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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER HOSTS EVENTS ON AMERICA'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

WHAT: Campus-wide discussions on climate change at UNL
WHEN: April 16-24th, 2009
WHERE: UNL Downtown and East Campuses, Lincoln, Nebraska
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Lincoln, Nebraska [April 11, 2009]—Students at UNL have united with a nationwide movement to facilitate climate change legislation discussions with policymakers this April during Earth Week (16-24th).

The events on City and East campuses include: low-carbon meals, volunteer recycling after the spring game, a “What does Climate Change look like?” photo contest, a student speak-in at Lincoln City Council, tour of LEED certified and UNL power plant facilities, a recycled fashion show and design competition, free movie nights and more, all culminating in a state-wide discussion on sustainability.

With climate and energy issues at the center of national debate to stabilize the economy, Focus the Nation is a critical opportunity for Lincoln and UNL to learn about what federal and local action is needed to build a clean energy future and what that means to daily life. The events will engage people and elected officials on environmental issues, as well as create plans to rout clean energy barriers.

Cather-Pound-Neihardt (CPN) and East Campus Union dining hall’s popular Good, Fresh, Local (GFL) meals have a “meet-and-eat” with producers who supply food. The CPN GFL is followed by a talk on sustainable food policy with State Senators Annette Dubas and Ken Haar, while “An Inconvenient Truth” presentation by Suzy Schulz will follow the East Campus GFL.

The CONNECT party, elected on a sustainability platform to ASUN, is encouraging UNL students to wear green and stay after the spring game (18th) to recycle for the Red, White, and GREEN challenge.

Sunday (19th) is Lincoln’s Community Earth Day festival, free to the public on R and 14th St. Live music, solar panels, eco-booths, teach-ins, speeches, an art dinosaur, and other events are planned.

The Public Policy Center is premiering a renewable energy documentary on Monday April 20th at 7:00 pm, with the students who made it, as well as an address by Congressman Jeff Fortenberry.

Recycled Design Fashion Show participants compete “Project Runway” style on Thursday (23rd), remaking donated clothing into new apparel to model on the catwalk at Union Square.

Friday’s (24th) discussion topic is the sustainability of *Public Policy, Economic, Socio-cultural, Environmental, and Technological* domains. Students Sammy Nabulsi, Corinne Wardian and others join Senator Ken Haar, Campus Architect Howard Parker, Economist Sandy Scofield, Agronomist Chuck Francis, City Sustainability Expert Milo Mumgaard, and others for the 1:30pm panel at City Union.

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