sustainably sourced electricity significantly (perhaps from Canadian hydropower and from offshore wind turbines), enabling customers to purchase supplies of power that have little or no climate impact.

Harvard’s efforts will be overseen by a new sustainability executive committee, populated by faculty members, administrators, and students. Executive vice president Katie Lapp, another task-force co-chair, and vice president for campus services Meredith Weenick will lead a planning process with the schools to identify opportunities to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in electricity purchasing, transportation, Harvard’s district energy power plants, and future building projects.

Henderson (see Harvard Portrait, November-December 2011, page 58) also alluded to a recommendation that Harvard impose a surcharge on campus fossil-fuel consumption—a version of a carbon tax. Yale experimented with a carbon-tax system, equivalent to $40 per ton of carbon-dioxide emissions from energy use, from late 2015 through the spring of 2016. Following the trial, which was found to reduce energy use, as reported in Nature last November, Yale imposed the fee on more than 250 campus buildings, covering nearly 70 percent of carbon dioxide emissions, last July. Harvard’s plan, Henderson said, would offset some, but not all, of the identified damages associated with fossil-fuel emissions.

For further information, see harvardmag.com/fossilfuel-goal-18.

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Building Unabated

“HARVARD’S Historic Building Boom” (September-October 2017, page 14) reflects the fruits of the capital campaign, but it is now evident that contractors’ good times will continue to roll on. Beyond the Graduate School of Design’s expansive ambitions (Brevia, March-April, page 24), Harvard Divinity School has announced the biggest gift in its history: $25 million, from Susan Hallcross Swartz, campaign co-chair, and James R. Swartz ’64. The funds enable comprehensive renovation and reconfiguration of Andover Hall, the center of the HDS campus.

Separately, Harvard Law School—already erecting a 21,000-square-foot new office building at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Everett Street—has retained Deborah Berke Partners to redesign its Lewis International Law Center; the scope of work includes additional space, a new entrance, removal of library stacks, and increased office and teaching areas, with 2020 targeted for completion. (Berke, dean of Yale School of Architecture, is also designing Princeton’s new residential college, aimed at a 500-student increase in undergraduate enrollment, and perhaps a second one; the latter would enable renovation of existing residences, followed by another increase in enrollment, the third Princeton might effect this millennium.)

As construction proceeds on the massive renewal of Lowell House, design has begun for the Adams House renovation, scheduled to begin construction in 2019. And the University’s “Town Gown Report” to Cambridge also projects work this year on Robinson Hall, home of the history department (accessibility and fire-suppression sprinklers); Radcliffe’s Schlesinger Library (renovation for interactive access to collec-