

DRAFT framework for the creation of a  
**Chabot Environmental Awareness and Action (Green) Team Committee**

**Draft Mission:** Assist the Chabot College community in becoming the model community college in California for studying, implementing, maintaining and modeling an effective environmentally friendly campus.

**Charge:**

- Define what constitutes a Green Chabot  
Campus Architecture, Conservation, College practices and procedures, purchasing, composting, effective recycling, etc.)
- Consider issues relevant to creating and maintaining a Green Chabot
- Study, Recommend, adapt and/or apply effective greening practices at Chabot
- Provide alternatives to non eco-friendly practices at Chabot
- Create educational programs for Students and Staff
- Work with M/O and Fresh and Natural (Food Service) to implement eco-friendly practices.

**Core Representatives:**

One rep (minimum) from each CC segment

- Administrative
- Faculty
- Classified
- ASCC
- M/O
- Safety Committee representative
- CC Foundation

**Reporting/Recommendation Responsibilities:**

Primary: Academic Senate  
College Council, IPBC

Secondary: College President  
Chancellor  
Board of Trustees (through the FS Prez)

*jfzc,jm14/xi/07*

*Schedule of classes Green Page.*

Panera's Restaurant in Southland wrap their sandwiches in paper. Their soup comes in cardboard, recyclable containers, for take out.

Good News – Bad News Dept. The bad: China produces 45,000 million pairs of wooden chopsticks each year. The good: Finally, some restaurants in China are beginning to not use wooden chopsticks, in their effort to stop deforestation. About time, I say.

23/xi/2008

Hola, to all

please - remember, reduce, reuse, recycle, renew, recover, restore, respect, refuse, rot

When you have a moment, please go to [www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com) and at the end, click '10 Recommendations'

It is extremely informative and worthwhile, about 'our stuff', about what we can do begin to make a difference.

(thanks to Kathy Super)

12/xi/2008

Hola to all

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This is from the Sunday Chronicle:

" Australia : A crocodile at the center of a controversy over wildlife relocation will be remembered for something else: as an example of the consequences of littering. The crocodile, relocated from remote Cape York in the tropical north to Townsville, died shortly thereafter from unusual

causes. Officials found 25 shopping and garbage bags compacted in the croc's stomach that prevented it from digesting food..."

I hope some day we can ban all plastic bags. In the mean time, please remember to use cloth or paper bags...

(from Miname)

14/ix/2008

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Make an environmentally friendly cleaner out of vinegar and baking soda.

The conferences announced below are a good green ideas.

Hayward on!

Gracias mil.

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--- On Thu, 9/11/08, Erik Pearson <Erik.Pearson@hayward-ca.gov> wrote:

> From: Erik Pearson <Erik.Pearson@hayward-ca.gov>

> Subject: FW: Climate All Stars Conference - November 6th

> To: "Francisco Zermeno - Forward"  
<machetez@sbcglobal.net>  
> Cc: "David Rizk" <David.Rizk@hayward-ca.gov>, "Richard  
Patenaude" <Richard.Patenaude@hayward-ca.gov>, "Arlyne  
Camire" <Arlyne.Camire@hayward-ca.gov>  
> Date: Thursday, September 11, 2008, 9:33 AM  
> Hi Francisco,  
>  
> I thought the Latino Business Roundtable group might be  
> interested in these two events.  
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> 1)  
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> Green Festival - November 14-16  
> <http://www.greenfestivals.org/san-francisco-2008/>  
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>  
> 2)  
>  
> 2008 Climate All Stars Conference -  
> <http://www.climateallstars.org/>  
>  
> Thursday, November 6th @ Saint Mary's Cathedral, San  
> Francisco, CA  
>  
> This conference is sponsored by the Climate Protection  
> Campaign.  
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>  
> Erik J. Pearson, AICP  
> Senior Planner  
> City of Hayward

24/viii/2008

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respect, refuse, rot

Recycle e-waste and printer cartridges and help cure  
Breast Cancer...at the same time! Please read below:

Hello all,

My name is Joshua. I work with the company  
Recycle for Breast Cancer. We are a non-profit

organization that has been established for over 6 years. What we do is come to your company and pick up all your e-waste and printer cartridges without and charge, and recycle them. I am emailing you, because I know as technology forwards, you must move on to new computers/electric items and have old beat up ones that you want to toss out. If this is the case, we can swing by and pick them up!

