

Editorial

By Marko Peric

Wonderful. Here's another editorial pleading for us to get involved in saving the planet. Some people just don't have time to do anything. And quite frankly, some just don't care.

Is that what you're thinking right now? If so, answer these questions:
 -- How many tonnes of garbage went into a landfill today?
 -- How many litres of sewage were dumped into a river today?
 -- How much smoke will foul the skies tomorrow?

Too global, too big for you to think about? Look at this another way:

- How many tonnes of garbage were thrown out on campus yesterday?
- How many litres of sewage went into the Hillsboro River today?
- How much smoke will pour from that stack at the utility building tomorrow?

Still not convinced? Well, it's easy to ignore environmental causes. One can write them off as being too militant, too crazy. The average person really doesn't want to ride around in a rubber dinghy chasing Japanese whaling boats, or chain him or herself to a tree in protest. And there's the

Just another environmental commentary?

the ends do not justify the means. The rest of us could learn by the example of Greenpeace or the World Wildlife Federation, for instance.

That doesn't mean you should become a fanatic, but how about putting your garbage in the cans provided around campus instead of dumping it on the ground? Why not use a refillable mug for your coffee instead of a styrofoam cup? Why not put on a sweater instead of cranking up the heat? Why not take those old papers to be recycled, instead of throwing them out?

Many of the action we can take to clean up this planet are just common sense, and some, such as reusing products, can actually save money. There's nothing to be lost by taking environmental issues to heart. And if we don't start paying more attention to the state this planet is in, we may not have a planet to call our own much longer.



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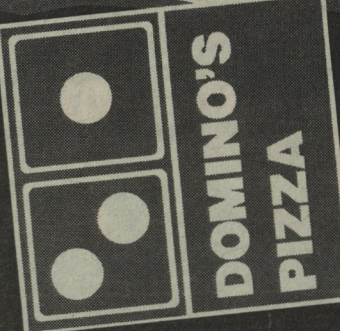
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