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A Short History of Recycling at CSB



Before “recycling” as we know it:

- In the beginning, everything that was “garbage” was created out of natural ingredients and was therefore recycled with time.
- Man-made products made by modern industry were increasingly less so
- Until it became more convenient to pay a disposal company, or until laws were passed against it, people buried or burned their garbage.
- In 1980s: we could take garbage to the dump along the northern edge of the Saint Wendel bog. (Larry Schug lived on the southern edge.)
- (I wonder where St. Joe’s garbage went? Some from St. John’s can still be seen in the Arboretum north of I-94.)
- Beer bottles, soda pop bottles, milk bottles, and things like wooden crates and cloth bags were re-used.
- As those declined & the population grew, landfills started to fill up.

1970 *The Record*: 1st appearance of a “recycling” effort in the student newspapers

This was published one month before the first Earth Day – April 22, 1970.

Through Bloodshot Eyes

By Mayer and Hennessey

“Man, the endangered species” was a poorly attended lecture given on this campus last week by Morris Udall (D-Ariz.).

Udall came to St. John’s to do more than speak on ecology and conservation; he came to plead for the life of his son and to speak against everything American.

Everyone knows conservation is the vogue and “in” thing. National polls tell us the No. 1 issue on college campuses across the nation are water and air pollution. Nuclear disarmament, free speech, racial issues, the Vietnam War and the draft have faded into the background as more and more students jump on the bandwagon.

Businesses are not unaware of what is in vogue. Many companies are running magazine ads telling the world how concerned they are with the environment they are polluting. Television is likewise devoting time to this befouled issue.

Eyes would like to congratulate the concerned youth

man’s pesticides and wastes the phytoplankton in the oceans is endangered. Quite simply, when the oceans die, we all die.

Morris Udall had many other fatalistic figures for those who shrug their shoulders and say science will take

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Growth has always been the American way of life. The sacred GNP has never been challenged. On that specific night, a Democratic Congressman suggested growth was no longer advisable for our country. Perhaps we had best slow down. He went so far as to attack motherhood. If the U.S. is not going to run out of food, and land to grow that food, maybe we had better stop adding to the population. Large families, once a necessity and the lifeblood of this country, might no longer be desirable.

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though this is also important. The present ecological problem is the preservation of human life on this planet.

It is a scientific fact the Earth is finite. Something as basic as oxygen is also finite. As Congressman Udall pointed out, each time man cuts down a tree there is less oxygen in the world. Man cuts down a million acres of trees a year. More seriously, the majority of the oxygen in the world comes from phytoplankton in the oceans. Today as you read this the oceans are so polluted with

for electricity and more power plants.

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Necessary for any of this to happen is the first initial slowdown. That slowdown is contrary to the entire American way of life as we know it. If there is going to be any life, according to Congressman Udall and hopefully many others, that attitude had better change.

Columnists
Dan Mayer, Mike Hennessey,
Tim Blackburn, Jim O’Meara

1971 February 19

Dear Editor,

We hope that the letter enclosed is self-explanatory, and we desperately hope that you can find the space to publish it in a current edition of your campus newspaper.

Sincerely yours,
**Richard Sanfillippo
Gonzalez, Fla.**

Dear Friends and Fellow
Students,

Our campus sits along the northwest edge of Escambia Bay, which empties into the Gulf of Mexico at Pensacola, Florida. So far this year, Escambia Bay has suffered over 60 major fish kills, each one of close to or more than a million fish—food fish, sport fish, 'commercial fish,' you name it.

These kills have been traced to industries and municipalities

the torch

we have concluded that only economic sanctions can force the industries involved to re-cycle their wastes and quit using the Escambia River—the public domain—for a dump.

First occurrence of the word in the campus student newspaper

We recommend that before you or your college administration buy any other sort of artificial grass, you determine that manufacturer is not, like Monsanto, using the environment for a dump.

**Responsible Environment
Act Program**

...but it's from another campus

1971 September 30

the torch

A new committee is part of SAB, the Service Committee. What's our job? You name it! Service around the school and community can involve everything from recycling cans or planting flowers to setting a table for Parent's Week-end. Ideas and energy are needed. The committee consists of volunteers rather than elected representatives, and every volunteer is an integral part of the planning. Interested? Don't hesitate, contact:
Anny Scallen
Mobile Home 5
Special need this month:
People interested in environment and ecology.

The next-earliest appearance of "recycling" was in September 1971, calling for student volunteers to recycle cans, among other things.

1972 April 14 *The Record*

"..the climax of Earth Week—the Grand Finale—Earth Day. Yes friends, circle Saturday, April 22 on your calendar—for on that day there will be a huge recycling drive.

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Earth Day observances were held on the campuses in 1972, featuring then-current Johnnie John McCutcheon ('74).

Greatest Show on Earth Set

By Joe Young

Starting Sunday, April 16 and lasting through Saturday, April 22, the SJU-CSEB community will celebrate Earth Week.

In recent years Earth Week has become somewhat of a spring ritual here at St. John's—an annual ceremony which consists of a small handful of Johnnies and Bennies trooping large handfuls of trash from the surrounding grounds and nearby ditches. Their timely clean-up antics provide the campus landscape with a springtime substitute for the purifying effects of a winter's snowfall.

Johnny folksinger John McCutcheon is the Earth Week Committee chairman. In an interview with such a chairman, one normally would expect to receive a number of trite, cliché-ridden responses—McCutcheon was no exception. He stressed the necessity to "make people aware of what is happening, and what they can do about it." He stated that "ecology should be a year-round endeavor," and noted that "sooner or later things will have to be cleaned up—we are just trying to make it sooner."

We can excuse McCutcheon's stale platitudes, however, confident that his showmanship talents are anything but stale. From preliminary reports, we gather that McCutcheon has arranged an all-star line-up of ecological attractions and activities for Earth Week.

McCutcheon himself will lead off the week's festivities with a Sunday evening folk guitar concert at St. Ben's in which he will sing songs designed to instill in his audience a mood of "immaculate determination." Inspired by such ecologically flavored lyrics, the listeners will undoubtedly develop a seemingly insatiable desire for ecological entertainment. Earth Week, however, will be equal to the challenge of meeting their demand.

On the bill from Monday through Friday are a series of feature speakers, who will present topics like a

"future fume doom" and "the economics of pollution control."

The cinema medium is also milked by McCutcheon, who, it must be admitted, by now, somewhat of a showman (and for that very reason, the perfect man to head the Earth Week Committee). He has secured movies and filmstrips which will premiere on Monday and run until their final curtain on Friday (we did not ask McCutcheon whether or not boxes of popcorn would be sold during the flicks, but we conjecture that if they are, the boxes will be recyclable).

Impressive as this agenda may appear, it nevertheless is merely a warm-up to the climax of Earth Week—the Grand Finale—Earth Day. Yes friends, circle Saturday, April 22 on your calendar—for on that day there will be a "huge recycling drive." McCutcheon has scheduled a trek from St. John's to the St. Cloud Recycling Center, in the process of which accumulating a cargo of cans and bottles. The vehicle which McCutcheon intends to employ in this pilgrimage is a horse-drawn carriage (no exhaust-pipe pollution). If McCutcheon can pull this off (and if the horse can pull the carriage along) it will undoubtedly be his (McCutcheon's) crowning achievement—the ultimate in entertainment.

April 16 through April 22, besides being Earth Week, is also Peace Week. McCutcheon, concerned lest the "Peace Week People" be offended by the imposing figure of the concurrent ecological festival, emphasizes that "Earth Week has no intention of competing with Peace Week." However, so impressive is McCutcheon's pending anti-pollution program that Peace Week would be hard-pressed even to approach it in grandeur. Indeed, so awesome is Earth Week's agenda that it transcends the threat of competition from any non-ecological faction.

Of one thing we are certain—Earth Week will be fun. But perhaps

its real value lies in the opportunity it provides its participants to achieve the "inner glow" that can only come from "doing one's part" to slay that ugly ogre, pollution. In order to appreciate this "inner glow," one must experience first-hand the morally gratifying act of bending over to pick up a coke can from a roadside ditch.

The approach to the problem is wonderfully symmetric; it is not fitting, after all, that the coke can, abandoned by some unenlightened individual, should likewise be removed from the ditch by another individual effort?

Don't get us wrong—we can't excuse the litterbug who is guilty of ditching the can. The Coke Corporation, considerate enough to provide him with a disposable container, must surely be hurt and embarrassed by such negligence.

Such corporations will continue to "do their part," putting the litter (oops! we mean "convenient ones") in our hands. Earth Week extravaganzas notwithstanding.

Crushed Cans

By Jim Venhof

Filled in a corner of a room in Basement Boniface is the accumulated product of six weeks of the recycling movement at St. John's. Un-crushed pop cans, cheap wine bottles, and non-returnable beer "barrels" are scattered in heaps around the floor, awaiting shipment to the Twin Cities. However, considering the amount of hard-core drinkers, Catholics, and other assorted tipplers on campus, the waste deposited for recycling is negligible.

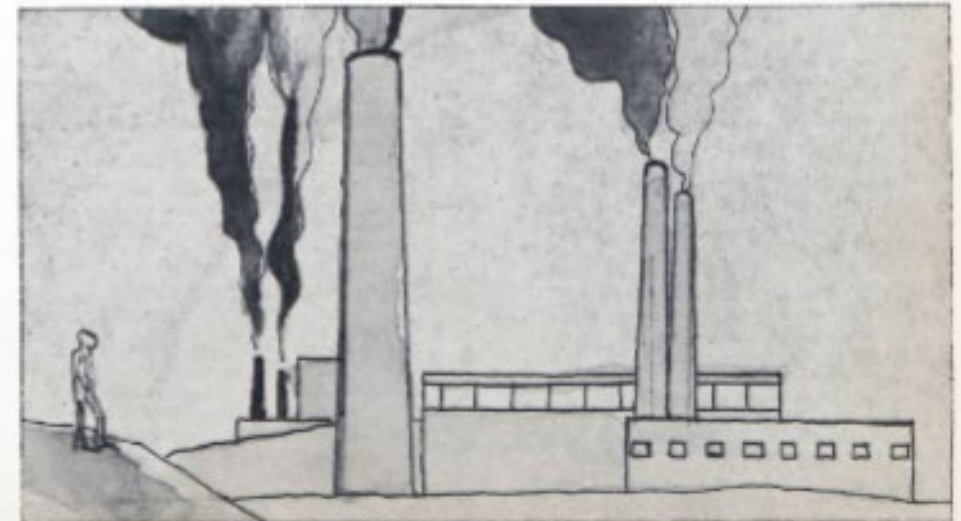
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1972 April 14 *The Record*

The same issue has the story of an early laudable effort to recycle beverage containers at SJU, begun by John Gardner, '74:

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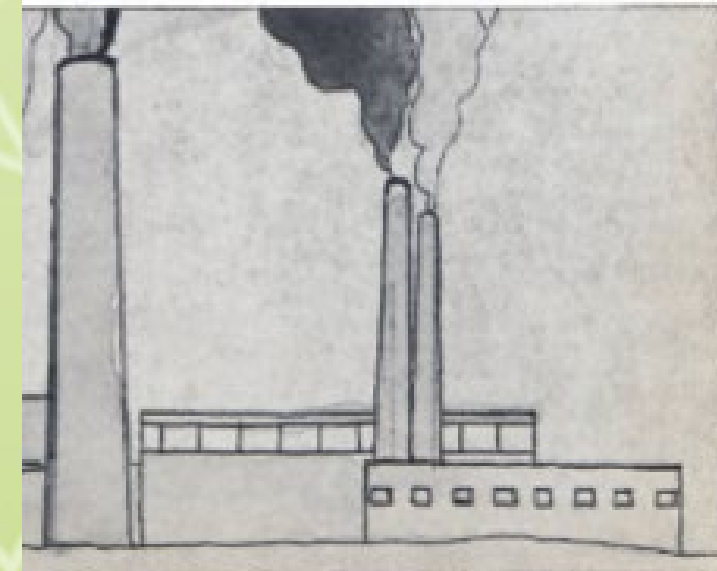
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1972 September 20 *The Torch*

Monica Wemerskirchen was the first CSB/SJU environmental columnist.

Ecology and You

by M Wermerskirchen

Ed Note: Monica Wermerskirchen will have a comment on ecology each week.

Much has been written on the subject of ecology and environment in the past few years. Many of us feel that we'd really like to "do something" but we

where we live, the water we drink- are all pre-gifts and they limited. We too a part of the environment. We must stop from living on earth to living the earth. Continu

must train ourselves to think environmentally and our actions will follow. Have you ever actually asked yourself "Just how ecology-minded am I?" "What can I do to cut down waste in my environment?" If most of

take some time for a quiet walk in the woods. Listen to the forest sounds. Smell the green. Touch the earth. Doesn't it rather awe you to be

► Environmental Column

Environmental Studies majors



By Will Matuska
wmatuska001@csbsju.edu

the "tipping point." Knowing this, it takes resilience to work for climate justice. Yet coalitions of resilient, creative people are mobilizing to support our planet and people. Through an intersectional movement based in imagination, we are manifesting a livable future that is mutually supportive for all."

Cristin Curwick:

"It is so easy to become overwhelmed by the threats of climate change. However, what makes me hopeful for the future

environmental justice. It reminds me that as a community, we are still energized and motivated."

