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The EPIB TRAIL

An EPIBer's Guide to the Galaxy

There are upwards of 88 million dryers in the US alone, each emitting in excess of one ton of carbon dioxide per year. With nice summer weather on its way, consider line-drying.

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A Brand New TRAIL

Hey everyone! My name's Fred Gilberti. Since October, I've been writing the EPIB Trail for our department and students. In the last issue of the '08-'09 academic year I would like to salute and sincerely thank everyone who has read the Trail, provided feedback, and ideas. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone how amazing and unique the Human Ecology department can be. Get involved. Meet the faculty, staff, and your fellow students. Not only will it help you network, open doors, and learn awesome skills for future endeavors, but the EPIB bunch can truly enrich you personally. Don't miss out on the chance to be an *EPIBer*.

Fortunately or unfortunately, my college career is ending. May 22nd I will be walking in Cook Campus' commencement ceremony. I am proud to pass The EPIB Trail on to a great group of students who decided to step up to the plate. These ladies will be in charge of writing articles, designing layout, and supplying EPIB students with important info for academic and career success, as well as bring a lot of innovation and creativity to the table.

Without further ado, I'd like to introduce the new team with a little background on each:

Rachel P. -Rachel is a SEBS sophomore majoring in the EPIB Environmental and Health Communication option. As an intern for AmeriCorps and NJPIRG Community Water Watch, she teaches about environmental issues to K-12 students and encourages them to get active within their community. She enjoys rock climbing, dancing, and going out with my friends

Latoya - Geography Major, and EPIB Minor. A Jamaica West Indies native, this is Latoya's second semester at Rutgers as a transfer student. Latoya is excited about continuing what she has started with the EPIB Newsletter and putting to use what she has learned.

Laura - Although graduating this May with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, Laura will be continuing at Cook to complete a second Bachelor's degree and a certificate. In the future she plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Ecology. Laura is a commuter from Warren County. She recently purchased her first home there, where she lives with her boyfriend and son, Erik.

Chelsea - Chelsea is a SEBS student majoring in Marine Biology and an EPIB Minor. She will be a junior next semester. This summer she will be studying coral reef ecology in the Cayman Island.

Rachel W. - Rachel is an EPIB Major in the individual option. She's a director in the making. Her main interest is communicating about environmental issues and raising awareness through mass media. Rachel has been getting more and more involved in EPIB. Beside working on the Trail you'll find her as a Peer Assistant in Caron Chess's Environmental Pod Casting class.

FEEDBACK

Tell us what you think! What can we do better?

Send comments, questions, and concerns to Kristen at: drusjack@aesop.rutgers.edu or 732-932-9153, 301

It's Time!

Get on your Career Path...

Let's Find a Job! By Laura Forrest

Most SEBS students are excited about the end of the Spring semester. For seniors, however, it can be both an exhilarating and a scary time. Many graduates are trying to figure out what comes after commencement.

Unfortunately, they are entering the job market during difficult economic times. Some hope lies in "green jobs", which seem perfectly tailored for the EPIB major. Thanks to the new (and more eco-friendly) administration, "green jobs" are growing and will hopefully continue to grow.

But how do you find them? Other than traditional job search sites such as Monster.com, Hotjobs.com, and NJ.com, environmental job search sites do exist. Here's a quick run through of some that may be helpful:

www.greenjobs.com
www.ecojobs.com
www.sustainablebusiness.com/jobs
www.ecoemploy.com
<http://jobs.treehugger.com>
<http://jobs.greenbiz.com>
www.greenforall.org/green-collar-jobs
www.environmentalcareer.com

And if you are interested in positions with the State of New Jersey: <http://www.state.nj.us/personnel/jobs/index.htm>

Let's Get the Job! By Laura Forrest

Now that you have an idea where to locate job postings, here are some simple, basic, helpful hints to get the job:

- Provide a cover letter with your updated resume (include references and make sure that their contact information is current!)
- Once you send your cover letter and resume, follow up with a phone call a few days later. This "reminds" them that you are an applicant worth considering and that you are serious about the position.
- Dress professionally for your interview. Be on time, if not early!
- Bring a hard copy of your cover letter and resume with you – many employers expect it.
- Don't forget to turn off your cell phone during the interview.

Whatever your plans are after this semester, GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

For more details and help with job searching, resume writing, interviewing, portfolio making, and anything else on your mind, don't miss Kristen Drusjack's Career Workshop April 30th- 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Cook Office Building room 226!

Good Luck Bradley !!

Bradley Wilson is heading to West Virginia University Department of Geology and Geography for a tenure track job in human geography starting Fall 2009.

Bradley began as a TA in Human Ecology in 2002 and since he has provided three years of service to the department. His dissertation research examines the geographic formation and the political efficacy of the Fair Trade coffee campaign in the United States and Nicaragua. Bradley spent a year conducting field research with Fair Trade advocates in the United States 2005-2006 and a year with coffee growing communities in Nicaragua on a Fullbright IIE fellowship in 2006-2007.

At WVU Bradley plans to teach undergraduate and graduate courses on international development, social movements, and the geography of Latin America. "I will truly miss the camaraderie of faculty, staff and students in Human Ecology. This department was a gift for me as a graduate student. I learned to teach here and was exposed to a great group of teachers and students. In my transition to West Virginia I hope to carry with me the passion of the students and faculty in Human Ecology."



