ROUTINE IN THE MAKING

Recycling . . . once considered a charitable deed, now is a necessity. Landfills cover the countryside, toxic waste has permeated the ground, and trash has become compacted, subsequently creating toxic fumes, carbons, freon leakage — all examples of man-made products that have destroyed the earth and atmosphere. Before scientists knew about the Greenhouse Effect and Depletion of the ozone layer, society was blissfully ignorant about this fragile specimen called "Mother Earth."

From the Exxon Valdez incident to the atrocities afflicted by Sadaam Hussein, the true victim is the earth. Society has been naive about waste and believed that one day all the garbage and wastes would someday disappear. Many had the mentality that they will be dead so why should they worry.

Acts ranging from recycling paper to sterilizing bottles have become an integral faction of the "save the world effort." With the whole world participating, this move can be the solution for the global environment. From Main Street U.S.A. to Antartica, the conscious effort has proven to be fruitful; however, the acts no way replenish what has been depleted. Schools everywhere have taken part in saving the environment.

Walterboro High has done its part in saving the environment. Biology teacher Arlene Finney-El has created her personal recycling depository in her lab office.

All the efforts which are done to preserve the fragile ecosystem are not done in vain. Every bit helps because they, the future generations, need a habitat which is not detrimental to life. The world can be preserved but only with a unified effort.

— Marvin Tucker