

Attention beer drinkers! Recycle to save energy

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In any given month at the University, an extraordinary amount of beer in bottles and cans is consumed by students.

If the students in just one dormitory saved all their cans and bottles and recycled them instead of throwing them away, the country would save 95 percent of the energy needed to make a new can, a member of Eco-Action said.

Eco-Action runs a recycling program every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Parking Lot 83 behind East Halls.

Eco-Action started recycling on campus in 1971 and presently has three sites: Parking Lot 83, the Boalsburg Military Museum, and the Pine Grove Mills Elementary School.

The only recyclables accepted by Eco-Action are tin cans, glass and aluminum. Bi-metal cans

are not accepted. These cans, which are part steel and part aluminum, are distinguished by a seam on the side or a dull bottom.

The 112th Tactical Control Flight of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard provides Eco-Action with a 2½ ton truck and a driver to transport the recyclables from the Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills recycling centers to Parking Lot 83.

The metal is taken to Bellefonte once a term by Corman Lyones, a scrap metal dealer who pays Eco-Action \$500 per shipment for the scrap, said Eco-Action member Ray Boyle. The money is used to keep the group operational, he said.

Glass is picked up by the Brockway Glass Co.

Eco-Action members must physically smash and break all recyclables before the items can be picked up. Everyone working in the recycling program is a volunteer.

"We can't expand too much unless we get more people," Boyle said.

Eco-Action also supports recycling efforts by the State College community.

Professor Ray Ragen is doing a feasibility study for State College, funded by the University and the borough of State College, on the possibility of opening a recycling program in town, Boyle said. The Snow Shoe land dump used by the borough is almost filled so they are trying to find alternatives, he said.

Boyle said the University tried to shut down Parking Lot 83 because of poor sanitary conditions.

"The University isn't gung-ho on ecology," he said. "They throw away everything but computer paper because the supplier buys it back."

When Eco-Action wants to move a load of glass it has to pay the University for the use of one of

its forklifts, Boyle said. Because of union regulations, a University employee must also be paid to run the forklift, he said.

Eco-Action hopes the borough will open a recycling center so it can close down Parking Lot 83, Boyle said.

Eco-Action is also working on two bicycle programs affecting students in the State College area.

The first is a proposed bicycle path from Boalsburg to State College which is needed because of heavy traffic. The second is a program under which rebuilt bicycles would be left on campus for students to use in traveling between classes beginning this Fall Term.

The bicycle path would extend for about 2.1 miles from Boalsburg Pike near the Military

Museum in Boalsburg to University Drive on the north side of Route 322.

About two months ago the surrounding boroughs received funding for the bicycle path program, but the funding was withdrawn because progress was slow, Tom Yuengst from Eco-Action said. A larger right-of-way is required for the bikes and four property owners along the route are holding out against the path being on their land, Yuengst said.

A transportation sub-committee of the Centre Regional Council of Governments is working on the problem with the path.

The Strada Bicycle Shop would supply the bicycles for the second program. Stan Voicheck, the owner of Strada's said he would fix and label old bicycles so a student could take a marked bicycle, ride it to his destination and leave it for the next student.

Brazill pullout deadline today

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Today is the last day for Robert C. Brazill, candidate for the state House of Representatives, to withdraw his name from the 77th District's ballot.

Brazill has until 5 p.m. today to submit a notarized statement of his withdrawal from the ballot to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, said Michael G. Day, independent candidate for the seat.

Brazill could not be reached for comment on whether or not he will withdraw, but has previously stated he will not withdraw for any reason.

If he does not withdraw, he will be the Democratic Party candidate even though both the State College

Borough Democratic Committee and the Centre County Executive Democratic Committee withdrew their support several weeks ago.

"I feel disappointed that he is ignoring the wishes of the party," said Daniel Chaffee, chairman of the county committee.

"He is ignoring us and then attending several of our functions expecting support — it is a bit of a paradox," he said.

House Minority Leader Rep. K. Leroy Irvis, D-Allegheny, has sent Brazill a letter listing six findings and conclusions concerning his election eligibility, Chaffee said.

Although Irvis' letter did not ask Brazill to withdraw, Chaffee said, it

did say the Republicans would make Brazill's eligibility an election issue and would challenge the election if Brazill is elected.

Brazill's eligibility to hold a seat in the House is in question because he voted in New Jersey in 1977.

Pennsylvania's constitution states a representative must be a resident of the state for four years and a resident of the district in which he is running for one year.

To vote in New Jersey in 1977 Brazill had to declare residency there, a spokesman for the New Jersey Bureau of Election Administration told The Daily Collegian.

Dry weather means high prices

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Although this summer's hot, dry weather may have decreased production and thus bolster a sagging market, American consumers are going to have to pay for it — at the supermarket.

Reduced agriculture yields are expected to cause higher food prices, said University agricultural extension economist Lou Moore.

"It's going to mean higher prices for consumers due to higher (animal) feed costs," Moore said.

Corn prices are more than 15 percent higher since the dry weather began, Moore said, citing Wednesday's Chicago market price for corn at \$3.31 per bushel compared with \$2.74 in June. Moore said he expects 1980 wheat and oat prices to rise by 15 to 20 percent compared to a year ago.

Although decreased yields and higher prices are clearly bad news for consumers, the effect increased prices will have on local farmers remains controversial.

"The local farmers are going to be hurt more than, helped by the dry weather," said Jim Hughes, University farm management extension specialist.

"Anyone who is a grain farmer will be hurt. I don't think prices will be high enough to make up for decreased yields."

"People who have wheat and corn to sell will gain," Moore said.

Although he described local supplies as tight, Moore said farmers still have surplus corn left from the '79 harvest. He estimated this year's corn production to be about 6.6 billion bushels, down possibly 1 billion bushels from last year's harvest. However, there is a 1.7 billion bushel carry over from last year, he said.

"The net effect will be for farm income to do better," Moore said. "Farmer's costs will go up but they will benefit again by higher sale prices."

Moore said farmer incomes have slumped recently due to high equipment costs, surplus crop and livestock production and curtailed grain sales to the Soviet Union.

"Local farmers are going to be hurt two ways," said Sam Dum, farm management extension specialist.

"Reduced production of corn, grain and hay for livestock feed will force many farmers to buy more feed at high prices."

Pennsylvania agriculture consists mostly of dairy and livestock production, Dum said. Farmers normally buy protein in the form of soybean meal for dairy cattle and hogs, he said. The price of soybeans is also expected to rise.

Dum contrasted this summer's dry spell with a 1974 drought that hit the midwestern cornbelt region but not Pennsylvania. "That year the drought benefitted local farmers who had excess grain for sale," he said.

USG safe will be removed this week

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A safe installed by the Undergraduate Student Government last March will be removed from Sparks Building early this week, said William Hetrick, director of the University physical plant administration.

The safe is being removed because its installation was unauthorized, Hetrick said. Also, USG films, the activity for which the safe was originally installed, has been removed from Sparks, he said.

USG President Joe Healey said he has not been given a solid reason for removal of the safe.

"That (the safe was never approved) seems like a silly reason," Healey said. "Logically, it doesn't make sense. But a bureaucracy can't always be logical, it has so much to handle."

"Obviously it's going to cost us some money (to remove the safe)," Hetrick said.

"They're just firm in their stance to remove the safe," Healey said.

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