Grace Klupper:

"I am hopeful for the future because you have to be in order to have a desire to heal the Earth. Seeing my peers' passion for the environment shows that people do truly care and want to make positive changes in order to combat climate change and other environmental issues."

the past year, I have witness people come to cry out against ranging from the George Floyd to Pip fostering change. shown me that change. Their courageous : me hopeful."

Shae Olsert:

"I feel hopeful for moving forward with passionate and young people are. E

The current environmental *Record* columnist is SJU senior Will Matuska.

1972 Sept. 27

Ecology and You

by M Wermerskirchen

One of the first steps to becoming ecology minded and care full of the environment is by informing yourself. Two good introductory books about environment problems are:

Ecotactics. J. Mitchell. New York. Pocket Books, \$.95.

The Environment Hand Book: G. Debell. New York: Ballantine, \$.95



Remember when water was clean and sex was dirty?

Also keep informed on current problems. Take an active part. Write letters voicing your views to legislators. Become involved in local group's action for ecology. St Ben's and St. John's has a combined Environmental Action Committee which was newly formed last spring. Its purpose is to generate awareness and action for earth-consciousness. For more information contact Mr. Jim Tembrock or John Gardner at SJU or me at CSB. MPIRG also takes an active interest in our environment.

In October we hope to resume can re

cycling for both campuses. This will include canned food containers and our largest waste commodity, pop cans. Both of these should be thoroughly cleaned before they are turned in. More details will appear in later issues of THE TORCH. Start saving cans now.

In next week's issue I will begin a series of suggestions

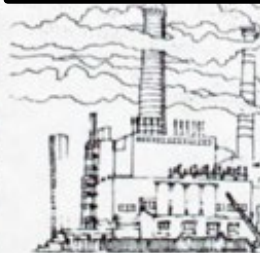
we should recognize them here. THE TORCH has a new policy of giving only one copy to each dwelling to help cut down consumption of paper products.

Parents Weekend

cont. from pg. 1

parents, students and faculty. Dr Idzerda

Monica's column in September 1972 was the first appearance in the newspapers database of the Environmental Action Committee



for individual every day ecology action, taking an area of the home in each issue, besides various comments of immediate importance. You may not find all of these suggestions applicable to your situation right now, but they can be encourages in your homes and certainly all of us will soon have dwellings of our own. Those in the mobile homes and apartments have the most opportunity to develop ecologically healthful habits, but there is much that we can all do.

Since there are many groups and individuals taking positive action I think

- Keep informed on current problems.
- Take an active part.
- Write letters to legislators.
- Become involved in local action for ecology.



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ECOLOGY AND YOU:

Recycling Resumes on Twin Campuses

Wednesday night October 11, the Environmental Action Committee of St. Ben's St. John's, had their first meeting of the school year. Though the turnout was light to non-existent, the faithful few discussed plans for this year's projects. We will be trying to set up an environmental library available to all students, and hope to publish a practical booklet of ecological living sometime in the spring.

Our immediate project is the resuming of recycling on the Twin Campuses. We will be handling paper, glass and cans. At St Ben's these items may be brought to Apartment A basement in the room next to the laundry. Barrels and boxes will be provided there for the various materials.

Receptacles for popcans have been provided by MPIRG in the basement and custodial rooms in the dorms. Please become aware of this and use them.

Paper which we will handle for recycling includes cardboard. Please bundle these items up with string or twine, if possible, before

bringing them to our recycling headquarters.

Cans must be thoroughly rinsed clean. Remove all paper labels. Also remove the ends and place them inside the containers before flattening. Flatten them as much as possible. Some ends cannot be cut with a normal can opener. Simply flatten these as best you can. Do not return aerosol, paint or oil cans. These cannot be recycled at this time.

Volunteers are needed for can stomping and collections on both campuses. If you have any questions, a little free time, interest, or energy please contact John Gardner at St. John's or Monica Wermerskirchen at St. Ben's.

We will accept AMBER, GREEN and CLEAR glass. Such types of glass as dishes, window plate and windshield are not acceptable. Please do not bring returnable bottles. These should be taken to retail outlets for deposit refunds. Recycling bottles that can already be used is a tremendous waste of energy.

All glass containers must be thoroughly clean, but labels need not be removed. However, all caps or closures must be removed from bottles or jars. This includes the metal ring that remains on the neck of non - returnable soda and beer bottles with twist off caps.

Note: There is presently a bill before President Nixon involving \$24.6 billion to clean up the nation's

by Monica Wermerskirchen waters by 1985. Rumor has it that the President will veto this bill. Please voice your concern by writing a strong letter in support of this bill. Elections are coming!

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We have a program called Jobs Europe, Gordon stated, and we can guarantee salaried jobs in Switzerland, England and Belgium, for some 2,000 young people 18 to 29 years of age. These are Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring

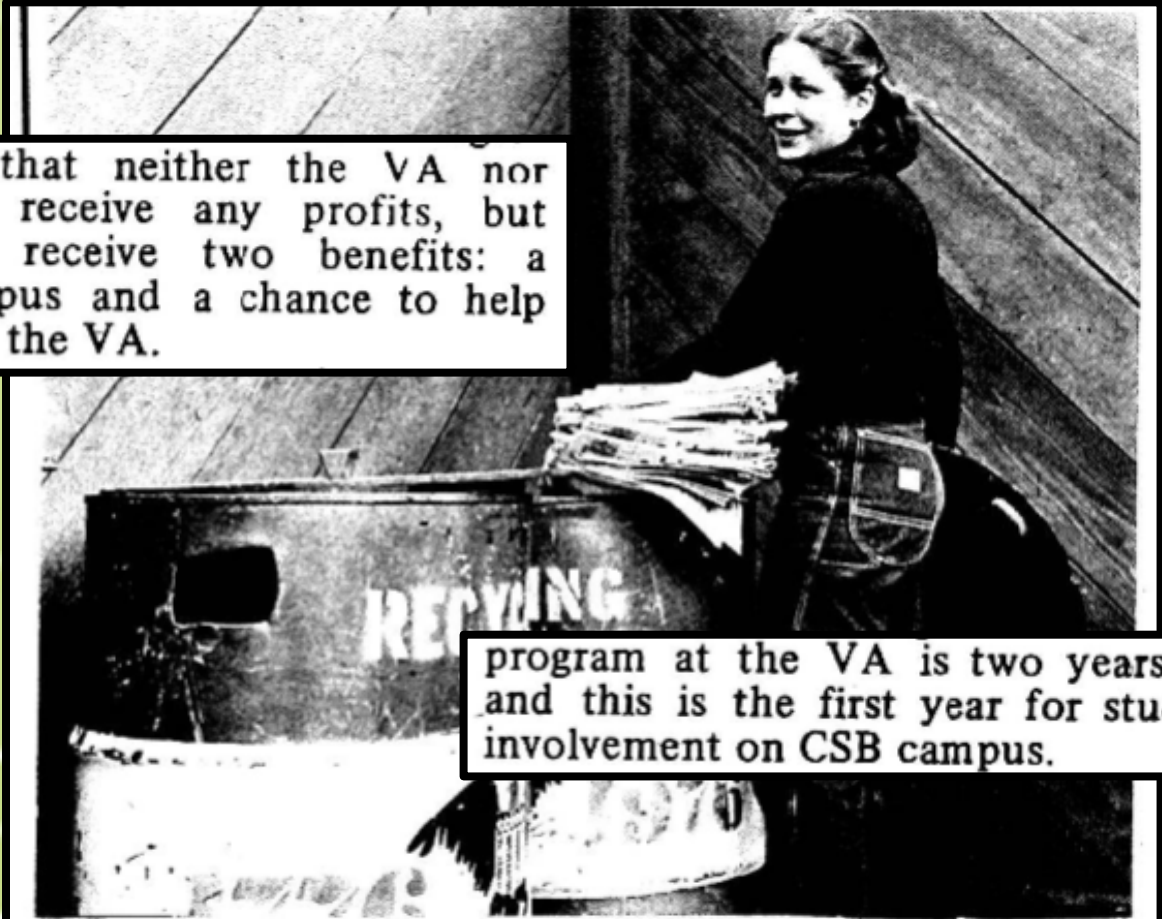
Monica's column in October included this rather grim graphic



1976 *The Torch* = *The Cable*

Recycling had begun at CSB thanks to the St. Cloud VA – and **three faculty members** – and CSB’s Housing staff. They arranged the pickup of recyclables for processing by men at the VA hospital.

She said that neither the VA nor CSB will receive any profits, but CSB will receive two benefits: a clean campus and a chance to help the men at the VA.



program at the VA is two years old and this is the first year for student involvement on CSB campus.

Joan Rahlf pitches in to support the CSB recycling program. Photo by Mary Bergen

Don't throw it; recycle it

For those students who frequently (or infrequently) shift refuse from their abodes to the outside garbage bins, they may notice a colorful new addition. Next to the garbage bins at the old and new apartments in beautiful red, white and blue are cans for recycling newspaper, glass and tin.

It all started when CSB faculty members read in the *St. Cloud Times*, a request for citizens to take their recyclable trash to the St. Cloud VA Hospital. The men at the VA are paid to sort the materials, crush the glass and prepare the refuse for shipping to recycling companies. These faculty members pondered the possibility of implementing the same program at the college. They found additional support from the sisters at CSB, who have a successful program of their own. Faculty member Bruce Dickau explains that the trash in the garbage bins is tremendous, so why shouldn't as much be recycled as possible?

Dickau, Philip Durkee and S. Merle Nolde have gained the permission of the administration to set up these bins and to have the men from the VA come out each Monday to pick them

("She" = Mary Nagle, Housing.)

1978 The Cable

Recycle Your Miller Bottles

by Joyce Rajala

A program for recycling bottles, cans and newspapers, led by Dr. Bruce Dickau and Dr. Phillip Durkee, is currently underway on campus.

According to Durkee, the program is intended to be a way of recycling our dwindling resources and also help to alleviate the problem of huge amounts of trash building up.

Students have been asked to organize, within their living areas, separate boxes for cans, glass and paper. These boxes are then brought to drop off barrels located behind The Loft and also behind Regina Hall. The materials to be recycled are then picked up by persons from the Veteran's Administration Hospital, who are the coordinators for the program in the St. Cloud area. Similar efforts are taking place at St. Cloud State University, various grade schools, and churches. There is no program at St. John's University, however.

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1981

“Dormitories at CSB had been recycling to some degree before 1986, collecting aluminum cans and using the proceeds for dorm activities.”

--1997 Press Release

Those earlier articles and this memo in the Archives show that it was considerably earlier than 1986.

Sister Susan Rudolph, then the CSB Housing Director (now the Prioress of the Monastery), can be given some of the credit for the early recycling program.

Memo to: Miriam Hof, Dennis Jordan, Mike Fritz, Bernice Muske and Sister Brian Spain

From: Sister Susan Rudolph

Date: 7 October 1981

Re: Recycling Program

The recycling of aluminum cans, newspaper, and glass is important. To promote this form of conservation and encourage the college population to participate, I submit the following recommendation and request the cooperation/support of the administrative offices involved.

1. Retain the red and blue barrels for the collection of cans, glass and paper as we have done in the past.
2. Encourage the RA's and SR's to set up a recycling program with the people in their areas.
3. Provide college truck service the first and third Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. where students can get their collected items taken to the Python Recycling Center. Each SR/RA area sending in items will pay a small fee for the truck service. This would amount to \$5.00 per month for the use of the truck. The money obtained from the sale of the recyclable items will go to the floor fund of the RA/SR who did the collecting. (The truck driver would be a qualified staff member or student.)
4. I am willing to organize and coordinate this recycling project. Please indicate your response to this request soon.

Memo to: CSB Community Members
From: Sister Susan Rudolph, Housing Director
Date: February 8, 1983
Re: RECYCLING OF ALUMINUM, PAPER, AND GLASS

Recycling means using and reusing; it does not mean using and discarding. Recycling is one way that each person can be a responsible caretaker of the gifts of the earth; a responsible citizen willing to share the natural resources and preserve them for future generations.

WHAT CAN WE RECYCLE?

MANY things can be recycled. Here at CSB we are organized to recycle aluminum cans, newspaper, and glass.

HOW CAN WE RECYCLE?

There are two convenient ways to recycle here at CSB.