DON'T MISS OUT

April 30th Career Workshop with Kristen Drusjack, The Resume Queen- 6:30pm-8:00pm

Summer's Coming! School's Ending! You Need a Job! Thanks to her Experience at the Co-op Kristen can give you a crash course in: job searching strategies, resume writing, interviewing, and portfolio making.

May 7th Green Job Expo and Summit 9am - 4 pm at Rutgers University- Newark Campus.

Hosted by *EcoVentions*, Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District (LPCCD), and Rutgers Business School- Newark Campus, the summit will give you an opportunity to network with like-minded participants who know how to engage Essex's economic, social and environmental landscapes to grow their businesses and their lives.

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Laura Forrest for her career tips, Chelsea Khan for putting together "Trail Mix", and the EPIB Faculty and staff for editing and formatting tips

Recovering our Resources

Volunteers Needed

May 12th, 13th, and 14th
8:00am - 6:00pm

**Donations will be collected on
Busch, Cook, College, and Livingston Campuses**

Help the University reduce waste and protect the environment during the spring move-out period. We are asking students to donate any unwanted food, electronics, clothing, school supplies, and furniture. Items will be sold at a rummage sale during the fall semester to students. Please help make this event a success and volunteer to help collect, load, and organize donations.



Every Friday 1pm to 6 pm - May 1st through October 30th
Rutgers Gardens 112 Ryders lane, New Brunswick, NJ
Visit: rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/farmmarket for more details

Pieces of Cook

Although we are now known as The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, we are still the Cook Campus Community. We are characterized by a long tradition, a unique character, and a strong school spirit.

As one of the last Cook students, I feel a high sense of duty in keeping Cook alive, fostering a sense of community on campus, and leaving a legacy for future students. In conjunction with the George H. Cook History Project, the Human Ecology Department is attempting to create a "Pieces of Cook" wall in the department student lounge. We will mount a lattice or chain-link-fence structure to our wall and proceed to hang Cook paraphernalia and photos of the campus, its events, and people.

Join the *Pieces of Cook Project*. Send your photos, Cook t-shirts, mugs, old calendars, anything you feel represents Cook to the Human Ecology Department. As Bob Marley sang: *In this great future you can't forget your past*- Cook is our past. The wall is a testament to everyone and everything that made Cook Campus what it is today.

You can donate your Cook artifacts permanently to the wall, in which case they will be archived and registered for the George H. Cook History Project; or you may loan the object for a time period at your discretion. I am also available to help with pick up and transportation of the articles you would like to contribute.

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STORM KING

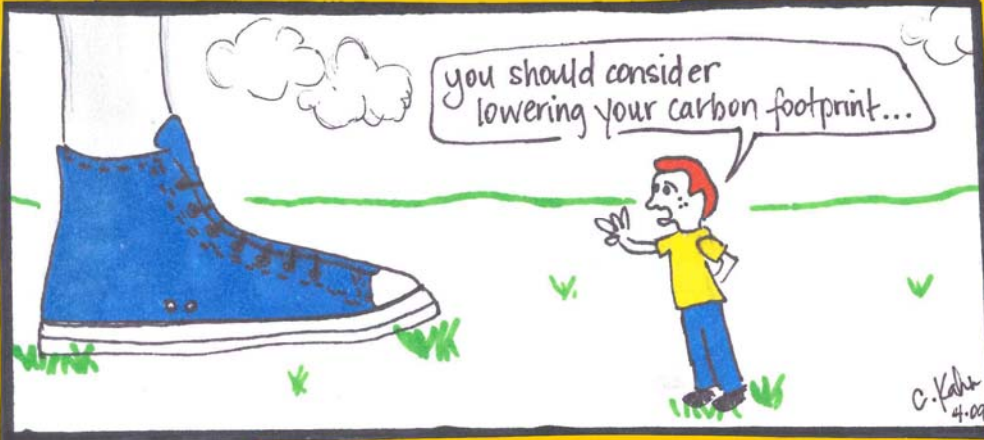
Open Wednesday thru Sundays, from April 1st to October 31st 10:00am-5:30pm. Visit the Storm King Sculpture Gardens of New York. If you have a nice summer day with nothing to do, consider visiting this 500 acre environmental sculpture garden. Partake in the cultural enrichment of a museum while enjoying the outdoors and have a picnic while your at it. Check out <http://www.stormking.org> for directions and more info.



TRAIL MIX

The Trail's Newest "Funnest" Section

Carbon Comic



Dr. Clark's Weird Tales

Alcohol was involved... After spending all evening badgering fellow partygoers to hit him in the face, a 19-year-old University of Colorado student required emergency assistance in March. At 2 a.m., someone finally complied, resulting in a broken nose and massive bleeding.

In Subhasnagar, India, an elder married off two trees to each other to bring prosperity to the village.

Far from a backwoods urban legend, in March, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reported its first documented case of a deer hunter attempting to avoid a fine after shooting a doe (instead of the permissible buck) by gluing antlers onto its head. Marcel Fournier, 19, used epoxy and lag bolts to fasten antlers to a doe's head. The finished product looked awkward because of the placement angle and the antlers' size mismatch.

New Zealand's Employment Relations Authority ruled in February that a worker who, in a fury, tells his boss to "stick his job up his arse," has not officially resigned unless he follows up the incident with a formal notice.

ECO-WORD SEARCH



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By Chelsea Kahn

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