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Bins and blue bags beautify

BY ALEXANDER BOSTON

Dal students can now more easily curb the overflowing of local landfills. Campus and community recycling programs will reduce the metal, glass, plastic, and paper refuse that will eventually be incinerated, pumping unhealthy toxic ash, and ozone-depleting and acid rain-producing gases into the air, water and land

On Dalhousie Campus large plastic bins are strategically located in most major buildings. These bins are colour coded according to their use.

- · Blue & Grey Bins with a little hole: Aluminum cans only! Not tennis balls, styro cups and old
- · Vomit Green Bins: Bond paper, which is regular white and

coloured paper including photocopy, laser-printer and computer paper, and white envelopes. Envelopes with plastic windows or labels, post-it notes, and carbon, fax and glossy paper can not be recyled anywhere on the campus.

In the City of Halifax a mediocre "blue bag" curbside program has been initiated. The various products must be source-separated into the SAD GLAD blue bags and placed by the curbside on gar-



· Midnight Black Bins: Newspaper only - please remove the glossy ads.

Contrary to the belief of many, plastic straws, half-eaten sandwiches, clothing, and Bic pens can not be recycled on the campus ei-

It is important that the bins are used only for their prescribed products. If they are contaminated, the money that could have been generated from selling the paper and cans and so-wisely spent by the administration, is lost, and the potentially-recyclable products are tossed into the burgeoning



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- · Glass bottles of all colours go in
- another SAD blue bag.
- · Newspaper too can be recycled, but they can be placed in regular plastic bags. However, don't toss it out on rainy days or it gets wet and mouldy, and as useless as Mayor Ron Wallace.

While the City of Halifax is forcing another needless product on the market, the SAD blue bags, and ensuring the GLAD corporation continues to thrive, Haligonians can mildly challenge this wasteful consumerism. Clear plastic bags can be used in place of the SAD GLAD blue ones. Just make sure products are separated and are obviously for recycling, thus the products can be seen through the clear plastic.

Generally, Dal students can relieve the strain on the environment through conscious efforts: toting a plastic CEAG coffee mug around; complaining to Beaver Foods, Dal administration and the DSU about wasteful practices; using the SUB photocopiers with recycled paper; boycotting long term-papers; refusing to take notes; using your own cotton shopping bag or packsack in the Sobey's empire; and other simple

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