We would love to establish a relationship with you and become your normal e-waste recyclers. If you are interested for the future, or have items to get recycled at the moment please email me back, or call us at our voicemail line at 800-315-9580. You can also check out our webpage at [www.recycleforbreastcancer.org](http://www.recycleforbreastcancer.org) It would be awesome if you could help support this great program.

-Hope to hear from you all soon,

Joshua Barton

Recycle for Breast Cancer

31 Beta Ct, Suite C

San Ramon, CA 94583

BTW: Also, don't forget that we are still collecting your old eyeglasses, in Room 1103, Chabot College.

PS: Any news from our Administrators about Styrofoam Recycling with Timbron? Contact them.

16/viii/2008

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Please view the following two clips on Styrofoam recycling.

[http://www.alldunn.com/zion/G%20Word%20\(small%20file\).wmv](http://www.alldunn.com/zion/G%20Word%20(small%20file).wmv)

<http://www.ktvu.com/video/9941364/index.html>

Timbron is the recycling company, and its owner, Bob Telles, who I met a couple of weeks ago, actually has Hayward roots and is connected to our city.

So, let's convince our administrators to contact Timbron, to set up our Styrofoam recycling system.

Bob or one of his representatives would be more than happy to visit us and set us up with a mother nature friendly program.

### **Timbron Executive Offices**

1333 North California Blvd.\_Suite 545

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Tel: 925-943-1632\_Fax: 925-943-1164

<http://www.timbron.com/>

09/viii/2008

**From:** Francisco Zermeno  
**To:** Chabot.ChabotPO.GWprime  
**Subject:** Chabot Green Team Weekly Mother Earth Tip

Hola, to all

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There will be an August 23 clean up from West Winton to Cathy Way, which will include the front part of Chabot College. The meeting place will be at Hesperian and Depot, probably that little park with the gazebo. The clean up hours run from 8:30 to 12 noon. There are free gifts of shopping bags for volunteers. We provide gloves, bags, vests and we pick up all the trash from where the bags are left at the street corners. This is a Clean and Green sanctioned event so community service hours are available. The contact person is Roberto at 510-888-9393 or Roberto@Californiaworldtrade.com.  
(from Kathy Super)

P.D. News Flash! We may not need to prohibit styrofoam in Chabot! Stay tuned for next week's Chabot Green Team Weekly Mother Earth Tip for the details!

Green on!

28/vii/2008  
Hola to all

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I believe it is time to rid ourselves of plastic bags  
look this over and see if you agree

**Don't try to blend in when... you're born to stand out!**

### **Plastic Bags**

**This has convinced me to remember to bring my own bags to the market!**

**Once in the slideshow, use the scroll bar on the right side of the screen to scroll through.**

Everyone on earth should see this. It's that important. Scroll through the presentation.

**And please pass it on-**

**<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080506/MULTIMEDIA02/80505016>**

**Plastic Bags**

Thank you

4/vii/2008

Hola, to all

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Old glasses can be recycled by contacting the Lion's Club. They can be dropped off at Vallarta Steakhouse, between 12 - 1:30 pm, on the first and third Wednesday, of the month. Vallarta Steak house is between St. Regis and Chevron on Mission. Also they can be taken to the Law Offices of Bart Schenone, 1260 B. Street, suite 350, Hayward, or First United Methodist Church, 2nd and B. Street, Hayward, Ca., and at Chabot College, Room 1103, in the Glass Box.

from Kathy Super

Visit [www.ebcc-school.org](http://www.ebcc-school.org) to see what the East Bay Conservation Corps is doing.