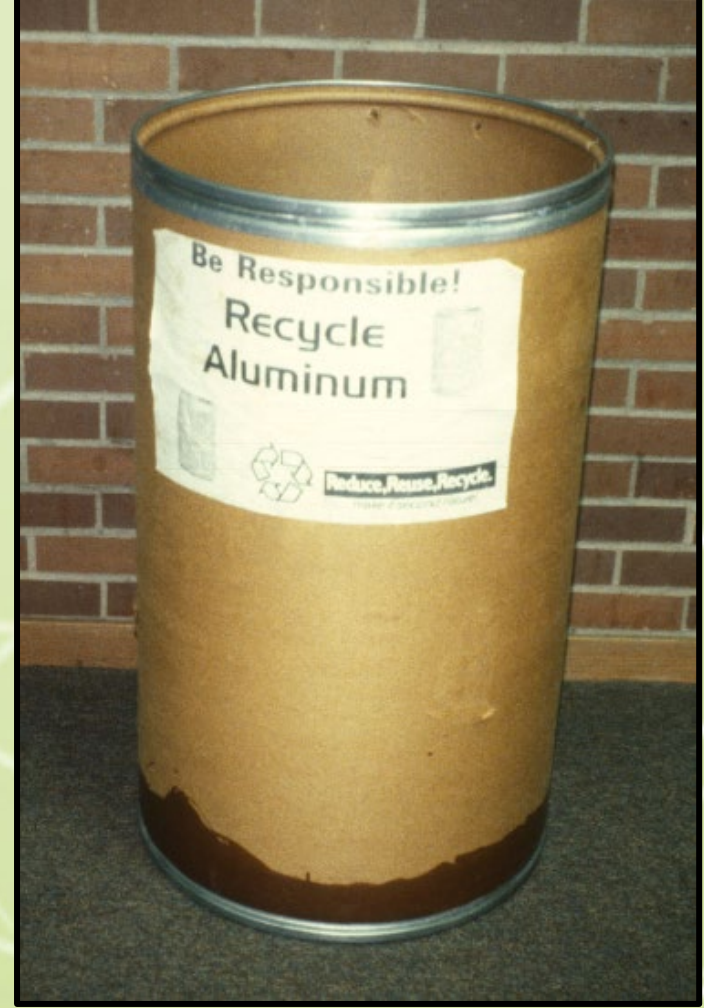
1. Save aluminum pop cans, newspapers, and glass containers. Put them in the RED and BLUE barrels that the V.A Hospital crew has placed near the dumpsters at the south end of Regina and Corona Halls and on the south side of the Campus Center. Deposit the recyclables and the VA will do the rest.
2. Save aluminum pop cans --- can be done by apartments/floor/group/individual. Sell the cans collected and earn money for your chosen purpose. How?
 - a. On the designated Saturdays between 9-10 a.m. a truck will be available to take cans into the recycling center.
 - b. Put cans in boxes or sacks labeled with the name of the person/group bringing them for recycling. Crush cans whenever possible. No food cans can be recycled.
 - c. Brings cans to the Aurora Service Entrance at Mary Commons between 9-10 am or call 5580 for pick up.
 - d. The RECYCLING SATURDAYS for Spring Semester are:

February 19	April 30
March 12	May 14
April 9	
 - e. Each group will be charged 25¢ for the trucking service and the remainder of the profit (16¢ per pound) will go to the person/group.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

Learn more about recycling. Promote recycling where you live and with the people you know.

If you are willing to offer more time and energy, volunteers are wanted to help with the Saturday recycling. Call 5580 for more information.



According to this memo from S. Susan in 1983, we had apparently switched back to working with the VA rather than with Python's.



ca. 1980s

“The program began ...with the help of a concerned, environmentally conscious group of individuals within the campus community including Larry Schug, current CSB coordinator of recycling.”

-- 1997 press release





ca. 1980s

“Although we weren't mandated in any way to begin recycling, recycling seems to go along with the Benedictine values of stewardship and concern for nature,’ said Schug.”

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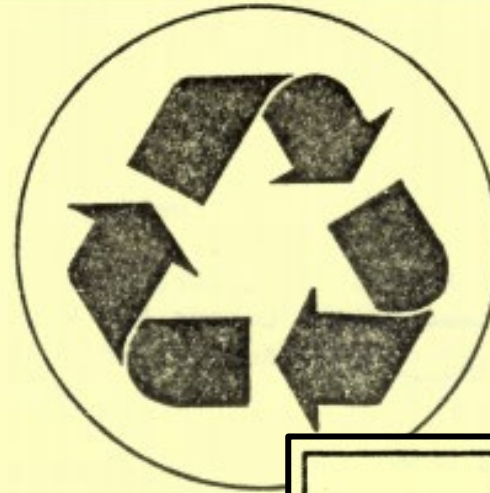
It is fitting that Larry credited for the role he played in fostering this effort at St. Ben’s for many years.



1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Head Residents and Resident Assistants
FROM: Housing Office
DATE: September 22, 1987
RE: Residence Recycling Program



In 1987, CSB was back to using Python's – but the newspapers now went to the Boy Scouts.

B. NEWSPAPERS

Residence areas are encouraged to save newspapers and put them out at the scheduled pick-up times for the Boy Scouts. Pick-up dates are:

The third Friday of each month at 12 noon from the North entrance (back) of the Clemens Library.

Students were encouraged to “organize a recycling program in their residence area.”

A. ALUMINUM CANS - To recycle aluminum cans:

Organize a recycling program in your residence area. Collect and earn money for your chosen purpose.

- a. Discuss with the members of your residence area the method to collect aluminum cans.
- b. One Saturday of each month will be designated as RECYCLING SATURDAY. Residence areas involved in the Recycling Program will be responsible for one month. Being responsible for a month simply means that the HR/RA from the assigned areas will arrange that two or three individuals are available at 8:00 a.m. to pick up the cans and take them to the Recycling Center on Recycling Saturday (Python's Recycling Center in St. Cloud).
- c. The cans should be crushed and put into plastic bags which are availa-

The Waste Watchwords

- Do you Need the Product?
- Is it Overpackaged?
- Are Scarce Materials Wasted?
- Is the material Recyclable, or was it made from Recyclable material?
- Can You Reuse it or Return it?
- Can you Repair it?
- Can Someone else use it when you are done?

And to continue to ask themselves questions such as these.

1988

This 1988 memo from the Housing office shows that the organizing was happening and spells out the somewhat complex procedures.

TO: Head Residents and Resident Assistants
 FROM: Housing Administration
 DATE: September 20, 1988
 RE: Residence Recycling Program

God gave human beings the privilege and responsibility of being stewards of the earth. We are called to cherish and nurture our resources. We must work together with the entire world community to assure future generations of the same material bounty and beauty of this planet as we have now.

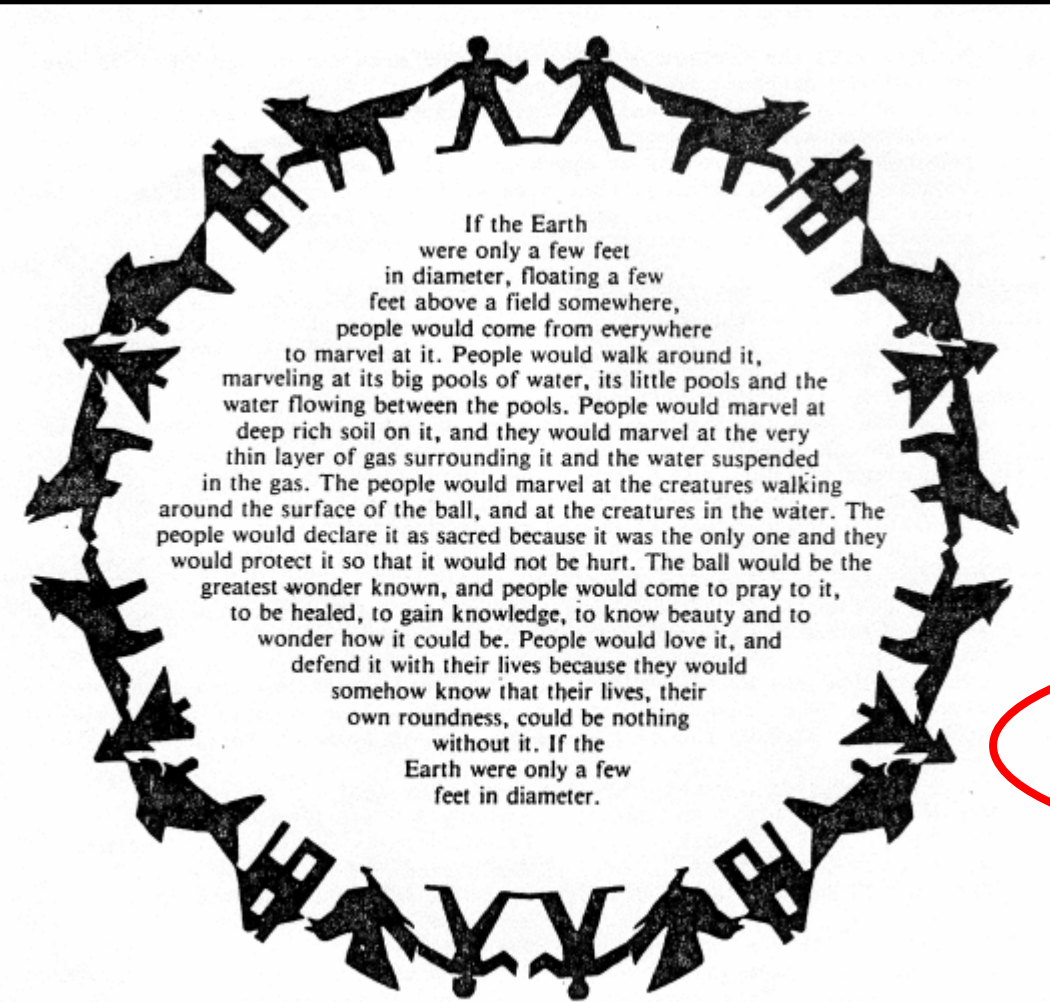
Recycling is a positive and constructive economic answer to the growing problem of solid waste disposal. Using and reusing helps us conserve our natural resources. Therefore, we encourage you to organize and become involved in a Residence Recycling Program in your area.

ALUMINUM CANS- Collect aluminum cans and earn money for your chosen purpose.

1. Discuss with the members of your residence area the method you will use to collect aluminum cans.
2. Cans should be crushed and put into gray plastic bags available in the housing office. Clearly label your bags by using a large, dark, permanent marker directly on the bags. If an area's collection is not legible or has no marking, that area will not receive remittance for their cans. Use the following abbreviations when labeling. (This greatly assists us at the recycling center for recording).

<u>RESIDENCE ABR.</u>	<u>RESIDENCE ABR.</u>	<u>RESIDENCE ABR.</u>	<u>RESIDENCE ABR.</u>
Aurora A/B---A	Regina G----G	Corona K-----K	Dominica----Do.
C/D---C	H----H	L-----L	East Apt.--East
E/F---F	J----J	M-----M	West Apt.--West
Richanda N/P-N	Margretta-Marg.	Evin-----Ev.	

3. Each month, one day has been designated as "Recycling Day". Cans should be brought to Aurora service entrance between 4:00 p.m. the night before the designated day, and 8:00 a.m. on the Recycling Day. Cans will also be picked up, on request, in the following areas: by the West Apts. dumpster, by the dumpster behind the HAB and East Apts., in front of Evin Hall, and in front of Margretta Hall. Caution: do not put cans out too early...they may be picked up by strangers.
 *For pick-up, call "0" and leave a message with the receptionist that you are requesting the recyclers to stop for your cans (and give the location).
4. Each month, one HR has been assigned to be responsible for the day of



Above poem taken from BREAKTHROUGH publication cover. 1985 Spring/Summer Issue Vol 6,
 Art by Miriam Therese MacGillis & Martina Stegman. #3 & 4

1989

Postings of early track-fed printer signs such as this one proliferated to remind students of “recycling days.”

RECYCLING DAY!



FRIDAY MARCH 17

PLEASE BRING CRUSHED CANS TO THE AURORA
SERVICE ENTRANCE OR, FOR PICK-UP, CALL THE
MARY COMMONS RECEPTIONIST BEFORE 8 AM ON
THE DAY OF RECYCLING.

CSB's Student Development Staff had Stewardship as the topic of their Fall 1989 retreat, as evidenced by a booklet in the Archives from that retreat:

COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT
Student Development Staff
Fall Retreat 1989

Recy



“
There is one quality that I believe often underlies our work together, that lies at the heart of every human being, however hidden or forgotten it might be, and that is the quality of love. Love for each other, love for the beautiful planet upon which we live, and love for the day when we will all be part of a world where all creation is respected and where each of us as human beings may fully participate in the gift of life.”

—Joshua Mailman

Individual Reflection Time

1. In what ways does your faith as philosophy lead you to care for nature? Make a list.
2. In what ways are you already exercising responsible stewardship? What awarenesses do your shopping patterns reflect?
3. Choose some ways in which you could become a more responsible steward of the earth.
4. What is your understanding of a simple lifestyle? How does this understanding reflect a sense of stewardship?

EARTH CELEBRATIONS DECLARATION

We, the people of this living planet, recognize our personal and collective responsibility to care for life.

We know that her health, and therefore our health, is greatly threatened by pollution and environmental devastation.

The time has come to collectively change our behavior and attitude towards the environment and to personally empower ourselves to make this change—NOW.

We therefore declare our complete and total commitment to serve as best we can in this common task of regeneration of Planet Earth.

From *One Family*
Newsletter of Planetary Citizens

Simplifying your lifestyle

Catholic Bishops of Connecticut have issued a statement entitled "A Simple Lifestyle and the Service of the Poor." In this statement, they write, "There are many reasons why all Christians...should adopt a simple lifestyle...(including) a stewardship of the...planet; an ecological concern not to pollute the air or water; a resolution not to harass nature with litter, garbage or noise; and the demand of social justice, the 'cry of the poor.'"

Christianity believes human beings have the right to live in modest comfort and to plan reasonably for the used in consideration of the unmet needs of others.

Here are some practical ways to begin simplifying your lifestyle. It is interesting that these are also ways that help us harmonize ourselves with the environment.

