

EnviroAlums  
Oberlin Alumni Association  
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Dear EnviroAlums and other interested alums:

EnviroAlums Steering Committee had an exciting meeting in September from which emerged excellent activities for the coming year (see meeting report on our web site: [www.oberlin.edu/envs/oeaaa/](http://www.oberlin.edu/envs/oeaaa/)). We've initiated an alumni environmental careers speaker series, are following-up with people to whom E gave gifts of Tim Flannery's book *The Weather Makers*, will purchase DVD's of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* for circulation in the Oberlin community, are working with the Alumni Magazine to have environmental articles published, and will continue to support and work with student groups to effect greening Oberlin.

The most critical activity, however, is E's Climate Justice Challenge Campaign (CJCC). All Steering Committee (SC) members have pledged something for a total of \$35,905 from the SC in new money to Oberlin, if the conditions of CJCC statement are met. As the CJCC statement states: "It is time for Oberlin's core mission and values of human rights, social justice, and worldly awareness to be fully viewed through the lens of the greatest challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: climate stabilization and environmental sustainability. Katrina is a prelude to the planetary and societal destabilization that rapid climate change will likely bring unless we quickly reduce heat-trapping gas emissions. Oberlin has deep roots in social justice and has a moral obligation to create a more just world through visionary educational leadership."

Time is of essence for Oberlin to act. Your emotional and financial commitments are required, if Oberlin is to take a leadership role consistent with its history of social justice. Please make as large a pledge as you can. EnviroAlums will give to President Nancy Dye, the Presidential Search Committee, and Trustees prior to the December 2006 Trustee meeting a copy of the CJCC statement with the total pledged by all alums. Thus, it is critical for you to fill out the CJCC statement and mail it today with your membership form, dues and contribution to E's student fund. Thanks!

These are exciting and critical times for Oberlin with the retirement of President Nancy Dye. E and all alumni have a major challenge in getting environmental education/sustainability as a major element in the capital campaign and among the priority focuses of the new president. Be creative, do all you can! Oberlin has a grand tradition in leading the way to a more fair, just world. With passion and dedication we can make this one of Oberlin's finest hours.

Best regards,

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Chair, EnviroAlums