

# Earth Day: It Matters

In his presentation in the Dimensions program of Tuesday, 9 April, Doug Rader, of the N.C. Environmental Defense Fund stressed the idea of stewardship to the environment. Today's society presents us with many problems of concern - global warming, ozone depletion, toxic waste, the list goes on and on. These problems exist on all levels - the decline of the world's rain-forests and subsequent loss of their associated biodiversity, international production of chlorofluorocarbons, America's obsession with the automobile and the problem of its associated pollutant by-products, the trash on our roadsides, Cleveland County's landfill problems, the glut of ledger paper at Gardner-Webb...the list goes on and on. Most of us are concerned about these issues, but aren't sure how to address them in our day-to-day lives.

The oft-quoted bumper sticker says "think globally, act locally." Even with this scaled-down environmentalism as an option, most people still find themselves asking that musical question, "I'd love to change the world, but I don't know what to do..." As the long list shows, and as Rader stressed, you don't have to change the world straight away. There are lots of little things every person can do, even right here on the Gardner-Webb campus.

Greg Carpenter's call in the last issue of The Pilot for participation in the Outdoor Explorers' Recycling program is a start. Cans have been rolling in during the past few weeks, but the idea has yet to take hold over the whole campus. If your dorm hasn't purged all those old bags of aluminum cans from the closets, drag them out - let the O.E.C. Recyclers know about them (call me [Tom English]) - they are your outlet for recycling cans on campus. Better yet, GET INVOLVED! Programs for recycling cans and newspapers are now in place and in need of volunteers. More ambitious programs will follow, provided the interest and inclination are there.

If you would rather get out and see the countryside, try the "adopt-a-highway" option. Along Main Street and Cliffside Road there stand two signs acknowledging the roadside cleanup contributions of two student groups, the freshman class and the FCA. Though it is a noble gesture for a group to involve itself in such a program, there is more to it than getting the group name posted on a highway sign. Let's see some people out there actually cleaning up the trash (and while your at it, save the aluminum cans from the pickup for the

O.E.C. Recyclers). James Rowe is currently organizing an FCA pickup date (tentatively Thursday, 18 April). Even if you are not an active member of this organization, come on out and help.

There are more local possibilities than you might think. Some, like the programs mentioned above, are active, while others work on a more personal level. Even if you don't want to become involved with an organization or specific program, you can help by doing such things as dropping your cans and newspapers in the appropriate depositories, making efficient use of products made of paper and glass (ask yourself, "can this be used again?"), and resisting the urge to use your car to travel short distances. So many people on this campus drive from one side of campus to the other, from the residence hall to the DCC, or from campus to The Pantry. This is ridiculous. Why waste gas (= your \$\$\$ and a dwindlin' natural resource) to get out of what would be a walk of a couple of hundred yards? We could all use the exercise anyway.

If you're still not sure what you can do or how you can get involved, take advantage of the opportunity that 22 April presents. On that day, environmentally conscious people the world over celebrate EARTH DAY. Look for displays and activities throughout the day. Take advantage of the handout information and the computer software that will be on display in the dining hall that day. Participate in the activities sponsored by the O.E.C. Recyclers, including a can-crushing contest and a campus-wide can collecting contest that will pit the residence halls against each other. Earth Day can be fun. You might learn something and also help out in the struggle to save the planet. Give it a try! And why not make EARTH DAY EVERY DAY? Put what you learn into practice.

Environmental activism need not carry you to such extremes as picketing industries, ramming fishing vessels, or harassing lumberjacks. It works on all levels. You don't have to be an old hippie to get involved. We all have to live in this world and it's our responsibility to take care of it. Through a quiet activism where we all carry out this responsibility and demand it of others, each of us can make a difference. This means you. Please lend a hand in any way that you can.

Tom English

## Views From The Editor's Desk

By Dawn E. Camp  
Managing Editor

As the 1990-91 school year draws to a close, we have time to reflect on what we've accomplished throughout the past year. All of us can easily think of a list of people we need to thank for the support, help, and encouragement given so willingly during the year.

Often, I get a lot of feedback about the paper (good and bad), but I'd like to take a few moments to say thank you to the people who have helped with The Pilot this year. First of all, Dr. Bill Stowe--thanks for giving me a chance to show you I could handle the paper--even though I still have my doubts. I really couldn't have done it without you. To my staff, thanks for your hard work. I realize it's hard to fit the paper into an already busy schedule, but you did a wonderful job. Marty, I'm glad you were here to cover sports because that's my weakness. Noel T., thanks for filling up those extra pages when I needed them. Chewma-Chewma, never, in all my days on this campus, has The Pilot had a better ad-chick. To all the students, faculty, and staff who let us know when things were happening, thanks. It wouldn't be much of a paper if you didn't clue us in.

It's been a busy year here at The Pilot offices, but I'm already looking forward to next year. Meanwhile, keep your eyes and ears open, and let us know what's up. Have a fabulous summer, and I hope to see you all right here next fall.

## Farewell...

I am writing to thank you. For the past two years, I have been LuLu, the Gardner-Webb Lady Bulldog. This opportunity has been one that I will always cherish and remember. As the first person to be LuLu, I had no standard to go by, nor any idea what to do. I was only able to pull it off because of one reason--you, the students. All of you have truly affected me and the way that LuLu developed. I have numerous memories that will always be with me. Sadly, though, I must say that not all my memories were positive. There were several times that I was treated with disrespect and openly threatened. This saddens me. This does not apply to the majority of you. For those few people who seem to get a kick out of harassing the mascots, I ask that you stop. Keep in mind what LuLu and the Bulldog represent. We are Gardner-Webb. We personify the school, you the students, and the very spirit and essence of what GWC is. You do not bother and threaten the football or basketball players. Please give the mascots the same respect.

My days as LuLu are over, and a new girl has been chosen to carry on the tradition. I hope that each of you will support and encourage both her and the Bulldog as they do their best to promote spirit, excitement, and pride in Gardner-Webb. May each of you know that I was blessed by my experience as LuLu. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Joy E. Cole

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