

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WHAT** International Climate Negotiation Conference, sponsored by the United Nations. For GMC: A Road Trip sponsored by YES to involve students on the international stage.

**WHERE** Montreal, Quebec.

**WHEN** December 3rd-4th (Saturday-Sunday) Joe Karr, Laura Restrepo and Noah Munro are currently working out transport options and funding possibilities. Exact times and all details and logistics coming very soon.

**WHY** To show the world that Americans care. If we want a healthy climate, we need our leadership to represent our values and opinions.



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## ES OPPORTUNITIES

### ECO LEAGUE

The Eco League is a consortium of colleges that specialize in environmental learning. This is an amazing resource to Green Mountain students- making it possible to study at any of the Eco League schools around the country, for one or more semesters. Visit [www.ecoleague.org](http://www.ecoleague.org) for more information.

Alaska Pacific University- Anchorage, Alaska  
College of The Atlantic- Bar Harbor, Maine  
Antioch College- Yellow Springs, Ohio  
Northland College- Ashland, Wisconsin  
Prescott College- Prescott, Arizona



### NORTHLAND COLLEGE

In 1917, Northland College realized that a classical liberal arts education was incomplete without a focus on the natural world and humanity's place in it. Since then, they have been helping to lead the way. With an enrollment of 720 students, Northland integrates liberal arts studies with an environmental emphasis, offering programs similar to those at GMC. From state-of-the-art laboratories, to the millions of acres of surrounding national forest, from spirited class discussions, to the neighboring Lake Superior- students learn skills and gain experience that will lead to a more meaningful tomorrow for everyone. [www.northlandcollege.edu](http://www.northlandcollege.edu)

### CURRENT ECO LEAGUE STUDENTS

Visiting this fall from Prescott College is William Nunez. Will, an adventure recreation major, decided to spend this semester at Green Mountain in order to be closer to his home, in New Hampshire. He has been blown away by the sense of community here, and is enjoying his time at Green Mountain so much that he has chosen to stay here for the remainder of his college career. Will says that the Eco League is an amazing program and he wishes more people would take advantage of the opportunity.



**William Nunez**

## ES IN THE FIELD

Endless Brook Preserve (Deane Nature Preserve) is the college's 85-acre forest preserve located 10 minutes southeast of campus between Endless Brook and St. Catherine Mountain. Bill Osborne gave the land to the college and a conservation easement on the land to Vermont Land Trust in 2002. Since that time, the preserve has been an important field site for classes, research and recreational activities.

On Tuesday, November 15, faculty, students and staff who have worked at the preserve, gathered informally for a roundtable discussion and information exchange. The meeting included background information and history on the preserve, land history, and management. The meeting also provided an opportunity for anyone who uses the preserve to briefly describe his/her activity there. Attendees were able to meet Bill Osborne, converse with Green Mountain community members who use the preserve, and ask questions. Most importantly, the meeting provided time to identify priorities for preserve management over the coming year.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Watch "Earth to America" this Sunday, November 20th at 8:00pm on TBS!

Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) board member Laurie David has created "Earth to America" -- a televised star-studded evening of comedy and music to raise environmental awareness.

### CONTACT US

If you have news, announcements, or events to publicize in the ES Newsletter, please e-mail materials to:

[esnewsletter@greenmtn.edu](mailto:esnewsletter@greenmtn.edu)

We are also looking for artwork, especially photographs, to be used in subsequent issues.  
Thanks!

## ES FALL CONTRA HOEDOWN

Last Friday, November 11th, was the second annual Environmental Studies sponsored Fall Contra Hoedown.



Contra band Beeswax Sheepskin provided Rip-roaring dance music from a variety of origins. Sweet, hypnotic,

groovy tunes, played by fiddler Ethan Hazard-Watkins and guitarist Roger Kahle, gave the GMC community a reason to dance all night long.



Caller Lisa Sieverts, from Nelson, New Hampshire, did an excellent job teaching beginners, and satisfying experienced dancers alike.

A good crowd turned out for the hoedown, and it was an exciting evening. The Environmental Studies Department looks forward to hosting this great event again next year.

Last Wednesday, Professor John Van Hoesen's Introduction to Geology class visited the West Castleton Syncline, a regionally famous Taconic age outcrop (approximately 470 million years old) where students were introduced to structural geology. The syncline is composed of mudstone, siltstone/sandstone that experienced metamorphism during the creation



of the Taconic Mountains. The class later explored the geology of the Clarendon Gorge in Clarendon, Vermont.