



Greenhouse Vent

Your Connection to the CE

FOCUS THE NATION

On January 31st, 2008, Mount Holyoke College, along with close to a thousand other colleges and universities, will host the Focus the Nation event for climate change. Focus the Nation is a national educational symposia that will unite millions of students and citizens who are committed to recognizing global warming as a serious threat that needs our immediate attention. At Mount Holyoke, President Joanne Creighton has endorsed the Focus the Nation Initiative and we are now working towards faculty support across all disciplines. Ideally, at least a portion of class time on January 31st will be focused on a discussion of climate change from a perspective relevant to their course topic or theme. Plans for the day include multidisciplinary panels, film screenings, and student exhibits that focus on campus stewardship, political and community action, and creation of a deeper awareness of climate change ramifications and solutions.

KILL-A-WATT COMPETITION!

The Kill-A-Watt competition is a contest between the dorms to conserve electricity. Each month, the dorm that has decreased its energy use the most from the same month the year before is the winning dorm. Each month, \$100 is awarded to the winning dorm. So turn off your lights and computers when you're not around to enjoy them. **September's Winner: Safford Hall by 12% from 9/06 levels.**

GREEN CORNER - What can I do to help?

Planning an event for your org? Want an option for utensils and dining ware that is both economically viable and environmentally sustainable?

Look no further than the Center for the Environment for compostable dining ware at a great price! Contact Ruby at rmaddox@mtholyoke.edu or stop by the CE for more info.

Upcoming Events:

Dams and River Ecology in New England

Wed., Nov 13th,
4-5:30 p.m. Kendade 305

Film Screening:

Homeland - Four Portraits of Native Action

Wed. Nov. 28th 7 p.m.
Gamble Auditorium, Art Building

Did You Know?

- If every student on campus recycled just one additional sheet of paper per day, in rec. bins, it would reduce greenhouse gasses by the same amount each year as taking 3 cars off the road
- Everyday each MHC student throws away over 1 pound of trash.

Little things /Big Difference

Create a "no waste" lunch.

- Reduce waste by using reusable containers, ceramic cups and plates in dining halls and cloth napkins whenever possible.
- Just grabbing a sandwich or wrap in Blanchard? Ask for it be wrapped in paper rather than placed in a to-go container. To-go containers CANNOT be recycled or composted.
- **Avoid purchasing bottled water**
A year's supply of plastic water bottles in the US consumes 47 million gallons of oil.