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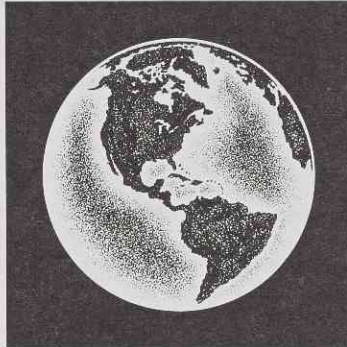
## Support Earth Day Every Day

**By Dawn E. Camp**  
*Managing Editor*

"Whatever befalls the Earth, befalls the sons of the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." These words, spoken by Chief Seattle in 1854, are important to remember as Earth Day 1991 approaches.

The first Earth Day celebration, held on April 22, 1970, saw 20,000,000 Americans uniting to show their concern for the environment. The mayor of New York City closed Fifth Avenue to all automobiles for the day. 100,000 people filled Washington D.C.'s Union Station for an eco-fair. The concern expressed by Americans led to the passing of several major pieces of environmental legislation, including the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Do not misunderstand. Awareness of the need for protection of the Earth did not first appear in 1970. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were conservationists promoting crop rotation as a way of preserving natural soil fertility. Abraham



Lincoln's presidency saw the formation of the Department of Agriculture with the intent of promoting farming habits that are healthy for the land. Theodore Roosevelt's administration was concerned with preserving natural forests and irrigating arid lands.

Environmental awareness cannot be allowed to die down in the 1990's. Every hour, Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles. Americans toss enough glass, every two weeks, to fill the World Trade Center's 1,377-foot-tall twin

towers. Where does all this waste go? Into landfills, mostly. And most of it could be recycled. For each ton of paper recycled, 3,700 pounds of lumber and 24,000 gallons of water are saved. America needs to start finding solutions to the problems of the environment.

On Earth Day, April 22, 1991, the OEC Recyclers are sponsoring a multimedia extravaganza to promote awareness of environmental problems and solutions. The event, planned by Chris Glaves and faculty sponsor, Tom English, will include displays (on environmental issues and agencies) which can be seen in the dining hall during both lunch and dinner on that day. The theme for the event will be "Support Earth Day Every Day."

Beginning at 3:00 that afternoon, the Shindig-on-the-Green will begin in the center of campus. Outside activities will include kite-flying (weather permitting), can-crushing contests similar to slam-dunk contests, and the culmination of the residence hall can collecting contest.

Watch for posters with more information, or see English or Glaves for further details.

## Be Careful, Be Aware

**By Lynn S. Britt**  
*Staff Writer*

One in three women will experience some form of sexual assault in a lifetime. Of those assaults, 47 to 90 percent will never be reported.

In North Carolina, 52 percent of rapes are classified as acquaintance rapes (otherwise known as date rapes). According to police, the majority of rapes where the victim is college age (18-25) are acquaintance rapes.

Rape is an equal opportunity crime. Rape does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, physical or mental disability, or marital status.

According to definition, rape occurs when a person is forced to have intercourse. During a rape, the victim's right to say "No" is taken away, and the ability to control what happens to one's body is lost.

According to statistics provided by the Abuse Prevention Council (APC), a woman is raped in this country every three minutes, making rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse, the most frequently committed crime against women.

Almost half of those arrested for rape are either acquitted or have the case dismissed in court. The conviction rate is affected by long delays in reporting the crime and by the disposal of torn clothing. The victim's body is prime evidence, but, many times, the victim showers and disposes of clothing,

### GWC Procedure for Reported Rapes

1. In the event of rape or attempted rape, shift supervisor takes charge of investigation immediately and calls for assistance from Cleveland County Sheriff's department if necessary.
2. Victim is transported to the Cleveland Memorial Hospital for medical treatment and preservation of evidence.
3. Supervisor alerts the director of safety and security, director of residence life, and the dean of student development as soon as possible.
4. After the incident, campus officials respond to the need for student privacy. They proceed with the assumption that other potential victims may be in immediate danger, but the accused person is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. A campus investigation continues if there is no civil investigation. The safety of others on campus has to be assured.

thus destroying the majority of evidence. In a much less complex situation, for instance, after a traffic accident, the victim would not even consider repairing the damage before reporting to the police.

One in three women--that means you or one of your friends--will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Don't let it be you.

It has been said that the fear of rape is the best protection against it. If you are afraid of being raped, you will be more aware of people around you and of your surroundings. Because you are more aware, you will be a little less likely to get into a risky situation and a little less likely to get raped.

Be careful. Be aware. And if you are raped, get help from someone--Campus Security (434-2364), the Boiling Springs Police Department (434-9691), or Cleveland Memorial Hospital (487-3131).

## SIFE Honored

**By David Bridges**  
*Special to The Pilot*

Gardner-Webb College should be proud. On Monday, April 8, the Gardner-Webb Chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) was selected as a finalist in the regional SIFE competition in Greensboro, allowing the group the honor of attending the national competition in Kansas City, Mo. The regional competition featured groups from 14 schools from all over the southeast. The club also received first place honors in the Success 2000 special competition dealing with projects which bring about awareness of the damaging effects of an undereducated workforce. These honors are roughly equivalent to a basketball team winning its conference and being accepted into the NCAA tournament.

The competing group consisted of David Bridges, president; Furman Higgins, vice-president; Cindy Harris, secretary; Charles Neil, treasurer; and Lynn Britt, project coordinator and production specialist. SIFE would like to thank non-competing members and others involved for their help and support in creating a winning project. The winning video was produced by Britt, Barry Martin, Holly Weddle, and Mr. Richard Drye all of the Communications Department.

Let's wish our SIFE team the best on May 19-21 in Kansas City. The trophies may be viewed in the Broyhill office until they are presented to Dr. White.