

Following Yale's **FOODPRINT**

With 23 dining facilities serving 14,000 meals a day and a chain of suppliers stretching as far as Colombia, Yale University Dining Services has a tough carbon footprint to measure. But that's just what Julia Meisel '10 and Michal Benedykinski '09 have set out to do. As Climate Fellows with Clean Air – Cool Planet, an organization leading the charge on curbing emissions associated with global warming, Meisel and Benedykinski are taking the summer to comb through Yale Dining's operations in order to develop a way to quantify – and, ultimately, reduce – emissions produced to feed the Yale community. Through interviews with experts, suppliers, and Yale Dining managers and analysis of the University's menu planning, food procurement, and preparation practices, they hope to enumerate

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Yale Dining's emissions**



the environmental effects of the components of food services operations at Yale. Detailed metrics will allow for the development of targeted strategies for reducing Yale's "foodprint."

Yale is one of 13 pilot institutions participating in the effort which CA-CP hopes will provide new insight into the substantial carbon emissions

generated by institutional food services operations. The resulting methods and metrics will give complex institutions more avenues to reduce their carbon footprints. Yale has already taken strides to reduce food-related emissions: almost 40 percent of ingredients are locally cultivated, organic, or both.

Yale contributes to climate workshop

Three members of the Yale Community traveled to Colorado in June to participate in a collaborative workshop on campus climate-change initiatives sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Institute and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Keri Enright-Kato, Office of Sustainability Project Manager, Divinity School student Justin Haaheim, and Associate Director for

Utilities Engineering Sam Olmstead attended the workshop of 12 schools to share best practices and discuss strategies for overcoming barriers for addressing climate change. The workshop was the second segment of RMI's Accelerating Campus Climate-Change Initiatives program, which facilitates collaboration among campuses seeking ways to reduce their carbon footprint. RMI selected twelve

schools from a competitive pool of institutions around the country to participate in the program last fall. The workshop follows a visit by RMI officials to Yale's campus in January to observe operations and ongoing sustainability initiatives. At the end of the month, Yale will submit a proposal for two campus climate projects to be considered for \$40 thousand in funding from RMI.

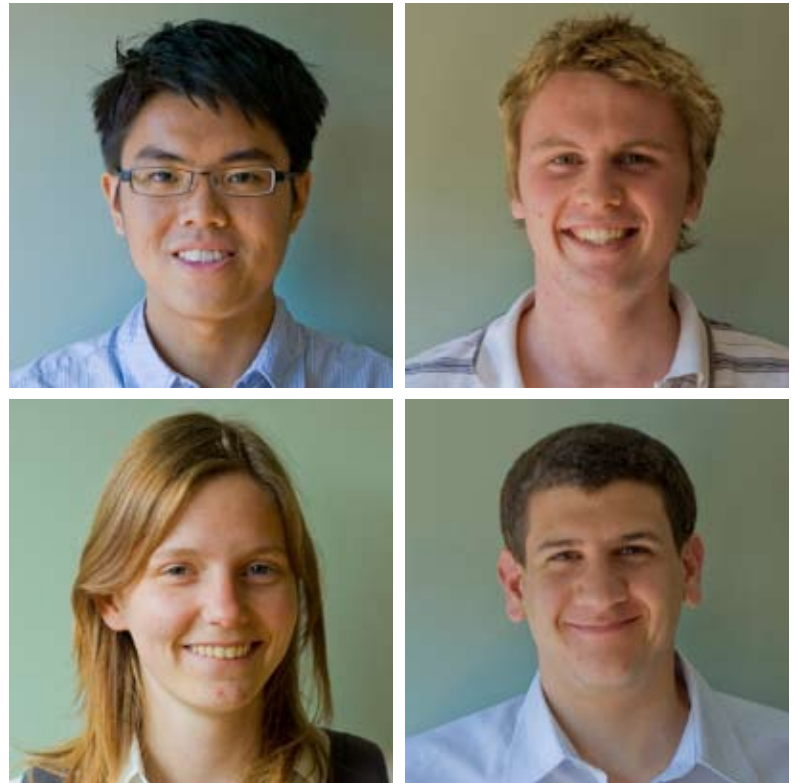
Four exchange students from partner universities around the world have shared their ideas, knowledge, and enthusiasm with Yale while working on projects at the Office of Sustainability this summer.

The students – Jasmin Logg-Scarvell and Alexei Trundle from the Australian National University, Gladwin Lor from the National University of Singapore, and Steven Altmann-Richter from the University of Oxford – continued a dynamic annual student swap that has become a key part of the sustainable collaboration between members of the International Alliance of Research Universities.

Logg-Scarvell designed a sustainability campus tour, complete with printed and multimedia materials to direct campus visitors curious about the University's green buildings, initiatives, and innovations. Lor investigated paperless systems used around the University and evaluated best-practices for future campus-wide implementations. Trundle improved sustainable event guidelines and created a resource to help Yale offices and other organizations plan sustainably. Altmann-Richter explored the market for carbon offsets in order to develop a way for Yale to use them most effectively.

Four Yalies also participated in the exchange. Yale College sophomore Austin Shiner and School of Forestry & Environmental studies doctoral student Sara Smiley-Smith went to ANU; sophomore Jessica Bolhack went to The University of Copenhagen; and F&ES master's student Matt Thurston went to Oxford.

Dynamic summer swap continues



From top: Alexei Trundle, ANU; Gladwin Lor, NUS; Steven Altmann-Richter, Oxford; Jasmin Logg-Scarvell, ANU

Salvage '09 saves 50 tons from landfill

Months before most of Yale's 5,300 undergraduates even thought about moving out of their dorms this May, careful planning for the annual Spring Salvage program made sure they would be able to recycle most of the 50 tons of belongings they left behind. As a result, most of those items – worth a combined \$100 thousand – went to 53 local non-profit organizations instead of the landfill.

Although the amount of material collected was less than last year's

60-ton haul – in part because students have learned to throw away less – the number of items collected and donated remains staggering. Salvage workers gathered 158 tables, 296 area rugs, and 1,073 bags of clothing. Recipients include the Salvation Army, Goodwill, soup kitchens, and refugee services organizations.

Spring Salvage's success and popularity has led to astounding growth over the past four years. Although a smaller version of the

spring moveout program existed throughout the 1990s, Salvage began to take on its current scale in 2006, when Yale Recycling and the Office of Sustainability collaborated to expand it. That year, the volume of items collected totaled 38 tons, doubling the 18 tons collected in 2005. For more on Spring Salvage and its history, visit:

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