- Avoid aerosol containers;
- Drive fuel-efficient cars;
- Fast for one meal and give the equivalent amount to a men's shelter;
- Rather than purchase the latest fashion, donate that money to a shelter for battered women and children;
- Insist that products be durable;
- Project career goals in keeping with a simpler lifestyle; and
- Reuse and recycle.

Adapted from *Common Ground*, March 1988, newsletter of National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

1990 April

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SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

4-3-90

General events preceeding April

Planning meetings conducted by CSB student Earth Days coordinator; Thom W

Presentation of Earth Day post elementary schools; featuring Farm Project; funded by SJU and CSB Offices of Institutional Advancement; John DeGrood and Patty Wagner, coordinators (Lab School at 12:30 p.m. and Kennedy at 1:30).

Environmental audit; Marty Roers, coordinator; solid waste audit conducted by the Biology Club (Katie Coldren); radioactive/hazardous waste, Chemistry Club; medical waste, Nursing Club.

Faculty resolution to conduct Earth Day teach-in Tuesday, April 17; Student governments (SJS, SAB) pass Earth Day resolutions aimed at promoting environmentally sound practices.

SJU/CSB Duplicating Centers to explore costs of using recycled paper on a regular basis. Recycled paper available through end of April at SJU Duplicating Center.

Announce Saint John's recycling plan; CSB already has had extensive recycling program in effect. SJU coordinators: Br. Benedict (physical plant) and Ida Johnson (housekeeping); CSB: Bob Doeden (security) and Janine Thull (student development).

April 11 distribution of Earth Day handouts at an information booth 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the IDS Crystal Court; sponsored by the "On Location" program, alumni employees in the Minnesota Office of Waste Management will be available 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to answer questions.

Student essay contest with prize money sponsored by the English Club; Dr. Ozzie Mayers, coordinator.

Earth Day t-shirt sales; shirts ordered to promote Earth Day (Kyle Kirsch) and National Wildlife Federation (Anastasia Willette)

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In 1990, Earth Day was observed with an amazing selection of activities – and the beginnings of a recycling program at SJU was announced.

1990 April

ACTIVITIES: CELEBRATE EARTH DAYS 1990
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

It offered an amazing selection of activities, involving both campuses, including a fun one at the end of the day!

- Distribution of Earth Day handouts in the IDS Court in Minneapolis
- Billboard on County Road 75
- Student Essay contest
- Free plants from the Biology Department
- Power Plant & water treatment plant tours
- Bike maintenance workshop
- Nature Walk with Steve Saupe
- Mass, prayer service
- "Teach-In" with 7 environmental experts/government officials - all Johnnie alumni
- Showings of an Earth Day movie, the admission cost for which was one used battery or two aluminum cans

9 p.m. *A Bedtime Story for the Ecologically Concerned;*
a reading of Dr. Suess's "The Lorax" by Norma Dickau;
Clemens Library Fireside Lounge

1990 October

Keeping students mindful of the rules was an ongoing effort

COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

RECYCLING GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

In order to clear up confusion about the recycling program at CSB, the following guidelines have been established.

1. **CARDBOARD** - REMOVE STAPLES and tape from boxes; remove all packing material (styrofoam, etc.).
2. **HIGH-GRADE PAPER** - (white) This is office-type paper such as Xerox paper and stationery. Remove staples and clips. NO GLOSSY PAPER.
3. **HIGH-GRADE PAPER** - (colored) Same quality paper as #2. NO GLOSSY or CONSTRUCTION PAPER (the thick, coarse paper). Remove staples and clips.
4. **GREEN-BARRED COMPUTER PAPER** Separate from other high-grade paper.
5. **GLASS** Separate into clear, green, and brown glass. NO MILKY WHITE GLASS. Remove caps and rings.
6. **ALUMINUM** All aluminum beverage cans are recyclable.
7. **NEWSPAPER** All newsprint can be recycled. Separate glossy supplements from the newspaper.
8. **PLASTIC** All beverage bottles, cleaning product containers are recyclable. NO CONTAINERS WITH LIDS (i.e. margarine tubs, etc.). If the container is recyclable it will have a recycling symbol on the bottom.

In order for our recycling program to work we must all contribute by reusing, reducing and recycling our waste according to the above guidelines.

More specific HOW TO, WHERE TO guidelines for each campus building will be following. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas please contact Larry Schug at 5982.

PLEASE POST IN YOUR DEPARTMENT!
10/10/90

* Please Read !!!

College of Saint Benedict

RECYCLING REPRESENTATIVES

* STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED FROM EACH LIVING AREA TO ASSIST IN THE RECYCLING EFFORT ON THIS CAMPUS.

* VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO THE CENTRAL LOCATION FOR THEIR LIVING AREA.

* ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES PERTINENT TO THIS CAMPUS WOULD BE CONFRONTED BY THIS GROUP.

* THIS GROUP WILL MEET APPROXIMATELY ONCE PER MONTH.

* CONTACT YOUR HR OR RA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING AN IMPACT HERE.

SIGN BELOW IF INTERESTED

Undated, unsigned

RECYCLING PROGRAM



September 24

All-aluminum cans. They'll do almost as much for you empty as they do for you full.

October 22

Aluminum cans take 500 years to decompose and turn to dust. So have them recycled-it is so easy to do.

November 19

Recycling saves energy. In the case of aluminum up to 95% of energy used to make aluminum from ore is saved.

December 17

Recycling is as easy as taking out the garbage. With aluminum all you do is crush the cans and box them.

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Recycling reduces litter and solid waste. Save your aluminum cans for recycling. Keep America clean and waste free.

February 25

Aluminum cans are 100% recyclable. Six discarded cans can be recycled into six new ones.

March 18

When we recycle aluminum we save 95% of air pollution generated in producing aluminum from virgin elements.

April 29

Nationally about 40% of the aluminum cans that reach the consumer are now recycled. If you and your friends start recycling we could raise the percentage.

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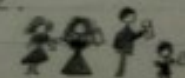
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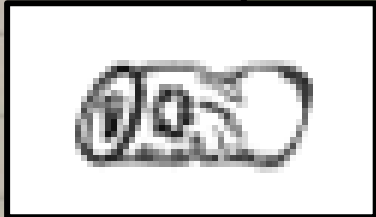
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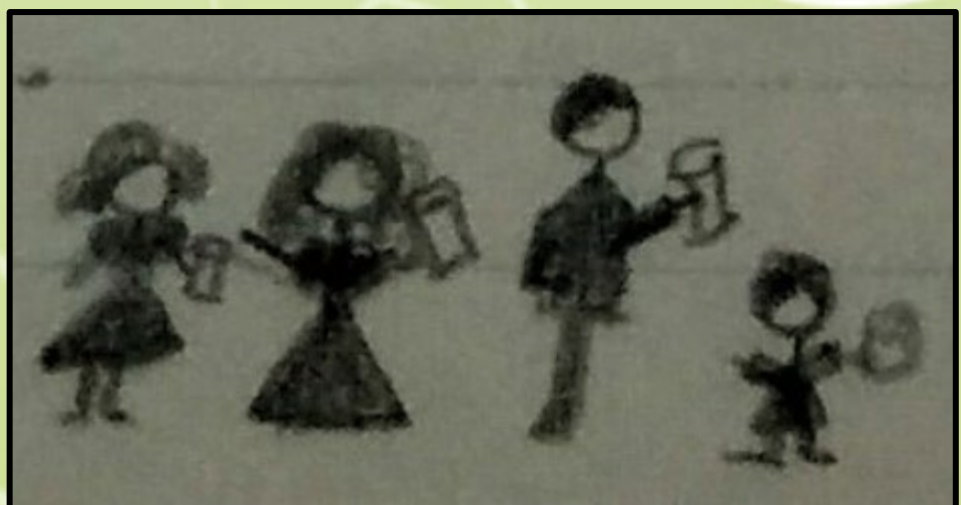
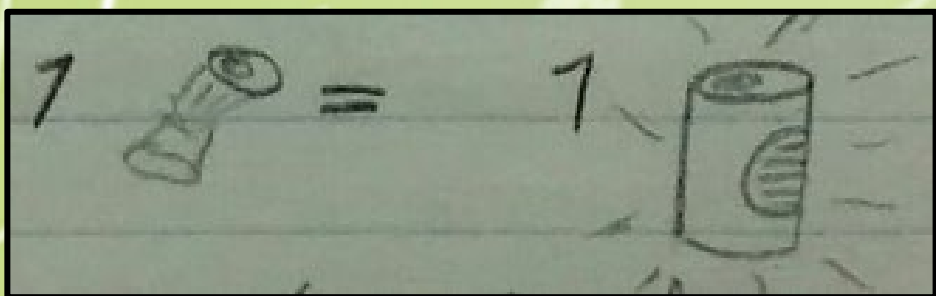
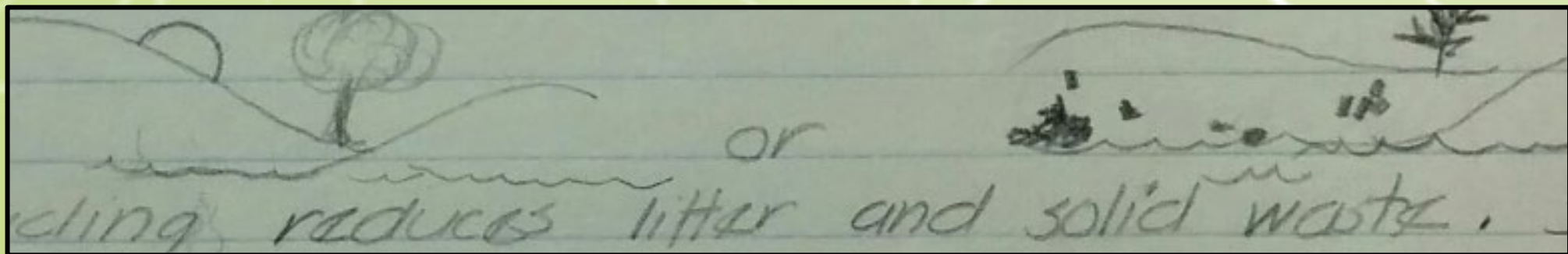
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1990-1991

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- Recycling containers are located near dumpsters
- Materials are collected daily by a college employee and a team of two student workers
- Materials are sorted on campus
- Paper, glass, plastic, tin and aluminum go to Python's Recycling
- Some paper is cut and re-bound as note pads by the CSB Duplicating Dept.

Recycling at the College of St. Benedict

The recycling program at CSB is growing by leaps and bounds, or perhaps, heaps and mounds would be a better description. From a small, dorm-sponsored program of collecting aluminum cans and using the profits to pay for dorm activities, our recycling program has grown to include the recycling of plastic, glass, tin, newspaper, high-grade and computer paper as well as aluminum.

Statistics: In the academic year 1990-91 CSB recycled in excess of #3800 of aluminum cans, #12,000 of glass, #1400 of tin cans, #14,000 of cardboard, #1200 of plastic, #11,000 newspaper and #2000 of high-grade paper.

Based on a tipping fee of \$89 per ton, the recycling activities represent a savings of approximately \$2047.00 in tipping fees alone (does not include the cost of operating the CSB garbage truck).

How the program works: Recycling containers have been purchased with money earned through the sale of recyclable materials, primarily aluminum and high-grade paper, and with grant money from Stearns County. These containers have been set up at strategic locations on campus, usually near dumpsters to make waste disposal as convenient as possible for dorm residents. Bins have been set up in various locations in the academic buildings. Recyclable materials are collected daily by a college employee and a team of two student-workers. Materials are then transported to storage facilities on campus for sorting and collection. Glass, plastic, tin and aluminum is recycled at Python's Recycling in St. Cloud, although the aluminum may be sold elsewhere, depending on the market price. High-grade and computer paper is sold to Pythons but is collected by D&K Refuse of Clear Lake. Some high-grade paper is cut and re-bound as note pads by the Duplicating Dept. and re-used on campus. A unique aspect of the CSB

1990-1991

- Paper had to be sorted into white, colored, and green-barred; staples, post-it notes and plastic in window envelopes had to be removed.
- Cardboard, newspapers and magazines are hauled to the Bechtold farm near Jacob's Prairie, ground up and re-used as cattle bedding [therefore staples need to be removed]



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1990-1991

- Bins were set up in dorms



1990-1991

...neatly



...or sort of neatly

...and sometimes maybe not so neatly!



