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Two Regina students' work included in environmental notebook

In her imagination, Recycle Man pulls up in a police car in front of a boy who is committing the environmental crime of throwing away a pop can. And now, people throughout the nation can read about this children's book written by Regina Dominican senior Therese Dombai. A write-up and special page is dedicated to Therese's creation in the newly published 2005 Excellence in Student Creativity notebook.

A "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" drawing by Natalia Sobremente, a member of Regina Dominican's Class of 2005, was also showcased in the notebook. Natalia is a freshman at North Park University.

The notebook is the fruit of a nationwide program, the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge, sponsored by Johnson Controls, the National Energy Foundation, and the United States Energy Association. Both students worked on these creative projects as a requirement for Ms. Maureen McHugh's Environmental Science course last year. As a class, the students worked on their individual projects for about a month; Ms. McHugh then submitted them to the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge.

Therese said writing the children's book about Recycle Man was a fun experience. The oldest in a family of six children, Therese wrote the book to emphasize that even children can help the environment by recycling.

In the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge, entries were judged among their peers in their particular age cluster – elementary school, middle school, high school and educator – and on the basis of creativity and of how well the entry demonstrated the theme of wise energy choices and environmental stewardship.

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