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1. Seen *An Inconvenient Truth*? Now What? An Activity Opportunity for Your Members

Focus the Nation (<http://www.focusthenation.org>) is building a national dialogue at hundreds of colleges, universities, high schools, middle schools, places of worship, civic organizations, and businesses, directly engaging millions of students and citizens with the nation's decision-makers. Focus the Nation culminates on January 31st, 2008 with simultaneous educational symposia to be held at over a thousand campuses and other venues. We are helping move America beyond fatalism to a determination to face up to this "civilizational" challenge—the challenge of our generation. Join us! (Go to <http://www.focusthenation.org>)

-Eban Goodstein, *Focus the Nation*

2. Staff Training in Sustainability at ACPA

Deb Rowe will be conducting a training (Education for Sustainability) for all of ACPA's staff on June 12. We will make any materials, notes or PowerPoint presentations available on the HEASC website following the training.

-Deb Rowe

3. Spread the Word about this Upcoming Event: Live Earth-SOS Concert

Please share this with your members in your associations as appropriate. On 7/7/07, two billion people worldwide will join together for an historic global call to action to solve the climate crisis. The Live Earth-Save Our Selves concerts will feature more than 150 of the world's top musicians for 24 hours of music from 7 concerts across all 7 continents and set the standard for sustainable, zero-carbon events. The Alliance will partner with The Climate Group, MSN, Brand Neutral and Control Room on this event to reach people in every corner of the planet through television, film, radio, and the internet. The proceeds

from the Live Earth concerts will create the foundation for The Alliance and our multi-year effort to combat the climate crisis. See more about this unprecedented global event and how you can get involved at <http://www.liveearth.net/>.

The Alliance for Climate Protection is a new organization engaged in an unprecedented public education campaign on both the urgency and the solvability of the climate crisis. With the leadership of Alliance Chair Vice President Al Gore; Theodore Roosevelt IV, Managing Partner at Lehman Brothers; General Brent Scowcroft and others, our objective is to move the United States to a point at which political, business, and community leaders compete to offer policies and programs that will sharply reduce emissions. Further, The Alliance is working to persuade individuals, communities, states, and corporations around the world to begin to quickly reduce their own climate pollution in order to become "carbon neutral."

-Deb Rowe

4. Public Launch of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Next Week

The ACUPCC Leadership Summit, taking place on June 11 and 12 in Washington, DC, will mark the public launch of the Presidents' Climate Commitment. The Keynote Speakers are Dr. James Hansen from the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and the Honorable Eileen Claussen, President of the PEW Center on Global Climate Change. Events for the summit include the inaugural dinner, meetings with key policymakers, and the Commitment Signing Ceremony. Several HEASC members are attending the summit. To date, 283 colleges and universities have signed. Stay tuned for a report on the summit in the next HEASC Digest.

-Mary Reilly

5. HEASC Member Associations' Executive Directors and Representatives Meet in New Orleans

Several HEASC Executive Directors and representatives gathered in New Orleans to review HEASC's goals and accomplishments during the last 18 months and to discuss the best plan going forward for the consortium. A number of others joined the discussion via conference call. During the meeting, Kent Blumenthal, Executive Director of NIRSA, presented a "Statement of Shared Principles and Activities" for HEASC that all agreed to sign. This is a great step forward since it clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the member associations as well as the coordinating agent, Second Nature. We will notify everyone when the document is complete and posted on the HEASC website. Also, a summary of the meeting will be available soon.

-Mary Reilly

6. Education for a Sustainable Future teleconference held on June 6th

The hour-long "Education for a Sustainable Future – What You Need to Know" teleconference with Deb Rowe, Judy Walton (AASHE) and Terry Calhoun (SCUP) was held this week. Deb, Judy and Terry shared the latest information on sustainability, particularly in regard to higher education. If you missed the teleconference, you may go to <http://www.heasc.net/sustainablefuture/> and download the PowerPoint presentation and access the numerous resources that the conference hosts have made available to everyone.

-Mary Reilly

7. Save Trees (and \$\$\$) with *GreenPrint*

Would you like to cut down on those annoying, nearly blank pages that appear at the end of your print jobs? Want to suppress those unnecessary images that waste gobs of ink and paper? An easy way to do this is with *GreenPrint*, software designed to cut down on wasted paper and ink resulting from print jobs. In a nutshell, this software allows you to preview the document (or webpage) and lets you select pages and/or images that you don't wish to print. In addition, it comes with a PDF writer and a reporting mechanism that tells you how many trees you have saved. Of course, the best way to reduce waste (and save energy) is not to print *at all!* But if you have to—*GreenPrint* appears to be good option. See <http://www.printgreener.com/> for more information.

-Mary Reilly

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