Earth Day Celebration 2002
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The Earth Day Celebration at FMU 2002 was a success. Luckily, Earth Day fell on a Monday, which helped with student access / participation in the event. So, on April 22nd we had an Earth Day Celebration at FMU involving informational tables from area businesses (Lowes, Healthy Food Store, Naturally Outdoors, Sierra Club, and Jiffy Lube) and other agencies (DHEC, Lynches River Alliance, SC Soybean board and association, EPA, USDA, Clemson Pee Dee Research and Education Center). We also had several campus groups (the Liberal Interest Group, and several sororities) sponsoring informational tables (some with the ever popular free Endangered Species Coloring Books and coloring books and crayons made from soybeans, and others with EPA information on pesticides, global warming, composting, etc.). Jiffy Lube offered a “Do-it-Yourself” demonstration on how to change your oil, mentioning in detail how Jiffy Lube takes oil from walk-in customers and recycles it along with the oil they recycle from oil changes at the store. The Student Activities Office had scheduled inflatable games, a stress buster massage and a game involving making wax casts of students’ hands. Two bands were hired with FMU funding and we had the local radio station doing live broadcasts from 1-3 pm. The Dining Hall agreed to close its doors so that on-campus students would eat at the Earth Day Celebration (where we barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers as well as a selection of veggie burgers), ensuring that we had great attendance. The grand opening of the Wallace Woods Nature trail was also on April 22nd, in conjunction with Earth Day. So, all in all, the Earth Day Celebration was a fun filled and information filled success, reaching our students and well as community members.

Below are a few pictures from Earth Day 2002.
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