

# WHAT ON EARTH...



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE CLUB

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## RECYCLING IN THE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY

By: Dorian Reiser

On October 30, 1989, Providence began a mandated curbside recycling program. In the first two months of the program, the residents of Providence diverted over 1500 tons of trash from the landfill. Recycling is easy and good for our environment. It conserves our natural resources and reduces pollution. For example, for every ton of paper recycled, 17 trees and 390 gallons of oil are saved. Producing recycled paper creates 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution than producing paper from virgin fibers.

Recycling is simple. All that the residents of Providence have to do is place their 15-gallon blue recycling bin on the curb on the same day garbage is put out. It must be out by 5 am on the morning of pick-up. The state is to provide each household with a blue recycling bin and instructions. If you have not received these or if you have more than one bin, contact the Providence Recycling Department at 467-8855.

Recyclables are as follows:  
\*NEWSPAPER: Tie newspaper in bundles with string or place it all together in paper bags. You can include colored newspaper but not magazines.  
\*TIN AND ALUMINUM CANS: Rinse cans first!  
\*PLASTIC MILK JUGS AND SODA BOTTLES: Rinse first and remove caps. No other plastics, such as bleach or detergent bottles, are to be included.  
\*GLASS FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS: Rinse first and remove lids. Brown, green and clear glass can be recycled. Please, no broken glass!

Labels can be left on all containers and do not put recyclables in plastic bags. If all of your recyclables do not fit in the bin, put the excess in a cardboard box marked "RECYCLE" and put it out with the bin.

If you have any further questions, contact:  
John Reynolds, Recycling Coordinator  
Public Works Dept., City of Providence  
700 Allens Ave., Providence, RI 02905  
(401)467-8855

GREENPEACE AT PC  
By: Dorian Reiser

On October 7, 1991, the Environmental and Wildlife Club will be sponsoring, in conjunction with BOP, a lecture by Greenpeace representative Christopher Childs. It will be held at 8 pm in '64 Hall. There is no admission fee and it is open to the public. Childs will be giving a 90 minute presentation entitled "Greenpeace: Past, Present, and Future". The presentation/slide-show will be followed by a question and answer period and reception.

Greenpeace is an international organization dedicated to preserving the earth and all the life it supports. They work to stop the threat of nuclear war, global warming and the slaughter of endangered species.

The Greenpeace ethic is not only to bear witness, but also to take direct nonviolent action to stop atrocities against the environment. Greenpeace organizes and mobilizes communities to demonstrate their concern over local issues.

We are looking forward to this lecture and hope to see you there!

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Welcome back PC students, faculty, staff, and newly entered class of '95. The 1991-'92 school year promises to be a great one for us all and our club in particular. As our efforts last year have shown, a group of concerned individuals can make a world of difference. As college students, we are our country's future. Someday we may be the legislators, the business people, the social workers whose actions have consequence to many. We must see to it that our world is a place safe for all to live. We are the winds of change.

The PC Environmental and Wildlife Club is devoted to making PC and its surrounding area a better place. We hope to take what we learn here with us so that we may make our world a cleaner one, a healthier one and a happier one. Already the response of the student body has been tremendous. This year we are offering eight committees. Members have opportunities such as helping needy animals, petitioning companies that pollute our drinking water or perform unethical tests on laboratory animals, cleaning up the campus and local community and much, much more.

In conclusion, a word of thanks to all of last years members for their time and effort in helping to clean up the mistakes of the past and setting a precedent of caring for the future. To Jean Handy, our club's founder, and to Dr. Dorsett, our advisor, a note of praise for all their undertakings that have contributed to our success. Lastly, to the officers and committee heads of past and present, thank you for caring enough to take a step and make a difference. Join us, friends...

Chris LaConti

The Environmental and Wildlife Club would like to introduce its eight committees to you. The committee heads are listed for you to contact:

**SAVE THE BAY**

-Brian Simard, 274-7354 Box 1386

Save the Bay is an organization that has been working to prevent the pollution of the Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island since 1985. This organization receives no state or federal funding and is supported by the donations and volunteer work of citizens. This year the Save the Bay committee will organize presentations from members of Save the Bay with information concerning Save the Bay activities which PC students can participate in.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR ANIMALS**

-Karen Leahy, 272-5377 Box 2934

-Alysha Biondino, 273-7145 Box 2611

During the 1990-91 school year, the Volunteer Services for Animals committee accomplished a number of things. We were able to send a group of students to the Providence Animal Shelter every Saturday Morning, write a few articles for the club newsletter, and raise money for the shelter by selling Ben & Jerry's ice cream coupons. Last year we made great strides, and this year we intend to do even more. We would like to continue the same programs, but take them to a higher level. It was evident last year that PC students were needed and we did make a visible difference. If you've got some time and are ready to work, come join us!

