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30 June 2006

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Dear Booker Peek,

For several decades the scientific community has been assessing climate change with the evidence for human-stimulated warming becoming ever stronger. Katrina has brought public attention to what climate change will bring. The 1.1°F rise in Earth's surface temperature over the past century did not cause Katrina, but analyses have established that hurricanes have increased significantly in intensity in recent decades.

As you know Oberlin College has been seriously discussing since 1999 its role in addressing climate change and becoming climate neutral. That is, all college activities resulting in zero emissions of heat-trapping gases. Dozens of colleges and universities have joined the conversation: Michael Crow, president of the University of Arizona, is leading his university toward climate neutrality and is seeking 20 other institutions of higher learning to commit to becoming climate neutral.

Climate change is an issue of concern for Oberlin College about which all of us—administrators, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and trustees—need to be informed. In this vein of raising awareness and the level of discussion, the Oberlin Alumni Affiliate Group, EnviroAlums, is giving a copy of *The Weather Makers* by Tim Flannery to a diverse group of faculty and staff.

*Weather Makers* has been well received—I found it not only thoughtful, scientifically accurate, and up to date, but also the best overall assessment of the climate-change challenge I have read. EnviroAlums hopes that you will consider the implications of this book's topic on Oberlin College and that, when you are finished reading it, you will pass it on to other members of your department or group.

Best regards,

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To [name],

EnviroAlums gives *The Weather Makers* to you with the hope that you will not only read it but also circulate it among colleagues.

A primary goal of EnviroAlums is to enhance within the Oberlin community environmental education. Please share with the larger community and EnviroAlums your assessment and response to *Weather Makers*.

Best regards,

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