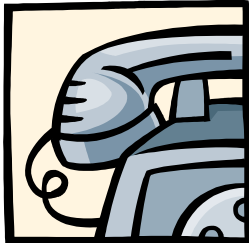


DON'T BE FOOLED BY FOSSIL FUELS: SAVE J-TERM FROM GLOBAL WARMING

With J-term safe from the administration it's time to preserve our skiing frenzy from a more cunning foe - Global Warming! Its attack has been slow but steady. Its tactics are ruthless. And its effects will be devastating and indiscriminant. **It'll take more than a faculty vote to save J-term this time, but middkids know how to take action when its getting hot in here, and we trust that you will rise to the occasion.**

The main weapon global warming has been using against us is the accumulation of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, from the burning of fossil fuels, in our atmosphere. The accumulation of these gases acts like a blanket to prevent heat that comes from the sun from leaving the atmosphere, which has been leading to a detectable increase in the average annual temperature of the earth. Now, if you'd like to spend your spring break sun tanning in Vermont you may see this as a positive step, but for **farmers** whose crop productivity will be affected, **populations on coasts and islands** that will be wiped out by rising tides, **species biodiversity** that will be lost, the **Vermont maple sugar industry** that will run dry, **Middlebury's ski team** and the existence of **broomball**, Global Warming will bring **sorrow and a tragic demise**.

But there is still time to act! We can drastically curtail the advances of Global Warming by acting now to cut carbon dioxide emissions. We all know how chilly and forceful the wind can be in Vermont, and it may be our best weapon to employ against the rising carbon dioxide levels contributing to Global Warming. Wind power could supply the state of Vermont with as much as 20% of our electricity. It would be clean, renewable and a major accomplishment in the campaign to stop Global warming. Many groups in Vermont are working on ways to increase the use of wind power in Vermont, but they need the Governor's support.



You can help preserve J-term and defeat Global Warming by calling Governor Douglass at 1.800.649.6825 on April 1st to ask him to support wind energy in Vermont. For more information on the Fossil Fools Day of Action or to get involved contact Suzanne Nagi (snagi@middlebury.edu) or Julia West (jcwest@middlebury.edu.) We hope you'll do your part to support this, because frankly, **no matter how you look at it, slush sucks.**

[Middlebury's Fossil Fools Day of Action on April 1st is part of a larger National Day of Action supporting Cleaner Energy solutions. Information of events occurring across the U.S. is available at <http://www.fossilfools.org>]