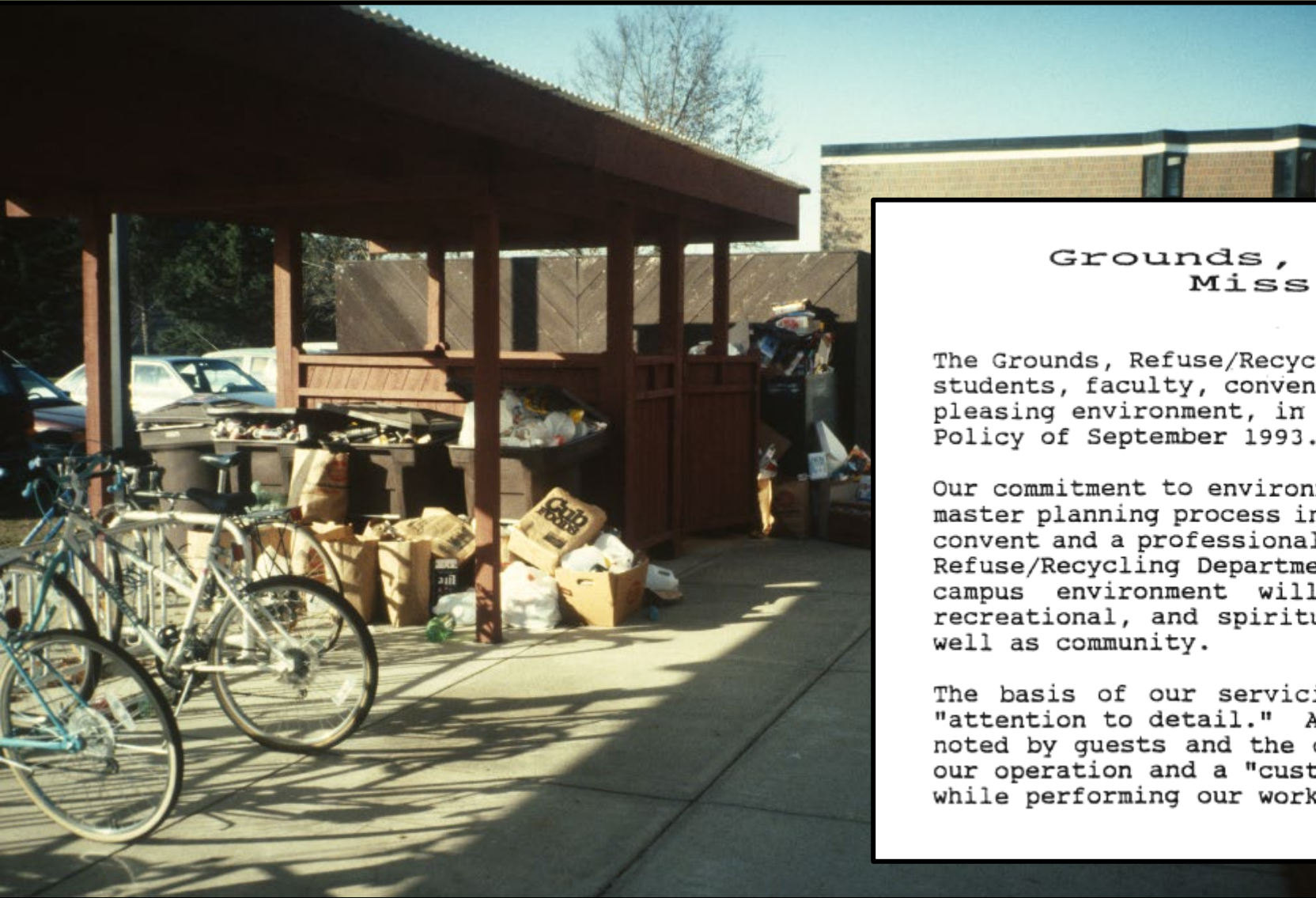
1993: A CSB environmental statement was issued

An Environmental Statement issued by the presidents of CSB and Saint John's University on April 13, 1993...affirms the college's belief that college and university faculty, staff and students have a responsibility to lead in conducting activities as responsible stewards of the physical environment and to use educational activities to promote environmental awareness, local action and global thinking.

Text from the 2012 Sustainability Master Plan

1993

Departments needed to incorporate the Environmental Policy into their mission and goals statements



Grounds, Refuse/Recycling Mission Statement

The Grounds, Refuse/Recycling Department provides our community of students, faculty, convent and staff with a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment, in accordance with the Campus Environmental Policy of September 1993.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship is based on a detailed master planning process involving a professional biologist from the convent and a professional landscape architect employed as Grounds, Refuse/Recycling Department supervisor. Through this process the campus environment will evolve into a greater educational, recreational, and spiritually uplifting experience for guests as well as community.

The basis of our servicing and maintaining this environment is "attention to detail." A very positive first impression has been noted by guests and the community. Service is the foundation of our operation and a "customer service" attitude will be portrayed while performing our work.



Somewhere along the way, a great idea was implemented, to provide handy bins for all the cardboard leftover after students moved in.

1995

Originally, CSB hauled all the garbage to Pythons in St. Cloud but this process soon became inefficient considering the number of trips that had to be made into St. Cloud... so CSB teamed up with Beuckers Recycling in Melrose.

[In 1995] Beuckers provided CSB with bailers which bail plastic and high-grade paper, making it worth more on the market. They also provided CSB with a couple of big dumpsters. In the near future they plan to provide a glass crusher.

1997

Recyclable materials are collected daily by a college employee and a team of five student-workers, then transported for sorting.

Also recycled are all fluorescent light bulbs used on campus and all vehicle batteries used by campus vehicles.

1997

Times-Patty Mattern
StarTrib
Pioneer Press
50-miles
Connections
MN Daily

NEWS RELEASE

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ST. JOSEPH, Minn., July 25, 1997 — The recycling program at the College of Saint Benedict is growing by leaps and bounds, or perhaps, heaps and mounds would be a better description. From a small, dorm-sponsored program of collecting aluminum cans and using the profits to pay for dorm activities, the CSB recycling program has grown to include the recycling of plastic, glass, tin, newspaper, high-grade and computer paper, batteries, fluorescent lights, magazines and aluminum.

The program began around 1986 with the help of a concerned, environmentally conscious group of individuals within the campus community including Larry Schug, current CSB coordinator of recycling. The group decided that it was time that the college begin doing something to curb the tremendous amount of waste a campus can generate.

“Although we weren’t mandated in any way to begin recycling, recycling seems to go along with

1997

Larry's crew is named "Student Employee Team of the Year."

-- 1998 press release

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ST. JOSEPH, Minn., April 7, 1998 — The College of Saint Benedict Recycling Department has been chosen as the CSB/Saint John's University Student Employee Team of the Year. Team members are Joslyn Sheridan, Genevieve Edwards, Melissa Stender and Chris Gunderson.

The CSB Recycling Department is responsible for collecting recyclable material around campus. The department regularly recycles approximately one ton of cardboard, 1500 lbs. of glass, 400-500 lbs. of plastic and 200-300 lbs. of aluminum and tin per week. As recycling assistants, Sheridan, Edwards, Stender and Gunderson assist in recycling campus waste by collecting, sorting, compacting and baling waste. They also distribute supplies and mail.

2008



*MaryAnn Baenninger
cordially invites you to join her
as we celebrate*

Larry Schug
*College of Saint Benedict Recycling Coordinator
and
Nationally Recognized Poet*

*Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Gorecki Conference Center Patio
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

Larry is also heralded for his poetry,
as with this 2008 celebration.

Larry retired in 2011.

2006 Formation of the

2007 American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)

2007

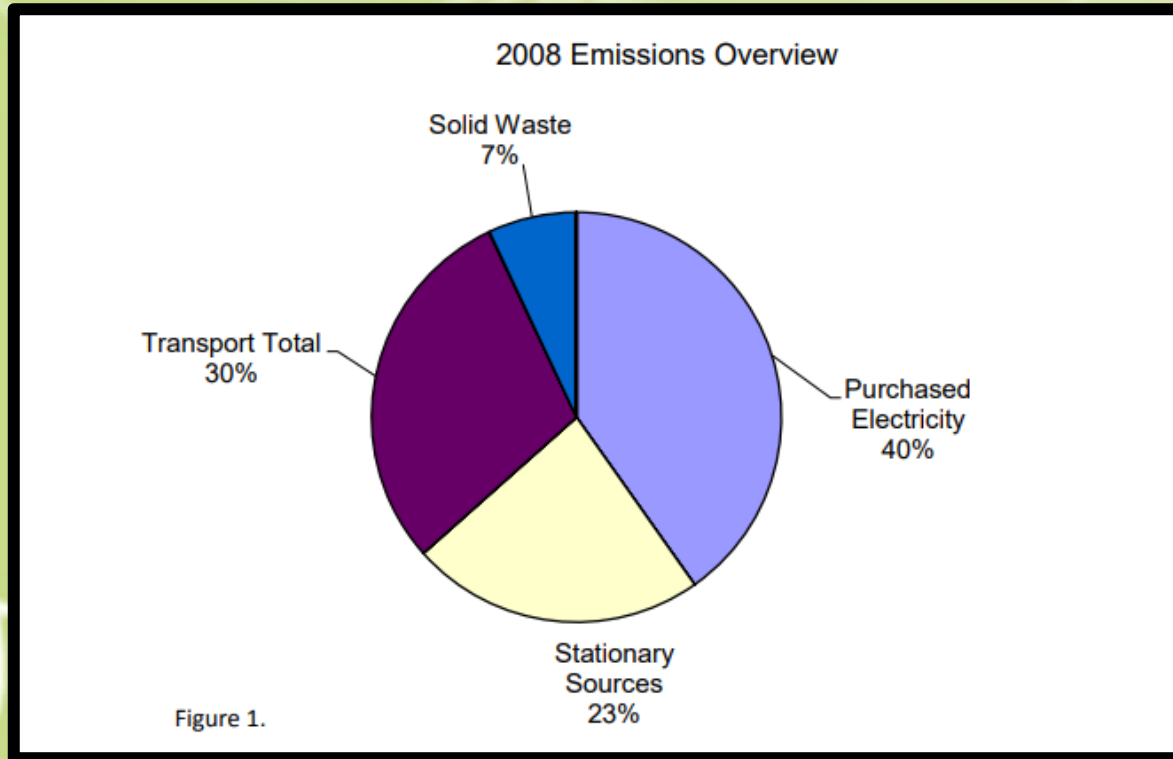
- MaryAnn Baenninger, the President of CSB and a charter member of the ACUPCC Leadership Circle, signed the ACUPCC
- The College Sustainability Council was created
- the College completed a master planning process that mandates a commitment to building at LEED silver or an equivalent.

2008-2009, the Council:

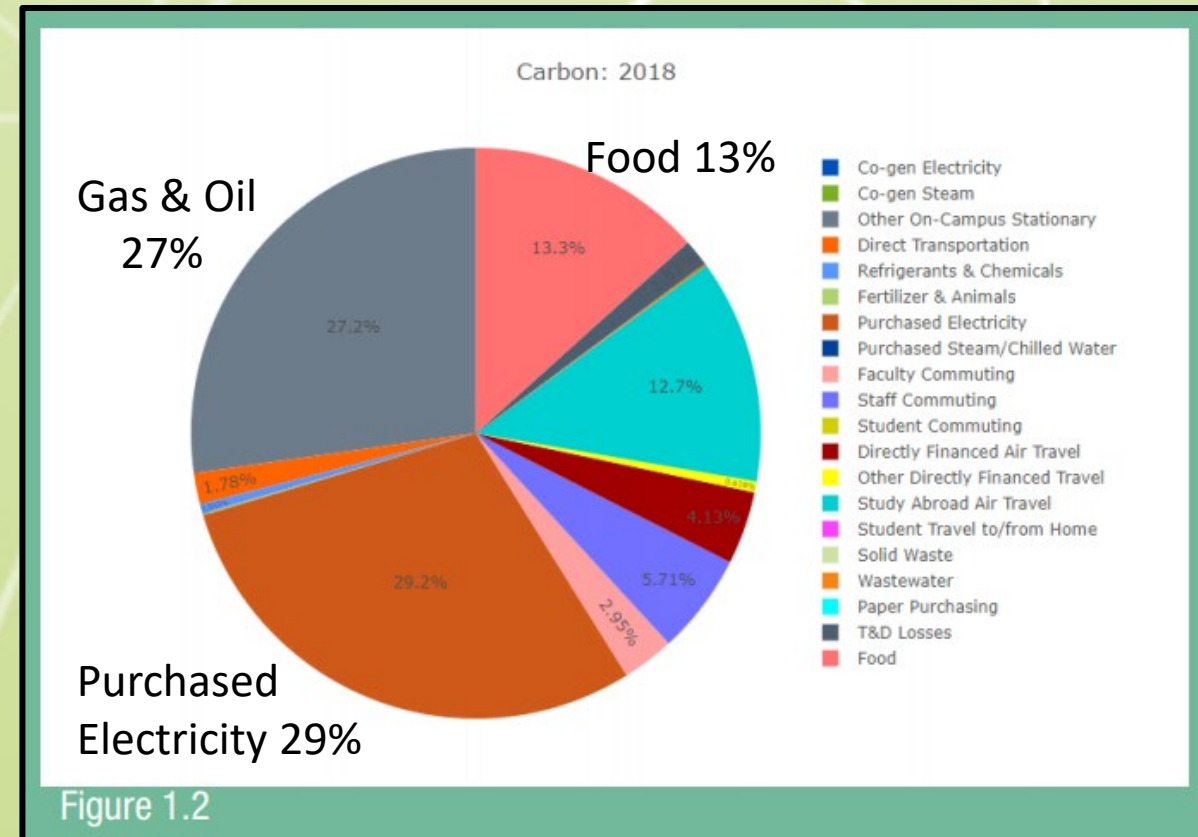
- conducted the carbon audit,
- commissioned an external audit of the campus recycling system,
- participated in the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) pilot project,
- established ACUPCC implementation goals geared toward achieving climate neutrality by 2035,
- established a post-graduate fellowship to support campus sustainability work, and
- contributed to ongoing campus projects including planning for our first LEED-certified building
- recommended that a permanent, professional staff position of Director of Sustainability be established

2008: Green House Gas (GHG) Inventories

Beginning in 2008, CSB begins to conduct annual Green House Gas (GHG) Inventories to gather the scientific evidence for what's being accomplished and what remains to be done to improve the environment.



