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## School addresses recycling problems

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Before January, white paper placed in blue recycling bins on campus went straight to the Alamance County landfill. While Environmental Services has initiated a new recycling program on campus, not all paper is being recycled.

In the past, newspaper and aluminum went straight to a Greensboro landfill. Items that should be recycled under the Solid Waste Management Act of 1989 in order to reach the 40 percent increase in recycled waste were being dumped in the landfill.

Previously, white paper was being thrown into the trash, according to Hardy White, manager of Environmental Services. However, the same situation is still occurring in many academic buildings around campus.

Discarded white paper collected from blue bins in Alamance, Belk Library, Duke, Long, McEwen, Mooney, Powell and Whitley is recycled. All other buildings, including faculty offices and Moseley Center, are not on the white paper recycling route. However, the blue bins printed with the words "recycle white paper only" remain.

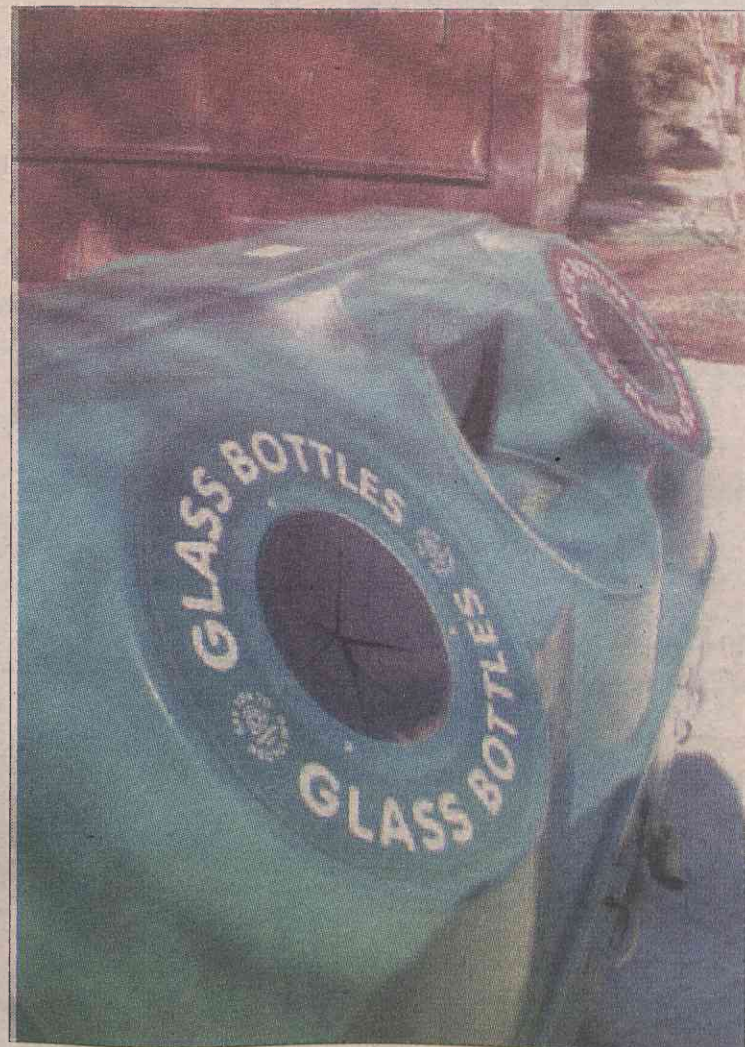
Will the new recycling program be more effective than the last?

"I think it is a little too early to tell," Hickey said. "Students have always been very good at discarding white paper into the blue bins and hopefully that behavior will continue."

While students and administrators separate the white paper from their burger wrappers and other miscellaneous trash, the paper is simply thrown in with the other trash.

The previous program, in place since 1990, was also flawed in a key area. "There had been no separation of certain items," Hardy White, said.

"There are definitely enough reasons to start white paper recycling in Moseley," Felicia Massey, administrative assistant for Leadership and Organization Development, said. "We are ready when they are. Recycling here should start before we get too used to throwing trash in the blue bins."



Annette Randall / Photo Editor

Green recycling bins can now be found around campus, ensuring that students and faculty can recycle conveniently.

The university purchases about 900,000 sheets of white paper annually, according to Director of Purchasing Rob Brown. White paper is an essential aspect of academic life for college students. Turning in a paper, a project or a lab write-up would not be possible without it. "The library, and that includes the computer labs, consumes 15 cases of paper every two weeks," Kate Hickey, director of Belk Library, said.

The enhanced recycling program will be completed in two phases. The first phase focuses on recycling white paper, which is now taking place in eight academic and administrative buildings. "The second phase will be implemented this summer and will include Moseley and other buildings," White said. Officials made the decision to separate the program into two phases in an effort to be more efficient. "We didn't want to do too much at once," White said.

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## University focuses on institutional priorities

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Reporter

Numerous academic and cosmetic changes have occurred on Elon's campus this year. From the change to university to the opening of Rhodes Stadium, the school has reached many of the goals established by administrators.

University President Leo Lambert and senior staff members put a list of institutional priorities together each June. The priorities are not ranked, but classified by the following divisions: academics, community, students, faculty and staff, technology, institutional advancement and facilities.

"Each staff member presents the priorities of their division, and we narrow the list down from there," Lambert said. "Many of the items on each year's list come from NewCentury@Elon, the school's strategic plan."

The final list is presented to faculty and staff in early August. A mid-term review of accomplishments is done in December.

For the most part, we are making really good progress," Lambert said. "We're all going full speed ahead right now."

While the majority of the priorities have already been completed, the school has had to deal with some unanticipated events that impacted the entire Elon community.

"When Sept. 11 occurred, we just took a break from the list and concentrated on what was best for the campus community at that time,"

said Lambert. "If something isn't completed this year, it will just carry over to next year."

Academic improvements, as well as increasing living and learning space, were the main priorities this year. In the next few weeks, Elon will host NCAA and SACS accreditation visits.

"Every 10 years, the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities looks at all aspects of the institution to make sure we are meeting standards it sets for schools," Mary Wise, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said.

Two years ago, faculty, staff and students formed committees to begin looking at more than 400 statements that SACS will evaluate when on campus Feb. 25 - 28.

Clay Hassard, associate director of athletics, said every 10 years, the NCAA sends a peer review team to the school to investigate the athletics program. The team, composed of a president, athletic director and other administrators from other Division I schools, will be on campus at the same time as the SACS team. Because Elon joined Division I two years ago, NCAA will return in five years to do an interim evaluation.

There have also been revisions to the Honors Program, including a new curriculum that will encompass students' entire Elon career. "Changes had to at least be mentioned for the Honors Program in order to get the Phi Beta Kappa status that Dr. Lambert wants," Dr. Daniel Wright, director of the Honors Program, said.

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