Also, check out this month's Rolling Stone magazine for a good article on global warming.

Thank you.

Green on!

21/vi/2008 - Chabot Green Team Weekly Mother Earth Tip

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Corporate Express ([www.eway.com](http://www.eway.com)) recycles our used toner and ink cartridges, by

reusing the plastic, steel, aluminum, and rubber in them in order to conserve these materials

thus

reducing waste as 97% of the cartridge components are diverted from

landfills (8 cartridges are thrown away each second in the USA),  
and saving us energy since one refurbished laser cartridge conserves  
about 1/2 gallon of oil.

So, please contact them.

(from Andrew Howe, District Office).

Also, check out the book "A Slice of Organic Living" by Alice Waters  
(from Nanette Aldaña, Chabot Reception)

Teach on!

6/vi/2008

Hola to all

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I was at a friend's house. Their bathroom was pink. Yes, their TP was also  
a matching pink...of course!

Now, did you know that colored & perfumed TP is harder to produce and  
break down than plain ol' white?

Please, only natural white TP!

Visit [www.arcic.com](http://www.arcic.com) to learn about recycling.

Teach on!

2/vi/2008

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In your garden, plant bamboo. It actually produces more oxygen and  
consumes more CO<sub>2</sub> than any other plant in the world.

From the Hayward bamboo kings - the Super family

Happy gardening!

Hayward on!

26/v/2008 – ya en FLANC

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First - Thank you all! We saved our District's Rose Garden (which is planted at Chabot College)!

Now...your weekly tip, which is using our natural resources, instead of chemical products -

"Here is a hint that I read about and I have been using it for a week, and I swear it works great. If you have a lemon tree and you have cats that frequent your garden, and leave their droppings, cut up excess lemons and put them in the planter beds. They hate anything with a lemon smell. I have removed all my old funky lemons and they are now cut up all over my yard." (from Kathy Super, Chabot Green Team, and Hayward Clean and Green Task Force member)  
Hayward on!

Fri, 16 May 2008 17:33:39 -0700

From:

"Francisco C Zermeno" <machetez@sbcglobal.net> View Contact  
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Subject:

Chabot Green Team Weekly Mother Earth Tip (please deleted if not interested...thank

To:

machetez@sbcglobal.net

Hola to all

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Don't flush meds that you want to dispose of. Some pharmacies, like Elephant Pharmacy in Berkeley, will take expired meds back. Push your local drug store to begin accepting expired meds for correct disposal. Even better, med disposal boxes that are located at the local firehouses are something to write your city council member about. Otherwise mix meds with cat litter in a plastic bag that will not

spill and dispose in the trash. (From Kathy Super,  
Hayward's Clean & Green Task Force)  
Hayward On!

## **Chabot College Green**

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By the way, another tip I thought of (an addendum to one you/your staff had last time re water bottles)... everyone should be encouraged to either bring a mug or water bottle or cup with them when they go to events, meetings, gatherings so that disposable cups are used at a minimum for serving beverages. Yup, it can be a bit of a hassle, but then, isn't that exactly the problem.... convenience has put us in this mess that we are in now!

First Mtg. – 2/26/2008  
(C. Super, K. Pinkas, F. Zermeño)

### **Mission Statement**

Encourage, educate and promote a greener and more sustainable way of life for the Chabot College community and its sphere of influence.

### **To be invited**

Hayward Clean and Green, HUSD (Lisa King)

### **First Salvo (to the CC community) – 3/9/2008**

Please, next time you go to the Supermarket, take a bag with you. Avoid plastic –  
Visit [stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org).

2<sup>nd</sup>.

First, our motto - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Think outside the plastic bottle

Consider saving money and the environment...don't buy bottled water!

Instead, buy a reusable container, and fill it with Hayward tap water.

Hayward has great water. Why else would Pepsi Cola and Shasta have a plant in our city?

Visit [KleanKanteen.com](http://KleanKanteen.com) and [www.stopcorporatebusenow.org](http://www.stopcorporatebusenow.org).

