

# Garbage big business at U of A

Each year, the University of Alberta throws away enough re-usable paper to bury a football field 16 feet deep.

Now, Physical Plant plans to turn this waste into a money-making business by collecting and baling the paper to sell to salvage companies.

"When we get enough garbage containers, we'll make money," says Werner Larsen, manager of building services division.

"But at the moment, money isn't the prime factor. It's ecology."

Larsen, who is managing the system, says that some paper companies in eastern Canada use only recycled paper. It's also a big business in the United States.

Right now, the system is in its infant stages.

"We expect a slow start but I think we can't fail if we get co-operation from students and staff," says Larsen.

Physical Plant has ordered 50 garbage containers comparable to those used in campus cafeterias to hold sorted paper. These containers have been held up by the rail strike but will arrive soon, says Larsen.

Recently, Physical plant also bought a huge paper bin that will hold 10 tons of paper. Once a week, Edmonton Salvage hauls the paper away to its own recycling plant.

"There's no money in it now for the university. If we are going to make money, we'll have to bale the paper and take it to the plant ourselves."

So physical plant bought a bailer, which will produce a five-by-two-foot bale that weighs about 800 pounds.

But this is only the beginning. Looking into the future, Larsen wants a system in which paper is sent down a hopper directly into a bailer press.

"We've been talking about this system for some time," says Larsen.

Computing Science has saved its computer cards for years, while Rutherford bundles old magazines and newspapers.

"Now we're trying to co-ordinate these efforts into one system."

Larsen predicts the system will sustain itself but a lack of facilities for collecting the paper is a problem.

At present, little of the more than 25,000 pounds of re-usable paper is salvaged. It costs the university about \$40,000 a year to haul away garbage.

At today's rates, Larsen says the university can make \$20,000 a year, which would be a major contribution to the maintenance budget.

The university has only one three-quarter-ton garbage truck and it is used to full capacity, says Larsen.

Everyone can do their part making the system work.

Until the disposable cans arrive, each department and student is asked to collect paper in a container - preferably a paper bag - and bring it down to the collection bin outside Athabasca Hall.

"We should be leaders in this field. Damn it, we have the knowledge and resources to do it," says Larsen.

The following is a list of what can or can't be used in the system:

Yes  
various qualities of paper  
Office files  
telephone books

Magazines and catalogues  
paperback books stripped

of covers  
hardbound books stripped

of covers  
thermotax copies, Xerox copies

exam papers  
ditto papers

20, 16, and 10 bond  
paper envelopes  
(except padded, self-seal  
and metal clasp)  
post cards  
notices  
multilith copies  
note paper  
adding machine rolls  
computer print-outs

No  
ditto and multilith masters  
padded and self-seal envelopes  
metal clasp envelopes  
(metal is a contaminant, but  
you can use the envelope many  
times before it falls apart.)  
carbonless duplicating forms  
plastic-impregnated paper  
plastics of any sort  
paper towels and cups, string  
staples (should be removed if  
possible.)  
filter cigarette butts.

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