

On-site recycling bins make project successful

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Emerald Reporter

Apartment dwellers in the campus area now can recycle waste products on-site thanks to the Recycling Pilot Project, sponsored by the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

OSPIRG began a study on the extent of recycling in Eugene apartments during winter term 1989. The purpose of the study was to find out why such a lack of recycling exists among apartments and what can be done to make it easier for managers and tenants to recycle, said Kyle Anderson, OSPIRG project leader.

The 1983 Recycling Opportunity Act provides people who own or pay for their own homes with free curbside pick-up of most recyclable items, Anderson said. This act does not apply to Eugene apartment renters and can create problems for those who wish to recycle, he said.

According to study reports, 55 percent of the 38 apartment owners/managers noted at least one barrier to apartment recycling.

The most common reasons were lack of information (21 percent), lack of tenant interest (16 percent) and inconvenience (13 percent), Anderson said.

Thirty-eight apartments participated in the study, which included phone surveys of managers and door-to-door tenant interviews.

OSPIRG's *Guide to Waste Reduction* was given to tenants, along with an information sheet listing what items are recyclable and where to deposit them, Anderson said.

According to study reports, on-site reviews were conducted to find sufficient space for recycle bins.

Sani Pac Oregon Ltd., a private sanitation and recycling collection agency, donated garbage cans for recycling, Anderson said.

A follow-up study, one month after the project be-

gan, showed 67 percent of the 27 tenants participating were recycling materials.

Currently 6 apartments — Mill Race Apartments, Alderwood Manor, Woodside Manor, Campus Court Quads, Harris Terrace and 1350 Charnelton St. — are participating in the pilot project, Anderson said.

Oregon recycles about 20 percent of its waste, the highest in the nation, Anderson said, adding that 75 percent or more could be recycled if reusable materials were used for packaging products.

Other countries such as Japan and Europe recycle 50 to 60 percent of their waste, Anderson said.

"We (OSPIRG) are calling for a city-wide systematized plan for apartment buildings through economic incentives for owners and managers, such as reductions in garbage rates," Anderson said. OSPIRG will make proposals to the City Council in the next couple of months, Anderson said.

Earth Day meeting set

MEETINGS

University Earth Day Coalition meets tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room. All are welcome.

Family Housing Task Force will have an open meeting today from 2 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Oak Room. The meeting

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will be an opportunity for ASUO representatives and other interested parties to give testimony on the family housing governance.

Chi Alpha Christian ministry meets tonight at 7:30 in EMU Century Room A. All are invited.

Student Senate meets tonight at 6 in EMU Century Room D.

SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

Dr. Richard Cullen of Monash University in Melbourne, Australia will speak on federal-state relations today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 221 of the Law School.

"Cultural Status of Archaeological Research on the Oregon Coast" is the title of a lecture to be given by Rick Minor, a University graduate and member of a local archaeological consulting firm. The slide/lecture will

take place today at 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave, and will cover the vanishing archaeological resources of the coast.

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Relations Student Society of America is having a holiday party in the EMU Maple Room. Everyone is welcome and urged to bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

Auditions for "Out at Sea" will be held tonight at 7:30 in Room 202 Villard. Five actors, men or women, are needed. The audition will consist of cold readings and improvisation, and is put on by Pocket Playhouse.

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