3<sup>rd</sup>. Salvo 03/21/08 9:55 PM

First, please remember - Reduce, Renew, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect

At work, in the office, and in the classroom, make sure everyone uses the recyclable bins correctly, and daily.

Visit Hayward's Clean and Green Task Force in their website.

4<sup>th</sup> 26/iii/2008

Hola, to all

Please remember - Reduce, Renew, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect

When you go out to dine, or lunch, take a recyclable container for your doggie bag. And, when you take a lunch to work, make sure it's on reusable container, with metal utensils and, a cloth napkin.

Enjoy the Swallows, compliments of our colleague Mark Schaeffer, as they return to Chabot, at

<http://online.chabotcollege.edu/mschaeffer/swallows/swallows2008.html>.

The poster is from our colleague Janice Golojuch's art class, by Kerry Workman.

Thank you

Chabot Green Team

Teach on!

Original thoughts on what this body could do (by FZ):

- some type of a college-wide committee to work on
  - o zero tolerance for
    - Styrofoam
    - plastic bags
    - chemical fertilizers
    - plastic and/or rubber promotional material
    - Question:
      - Are our proposed whiteboard markers recyclable?
      - Is our chalk?
        - o See below
    - ?
    - ?
  - o explore renewable energy
    - pursue, and install Solar Energy
    - ?
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- Compost Piles around campus, next to Office Bldgs.
- ensure correct recycling
- order/produce/handle/ handout only recyclable promotional material
  - refillable pens, recycled paper portfolios, etc.
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- protection of our Fauna and Flora
  - Return of the Swallows Festival (April 15)
  - Earth Day observance (April 21)
    - Cal State Hayward is doing theirs this 19<sup>th</sup> of April
  - Arbor Day observance (April 27)
    - All three to be celebrated on April 15, at Chabot
  - More Rose Gardens
  - Plant Fruit trees
  - ?
  - ?
  - movie showings and talks
    - Winged Migration (2003)
    - The March of the Penguins (2005)
    - An Inconvenient Truth (2006)
    - Koyaanisqatsi (1982)
    - ?
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- Of utmost importance would be education our college community. How? Along the lines of what has been done by
  - U.S. News & World Report magazine, January 1, 2007
  - Time magazine, April 9, 2007
  - Newsweek magazine, April 16, 2007
  - Newsweek Global Environment Leadership Conference, Georgetown U.
  - Water and energy conservation
    - [www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/facts/school.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/facts/school.htm)
    - [http://landscaping.about.com/od/introductoryarticles/a/green\\_living.htm](http://landscaping.about.com/od/introductoryarticles/a/green_living.htm)
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  - Roof gardening
    - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roof\\_garden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roof_garden)
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  - USA Senate Energy Bill
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Feed back from first email to 'everyone' in our District.

Chabot Green Team

Responses from Chabot family

03/24/08 1:14 PM >>>

In the end, Mother Earth wins. Did you know?

Moh Daoud, Faculty, Las Positas

I have been informed by the janitor who empties my waste basket that there is no separation of recyclables from non-recyclables. They all go in the same trash container. So I wonder whether any paper actually gets recycled at Chabot.

Marcia Kolb – 3/23/08

1) Por favor, find out if the custodians are actually keeping the recyclables separate. Rumor has that they are not. Also (retired) Tom Fuller has been hired to write the district recycling report right now! Wonder what he is writing if this is not happening?!

Carolyn Arnold, 3/22/08

how about discussing green clean next meeting? here is one: instead of using toxic air fresheners grind cafe and place around the home! it neutralizes odors and has little smell after a day or two. here is another thought about good health: eliminate anti histamines and use bee pollen.

more later,

ciao,

rick Moniz – 3/16/08

This is great. I carry a KleanKanteen with me every day.

Here's my tip:

Keep all electronic devices plugged into a surge protector -- and whenever you leave your office, even to go to class for an hour, especially overnight or for the weekend, don't just power down your computer -- turn the surge protector off.

