



ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2007

Accomplishments

- Geothermal heat pump
 - Helped the administration collaborate with the SGA to fund a geothermal heat pump for the new River Center
- SGA Green Energy Fund
 - Worked with SEAC and SGA to pass a student referendum (1005-75) to create a Green Energy Fund through a \$25 student fee increase
- Renewable Energy Credit (REC) procurement
 - Wrote a Request for Proposals, evaluated bids, and secured contracts with Clean Currents and SMECO for RECs to cover 100% of the College's electricity use
- President O'Brien signed SMCM onto the Talloires Declaration, the EPA Green Power Partnership, and the EPA Energy Star Partnership
- New "green" policies
 - Worked with the administration to create policies to use only compact fluorescent light bulbs in College buildings, and for all new college construction to be LEED-certified or the equivalent standard in environmental excellence
- Media
 - 25 off-campus media hits for St. Mary's sustainability in Spring 2007 alone (listed below)
- According to SMCM's Campus Climate Challenge supervisor at the Chesapeake Climate Action Network after Spring 2007, "St. Mary's has done more in one semester than all of the other schools in Maryland *combined* have all year."

Events

- Helped SEAC campaign for National Week of Climate Action, January 29th – February 2nd
 - Marked sea level rise by the year 2100 around St. John's Pond
 - Set up demonstrational kayaks in St. John's Pond
- Hosted screenings of An Inconvenient Truth, February 1st
- First annual Polar Bear Splash, February 2nd
- Southern Maryland Legislative Reception March 7th
 - Presented a display on SMCM's green initiatives
- Potomac Watershed Cleanup, March 31st
- Sustainability Soiree, April 22nd
 - Hosted an environmentally-themed outdoor fair in honor of Earth Day and President O'Brien's signature onto 3 environmental agreements
 - Speeches by local representatives and an SMCM alum from BP Solar
- RiverFest 2007, September 29th
 - Had a display of SMCM's green initiatives
- National Campus Sustainability Day, October 24th

Works in progress

- Helping the Office of Facilities meet requirements to make Goodpaster Hall LEED-certified

SP07 Off-Campus Media Hits

"Polar Bear Splash' set"

- 27 January 2007. The New Daily Record.

"St. Mary's College Students Dive Into Freezing River Water"

- 25 January 2007. Southern Maryland Online. <http://somd.com/news/headlines/2007/5271.shtml>
- 2 February 2007. Southern Maryland Online. <http://somd.com/news/headlines/2007/5328.shtml>

"Cold Enough for You?"

- 3 February 2007. The Washington Post. Front page of Metro section, photo clip.

"Students take plunge for clean energy"

- 7 February 2007. The Enterprise. Front page, color photo.

"The Chilling Reality of Global Warming"

- 7 February 2007. The BayNet.
http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.viewVideonews&story_ID=4711

"Splish, Splash: A 15-yard Dash"

- 8 February 2007. The Washington Post. Front page of So. MD section.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/07/AR2007020700084.html>

"Environmental Splash"

- 23 February 2007. The Chronicle For Higher Education.
<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i25/25a00803.htm>

"At Md. Colleges, Students Put 'Green' Principles to Practice"

- 8 March 2007. Capital News Service. <http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=598&sid=1082320>

"On the cleanup crew"

- 4 April 2007. The Enterprise.
http://www.somdnews.com/stories/040407/entemor171004_32107.shtml

"St. Mary's Goes Green"

- April/May 2007. The River Gazette. <http://www.smcm.edu/rivergazette/articles/07-7-2-6.pdf>

"St. Mary's College Embarks on Renewable Energy Program"

- 21 April 2007. 6:46 PM GMT. Associated Press Report.
- 21 April 2007. ABC 2 TV Report
http://www.abc2news.com/news/state/story.aspx?content_id=63d8d99a-ae3c-4016-a684-b6bd22b84972

- 21 April 2007. The Examiner
http://www.examiner.com/a687240~St_Mary_s_College_embarks_on_renewable_energy_program.html
- 21 April 2007. Richmond Times-Dispatch
- 21 April 2007. WTOP Radio.
- 22 April 2007. Washington Times. http://www.washingtontimes.com/metro/20070422-124715-1284r_page2.htm
- 23 April 2007. The Capital.
http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2007/04_22-105/TOP

“Students Agree to Fee to Turn College ‘Green’”

- 21 April 2007. WBAL Baltimore. <http://wbal.com/news/story.asp?articleid=56721>
- 22 April 2007. 8:00 – 9:00 AM EST. WJZ TV Baltimore.

“Green Electricity’ to be Fully Funded”

- 21 April 2007. Washington Post.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2007/04/20/AR2007042001962.html>

“Environmental fears take root with today’s youths”

- 16 April, 2007. Houston Chronicle.
<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/tech/news/4720825.html>
- 16 April 2007. Washington Post. Front page.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/15/AR2007041501164.html>

“Self-powered smoothie”

- 25 April 2007. The Enterprise. Photo.
http://www.somdnews.com/stories/042507/entetop173047_32126.shtml

“Earth Day, with a renewed sense of urgency”

- 20 April 2007. The Enterprise. Page A-8.