

News GO GREEN!

Earth Day to be celebrated this Saturday on campus with Earth Fest

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Earth Day comes around every year to raise awareness of environmental issues in order to improve the world we live in. Earth Day and the values it brings becomes more prevalent as the years come and go because environmental concerns are now greater than in years past.

Earth Day was started in the 1970's by Gaylord Nelson, a United States Senator from Wisconsin, as a demonstration to raise awareness of environmental issues. On the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans rallied together to protest the deterioration of the environment. Through the years, Earth Day has grown to involve many countries around the world. On Earth Day in 1990, 200 million people in 141 different countries showed their concerns for the environment by celebrating Earth Day.

BC will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, with "Earthfest". The festivities will run from noon to six o'clock on Saturday, and will include local music, arts and crafts activities, a handmade art sale, an electronic car demonstration, a swap meet, and environmental education activities. Earthfest will end with a series of presentations from Ryan Fiffick, a BC junior, Muddy Sneakers, a nonprofit organization, and Brittney Whitmire, from Busy Bee Farms. These presentations will be held at Dunham Auditorium.

In celebration of Earth Day keep these environmental issues in mind...

- In the U.S., the main source of water pollution is not chemical waste but the excrement of farm animals.

- According to recent studies, 70% of the world's marine species are at risk of extinction.

- Fruits and vegetables go to waste every year because people cannot afford to buy them so Europe spends millions of euros annually to destroy good fruits and vegetables. The US and Canada have similar food policies.

- Every ton of recycled office paper saves

380 gallons of oil.

- 50 million tons of paper are consumed annually by Americans, more than 850 million trees being cut down.

- More than half of the world's tropical forests have been lost. Each year, over

63,000 square miles are destroyed

Look at www.earthday.net and <http://www.greenexpander.com> for more information on Earth Day and the environment.

Art Exhibit opens today



The Senior Art Exhibition will open today at 5:30 p.m. in the Sims Art Gallery. Artist talks will begin at 6 p.m. Artists participating are Shawn James (Graphic Design), Amelia Norris (Painting), Zachary Porch (Sculpture) and Jonathan Shannon (Photography). The show will run from April 24 through May 16.

It's Spring Cleaning Time!

It's about that time to start packing up your room and getting ready for your summer plans. Anything that you are not using anymore the S.A.F.E would love take off your hands. Boxes will be provided in the lobby of the resident halls towards the end of this month, it would be appreciated thanks. Have a great rest of the semester!