

BioHazard



How's she goin' wha? This, the second installment of Biohazard, will update people on the past week and inform them about the coming weeks. Last week was a good one for memberships, with over seventy of them being sold on Wednesday alone which brings the total membership to about eighty, already more than were members last year. The barbecue was popular and the party in Riverdale had more "refreshments" at it than everyone could drink, and being as accommodations were provided there wasn't one case of drinking and driving.

But all that is old news and who the hell cares what happened last week anyway? Either you were there and know what a good time it was or you weren't and really don't give a damn.

This weekend (Fri, Sat, and Sun) there will be a sustainable living fair in Fredericton, N.B. in which you will have the opportunity to learn how to live off the land with minimum environmental impact. Transportation back and forth will be provided and there will be some great parties at night. The trip (not including food) should cost about \$20.00 per person. Anyone interested can sign up on the sheet in the Biology Club lounge.

A NOTE ON THE ENGINEERS

Some of you might be missing the column View From the Top which was printed last year in this paper by the engineers. The reason for its absence is that the person who wrote this column has since graduated and left the university. The current executive of the Engineering Society has informed me that the column will resume as soon as they can find another person in the department capable of reading and writing.

ENVIROFACT

Thousands of dollars are spent every year to try to save the endangered Piping Plover. Millions are spent in an effort to eliminate mosquitoes and blackflies. Getting rid of mosquitoes and blackflies is good and losing the the Piping Plover is bad, right?

Not necessarily. If the Piping plover were to disappear tomorrow the most damaging effect it would have would be on the consciences and egos of humans. The Piping Plover is relatively insignificant in the grand environmental scheme. The disappearance of the mosquito would be an environmental disaster,

causing thousands of species of animals that depend on mosquitos as a food source to starve to death. This would include many fish, bats, and birds that are in turn food for larger mammals and birds. This could mean that the extinction

of the mosquito could eventually lead to the extinction of animals that depend on the mosquito for food.

Think about that the next time you swat one and wish all the little bastards would disappear.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 17 -- 19 -- Sustainable Living Fair in Fredericton. Details and sign-up in Biology Club (Duffy).

Oct. 1-- 3 -- Jobs and the Environment Conference in Summerside. Details and sign up in Biology Club (Duffy).



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