CSS Earth Day Petition

-- Running April 15th to April 30th, 2004 --

We the undersigned -- as students, faculty, staff of The College of St. Scholastica -- are concerned about the earth-friendliness of our campus. We propose any or all of the following things to be implemented into our campus and strengthening the college's environmentally-conscious attitude:

~A. In general, the creation of a written initiative for a greater visible commitment to environmental and sustainability issues on campus possibly including:
   ~ Positions or committees that are in charge of strengthening environmental sustainability at CSS.
   ~ The adaptation of departments on campus to include courses with sustainability content.

~B. Discontinue use of Styrofoam plates and containers in Storm’s Den and at college banquets, coffeehouses, speakers, or other gatherings because we have no facilities to recycle such material.
   ~In Storm’s Den: We propose the use of reusable baskets (accompanied by sanitary paper linings) for food eaten in Storm’s Den and plastic plates and containers for take-out food.
   ~CSS gatherings: We propose the use of reusable [dishes and cutlery] at CSS sponsored events. If this is not feasible, we propose that food service use of plastic plates and cutlery that can be recycled and that recycling receptacle would be available at these events.

~D. The reinstatement of a campus organic waste/compost system in the GDR. We propose designated containers in the GDR, Storm’s Den, and near campus garbage-drop facilities for the utilization of on-campus residents.

~E: The donation of left-over food from college functions to local businesses or centers in need of food.

~F: The utilization of recycled computer paper in computer lab printers and lab-sponsored encouragement of students to print on both sides of paper and reduce number of sheets printed.

We request that above changes be made by appropriate departments and that the changes are advertised on campus to notify the students, staff, and faculty of all improvements as well as assure more cooperative participation from all parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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