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Recyclers out to educate students

By Carrie Dennett **Emerald Reporter**

Organizers of the University's Recycling Awareness Week dumped a can of garbage in the EMU Courtyard Monday to show students that much of the garbage thrown away on campus is recyclable.



The average person produces four-and-a-half pounds of garbage each day, said Karyn Kaplan, the campus recycling education coordinator.

Kaplan said that at least 30 percent of our garbage is paper, and she believes 50 percent of student garbage is paper.

Mike Hamblin from BRING Recycling explained which items from the garbage can could be recycled. Glass, paper, cardboard, tin cans, foil and some types of plastic can be recycled.

Hamblin emphasized that using glass is prefer-

able to plastic, because glass can be used indefi-nitely, whereas plastic has to be redesigned into another product, and will eventually end up in a

The campus recycling program, which was op-erated by the Pearl Buck Center until the end of last year, currently accepts white and colored ledger paper, computer printout paper and newsprint. Kaplan said that she is working with EMU food service to provide cardboard, tin and glass

Kaplan, who was the Survival Center's recycling coordinator last year, was hired by the Physical Plant along with Jon Davis, who had been the primary transporter for Pearl Buck recycling

'My job is really to present recommendations to the University on a cost-effective recycling pro-

gram," Kaplan said.

Kaplan believes that in the long run the program will not only be cost-effective, but profit

"The most important thing to do right now is to work within the existing program," Kaplan said. "We want to give the students and faculty a voice on how they want the program to run to

meet their needs."

Kaplan said that student empowerment is key to the present and future success of the program. "The way that this is shaping up is really moti-

vated by the students," she said

Kaplan said that strong student interest helped implement the recycling program that is now in the dorms, and may soon be started in the greek system. The program also services over 200 University offices

The recycling program receives help from several students each term who receive class or internship credit for their work

"This is how this program is going to survive and be cost effective," Kaplan said. Kaplan also credits Dennis Carr, EMU food ser-

vice director, and Fred Babcock, University Housing food service director, for their enthusiasm in promoting the recycling effort.

Dorm residents received reusable mugs this year, replacing paper cups in the dining halls. The same mugs are being sold by EMU food service for a dollar, and can be used for discounted



Mike Hamblin, participated in Monday's trash can dumping of recyclable and non-recyclable goods in the EMU Courtyard.

beverage refills.

Kaplan and Alexandra Foote, the new recycling coordinator for the Survival Center, worked on minimizing paper waste in the dorm dining halls last year, and eventually began working on the reusable mug project with Carr.

Kaplan is pleased with the level of participation in the recycling program. She said that last year Pearl Buck picked up about 16 tons of paper per month from the University. In August, the Physical Plant picked up 14 tons, and that was from a greatly reduced summer student body.

However, a problem still exists with students and faculty who don't follow the proper sorting procedure for their recyclable materials. Kaplan said that people need to remember to put the different papers in the appropriate bins, and not to recycle "post-it notes" or anything with gum labels or plastic windows on them.

CORRECTION

In Friday's story on the "Take Back the Night" march, Joanne Frank should have been quoted as saying that men should not be excluded. The Emerald regrets the error.

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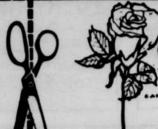
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