

Student Environmental Reporter

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We have used our SUI grant to create an environmental reporting position at Francis Marion University's student newspaper, *The Patriot*. Elizabeth Sowell, a junior and a Mass Communication major, was appointed to the position for Fall 2002 and Spring 2003.

Liz and the newspaper's assistant editor, Jennifer Atkinson, attended the Sustainable Campuses Conference last September in Waterloo, Ontario.

Since her appointment, Liz has written several articles related to the environment for *The Patriot*. They are as follows:

Issue 1: September 20, 2002

"Kiss Dry Goodbye"

- About drought

Issue 2: October 4, 2002

"West Nile Approaches Florence"

- Informative about causes, precautions, etc.

Issue 3: October 18, 2002

"College Students Making a Difference: Environmental Issues are Becoming a Top Priority on College Campuses"

- About Canada trip, explained sustainability

Issue 4: November 1, 2002

"Alaska Wilderness League asks for Students to Help"

- About threat of oil drilling to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Issue 5: November 15, 2002

"Francis Marion Professor Travels Across the Globe"

- About Lisa Pike's experience at the World Summit Meeting in Johannesburg, S. Africa, sustainability discussed again

Issue 6: December 2, 2002

"New Building to be Sustainable"

- About efforts to make new School of Business/School of Education building a green building, informs students about green buildings

Issue 7: January 27, 2003

"Ecological Catastrophe a Concern in Impending War with Iraq"

- About effects of chemicals, mainly depleted uranium, on environment and people as a result of war (combat not the only thing to kill soldiers and civilians)

As advisor to the student newspaper, I am pleased with the introduction of the environmental reporting position and plan to see that it continues to be a staff position in the future.