2008



2018

2010

2010-2011 was “The Year of Sustainability”

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE: April-May

Sustainability Year

The Presidents officially designated the 2010-2011 academic year as “The Year of Sustainability” in their opening speeches for Scholarship and Creativity Day with William Cronon. This logo has been selected to represent the year.

Workshops, conferences, discussions, and evaluations of current practices will be a part of the year.



CSB/SJU were listed in the Princeton's Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges. The schools were noted for their curriculum, career service panels, recycling, vegetarian options, the Link, and the Arboretum. To see the full write-up go to [page 27](#).

SOLAR UPDATE:



You can now see what the Abbey Solar Field is producing right now! [This link](#) is available under Energy on the Sustainability Webpage.

2010-2011 was declared to be the “Year of Sustainability” on the campuses, and CSB and SJU started to do more sustainability things together.

The two campuses didn't necessarily do things the same way, though.

2010: Lots of things started to happen!

- CSB hired a Director and officially opened an Office of Sustainability on campus
- A mission statement for the Office of Sustainability was developed



2010



CSB Office of Sustainability



Purman, Judith <JPURMAN@CSBSJU.EDU>

Tue 10/19/2010 2:56 PM

To: Sustainability Office Announcements - CSB Employees +2 others

I am very pleased to be communicating with each of you in my new role as Director of Sustainability for the College of Saint Benedict!

The energy for sustainability on this campus is palpable and I feel a warm welcome from the CSB community. It is exciting to meet with you and learn of the myriad of sustainability-related initiatives already underway on campus: dorm ECO reps, recycling, buying locally produced food, establishing a sustainability seat on the student senate, carbon footprint reduction incentives to cut the cost of ABE's, Eco Thaw deicer used on sidewalks instead of chemicals, green bikes, sustainable building guidelines being actively used as new buildings are planned, retro commissioning buildings, and remarkable increases in the number of students participating in service learning experiences— to name just a few. I have been invited into the classroom to teach about sustainability as it relates to organizational communication and to observe and comment on student projects related to sustainability.

For those of you I have met, thank you for your time, your energy and your interest. For those of you I've yet to meet, please, drop by my office (Main 010), send me an email (jpurman@scbsju.edu) or call (x5391).

Judy Purman
Director of Sustainability

College of St. Benedict
Main 010
37 South College Avenue
St. Joseph, MN 56374
320-363-5391

Judy Purman introduced herself to the CSB community in this October 2010 email. Her office was in the basement of the Main building, and she had lots of initiatives under way or in the planning stages.

2010

What does free pizza have to do with recycling?



Purman, Judith <JPURMAN@CSBSJU.EDU>

Mon 11/15/2010 4:23 PM

To: General Announcements - CSB/SJU Students +2 others

A flurry of activity began, including Pizza in the Pub.

DO WE ACTUALLY RECYCLE?

Come and find out.

ANNOUNCING THE COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Tuesday, November 16th • 4:15 to 5:00 PM • Brother Willie's Pub • SJU

Open to all staff, students, faculty and monastics

*This month, we're talkin' Trash,
Recycling and Zero Waste*

LEARN • ASK QUESTIONS

GET ANSWERS • GET INVOLVED

SUSTAINABLE
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BEHIND THE PINES

SJU and CSB Declare Year of Sustainability

SJU and CSB have designated the 2010-11 academic year as a Year of Sustainability. This will focus institutional efforts on becoming more sustainable, with the eventual goal of attaining carbon neutrality by 2035. The program hopes to encourage and influence both campuses to make responsible decisions involving purchasing, speaker choices and residential life policies.

Noted environmental historian Dr. William Cronon from the University of Wisconsin delivered a keynote address to begin the Year of Sustainability at the Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day in April.

"In the course of the year, we'll be working for a cultural shift in thinking to take place—from seeing sustainability as an 'add-on' or 'extra,' to seeing it as a natural part of everything we do," said Fr. Bob Koopmann '68, OSB, president of Saint John's University, when introducing Cronon.



Approximately 90 people attended the first sustainability forum, which discussed recycling, trash, and the goal of creating zero waste.

2010

Recycling event - Please promote



LaFontaine, Janna

Wed 10/13/2010 3:37 PM

To: Faculty Discussion List

Hi- Please promote this event with your students and if applicable require them to attend. Thanks!
Janna

Janna LaFontaine
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College of St. Benedict
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37 S. College Ave.
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320-363-5567

"Enthusiasm sets the pace, but persistence reaches the goal" Dan Millman

 please consider the environment before printing this e-mail



Wednesday November 3rd

7:30 Gorecki 204

College of St. Benedict

Maggie Mattacola

**Director of Marketing & Communication for the
Recycling Association of Minnesota**

**will present on recycling trends, with a focus on
shoes, athletic equipment and collecting at
sporting events.**

**Her interest in the environment began as a student of the School of
Environmental Studies at the Minnesota Zoo. Maggie has a Bachelor of Science
in Environmental Law and Political Science and a Master of Public
Administration**

CSB Unveils Green Bike Program



You can check out a green bike through campus recreation at CSB. Marcia Hilbert and the St. Ben's Senate initiated the program. Every bike will come with a lock and needs to be returned to campus rec.

Water Bottle Study by SIFE

SIFE conducted a campus-wide survey about water use. They designed 130 reusable bottles that say, "I am not plastic." They swept the campus by approaching students who were currently using plastic water bottles. Upon signing a pledge to stop using plastic bottles, SIFE provided these students with a free, reusable water bottle.

78% of students use a reusable bottle most often

73% support

SIFE will pre
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Arboretum Energy Class

The Arboretum has developed a solar/energy class for 6th grade- high school students. Students learn about electricity, different energy sources, how solar panels work, and make solar powered muffins-

Recycling at Basketball games: SJU Athletics has signed on to provide recycling at all home basketball games. Keep an eye out for the large black plastic bottles



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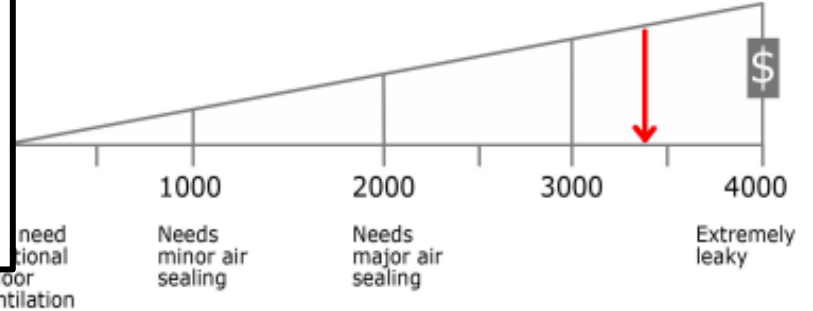
HOME ENERGY AUDIT REPORT



Audit Date: 12-03-2010	Auditor: Sarah Hayden
Client Name: College of St Benedict	Audit Phone: 218-760-6837

Thank you for participating in the Xcel Energy Audit program. A Home Energy Audit is the important first step toward achieving home energy efficiency. Read on to learn more ways to save with Xcel Energy's conservation programs.

Your audit was performed by the **Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC)**, a Minnesota nonprofit whose mission is to offer tools for energy-efficient living. It was our pleasure to visit your home to help you find ways to increase its comfort and energy efficiency. We hope that you found the audit informative and useful.



Also in 2010, CSB had Xcel Energy do an energy audit of Rainbow House on Minnesota Street, which at that point was near-campus housing for ecologically-minded Bennies.

We recommend air sealing in the following areas:

- Attic:** Access Door/Hatch, Chimney Flue, Kneewalls
- Living Areas:** Doors, Door Trim, Windows, Window Trim, Electric Outlets, Switches
- Basement:** Rim Joist

Home Performance Summary

5 stars meets Energy Star Federal Tax guidelines

Attic: We recommend insulating your attic.

Your attic's current R-Value:	12	★
Recommended R-Value:	50	★★★★★

Estimated Cost: \$1,520.00 to \$1,824.00 Estimated Annual Return on Investment: 6% to 8%

Since your attic includes kneewalls and a slanted ceiling, we expect actual costs to be higher than this estimate which only includes the flat part of your attic. But we expect a similar return on investment as savings will likely be higher as well.

2010 Nov.

A Sustainable Building Policy was established for CSB.

CSB Sustainable Building Policy

The College of Saint Benedict will strive to implement sustainable building guidelines in the design and construction of new buildings and additions, for building renovations over 5,000 square feet, and for the operation of buildings on campus. Through this approach, CSB will balance short and long-term costs, maintenance, life cycle, and the environmental impacts of the built environment while providing a healthy environment for the CSB community and supporting other elements of the broader institutional mission to instill sustainability principles throughout the community.

Sustainable Design Requirements;

1. All new construction, major additions, and site develop will be designed to promote the most environmentally and financially responsible construction, maintenance, and operation of the built environment.
 - a. Whenever practical, buildings will be renovated rather than torn down.
 - b. Projects will be designed to minimize the impact on the natural environment on site and, through the selection of materials, off site as well.
 - c. Total life cycle costs will be considered in addition to return on investment in shaping design considerations.
 - d. Designs will incorporate planning for long-term adaptive reuse and end-of-life-cycle recycling/disposal.
2. All new construction, major additions, renovations and site development will at a minimum, meet the criteria outlined in CSB's Sustainable Building Guidelines (in development).
 - a. The goal for each project will be to reach for the highest standard possible.
 - b. Under the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, CSB has pledged to build to a minimum of Silver Certification under the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) program. USGBC certification is not required; however the project must demonstrate the ability to earn the necessary points to meet Silver certification standards.
3. Retro commissioning is to be conducted on all campus buildings on a rotating basis.
4. Building materials and supplies will be purchased and designers, engineers, and construction expertise will be hired locally whenever possible.
5. Significant departures from this policy must be approved by the College Sustainability Council and the President.

2011

“Recyclemania” competitions began...

SO

Sustainability Office

Thu 2/3/2011 3:04 PM

To: General Announcements - CSB Students; General Announcements - CSB Employees

If you are having problems viewing this, check out the [online version](#).



Over the next 8 weeks, CSB/SJU will be competing in **RECYCLEMANIA**, a competition among 600 colleges and universities throughout the nation to see who can recycle the most and waste the least.

How it works: From February 6th - April 2nd, schools will report recycling and trash data which is then ranked according to recycling rates. Check for weekly results at Gorecki, HCC, or on [Facebook](#).

How to compete: Simply recycle **MORE** and waste **LESS**. All students/employees compete to help CSB/SJU move up the rankings and win!

Why Compete?: To increase recycling participation/awareness, reduce waste

2011 March

...and CSB began to publish a Sustainability Newsletter

Sustainable CSB!

MARCH 2011

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College of Saint Benedict

Welcome to Our First Issue!

We welcome your comments and article submissions.
Stay tuned for our new webpages at Sustainability: CSB

CSB Adopts New Policy for Bottled Water

At the request of President Baenninger, a sustainability task force has written a policy...

Cabinet, the CSB Sustainability Council, and the CSB Senate...

Printing Update

Jan. 10 - Feb. 28

In this Issue...

- ⇒ Cutting Down on Printing
- ⇒ New Policy for Bottled Water
- ⇒ Recyclemania!

The Year of Sustainability: A Review

Theo Eggermont, Br. Lew Grobe, Nicholas Moe, and Judy Purman

June 1, 2011

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1 Introduction

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University celebrated the Year of Sustainability during the 2010–2011 academic year. Through this all-inclusive community-based initiative, we have worked to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create a sense of awareness concerning issues on our campuses, change our campus culture, and educate the students, faculty, and staff through education and outreach opportunities that appealed to all segments of the community. We have learned that sustainability is not only about the environment; its applications are far more than recycling and turning off the lights. With the momentum

At the close of the “Year of Sustainability,” a report was issued detailing everything that had happened.

2011

Orientation

All first-years were given a reusable water bottle to encourage them to not use bottled water.

Recycled Graduation Gowns

Graduation gowns will be made from 100% recycled material that includes plastic bottles.

