This year we hope to meet that goal!

We’ve completed two weeks of calculations so far this year. Last week we saw a 7% reduction and overall we are down 4% since the beginning of the campaign. The Fine Arts building leads the academic buildings with the largest percentage of savings but Arts & Sciences, Social Sciences and Physics are not far behind. On the residential side, Empire performed much better this week and is now in a tie for the top spot with Colonial Quad for the largest percentage reduction. To date this year, we have been able to decrease our carbon emissions by 64 tons over our baseline.

So do your part and employ energy conservation strategies. Turn off all lights and electronics when you leave a room (including classrooms!). Don’t forget to turn off computer monitors and printers as well. Unplug chargers when not in use as they still draw energy even when you aren’t charging an electronic device. You can find more tips at: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/8.fliers.shtml and each Monday you’ll receive an energy campaign email update and totals will be posted on our website at: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/4.energycampaign.shtml
On Campus
Model Dorm Room Open House and Apartment Demo

Remember that model dorm room you saw on your first tour of the school? Come check out a “greened up” version! The model room will be set up with green tips all over to give you ideas on how to become more sustainable. This event will be on **October 9th from 2-5pm** on State Quad in Fulton Hall! The ribbon cutting will get started around 2:15 pm! Also, there will be green apartment demonstrations on **October 10, from 7 to 9 pm** at Empire South A3 104, Freedom A2 101 and Liberty Terrace South A3 104. This is similar to the model dorm room, but people actually live in these rooms and are taking steps to be more green! Come check it out!! There will be green giveaways at each event to help you get started on the path towards going green!

**CFL Exchange**

CFL, compact florescent light bulbs, will be given out to residents by RA’s, housing managers and participating students from the sustainability houses in the next couple of weeks. The crew, which we call the Green Scene team, will be changing out incandescent light bulbs for compact florescent light bulbs to help emphasize energy conservation and raise awareness about the energy campaign (see page 1). The incandescent bulbs collected will be donated to a local organization. Prizes will be given to the person who returns the most incandescent bulbs.

CFL’s use one-third of the energy than incandescent bulbs and do not generate waste heat. Each student getting a CFL will receive an informational flier on its benefits and proper disposal. Anyone who wants to participate in distributing the bulbs can pick them up between 7 to 8 pm near the quad office (or common area for apartments) at the following locations:

- **October 2** University Apartments, Alumni
- **October 3** State, Indian
- **October 4** Colonial, Dutch

Bulbs will also be available in the quad office for distribution but all recorded collections of incandescent bulbs must take place between 7 and 8 pm on the following days and locations below to be considered for prizes:

- **October 9** University Apartments, Alumni
- **October 10** State, Indian
- **October 11** Colonial, Dutch

Thanks to UAS, Admissions and the bookstore for their support on this project!
World of Environmental Sustainability

The freshman living, learning community called the “World of Environmental Sustainability” entered its second year. To kick things off, some members of the house went up to Professor Gary Kleppel’s farm. Professor Kleppel is serving as their faculty mentor and teaches the freshman seminar course on sustainability food production.

If you’re not familiar with Professor Kleppel, he teaches biology at UAlbany and manages his own sustainable farm where he raises sheep and chickens. He also bakes bread and participates in the Delmar Farmer’s Market each summer. His sheepherding skills will be on display at Fallbany this year as well.

The students took a tour of the gardens, sheep and chicken fields and got up close with the compost pile and solar array that provides power for the majority of the farm. After, they baked pita bread in a wood fired brick oven.

Welcome to our newest member of the sustainability community:

Hassan Cheema
Carissa Fox
Thomas Hemmerling
Kelsey Keane
Daniel Lang
Lloydine Mills
Karan Verma

Shikera Bailey
Eric Fuentes
James Joyce
Sarah Kearns
Katie McNece
Matt Payne

Above: group shot.

At left: checking out the garden
Around Town

Drug Take Back Program
The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency is collecting unused and expired drugs on September 29th. The closest collection site is at Crossgates Mall in the parking lot across from the food court from 10AM-2PM. Visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/ to see if your local law enforcement agencies are participating.

Weekly Bike Ride
A student named Cory Statt hopes to initiate a weekly bike ride around Albany. The group ride starts at Collins Circle. If you are interested, contact Cory at 585-750-4679.

Bike Share Feasibility Study and Biking Coalition
The City of Albany Department of Development and Planning, CDTC, and consultants Alta Planning + Design are conducting a study on what bike route signage is needed in the City of Albany and how bike sharing might be implemented here. There was recently a public workshop to gauge interest and ideas. Check out the City of Albany Sustainability website to see what was discussed and learn about other initiatives at: http://www.albanysustainability.org/

For more information contact Kate Lawrence at (518) 434-2532 x17

The Albany Bicycling Coalition holds public meetings every month. Come learn about the group as well as bicycling in the Capital Region. They meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the LaSalle School, Chapel and Cultural Center, on the circle. The LaSalle School is located at 155 Erie Street, Albany NY 12203.
Capital Region Sustainability Open Forums

The Cleaner, Greener Communities Program for the Capital Region is a joint effort by the eight counties in our area to create a Sustainability Plan. You have a chance to participate in developing the plan and improve the economic and environmental health of our community. The Capital Region planning area is comprised of eight counties: Albany; Columbia; Greene; Rensselaer; Saratoga; Schenectady; Warren and Washington.

