

On Campus Online (Vol. 35, No. 9) published an article "Energy plan to sustain growth, contain costs" (by Randy Gmmage) to address the university's effort to integrate and institutionalize green concepts throughout the campus.

Dr. Tim Lawrence, director of CampUShed project, gave comments on this article and sustainable campus.

What is missing from the article - but hopefully not from the University's plans is to integrate these efforts into OSU's teaching and research mission. As was demonstrated with the Fifth Ave. Dam - "OTTER" project a few years ago, and other projects that have arisen from CampUShed, various student groups and classes from Landscape Architecture, Geography, various Engineering Departments, Natural Resources, and others I am sure, there are outstanding opportunities for student involvement in these "Green" programs. It may be implied that students will be involved but I would highly recommend that we follow the lead of other universities across the country and around the world (see in actively seeking student involvement and integration of these concepts into course work whenever possible. As great as student organizations are, I think we are missing to boat if we do not formalize their involvement in the process.

I think the professionals in the service sector will find some interesting, innovative, and cost effective means of achieving the green goal from the students academic involvement - and the benefit to the students will be immeasurable. Hopefully we will hear more about how The Ohio State University plans to involve students in the great effort in the coming weeks.