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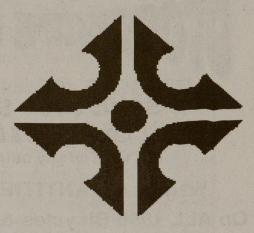
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Recycling guru changes otheraly students' trash into treasure

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f you do not recycle your garbage, Cassandra DeLarios will.

"I think people are kind of scared of me, because they know I'll go through their trash and make them recycle," she said.

DeLarios, the assistant recycling coordinator of the Physical Plant and a senior geography major, began coordinating a recycling and environmental awareness program her

freshman year. "I took a Coke can to someone in my residence hall and asked, 'Where can I recycle this?" she said. "They just looked at me because there wasn't anywhere for me to recycle. It was a passion for me from that day on.

She began by motivating her residence hall to recycle, then she proceeded to recruit neighboring halls on the Quadrangle, and she eventually got the Corps of Cadets involved.

DeLarios said she has been recycling for as long as she can remember.

'I lived in Austin with my mom and we didn't have someone to come pick up our cans and bottles, so I collected all my plastic bottles on the back porch and would take them to a recycling bin at the end of the week," she said.

DeLarios invented the Cassandra Delarios has been an integral part of Environmental Affairs the recycling movement on the A&M campus Directorship for Residence Halls and served as the chair of the Environmental

Issues Committee in Student Government "Student Government is very powerful and motivating," DeLarios said. "The overall positive

attitude helped me a lot." This year, she began working as a teaching

assistant for Dr. Roy Hartman, an associate professor of engineering technology, who became her "personal cheerleader."

"He is my mentor, a wonderful person," DeLarios said.

As assistant vice president of the Recycling Plant, DeLarios volunteered at recycling centers in the area, while also coordinating and participating in highway cleanups.

The key is motivation," DeLarios said. "I want to teach people to teach people. It's important to keep it going because it's something we're going to

Cans and bottles are not the only items she said.

'I've always been a pack rat," sl "Everything I wear is hand-me-downs or resale store. I sew a lot and use the newspi

things I already have to make crafts and gif "I don't look at things as trash. It sounds, I think, 'Someone made this can and maybe one else can use it.'

DeLarios said she wants students to realize cling and helping the environment benefits en It is going to help you in the long run, b

might make fees lower, and you won't have

about messing up she said. Sophomore ag journalism major Swanson, said she

know the dorms h cling bins until rec "It's not some

hear advertised," S said. "I saw a flier cling cardboard my dorm and w why there aren't an cling bins for Coke the dorm. I learn but you just have to of your way to find DeLarios said

although studen Swanson still have to locating recycle bit recycling program changed and grow her first involvem campus. "I'm seeing that be changed," she sa

got here in 1992, an have made progress high-quantity areas. "It's still not e where, and I wish it of

be. We've started, we've barely scratt Hartman set up a course about recyclingin The course is a technical elective Recycling and Waste Management Stud Hartman said. "We have different teams in the

"Our teams process recycled milk jugsinolibees, set up apartment recycling, A&M papers cling, and work at the recycling center ing in a convoy of Smithville, Texas.' Hartman said working with a committed

like DeLarios has been a pleasure We need more students to be so dedicate

realize the need for a clean environment," h "Most students don't want to do it because it d make them a profit, but neither does garbage has a vision for a sustainable society."

DeLarios said that she, too, believes she vision for the future of environmental awaren "I guess my motto is just, 'Recycle, dam

Vineyard: a house kept by fait

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another in a deeper way," St. Joseph's Vineyard has not always been a community house, was once a daycare facility, an office building and a Planned Parenthood facility. The students originally wanted to develop a Christian community for eight male residents, but since the beginning, it has housed nine residents, both male and female. This semester, 10 students reside in the Vineyard, five men and



David Reisinger, house leader, washes dishes after a house meal.

A spiritual and house leader are selected from among the residents coordinator for the house at the beginning of the semester. junior speech communic

"We are not chosen for our major, said the house spirituality or development of it, but our ability to set a structure for a spiritual pathway to enable others to discover more about themselves and in turn benefit from each other," Benson said.

Each semester, the house members hold a retreat that is organized by the spiritual house leader. Benson said the retreat designates not only the spiritual direction the residents want to take the house in, but it is also a time for them to personally declare their own spiritual directions, allowing the other nine residents to form a supportive environment for their spiritual goals.

Kristy Chanley, the youngest house resident and a freshman psychology major, said the support system can be beneficial.

"You have your own goals to follow God, and it's so much easier when you have people to support you," she said.

The house leader's main duty to the St. Joseph's community is to deal with problems when they develop, make sure responsibilities are fulfilled and guide the members of the house in their

Alexis Thibodeau, finan commitment to each oth deeper than everyday and devotionals.

"We have a bond that bridge closer — Catholicism," she's closer Sulled a senior Su Mary Prikyl, a senior major, is beginning he semester as part of

Joseph's community. This is not the place it one is just looking for ap live," said Prikyl. "They mi with our Christian and p community. It's a comm when you live here; we d together as a community."

David Reisinger, house and a senior economics maj having so many housemate be hectic at times, but it is n

"We do have conflicts, by are handled in a Christian-

ed manner," he said. Sherrie Evans, a house ber and a sophomore mid ogy major, said while the the house may not app most students, it is a uniq ing experience.

to live with nine other peop wednes it's a really good time," she "It may seem like a cha

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