

**The Bigger Picture...**  
by  
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So, the 1990s is the last decade in which we can reverse the ecological damage created by the many pollutants in our society. How can we help to reverse this problem?

Well, for starters, someone had the foresight back in 1970 to organize an event called "Earth Day," (it occurs April 22) to raise global awareness of what is happening to this planet. This was step one.

Next, the EPA passed the Clean Air Act which went after corporations who emitted dangerous substances. This was step two.

Yet, these and subsequent steps are still not enough, until recently. The Earth Day idea has mushroomed from 20 million participants to over 130 countries who have guaranteed their participation during this Earth Day.

Some of the events occurring include festivals, awareness workshops, and most notably, a group of climbers from the U.S., Soviet Union, and China which plan to scale Mt. Everest and clean up the mess left by previous expeditions who conquered the mountain.

Hopefully, events like these will inspire the population around the globe to all participate in some form to help clean up the environment. This is great, now, since being environmentally conscious is the "in" thing to be. But what about those unsung heroes who have been doing their bit for years?

A prime example is the community which I used to live in, Victoria, British Columbia. Everyone who visits there usually comments on how pretty and clean the city is. There are many reasons for this, but first and foremost, the city is full of environmentally conscious people who care. Many hold positions of power by which they can do something.

Secondly, this community has been recycling papers, bottles and other items for as long as I can remember. In fact, recycling has always been a part of my life. Every family I knew always separated their garbage into different categories. All vegetable wastes were deposited in the compost in the backyard, paper products were either used in the woodstove or sent to recycling bins, and other garbage which could not be disposed of by the individual were sent to the landfill. This last portion was usually one fourth of the total garbage.

Lastly and most importantly, everyone participates in the effort to keep the city clean. Store owners kept their portion of the street or mall clean, and made sure garbage was in its place. Not only that, but many stores refused to stock styrofoam, aerosol products or other environmentally damaging products.

Hopefully, other communities will take Victoria's lead. Already, stores such as Nature's Northwest have adopted many of these ideas, including tuna which is caught without the use of driftnets which kill unsuspecting porpoises. In order to save this planet, everyone has to participate and follow the lead of other communities. Let's get everyone on this campus to contribute during Earth Day or Earth Week in some way to help preserve our environment. God knows, it's the only one we've got.

## Fads evident everywhere, even the White House

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Fads - They're everywhere. In schools, workplaces, incarceration facilities, bathrooms, and now THE WHITE HOUSE.

The fad that I am talking about is how the First Lady needs some sort of gimmick.

When Reagan was President, good 'ole Nancy always said "Just Say No." Now that Bush is President, his wife, Barbara, is heading up the campaign against illiteracy.

Both causes deserve to be commended and are lucky to be the honorary attention-getters of the women of the white house.

There have been reports that the First Lady of a small country in Africa has taken onto this new fad.

In this small African country, one of the major problems is the peoples obsession with carpeting. The citizens have gotten to the point where the sale of carpeting has been outlawed.

Now, there have been reports that two rival gangs, the Shags and Mats, have been wreaking havoc by selling illicit rugs to people who cannot control their obsession.

The First Lady of this small country in Africa is now flooding the press in this country with the slogan "Don't Use Rugs," hoping that her words and caring will turn the country around.

With the First Lady's actions and words a new line of clothing has come out. T-shirts that have a picture of her lovely face along with the slogan "Don't Use Rugs" printed on the back are flooding the marketplaces of this small African country.

The citizens are buying these shirts at an alarming rate and nobody knows what the people are doing with them.

Then, one day, a member of the Shag gang was arrested transporting a large order of carpeting. This carpeting was different though. It was made out of the First Lady's "Don't Use Rugs" T-shirts. The next day, a formal investigation was conducted against the First Lady.

It seems that hidden in the picture of the First Lady were instructions on how to make carpeting out of the T-shirts.

**Epilogue**  
The First Lady is now starting new fads in the local incarceration facility in this small African country.

The Shags and the Mats have joined forces and are now dealing in a much more dangerous floor covering; LINOLEUM.

### Letter from the Editor...

## Print makes mistake with cartoon, not article

As Editor for my first real week, I've already been greeted with some controversy. It seems as if a certain ASG story that ran on the front page last week has ruffled some feathers. In my estimation, we don't as a staff, have anything to be sorry for, but for me, as Editor, I did make a mistake.

The only thing that I have to apologize for about last week's paper was the editorial cartoon on the front page. This cartoon had no business on the front page, it should have been on the opinions page. As Editor, I made a mistake in running that on the front page, for that I apologize, but for nothing more.

Roseann Wentworth's story on Tim Jones and his resignation really hit hard with some people, namely Tim, and some of his pals. Ms. Wentworth in my opinion

covered this story in a way that was fair and accurate. She had good direct quotes, and I believe that she presented the facts in an informative manner, certainly not a mischievous one, or with intent to make ASG look bad.

Well, apparently Tim Jones felt that she did, as he came to visit her Wednesday and accused us of being "tabloid writers," and then proceeded to call Roseann and the people on the Print names that were detrimental.

What's the reason for this! I find it very offensive that Jones would insult a member of my staff, especially based on an article that was in fact accurate. I certainly don't mind criticism, but in the future, please direct it to me, not my staff! I'll be happy to listen to your complaints. Rumor has it

that The Print has a bad rap with ASG. I don't understand this, because for the most part this year we've given them positive coverage, because they've deserved it, but there has been those rare occasions when we are obligated to present the facts, regardless of whose feet we step on.

We're a campus newspaper that covers the events of this college for students and staff. We're not a public relations service for anyone! That means that when it's good, we'll print it, but when it's bad, we'll print that too.

I would like to remain in a good working relationship with ASG, and urge new President Ken Ingram to explore the facts before making any judgments on us. But, if ASG wishes to hang a bad-guy label on us for presenting the facts, then so be it.

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