You can get involved by engaging in interactive workshops, submitting ideas and comments online, advocating for a project, adopting sustainable practices in your home and much more.

The last round of open forums is next week.

For all Workshops
Open House Starts at 6:30 pm
Workshop runs from 7-9 pm

Monday October 1st
Union College
College Park Hall Ballroom
450 Nott Street
Schenectady, NY 12308

Tuesday October 2nd
Fort Ann School District Cafeteria
1 Catherine Street, Fort Anne, NY 12827

Wednesday October 3rd
Columbia Greene Community College
Professional Academic Center Room 612
4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY 12534

Sign up for all of these online and even participate online!!

For more information and to sign up visit http://sustainablecapitalregion.org/
The UAlbany Students for Sustainability will hold their first meeting on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:30 pm** in Humanities 132.

There are lots of activities planned for this year including:

- Football and basketball game recycling collections
- CFL distribution
- Service Trip to Schoharie
- Sustainability Week
- Recyclemania
- Earth Day
- Student Sustainability Conference

We need your ideas and help to make these events successful. Sign up for the group at their my involvement page:
http://myinvolvement.org/organization/USS

Questions? Email: UAStudents4Sustainability@gmail.com

**Harvest Fest**

Liberty Terrace will be hosting a community Harvest Festival on **October 24th from 4-7pm**.

Join us for food and fun! The schedule for the day is as follows:

4:00-4:30 PM – Tour of Liberty Terrace. This will showcase the design and engineering features that allowed for the project to be considered for LEED Gold certification.

4:30-6:00 PM – Sidewalk Harvest Festival. Representatives from a variety of local groups will be on hand to discuss how to eat sustainably. Learn where your food comes from and sample foods that were grown and produced in the area.

6:00-7:00 PM – Eating Healthy, Eating Local symposium. This forum will consist of government officials, local business owners, and sustainability experts to discuss the future of local foods and how they plan to make them more readily available and will be followed by a Q&A session.

If your group is interested in having a table, please contact Greg Back at gback@albany.edu
Campus Rec Offer a Variety of Classes

Campus Rec has a regular schedule of fitness classes available to all faculty, staff and students including zumba, yoga, kickboxing and cycling. Info on these classes can be found at: [http://www.albany.edu/campusrecreation/group_exercise.php](http://www.albany.edu/campusrecreation/group_exercise.php)

In addition, Campus Rec has several outdoor pursuits on the agenda for the fall. The next trip is to a high ropes course and ziplining in the Adirondacks on October 13th. The bus leaves Collins Circle at 9 am and returns at 5:30 pm. The cost is $45 per person. On November 17th, you can go indoor rock climbing from 3:45 to 7 pm for a fee of $20. More information on all of these events can be found at: [http://www.albany.edu/campusrecreation/event_details.php](http://www.albany.edu/campusrecreation/event_details.php)

UAlbany Outdoors

Tired of the Albany area? Want to get outside and witness some breathtaking views, all while meeting new people?

Then, consider joining UAlbany Outdoors, a new student-run organization that hosts activities such as hiking, camping, snowshoeing, backpacking, etc. The group will be traveling all over New York State in search of the best hikes and views, all while completing some of the 46 High Peaks. Hikes range in difficulty, but there will be something planned for all levels of expertise. If interested, please contact President Mike Antidormi at mantidormi@albany.edu.

Or Join...UAlbany Outdoors on MyInvolvement and UAlbany Outdoors on Facebook.
Project Green Challenge

Change your life, your school and your world with Project Green Challenge this October! Teens Turning Green is hosting a 30-day eco lifestyle challenge to mobilize young people around the world to learn and take action around environmental sustainability and social responsibility. Sign up, lead the charge on your campus, and inspire others to be the change. The first-ever Project Green Challenge in 2011 activated 2700 high school and college students on 510 campuses in 48 states and 21 countries with simple, fun, and high-impact themed daily challenges. This year, an even more robust, diverse, and far-reaching initiative with eco experts, industry leaders, corporations, non profit organizations and media partners is taking place. Your participation and engagement is key.

Want to join the movement? Learn more? Email us today at judishils@earthlink.net and find out more about being a Campus Rep.

Go to teensturninggreen.org for more information, challenge starts October 1st!

