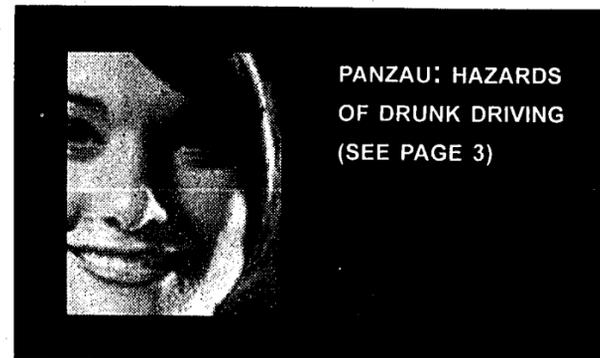
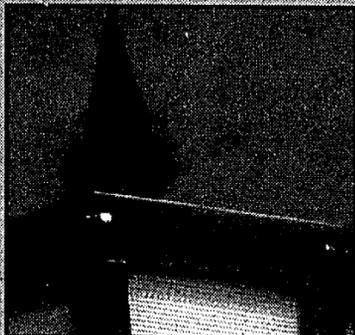


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WORLDWIDE TEMPERATURES ON THE RISE

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The *News & Observer* recently reported that a new scientific study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences provides further proof that temperatures have risen drastically since 1980—and further substantiation that human factors are to blame.

The report, conducted by seven scientists after reading a 2006 analysis on surface temperatures by the National Research Council, uses an “expanded global multiproxy database” to find an average surface temperature model for the last centuries (Mann et al.). Their broad proxy network included tree-rings, ice core, coral, marine sediment and other items dating back to at least

AD 1800—some data even extending back to 1 BC—found in varying regions of the world. In both a full proxy and “screened network” reconstruction, scientists observed a sharp increase in temperatures far above any margin of error beginning in the 1980s. Why the sudden spike? As climatologist, and one of the study’s researchers, Michael Mann explains that natural, ecological forces play a supporting role, but in this post-industrial era, human influence is the star of this tragedy.

Since the Industrial Revolution began in England in the 19th century and was graciously introduced to America by Samuel Slater, a British expatriate and former cotton factory

apprentice who came to America and built the first cotton-spinning machine—for whose invention a hefty reward was offered—numerous countries have benefited from mass-producing, fossil-fueled machines. And like with any addiction, cravings grow stronger over time while adverse effects become less extirpative. Currently coal, natural gas, oil and gasoline are being burned at astonishing rates for everything from powering factories to running automobiles.

While they may be making it easy to get ready for class, drive to class and write due-date’s-eve papers for class, the carbon dioxide,

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Green Tip for the Week of September 22

Check and report water faucets and toilets for small leaks, which can waste gallons of water.

During the 2008–09 academic year, Meredith College’s campus theme is “Sustaining our Environment: Developing our Greenprint.” To help the Meredith community make daily choices that are beneficial to the environment, Angels for the Environment have compiled a year’s worth of tips for greener living. To view green tips from previous weeks, visit www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/environmental-tips.htm.

STAY IN STYLE WITH FALL FASHIONS

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Maybe with school, work, and having a social life, you have missed out on the hottest fashions for the season. Have no fear, I am here to update you on the latest trends for fall 2008. Instyle.com has identified five top trends that can be applied to any wardrobe and any budget:

Floral Prints

Fall brings with it the inclusion of floral prints into the wardrobe. But don’t expect to rummage through

your grandmother’s closet for the nearest flower cardigan. These floral inspired prints are equipped with an in-your-face intensity that seem like something out of a Monet painting. Caution: be mindful how you wear these bold patterns. Pair them with toned down, solid colors.

Autumn Hues

Seems obvious, but the most popular colors for fall are fall colors. Match Mother Nature in her

gorgeous display of warm hues: oranges, reds, and yellows. Why? Because they are universally flattering, and brighten up a cool October morning. Caution: for maximum impact stick with a monochromatic scheme.

Art Prints

These museum inspired prints are bold, beautiful, and straight from the gallery. The style is free

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