As one of your current representatives in the Senate, being re-elected to the Student Government Association would be an immense honor. Along with my experience on SGA from the past few months, I have been a member of the municipal advisory board in my hometown on environmental issues. We coordinate projects and events with local nonprofits as well as provide insight on topics like development proposals. At the conclusion of a meeting, I have always liked to establish a plan of action: “What’s the next step from here?” This is an approach that I will bring to the student government at UVM. I want to help increase efficiency in how the SGA addresses and responds to the criticism and concerns of the student body. Although my passion for helping the community could extend to any committee in SGA, my previous experience lends itself to the Committee on the Environment.

UVM is full of students who are enamored by the natural world. Their interests manifest themselves in different ways, ranging from camping to promoting social justice (many of us do both!). I am a proponent of creating a council that involves the leaders from all environmentally-related groups on campus. Facilitating this communication would help to increase turnout at events and minimize the number of overlapping initiatives. Also, some of my fellow senators have made incredible strides in offsetting the carbon emissions from the SGA and all SGA-recognized club operations. In the coming school year, I will help to further the efforts of the SGA to go carbon neutral. Engaging students in the political process is another area in which I have invested a lot of thought. Now – more than ever – it is important that we all embrace our civic responsibility to make ourselves heard. Real change occurs when people become active and participating members of their community, and I would like to be a part of it in the greatest capacity that I can.