

“Until Zaara came along, there was no one to push it,” Environmental Club sponsor Chris Ollig said. “She schedules everything, runs all the meetings and helps come up with the ideas. The real key is that she not only leads the club, but she welcomes in everyone that comes as an equal, and I think that’s a key attribute of a leader.”

Baig has become the driving force for the organization, pushing both the staff and students to change their view on the environment and understand the implications of their actions.

“I really want people to truly learn about the issues we are tackling and why we are trying to tackle them,” Baig said. “A lot of times people are confused when someone says, ‘Let’s save the world and go green.’ It’s vague– I want people to actually want to use the plastic trays and to be environmentally conscious and to change themselves.”

This change in attitude toward the environment however, won’t be something that happens overnight. Baig insists that the key to a shift is showing everyone why it’s important and what’s at stake.

“It’s something that impacts all of us,” Baig said. “Environmental

issues like global warming are not things you see happen on a daily basis but they are happening and are going to affect everyone in the future.”

Baig believes that in making the environment and the community a better place, students don’t need to change their lives, but their perspectives.

“I want to have more people learn about these issues and care about them,” Baig said. “You don’t have to be someone who is totally involved in the club or cares about environmental issues completely; anyone can make a difference, and anyone can take a small step like using a plastic tray.”

In the future, Baig wants



Senior Zaara Baig explores the different types of plants after an Environmental Club meeting in Mr. Ollig’s room. Photo by Elizabeth Tran.

to continue her study of the environment and make a difference in not only her life, but in others’ lives as well, showing that everyone can play a role in changing the world.

“From the food we eat to a place

to live, the Earth provides us with so much and we have an obligation to protect it,” Baig said. “It just doesn’t seem right to treat the planet with any less respect than it deserves.”

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