Most electronic devices now continue to use electricity even when they're turned "off". That includes the TVs in the classrooms. If it has a remote control, or a pilot light (a red that that tells you it's "off"), it's using electricity. Cell phone charger? If it's plugged in, it's using electricity. Same with your radio.

Think of that little red light as a tiny coal or gas fire, like the pilot light on your stove -- because that's what it is.

If everyone on campus were to power everything down when not in use, Chabot would save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars per month on electricity.

And the example might help stave off, say, a new power plant in the neighborhood.

And at some point, the lower electricity use might enable roof-mounted solar plants to power campus entirely.

In which case, we'd be doing our part to get to Zero Carbon Emissions, which we must reach to stave off the worst of catastrophic warming -- as this Washington Post story explains:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/03/09/AR2008030901867.html>

Rich Simon, Language Arts – 3/14/08

I agree that it would be great if we did this... but if we don't ...

i notice in every classroom i am in the trash cans are full of bottles, cans, AND paper. We have recycle containers outside, also full of cans and bottles. These all have "cash" value. Isn't there a way we could get all those cans and bottles collected and turned in for the "cash" AS WELL AS get all those paper cups into the recycle bin instead of the "trash"????

While 10 cents a bottle/can doesn't seem like much, when you multiply it by the number of students and faculty on a daily or weekly basis... it ADDS up! We could make a major contribution to recycling (because when what goes in the trash cans DOES NOT get recycled) and find 'good' ends for the cash.

Patricia Shannnon, Humanities – 3/14/08

I don't know if you read yesterday's paper but there is a serious concern now about our tap water and the amount of pharmaceuticals and others things that we expel from our bodies into the system that are not getting filtered out.

Not saying one is better than the other but it does alter the debate wouldn't you say?

Kari McAllister, Humanities, 3/14/08

I commend you on your efforts! I have an idea, has anyone proposed turning the central quad at Chabot into a garden? My office looks out on to the vast expanse of concrete and I was struck with the idea of making it a beautiful green space. Now would be a good time to move forward with this idea if people like it since its all torn up and before it gets replaced with another layer of concrete. Maybe we could use the funds that have been designated for the "art on campus". Whaddya think?

Dara Greene, Counselor/Instructor – 3/12/08

Is this the same committee that is the Sustainability group which is a subcommittee of Facilities? If there are two committees developing, it would be smart to check with Facilities to make sure the charges and membership are clearly delineated.

Marcia Corcoran, Dean, Language Arts – 3.11-08

Each faculty office had been given a second waste basket(the grey one) some years ago, specifically to put paper trash for recycling, as we were told then. The last time a custodian came to empty both baskets in my office, I noticed that he was putting the contents of both into the same big container on his cart. I asked him if they are not separated; he said no, they all go to the same trash bin. Do you know what happened to the paper recycling effort.

Shige Kajiwara, Math instructor – 3/10/08

>>> "I." 01/23/08 1:55 PM >>>

Hello,

My name is Clarissa Arafiles, and I'm a student at Chabot College. I've heard rumors regarding Chabot's less-than-strict recycling program (specifically, that Chabot, despite equipping the campus with numerous recycling bins, disposes of recyclables by dumping them together with regular garbage).

I'm very concerned about this, but I'm sure whom I should contact on the maintenance staff for more information. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Clarissa Arafiles, student, 1/23/08

'beautiful and adaptable native plants' Marcia Kolb

'Perhaps we can convince M&O to stop using the gallons of herbicides that get sprayed around here. Right after some cheery note from the college about all the "green building" aspects of the remodeling I went for a walk and one of the M&O carts was driving along all the walkways spraying herbicide on the borders... the spraying continued right up to the feet of a student sitting outside... the driver stopped the spraying til JUST the other side of the students and started up again. Not good for students, not good for any of the birds or other life here....and kind of makes a joke of "green" anything here' Carol Baumann

'I thought you might like to know that AC-Transit is holding hearings this week to increase bus fares by 40%. This is a terrible time for this to happen, when we are encouraging more people to take the bus.'

