



Mark McQuitty of building services loads some shredded confidential documents into a bailer. The machine bails the paper into 600 lb bundles that are then sold to a recycling firm.

U of A turns trash to cash

by Teresa Pires

"The U of A has the most effective paper recycling program of any university in Canada," said Werner Larsen, building services manager, Physical Plant.

Larsen, who has run the U of A recycling program since its inception in the early 70's, has solid grounds for his claims. The university earns approximately \$150,000 per year due to the recycling of 100,000 pounds of waste per month. He explained, however, that the money earned is a result of the combined savings of labor and container charges, as well as paper sold.

"I feel confident that we have the best program because we get many enquiries from other universities, such as Calgary, UBC, Toronto, and universities from

the States," explained Werner. The City of Edmonton, the provincial and federal governments have also requested information.

Although 40 to 50 percent of the total waste available is being recycled, Larsen hopes to eventually raise this amount by increasing individual cooperation.

"I'm not complaining; I am merely saying that we can do better. For example, some profs have said, 'I'm not paid to be a janitor.' It takes so little effort for individuals but we can't force anyone to cooperate."

Most of the participation in the program is by U of A staff and not by students, even though there are recycling bins in public areas of SUB, HUB, and CAB.

SU president, Paul LaGrange, was unaware of the U of A recycling program but stated "there is no formal SU plan but SU will be having full scale discussions [on initiating a program]."

Presently, all the bottles and cans from Dewey's and RATT are recycled.

HUB community association representative, Rick Ing, said that HUB residents also have no formal program but that they would like to get the tenants involved.

According to Stan Perka, HUB facilities manager, there is already somebody assigned in the custodial work schedule to pick up the garbage bins from HUB itself.

"We'll put bins in all building of those who want to cooperate," said Larsen.

Recyclable waste includes such things as newsprint, computer print-outs, cardboard, file folders, thermofax paper, catalogues, multilith/xerox copies, adding tape, and envelopes (except padded and metal clasp).

"If we keep harvesting trees at the current rate, by the year 2000 we'll be at the point of no return," said Larsen.

Recyclable waste such as paper, is dumped in 35 gallon containers (placed on the floors of each building) from individual garbage cans.

Trucks from Building Services pick up the waste from U of A buildings which is then shipped to BPCO Ltd., the consumer.

Computer printouts go for approximately \$155-\$165 a ton. Newsprint goes for only \$20-\$25 in Alberta, although the markets in the East are healthier, but transport costs are prohibitive.

Clive Oshry

STUDENT UNION GENERAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUM MARCH 9 & 10

Nominations are Open for the Following Positions:

SU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President
- VP Internal Affairs
- VP Finance and Administration
- VP Academic
- VP External Affairs

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- 1 Student Representative

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC BOARD

- President Athletics
- VP Women's Athletics
- VP Men's Athletics

**CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS:
TUES. FEBRUARY 21/89 1700 HRS.**

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTIONIST IN 256 SUB

CJSR REFERENDUM

"Do you support allocating \$1.25 per term of your Students' Union fees as the total annual S.U. financial grant to CJSR-FM88?"

TUITION POLICY REFERENDUM

"Should Students' Council be required to establish a policy concerning tuition fee levels before 30 September of each year?"

**CLOSING OF REGISTRATION:
MONDAY FEB. 20/89 1700 HRS.**

NOTE: An important meeting for those wishing to represent a side shall be held WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14/89 at 1700 HRS in Room 034 SUB

Registration Packages Available in SU Executive Offices 256 SUB

ALL CANDIDATES FORUM: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21 1800 HRS IN 034 SUB

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