

EnviroAlums Affiliate Report

Alumni Council Weekend - September 2004
Carl N. McDaniel '64, Chair

Membership

About 110 alumni have joined EnviroAlums since its inception in summer 2002.

Finances

Membership dues and contributions were requested with the initial mailing for members in June 2002. E has a balance of \$938.05 as of 31 May 2004.

Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee (SC) met on 20 September 2003 in the Lewis Center. Susan Bernat, Claire Jahns, Rosalyn Johnson, Michael Lythcott, Julie Maxon, Carl McDaniel, Michael Murry, John Petersen, and Paul Treuhaft were present and Michael Bobker, Mira Inbar, Erik Jansson, Peter Lavigne, Peter Racher, and Pat Tarnow were unable to attend. Carl McDaniel and Rosalyn Johnson were asked and agreed to continue as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the coming year.

SC members and terms: Michael Bobker, Michael Murry (student representative), Erik Jansson, Pat Cobb Tarnow, and Paul Treuhaft (expire in 2004); Rosalyn Johnson, Peter Lavigne, Carl N. McDaniel, Julie Maxson, and John Petersen (member and faculty liaison) (expire in 2005); Claire Jahns, Susan Bernat, Michael J. Lythcott, Peter Racher, and Mira Inbar (expire in 2006).

The SC voted unanimously to change the group's name to EnviroAlums or E for short.

Full meeting report is in the Alumni Office and on E's website (www.oberlin.edu/envs/oeeaa).

Activities

- 1) John Petersen and Michael Murry worked on and maintained E's website on the Environmental Studies homepage. They have also updated E's email list.
- 2) Members participated in various environmental activities. For example, members wrote to and talked with college faculty and administrators about Oberlin adopting a college environmental policy, Peter Racher met with law students at Indiana University School of Law about being involved into environmental law issues, and Carl McDaniel talked with the Northeastern Massachusetts Oberlin Club about E and Oberlin College's Trustee approved Environmental Policy.
- 3) Susan Bernat and Julie Maxson volunteered to work together and with Carl McDaniel propose to the SC at the 11 September 2004 meeting what might be appropriate goals for the coming year.
- 4) Many SC members have environmentally oriented professions. Their many activities are important and support Oberlin's effort to effectively address environmental issues.