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From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches:

“THIS BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE LARGELY BY A GIFT OF ANDREW CARNEGIE IN 1910 AND HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN KEPT MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, AND PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS ARE QUARTERED IN THIS ATTRACTIVE BUILDING.”

The Edgar M. Stevenson Hall of Nursing, formerly known as Science Hall, was dedicated on October 9, 1965.

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Though Colin Beavan is a world-renowned author, writer, activist and speaker, most people generally know him by his alias, “No Impact Man.”

Dr. Beavan is the originator of the No Impact Project, during which he and his family spent an entire year in New York City attempting to live without negatively impacting the environment. Chroncling his journey on his provocative environmental blog NoImpactMan.com, Dr. Beavan gained a vast following with more than 1.8 million visitors. *Time Magazine* named his blog one of the world’s top 15 environmental websites. He transformed the blog into the book *No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet and Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process* (Picador, 2009), the selection for the 2010 Summer Reading Program.

The No Impact Project has been the subject of stories in the *New York Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and many other national and international news outlets. Dr. Beavan has appeared on *The Colbert Report, Good Morning America, Nightline* and all the major NPR shows. He speaks regularly to a wide variety of audiences and consults businesses on the intersection of sustainability and human quality of life.

Dr. Beavan was named one of MSN’s Ten Most Influential Men of 2007, an “Eco-Illuminator” in *Elle Magazine*’s 2008 Green Awards, and a 2008 “Eco-Star” by New York City’s Lower East Side Ecology Center.


Currently, he is director of the No Impact Project, and a visiting scholar at New York University where he is an advisor to the university’s Sustainability Task Force. Dr. Beavan sits on the board of directors of New York City’s Transportation Alternatives and on the advisory council of Just Food.