

### Response to The Heat is On

This article describes the ever-escalating worldwide situation involving global warming. The article discusses various ways in which we have contributed to global warming and ways in which we can help slow it down or even stop it.

This article brought up some very important points about our effect on the global warming crisis. The research involving one's carbon footprint, energy consumption and resource use was interesting and somewhat concerning. For instance, the article mentions the fact that if Greenland's ice shelf begins to melt and fall into the ocean the water may rise by 23 feet. This would submerge most of the costal states in the U.S. and throughout the world. This, combined with the other possible problems stemming from global warming such as lack of fresh water, vegetation destruction and large hurricanes, has made people more aware of the situation and more willing to change their ways.

The article described several simple ways one can help to reduce one's impact on the environment. For instance the article mentioned using compact florescent light bulbs instead of regular ones to save on one's electric bill. This has become much more common practice in recent years; even as I write this a compact florescent bulb is being used to light the room. The article mentioned several other ways of helping such as the green roofs in New York City, solar panels for houses and driving hybrid cars.

This article made many true and important points about the global warming situation along with several ways to help slow it down. However, I think this article may be slightly outdated. In the past few years there has been a much larger emphasis on saving energy and damaging the environment less. For instance, RPI First-Year Student Residence Halls have an annual competition to see which hall can reduce their energy

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consumption the most in one month. Additionally, hybrid cars have become much more common and popular along with the use of solar panels, filters in sinks and even more florescent bulbs. While this article is correct in that we have been contributing to this crisis for some time now, based on the recent changes in societies view on the matter I believe that this problem will be avoided or at least decreased. If people continue this trend towards a Greener Society I believe that one day Global Warming will be a problem of the past.