There are amazing incentives for the Campus Rep that engages the most students in PGC, including a fabulous eco lifestyle package ($300+ value), $250 eBay Green gift card, and a round trip ticket to San Francisco, hotel, meals, and an invitation to join TTG for the PGC Finals in November. There are also campus-wide incentives for the schools with the highest student involvement, including an on-campus eco breakfast with food and product samples!
Opportunities

Internships

The City of Albany Planning Department seeks interns for the fall 2012 semester who are interested in working on various sustainability projects, such as bike planning, Neighborhood Energy Challenge, Energy efficient buildings and alternative energy. Potential interns should have a background in urban planning, as well as a strong interest in urban sustainability. Must have computer literacy and experience with Microsoft Excel. The intern must be comfortable working independently and have good oral, written and presentation skills. Must be available on a regular schedule at least 8 to 10 hours a week. Convenient access to transportation is desired.

Send a resume and cover letter by Friday, October 5th, 2012, to:
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Department of Development and Planning
City of Albany
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Email: lawrencek@ci.albany.ny.us
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Leadership

US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL—STUDENT REGIONAL CHAIRS
USGBC Seeking Applications for Student Regional Chairs The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is looking for student regional chairs to start and manage USGBC Students groups across the country. Regional chairs will work directly with students in their geographical area to advance sustainability goals on a variety of campuses.

http://centerforgreenschools.org/main-nav/higher-edu/community/usgbcstudents/regionalchairs.aspx

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a national nonprofit that offers conservation service opportunities all across the country. Internships are in areas like trail work, visitor services, habitat restoration, working with historical and cultural resources, resource management, wildlife, botany, biology, and other conservation related fields. Internships are expense paid, and include housing, travel, a weekly living allowance, and the possibility of an AmeriCorps Award. All majors, ages, and skills sets are eligible to apply. The SCA also offers field leader opportunities. Leaders must be over 21, have outdoor leadership experience, and the passion to inspire the next generation of conservation leaders:

http://www.thesca.org/serve/field-leaders/programs.

Learn more about applying, benefits, and view SCA’s current list of positions at http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships.
Get Involved in Sustainability

UAlbany Students For Sustainability (USS)

This group strives to raise awareness and implement programming and events designed to encourage sustainable behavior on campus. The group meets every other Tuesday at 8:30 pm, starting October 2nd.

If you are interested in the group, contact them at their My Involvement page: http://albany.collegiatelink.net/organization/USS

Student Sustainability Council

This serves as an advisory body to the Office of Environmental Sustainability and consists of appointed chairs and delegates from the residential halls, NYPIRG, the Student Association and the Graduate Student Organization. Students must apply and complete a sustainability training session to become an appointed chair. The call for chairs goes out in March and chairs are selected in April. Joining the USS group is an important first step in becoming a chair.

Supporting our Programs

Did You Know? That you can help the sustainability office finance its programs by contributing to the UAlbany fund and designating the “Office of Environmental Sustainability” as the recipient. For details on how to give, go to: http://www.albany.edu/giving/ways_of_giving.shtml

Faculty and Staff Sustainability Coordinators

The sustainability coordinators program is designed for faculty and staff members who wish to help increase awareness about sustainable operations on campus. Coordinators meet the first Tuesday of every month at noontime during the academic year. If you would like to become a coordinator or would like to nominate someone from your department, contact Mary Ellen at 956-8120 or by email at mmallia@albany.edu. A full list of coordinators is on our website at: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/5.sustainability_coordinators.shtml

THINKGREEN listserv

This listserv is for faculty who want to participate in developing academic offerings that are sustainability related. This could include speakers, research forums, developing new content units within existing courses or even developing new courses. To sign up for the listserv go to: http://www.albany.edu/its/faculty_listserv.htm

Or you can contact Mary Ellen at mmallia@albany.edu to subscribe.

Academic activity this fall includes the continuation of the World of Environmental Sustainability living, learning community, several one credit freshman seminars and the return of the sustainability roundtable, featuring research from our faculty and graduate students. A working group has been formed to identify coordinated curriculum opportunities. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mary Ellen.
Events for Fall:

Stay up to date by accessing our on line calendar:
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=a6e9bseebd24ml1bpvfsmhgt4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

October
2,3,4 and 9, 10 ,11  CFL light bulb distribution in dorms and apartments
2 USS meeting, 8:30 pm, Humanities 132
9 Green dorm room open house, 2 to 5pm State Quad Fulton Hall
10  Green your Space, 7 to 9 pm, University Apartments
13 Campus Rec High Ropes and Ziplining trip
13 Fallbany/Open house
16 USS meeting, 8:30 pm, Humanities 132
23 Virtual Field trip on Climate Change
24 Harvest Festival, 4 to 7 pm, Liberty Terrace
30 USS meeting, 8:30 pm, Humanities 132

November
12-16 Sustainability Week!
15 Electronics Recycling, 11 am to 2 pm, State Quad student lot
16  Energy Campaign Recognition Ceremony, 3 pm
17 Campus Rec Indoor Rock Climbing trip

Look for the Green Scene Team at the home football games on September 29th, October 13th and November 3rd and 17th!

Got an event or program related to sustainability??? Then, email us at gogreen@albany.edu to be included in upcoming bulletins.

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