Outdoor Recycling

Retrofitted recycling bins were placed throughout campus

SJU Move-Out 2011

Provided options for recycling and donations via e-waste bins and “Goodwill–Not Landfill” boxes

CSB Move-Out 2011

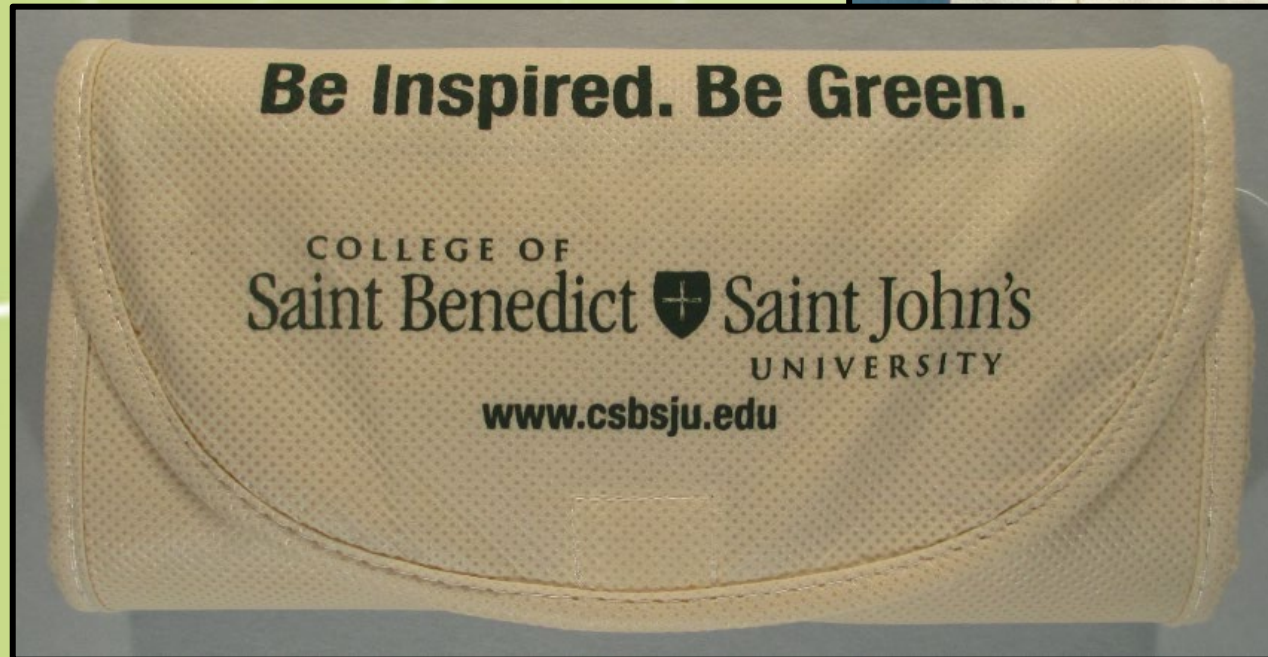
Provided boxes to collect items to be donated to Catholic Charities

STARS, “The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System”: both CSB & SJU are charter members



2011

Bookstores carried several “sustainable CSB/SJU” logo items, canvas tote bags, BPA-free plastic water bottles



Project Green Fleet: Three Link buses were upgraded with pollution controls

Community Sustainability Forums

- *Do We (Actually) Recycle? Trash, Recycling, and Zero Waste*
- *How Can We (Ever) Be Carbon-Neutral? Electricity and its Conservation*
- *Local Food*
- *Simple Living with Abbot John Klassen and Prioress Nancy Bauer*
- *Cool, Clear, Water: Where it comes from, how it's used, and where it goes*

Green Bikes: Both CSB Athletics and the OLC launched this program

E-Billing: All student bills and employee bills will be electronic

Also stopped printing student directories, S&CD schedules, & employee benefit enrollment docs

SJU Eco-House in Edelbrock for 6 students - scheduled an energy audit

2011 Memo from CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger

Bottled water policy at CSB

As part of our commitment to sustainability, CSB does not purchase or sell plain, plastic bottled water on campus. 31 hydration stations have been installed throughout the campus, with at least one in each building.

Trayless dining hall: Gorecki Dining is now a trayless dining center, effective Monday, August 22.

This policy helps the campus to conserve resources including labor, water, and soap as well as to reduce the amount of food that is thrown away.

Student printing policy

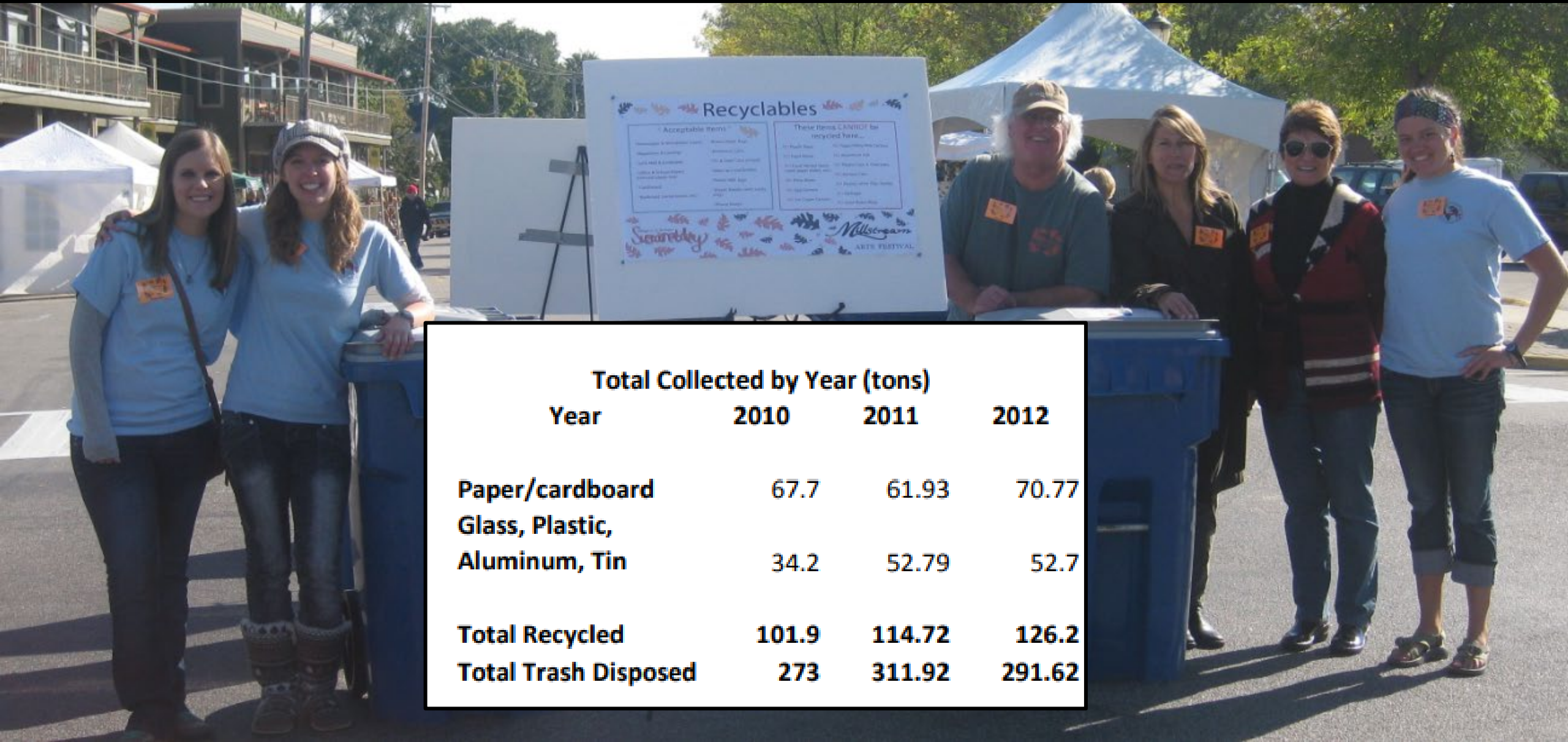
CSB/SJU will implement a new Student Printing Policy beginning August 31, 2011...

Each student will be able to print 500 single-sided pages, or 830 double-sided sheets of paper for free each semester in labs on campus. Students will be automatically billed for printing over the allotment.



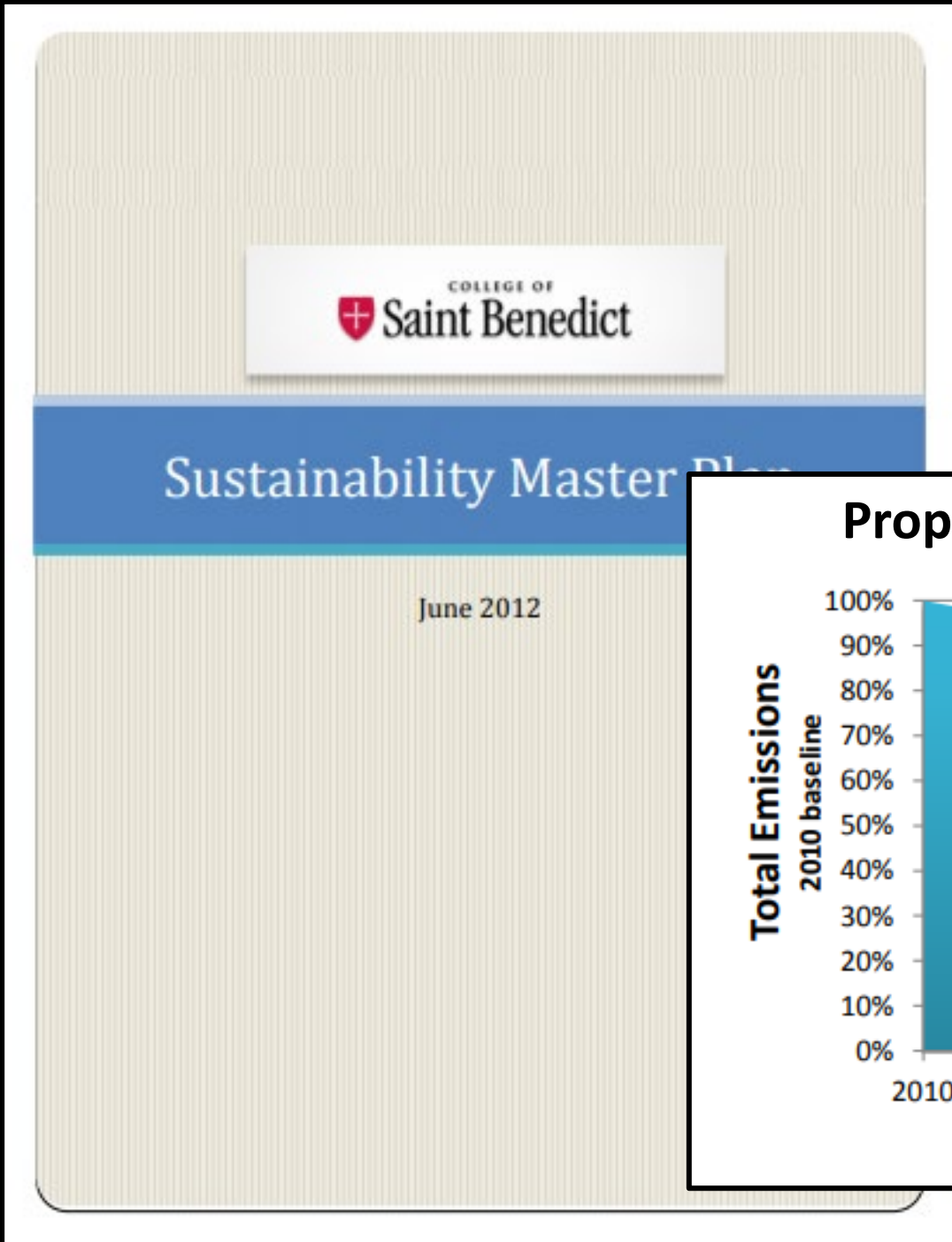
2012 Millstream Festival

CSB Staff were integral to the recycling efforts for the annual fall Millstream Festival.

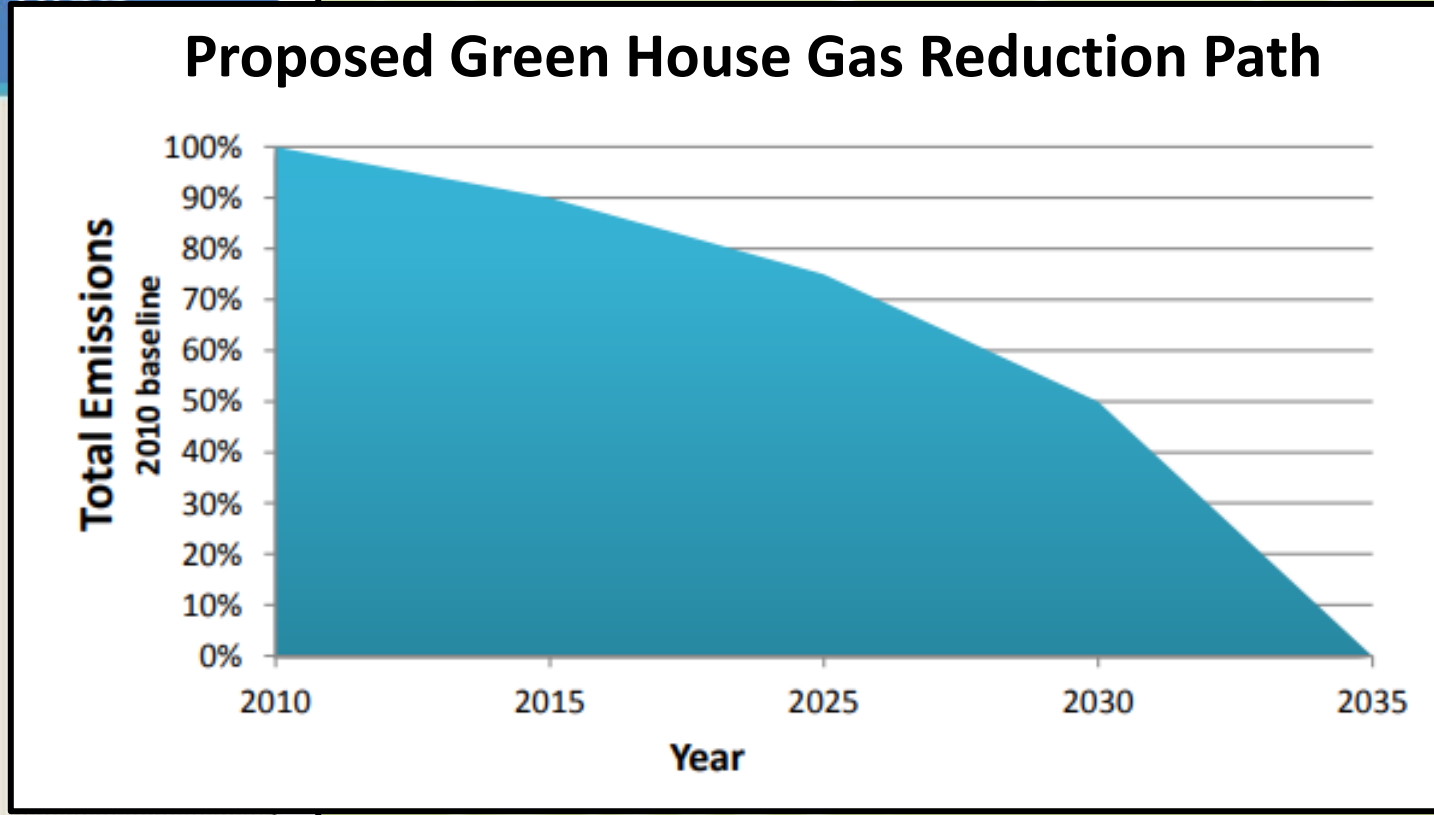


Total Collected by Year (tons)			
Year	2010	2011	2012
Paper/cardboard	67.7	61.93	70.77
Glass, Plastic, Aluminum, Tin	34.2	52.79	52.7
Total Recycled	101.9	114.72	126.2
Total Trash Disposed	273	311.92	291.62

2012



CSB's 2012 Sustainability Master Plan included a lot of data, such as this graph on proposed GHG reduction.