**LAND RESTORATION**

-Murray Whitehead, 272-9439 Box 1693

Land Restoration is one of the most active committees within this club. We will be continued on p.3

working with many outside organizations such as Rhode Island Parks and the Audobon society. Last year we participated in many field clean-ups, mostly in the Blackstone River Valley. Joining this committee is a great way to actually see a difference being made.

#### publicity

-Deirdre Carty, 272-9439  
Box 1793

The publicity committee is a very important part of the Environmental and Wildlife club. We act as the bridge between the club and the college, letting people know what functions we've planned, what we're all about, and how to get involved. Each member will make posters and distribute handouts to inform everyone of the club's events and meetings. It's a low-pressure committee that will be a lot of fun and a great way to meet people!

#### EDUCATION

-Heather Haugh, 273-7145  
Box 881

The environment is of importance to all of society. There are many ways that everyone can help to protect and preserve it. Unfortunately, too many people don't know how they can help. This committee's goal is to help eradicate this problem. We will work on campus, in local schools, and in the Providence community to let people know how environmental problems are caused and how they can be solved.

#### RECYCLING

-Vanessa Santos, 273-0657  
Box 3281  
-Maggie Ledgerwood, 865-4100, Box 2468

The recycling committee is concerned with the use and disposal of materials within the PC community. Our goals this year are to remove all plastic and styrofoam containers from being used on campus, to increase the amount of waste being recycled, to keep the campus and off-campus area cleaner, and to increase people's awareness of what can be reused and recycled. Last year our committee made a lot of progress. For example, we distributed paper recycling bins in all the office buildings on campus, and had the leftover Cows recycled. Come join us and help make a difference!

#### "WHEAT ON EARTH" NEWSLETTER

-Dory Reiser, 861-2356 Box 1898  
-Jennifer Frese, 861-2356, Box 1768

The Environmental and Wildlife Club's newsletter is one of the best ways to bring awareness to our community. Last year we were able to put out two editions, and this year we hope to double that number. We had a great response, and if you would like to participate in this project please contact Dory or Jen.

#### POLITICS

-Pam Schultz, Box 2115

During the last school year we collected a lot of information on what our club can do to help the environment and wildlife. We were only able to send out a few petitions, but this year we have many other activities planned. This committee plans to send out more petitions, set up information tables in Slavin, write letters to senators, sit in on legislative hearings on local issues, and most importantly increase people's awareness.



**TURN IT OFF!**  
By: Alyson Molloy

Ready? Yeah, Let's go! Hey we should turn off the lights and radio. Oh, don't worry about it, we don't have to pay for the electricity.

Does this sound familiar? If you live on campus it may. Many college students have the misconception that because they don't get a monthly utility bill they shouldn't worry about energy conservation. Well, you should! According to the World Resources Institute, lighting accounts for 1/5 of the electricity consumed in the United States. Therefore, our lighting habits have a significant impact on the Earth. One of the many negative repercussions is that the more electricity we produce, the more industrial emissions we generate. These are the same emissions that contribute to problems like acid rain and the greenhouse effect. So the next time you leave your room or dorm, please hit the lights!

About 75% of the water we use in our homes is used in the bathroom.

**DON'T:** Leave the water on while brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.

3-5 gallons of water go down the drain each minute the water is left on!

**DON'T:** Leave showers and faucets dripping.

The smallest drip from a leaky faucet can waste more than 50 gallons of water a day!

-50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth

"If you saved up all the unwanted paper you'll receive in the mail this year, you'd have the equivalent of 1-1/2 trees. And so would each of your neighbors. And that adds up to about 100 million trees every year."

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Mail Preference Service  
Direct Marketing Association  
11 West 42nd Street  
P O Box 3861  
New York, NY 10163-3861  
**RECYCLE THE JUNK MAIL YOU DO GET!**