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1. Tony Cortese Interviewed in AGB's *Trusteeship*: Why Should Colleges Embrace Sustainable Development?

Attached is a PDF of an interview with Second Nature's Tony Cortese in AGB's *Trusteeship*. In the interview, Tony discusses how campuses can adopt "the sustainability agenda" and how boards can promote progress on sustainability.

2. "Waste Not" Article by Karla Hignite in NACUBO's *Business Officer* magazine – now available online

Be sure to read Karla Hignite's excellent article in which she interviews Rutgers University's director of purchasing, Kevin Lyons. Lyons discusses some of the efforts that he has undertaken at Rutgers to reduce waste through sustainable purchasing. Lyons is quoted: "Our state's strong environmental regulations initially drove a lot of what we did," ... "but the big breakthrough in our thinking came once we identified the connection between our efforts to meet the state mandate and our purchasing policies and practices—which ultimately influence not only what we buy, but also what we throw away." Thanks to Michele Madia of NACUBO for sharing this with HEASC. You can find the article at: <http://www.nacubo.org/x8900.xml>.

3. New Resources on HEASC website — and We Need More!

In an effort to improve the HEASC website and its resources, we've added new articles and presentations (see <http://www.aashe.org/heasc/resources.php>). Thanks to Brian Yeoman of NAEP for sharing some of his past articles on sustainability as well as a presentation he gave on HEASC. Our goal is to make this a robust and useful repository of articles, presentations and other resources related to sustainability that would be useful to HEASC members. Please please forward anything you would like to add to the website to Mary Reilly (mreilly@secondnature.org).

-Mary Reilly

4. SCUP "Metro Mini" event: Toward Total Regional Sustainability – May 17 at the University of South Carolina

SCUP will be hosting its first "Metro Mini" at the University of South Carolina to discuss higher education sustainability initiatives in the region. Featured institutions will be: Clemson University, University of South Carolina, Furman University, Coastal Carolina University, Warren Wilson College, and Duke University. See <http://www.scup.org/regions/so/2007/metro-mini/index.html> for details.

5. Arizona State's President Michael Crow – Article in *Issues in Science and Technology*

Be sure to read Michael Crow's article, "None Dare Call It Hubris: The Limits of Knowledge" in which President Crow discusses the human tendency to ignore limits in all aspects of society: population growth, development, resource extraction, consumption and more. You may access the article at: http://www.issues.org/23.2/p_crow.html (shared with permission of *Issues in Science and Technology*).

6. Sustainability News and Activities from ACPA

Thanks to Kathleen Gardner of ACPA for compiling this list of news items from ACPA:

- Vice President Al Gore was the opening speaker at the ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting in Orlando. He spoke for nearly 90 minutes on the climate crisis and received a standing ovation from the 5,200 attendees.
 - Dr. Debra Rowe received ACPA's Contribution to Higher Education Award. This award recognizes an individual who has advanced a higher education agenda through work at the institutional, regional, and/or national level. The recipient of this award is an individual who, working outside of the association, has contributed to the higher education landscape and has, in a meaningful way, enhanced the work done on college campuses and/or with college students. Said one nominator: "I believe that anyone who has met Debra would describe her as inspirational and energetic. Her interactions with ACPA and with the Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium are helping to transform higher education. Dr. Rowe challenges each of us to do the necessary work that will benefit future generations. I am proud to work with Dr. Rowe to provide students with the knowledge, skills and values of sustainability to apply to their future employment, consumption decisions, lifestyle choices, and to the improvement of communities in which they live."
 - Dr. Boyd Yarbrough and Kathleen Gardner, co-chairs of ACPA's Presidential Taskforce on Sustainability, presented at the the program ***Sustainability: Our Power and Responsibility to Make Institutional Change*** ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting in Orlando.
 - The Commission for Housing and Residential Life adopted Sustainability as one of its three focus areas for the 2007-2008 year. Commission members will be working to provide resources to Commission members about green living and housing and educational initiatives in residence halls around sustainability.
 - ACPA's Wellness Commission added a new position to the Directorate Body leadership to help coordinate the commission's sustainability efforts.
 - The Presidential Taskforce on Sustainability has started gathering suggestions and ideas on how to make the 2008 ACPA Convention in Atlanta more green.
 - The College Personnel Associations from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia are proud to announce the first annual Sustainability Institute: "Green in Greenville: Simultaneously Creating Healthy Ecosystems, Economies and Communities" May 16-18, 2007 in Greenville, SC. The keynote speaker and primary facilitator for the institute will be Dr. Debra Rowe, President, U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development. Dr. Rowe assists institutions of higher education integrate sustainability into mission, curricula, student life, operations and community partnerships. Dr. Rowe has also been working closely with ACPA's Presidential Taskforce on Sustainability and we are excited to have her as the keynote speaker. This year's Sustainability Institute strives to provide participants with a background about what sustainability means environmentally, socially, and economically, insight on some great efforts by others in higher education and as well as provide the tools to take those ideas back home institutions. More information on the Sustainability Institute, including registration, schedule, hotel accommodations and Dr. Rowe can be found on the conference website: <http://www.sccpaweb.org/greeninggreenville.html> .
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