CSB's Greenhouse is constructed

Construction on the Full Circle Greenhouse has been progressing nicely. The exterior of the north side is finished, and solar glazing panels have started to go up on the south side. The southern glazing lets the sun's rays warm the greenhouse, while the heavily insulated north wall maintains that heat. This allows plants to grow even in the coldest months of winter using little to no electricity! If you are interested in helping build, email saclub@csbsju.edu.



A Link bus runs on propane

The Office Supply Swap Shot gets a start

Office Supply Swap Shop
Mary Commons, between the Recycling Room and the Security Office

Drop off office supplies you no longer need.

Swap for supplies you can use.

Save money and the environment by using unwanted supplies.

Take the SUSTAINABLE approach to cleaning and organizing your office!
Contribute your unneeded, but reusable office supplies.
Swap for anything you can reuse.

Shoe Recycling Drive - Please promote!



LaFontaine, Janna
Thu 1/16/2014 9:08 AM

To: Faculty Discussion List; Bowe, John; Miles, Timothy; Novak, Brandon; Schueller, Doug +23 others
Cc: Larson, Derek; Veale-Jones, Diane; Purman, Judy; Scherber, Matthew C; Rolando, Kaitlyn M

SHOE RECYCLING DRIVE

WHAT IS IT?

Run in & Recycle™, was started by RAM partnering with Wiper's Plus and REI stores in 2007. Wiper's Plus collects tennis shoes to be recycled into biodegradable oil spill cleanup kits.

WHAT

SHOES DO I BRING?

- Athletic shoes
- Dress shoes
- Shoes with heels
- Leather shoes
- Canvas shoes
- Cleats
- Coots
- Winter boots

WHEN

January 20th - St. John's University vs. UST @ SJU 7:30 p.m.

OR

January 25th - CSB vs Saint Mary's University @ CSB 3:00 p.m.

2014



Eventually, the Office of Sustainability started to deal with the end-of-year wastefulness as students cleaned out their dorm rooms: the “Stash it, don’t trash it” program gave students an easy way to donate things and keep them out of the landfills.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

NEW for 2014! Stash it, Don’t Trash it!

The Office of Sustainability is coordinating a Move-Out Recycling Initiative for items that cannot be donated to Catholic Charities. They will be advertising drop off locations and dates for furniture, electronics, appliances and other items.

On Friday, May 9, Friday May 16, and Sunday May 18 the Office of Sustainability will have collection zones where you can bring items you no longer need/want and would otherwise throw out or have to haul to a recycler. There is no fee for bringing your items to the drop zones!

Furniture: futons, chairs, couches, tables, lamps, rugs, TV stands.

Electronics (in working order): TVs Computers, Alarm Clocks, Printers, Stereos, monitors and more.

Appliances: Coffeepots, toasters, griddles, microwaves, etc.

Help us keep these items out of the dumpsters and out of landfills.

Questions: contact Alex Chocholousek in the Office of Sustainability at ajchocholousek@csbsju.edu

2015

Week of Sustainability this week!



Miller, Alexandra <AMILLER@CSBSJU.EDU>

Mon 9/28/2015 2:07 PM

To: General Announcements - CSB Employees; General Announcements - SJU Employees

Cc: Purman, Judy

The Office of Sustainability is happy to announce that the Week of Sustainability is finally here! We have been working to bring you a week packed with exciting events, here is the lineup:

Monday, September 28: Ice Cream Social	Idzerda Commons, 7pm	Come learn about recycling and composting on CSB's campus while enjoying an ice cream sundae!
Tuesday, September 29: Pot Your Own Plant and Keep It	Gorecki Fireside, 11am to 3 pm	Exactly what the title says, pot your very own plant for your office or workspace.
Wednesday, September 30: Local Lunch in Gorecki	Lunch in Gorecki	Enjoy food the sustainable way: made with local and fresh ingredients , yum!
Thursday, October 1: Sustainable Happy Hour	Local Blend, 4-7pm	Celebrate with us at the Local Blend and learn about the benefits of all things local!
September 28-October 9: Progressively Inconvenient Art Display	Clemens Library	This year's theme focuses on responsible consumption in our sleeping and living spaces. Check out the displays all week long.

All events are free and open to all to attend. Help us spread the word and encourage students to attend.

[Like us on Facebook](#)

Follow us on Twitter: [@SustainableCSB](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Week of Sustainability

September 28th - October 1st

The Week of Sustainability became an established event, as shown in these materials from 2015.

2016

More promotion for the CSB Office Supply Swap Shop so that supplies no longer needed by one office could be found and used by others.

Office Supply Swap Shop

Office Supply Swap Shop: Spring Cleaning!



CSB Sustainability Office

Mon 3/14/2016 3:43 PM

To: General Announcements - CSB/SJU Students +2 others

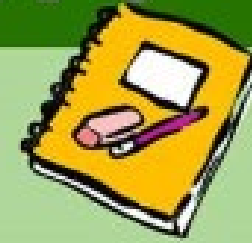
Cc: Miller, Alexandra; Purman, Judy

Need to do some spring cleaning or looking for more office supplies?? Spring break is a great time to gather items at home or in your office for office supplies that you may not need anymore.

The Office Supply Swap Shop accepts items like: notebooks, paper, folders, binders, pens, pencils, organizers, paper clips, scissors, sticky notes, etc. We encourage you to bring any toner cartridges to CSB and SJU Duplicating center, where they will recycle them.

The Swap Shop is located in Mary Commons (CSB) between the recycling room and the Security office. There is a sign-in sheet when you drop off your items. You can also take items you may need!

Thank you!



Drop off office supplies you no longer need.

for supplies you can reuse.

**Save money and the environment by
using unwanted supplies.**

**Take the SUSTAINABLE approach to
cleaning and organizing your office!**



Where?

Mary Commons, between the Recycling Room and the Security Office

2017

“Stash It, Don’t Trash It”’s practice of donating materials to Catholic Charities was enhanced with a companion effort to store donated things on campus over the summer for students to buy in the fall.

Stash It DON'T TRASH IT!

The end of the year has arrived, and it's time to prepare for move-out!
Before simply heading to the dumpster, take a moment to ask yourself these questions:
Could somebody else benefit from using this? Could I give this to someone in need?
Is this item in good condition? Is this food still usable?
If you answered YES to any of these questions, then STASH IT, DON'T TRASH IT!

Catholic Charities

Clothing, shoes, non-perishable food items, school supplies, and kitchen supplies are all great things to give!
Collections from the Catholic Charities Drive go to individuals and families in need within Stearns County.

Drop-Off Locations:

Lower Level Lounges: Corona, Aurora, Regina
First Floor Lounges: Margretta, Lottie, Brian
Girgen (LL), Leutmmer (2nd floor lounge),
Idzerda Community Center

The BIG Sale

Furniture, office supplies, appliances, decorative items, etc. are all things you can give to The BIG Sale. Items are sold back to students at move-in, and proceeds support campus sustainability.

Collection zones:

Garbage/recycling areas located outside of Centennial Commons, Leutmmer/East Apartments, West Apartments, Lottie/Margretta, and Aurora.
Look for signage/tarps on good weather days!



2017 August

CSB transitions to the single-sort recycling procedures now in place.

Dear CSB Community,

CSB will be transitioning our waste and recycling services to a new vendor next week....

This transition will drive a number of positive changes for our community. **Our recycling service will be upgraded to "single stream,"** meaning all recyclable materials may be placed in the same container to be recycled - including cardboard. This will simplify the recycling process on campus and we anticipate this will increase participation. We also look forward to having access to more comprehensive reporting and analysis of our waste streams, as well as enhanced educational opportunities for our students...

Thank you for your patience and adaption to change as we undergo this transition.

Larry Christen, Facilities Director
Briana Wentland, Purchasing Coordinator
Elissa Brown, Sustainability Coordinator



(SJU had switched to single sort in February 2014.)

Reminder - Recycling of old phones on CSB campus



Lommel, Colleen

Fri 9/7/2018 11:40 AM

To: General Announcements - CSB Employees; General Announcements - SJU Employees

The final pickup for the old CSB campus phones will be on next Friday morning, September 14th. Please remember to put your old phones in the boxes in the locations listed below by the end of the day on Thursday. You can also put other College/University owned e-waste in these boxes as well.

1. BAC (Box Office Area)
2. Clemens/Gorecki (Link between buildings)
3. HAB/Richarda (Glass Link between buildings)
4. Murray/HCC (Walkway between the buildings)
5. Main (Third floor top of stairs)
6. May Commons (Lounge area)
7. Lottie Hall (IT Services)

Thank you.

Colleen

Colleen Lommel

Telecommunications Systems Manager

College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

320-363-5566

The BIG Sale

The CSB Sustainability Office held yet another great, “BIG Sale”! At this event, which happened during move-in weekend, Sustainability Office staff and volunteers helped sell 196 total items to CSB and SJU students.

All items sold were donated by students, faculty, and staff during “Stash It, Don’t Trash It” in May, 2019. This process of donating and re-selling helps keep items that can be reused out of the landfills.

Be sure to look out for future events like the “BIG Sale” and “Stash It, Don’t Trash It” to donate your unwanted items - and always remember to think before you throw!



The BIG sale has become a regular part of fall move-in.

2021

Free Your Recyclables (from their bag)!



SJ Physical Plant - Official

Thu 1/14/2021 4:23 PM

To: Official Announcements - All Abbey Employees; Official Announcements - SJU Employees

Cc: Official Announcements - SJU Students

And, most recently, we have all been reminded not to bag recyclables in plastic before putting them into the single-sort bins.



FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES.

Due to global changes in the recycling industry and commodity markets, collecting quality recyclable materials is more important than ever. Waste Management needs your help to reduce recycling contamination. To launch this initiative, we are focusing on one of the biggest contaminants - bagged recyclables. We are asking customers to **"LOOSE LOAD"** their recycling.



Don't Bag Recyclables - Place items directly in recycling container.

2021

...which brings us up to the present, 2021, when initiatives are blossoming in all sorts of directions, such as this podcast by interested and concerned students – which, after all, is where the recycling at CSB all began.

The screenshot shows the Spotify interface for the podcast 'People, Planet, and Profit: A Sustainability Podcast'. At the top, there are navigation arrows, a play button, the podcast title, and buttons for 'SIGN UP' and 'LOG IN'. Below the title, there are two columns: 'All Episodes' and 'About'. The 'All Episodes' column lists two episodes with their respective cover art, titles, descriptions, and durations. The 'About' column contains the podcast's description, a 'Music Credit' section, and a link to contact information.

People, Planet, and Profit: A Sustainability Podcast SIGN UP LOG IN

All Episodes

Hunger on Campus: The Reality of Food Insecurity for College Students
Have you struggled with food insecurity or know someone who has? Maybe you don't recognize what it is but if you've ever run out of punches or flex...
Feb 22 · 17 min

Reusables vs. Single Use in COVID times -- Choose to Refuse and Reuse!
Hear from Betsy about how to recycle, reuse, and refuse at CSB/SJU!
Feb 15 · 5 min

About

Exploring sustainability on campus and around the world!

Music Credit

All I did was wait for you by Kjartan Abel
Contact info at: <https://...> **see more**

https://open.spotify.com/show/1d9klefTN0OVSSGgHASU0H?si=AA4Mpq2_QTKx5GYjH02gAA&nd=1



For more about
[SJU Recycling](#),
see also

[Sustainability -
Sustained for 150+
Years!](#) [2010], a
History Lesson in
Digital Commons

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