Arlene Adamson

'I have a recommendation that I believe could be doubly beneficial to our campus: gardening with native species and focusing more on perennials. The benefits this could confer - less watering needed as well



as less replanting, allow biology students to study these plants on campus instead of having to go off campus. (I also have a personal preference for plants that attract our native monarch butterflies.)`

Jennifer Lange, Biology department

`To save energy and reduce carbon emissions turn computers off when you leave for the day.' Gordon Watt

`Jim Rolle - Grounds Supervisor (he recently took over from Tom Fuller) 723-6607.' Will be invited to our meetings.

BTW, these are liquid, not concrete ideas, thus the spaces, so that others can fill in the blanks.

Now, lest you think I'm a die hard tree-hugging bird-counting environmentalist hippy jumping on a fad, mother earth's health and greening is fast becoming mainstream here in CA. Heck, it's even sexy, as Arnold has stated.

Global warming is upon us, i.e. polar bear drownings, disappearing glaciers, temperature changes, deforestation, barren hillsides, dying corals...well, you catch my drift, no?

So, let's help out our mother!

Teach on!

Is the chalk we now use RECYCABLE?

- . *Blackboard chalk* is a substance used for drawing on rough surfaces, as it readily crumbles leaving particles that stick loosely to these surfaces. Blackboard chalk, often supplied in sticks about 10 cm long, is currently made from the mineral gypsum (calcium sulfate) rather than calcium carbonate.
- . In lawn tennis, chalk used to be used to mark the boundary lines of the court (nowadays it is mostly titanium dioxide). This gives the advantage that, if the ball hits the line, a cloud of chalk or pigment dust can be seen.
- 0. In gymnastics, rock-climbing, bouldering and weight-lifting, chalk - usually in the form of magnesium carbonate - is applied to the hands to prevent slipping.
- . *Tailor's chalk* traditionally is hard chalk used to make temporary markings on cloth, for instance by tailors. Nowadays it is usually made from talc (magnesium silicate).
  - Sidewalk chalk* is sticks of colored chalk used to draw on sidewalks, streets, and driveways. It is often done by children, but in many cities, talented adult artists create masterpieces on the walkways.

(Wikipedia)

Yes

**Is the proposed white board non-permanent marker (typically made up of plastic, cloth material for the tip, and a colored liquid) RECYCABLE?**

A **non-permanent marker** is a marker often used for making markings where permanence is not required or would be a drawback, as for example marking on overhead projectors or overhead transparencies, or whiteboards. It can be erased with a cloth or paper towel. Some pens require a wet cloth, while dry erase markers can be erased with a dry one.

These markers are generally used on non-porous surfaces, as the ink used in the marker has to adhere to the writing surface without being absorbed.

(Wikipedia)

No

Chad, my idea is for Faculty to take the lead on this. Why?

Administration might be too worried about bottom line economics, have done nothing up to now (they were going to get rid of Styrofoam back in the 1990's, in Vic Willits's era, and...?), and when we do something with this, it will be like leading a condemned man to the noose.

Students are here only for two years and might not have the energy, knowledge, wherewithal or whatnot to really do something motherearthly valuable enough  
So, it is us!

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Thank you and see you soon

Don't forget reduce!

>>> Francisco Zermeno 4/18/2008 7:36 AM >>>

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(I guess 'rot' too, but, somehow, it doesn't fit...)

Please make sure that there is a manual pencil sharpener in your classroom and workroom. Some of us are using electric ones...why?

Styrofoam Zero Tolerance at Chabot College is coming!  
-- are you ready?

From: Judy Hutchinson 4/18/2008  
To: Zermeno, Francisco  
Subject: Re: Chabot Green Team Weekly Mother Earth Tip

Hi Francisco,

I love your weekly tips!

Waaah, the electric ones work so much better! I was thinking of getting one for my home (to use for my kids who are in elem school, but I held off because the sharpener takes up space!!) Alright, so I guess you've convinced me to carry on with my manual one at home. :)

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