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Student energy at work to track Ohio University's Greenhouse Gas Emissions: a public report of preliminary results

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SAVE THE DATE: November 6, 2007

Who: Ohio University faculty, students, and administrators:

Dr. Kim J. Brown, Assistant Professor, Environmental and Plant Biology Department
Graduate and Undergraduate Students Enrolled in
Attendees (see invited list below, and this event is also open to the public)

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Ohio University's Baker Student Center, room 231 Athens Ohio 45701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Students at Ohio University are taking proactive steps to help the university reduce its carbon footprint by conducting a campus emissions inventory on all aspects of university life, including energy consumption, travel, and agriculture. On Tuesday Nov 6th at 5:30 pm in Baker Center 231, these students will present their findings in an open forum, free to the public.

The forum is intended as a way of disseminating information about the successes and challenges regarding collecting data and processing the massive amount of numbers and figures. Additionally, with the passing of HB251 requiring a 20% reduction in all campus buildings by the end of 2014 using 2004 as the benchmark year, campuses are held by a legal mandate.

The class, a unique seminar offered for students by Assistant Professor Kim Brown of the Environmental and Plant Biology Department, is comprised of graduates and undergraduates from majors ranging from Geography, Psychology, Environmental Studies, and Business. The commonality these students share is the desire to make their campus more ecologically friendly.

On March 15th 2007, Ohio University President Roderick McDavis signed onto the American College and Universities Climate Commitment, the first national university-based initiative to pursue climate neutrality. Ohio University is the first University in the state of Ohio to sign onto this initiative. Across the country, over 400 universities and colleges are exercising the leadership necessary to better serve the global community at a local level. Ohio University is one of 7 institutions of higher learning in the state of Ohio to sign this ambitious pledge.

Invited guests include Michael Jung, a member of Governor Strickland's Energy Advisory Board, President Roderick McDavis, Provost Kathy Krendl, Dr. Michelle Morrone – Head of OU's Environmental Studies Program, Sonia Marcus – OU's Sustainability Coordinator, faculty in the Consortium for Energy, Economics and The Environment in the Voinovich School, and faculty and student members of the Environmental Studies Program.