Farewell to the “ENTS Shack”

As President Lewis retires his post as head of the College, the College plans to make good on a promise he made to the Trustees to remove all “temporary” buildings from the campus before he left. With the old language center already having been removed, the Science Annex constitutes the final target. The Science Annex, popularly and affectionately known as the “ENTS Shack” will be removed this summer, raising questions and concerns about where the ENTS Program will go next year. Current plans have the ENTS Program being transplanted to Goodsell Observatory, much to the chagrin of many ENTS faculty and students. As an interdisciplinary program, ENTS requires adequate office and meeting space to foster a sense of community among concentrators, professors, and the greater environmental community at Carleton. Although it is only a temporary trailer, the “Shack” has provided that space since the ENTS Program’s inception in 1995. The vitality of the Program depends on its ability to bring together students and professors from a variety of academic departments to engage with and consider environmental issues on the campus, in the local community, and beyond. Without such space the Program’s ability to function in this way, as well as to compete with environmental studies programs at other leading liberal arts institutions may be significantly compromised.

So, as we prepare to say goodbye to the “Shack,” serious thought must be given to the role of the ENTS Program and the special needs that will allow it to function as an effective academic program. Student opinion and support will play an instrumental role in efforts to establish ENTS’s need for adequate space, so be sure to make known your desire to have space for the ENTS Program. The energy and enthusiasm of students and the support and dedication of faculty and staff at Carleton is indicative of the College’s great potential to be one of the leading environmental studies institutions. Hopefully steps will be taken to ensure the strength of the ENTS Program in the future, so that Carleton students can continue to have an important impact on the world’s environmental issues.

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The Next ENTS Educational Associate Chosen

Alyssa Thomas has been chosen to be the ENTS Educational Associate for the 2002-2003 academic year. Alyssa is a geology major, an ENTS concentrator, did her comps on the issues surrounding ANWR, is copresident of SOPE (Student Organization for the Protection of the Environment), a student member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, and has been involved in numerous environmental issues and activities on and off campus, so she is certainly qualified for the position. We are looking forward to having Alyssa on board, coordinating the program next year. To all you juniors: start thinking about applying to be the next ENTS educational associate now!
**Professor Ed Buchwald Retiring**

If anyone has ever spent any time in Mudd Hall of Science, they are sure to have seen the imposing figure of Ed Buchwald roaming the halls, hand lens dangling from his neck, and if they haven’t seen him, they have certainly heard stories. Ed has become an icon in the Carleton community, especially in the Geology Department and the ENTS Program. Now, after 35 years as a professor of geology and environmental studies, Ed Buchwald is retiring. His teaching covered many academic subjects, including courses such as Paleobiology and Wilderness in America. Ed also headed up the Natural History Concentration that existed for years before melding into the current ENTS Program, after which he became the coordinator of the Natural History track in the ENTS Program. His emphasis on the importance of incorporating the local community and landscape into the educational experience at Carleton has had an indelible impact on the focus and content of many courses. In addition to his academic involvement, Ed also spent time as the Manager of the Cowling Arboretum, initiating the student naturalist program and many ecological restoration and reclamation projects.

He is an avid outdoorsman, and in retirement plans to do some sailing as well as volunteer his time interpreting for the National Park Service. We wish Ed well as he plans for his next set of adventures beyond Carleton. The ENTS Program will surely miss his guidance and support.

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**Tofu Fest Featured**

Carleton’s annual Tofu Fest was featured on WCCO-TV’s 5:30pm new on Sunday, May 26. The event is traditionally organized by students living in Green House, and typically draws a sizable crowd to join in the afternoon-long events, such as the tofu toss, tofu eating contest, tofu princess competition, and the tofu-cooking contest. The news segment highlighted the tofu toss and the tofu princess competitions, and Melissa Keevil ‘03, one of the event organizers, was interviewed. Be sure to join in the fun next spring!

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**Environmental Brochure to Appear Soon**

As a result of an observed need to increase the environmental awareness and understanding on campus, and to publicize the College’s Environmental Statement of Principles that was endorsed by the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees last spring, members of the Carleton Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) have drafted a brochure highlighting the Statement of Principles, providing a list of things individuals can do to be more environmentally conscious, information about the ENTS Program, and information about Carleton’s efforts to protect the environment and act more responsibly. EAC members Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, ENTS Educational Associate, and Jamie Long ’04 will be meeting with Joe Hargis, Director of College Relations, and Teresa Scalzo, Director of Publications to discuss the options for printing the brochure and making it available to the Carleton community next fall. Keep an eye out for it!

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**On Their Way Out**

Say goodbye to these ENTS concentrators before you leave campus: Arnab Banerjee, Kizzy Charles-Guzman, Jen Goldman, David Hunzicker, Kat Jones-Lippy, Christina Kimball, Ben Lum, Eric Nemitz, Katie Renshaw, David Shieh, Marjie Sollinger, Sarah Tegtmeier, Alyssa Thomas, Kristin Wallace, and Jessica Yarnall. We wish you all the best of luck! The ENTS Program is interested to hear about your future experiences, so stay in touch. If you want to stay connected to ENTS folk after leaving Carleton, subscribe to the ENTS_Aluim e-mail list serve at http://lists.carleton.edu/mailman/listinfo/ents-alumni...you will not be deluged by e-mail like you were this year, I promise!