

# Opinion & Review

## Editorial:

### Backtalk: Let's Recycle Consistently

By James Foltz

In regards to the editorial "Saving the Trees or Saving Face?" in the March 2 edition of *The Lion's Eye*, there are a few matters which I would like to set straight.

I feel that it is absolutely wonderful that Penn State Delco recycles, according to Diane Jankowski (see accompanying article), and has been for the past five years. I apologize for erroneously saying that the "campus does not recycle the paper that goes into those boxes" (hanging side trays on wastepaper baskets).

However, there is a problem which has not been dealt with.

In my editorial, I stated that I watched a custodian throw out the paper which was in the recycling box. Ms. Jankowski brushed off that incident simply by saying that it was "someone trying to take a shortcut." I don't doubt the truth in her statement.

This wouldn't be a problem if it was an isolated incident, but it wasn't. The problem is that I was not the only person to witness such an offense.

As I had said, I apologize for "misinterpret(ing) what (I) saw," however I did not come to the conclusion which I stated in my editorial by one incident. The conclusion came through the experiences of others, teachers and students, who have seen the same thing. They also watched the custodians throw out things which resided in a recycling bin in various buildings about the campus. Unfortunately, I was also informed by teachers that Penn State Delco does not always recycle.

It's good that we recycle, but it is bad some of the things meant to be recycled never are. Something should be done about the mistreatment of recyclable materials. If Penn State Delco claims to recycle, then we should do it consistently and properly.

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## Letter to the Editor:

### Delco Does Indeed Recycle!

(Response to the editorial "Saving the Trees or Saving Face?" in March 2nd edition of the *Lion's Eye*.)

Hi, I'm Diane Jankowski, the Director of Business Services. Some of you may not know who I am because I have not been on campus very much during the last year due to an automobile accident at the beginning of last year. If we have not met, please feel free to stop by my office in Room 105L, Main, and I'll be happy to help you answer any questions regarding operational concerns at the Delaware County Campus.

I read the above editorial in the last edition of the *Lion's Eye* and would like to set the record straight on the issue of recycling on campus. Although I don't doubt what Jim Foltz saw that evening, it appears to me that he witnessed someone trying to take a shortcut and misinterpreted what he saw.

I'm happy to say that we have been recycling on campus for the last 5 years. Upon evaluating our waste streams at the conception of this program, it was determined that we would establish recycling guidelines for white office paper, cardboard and aluminum cans and containers. We are presently getting ready to add Newspapers to this list.

As we do not have sufficient manpower or resources to dedicate to bringing these recyclables to various off campus locations, we have worked out an arrangement with our Trash Hauler, Mr. Blosenski, to assist us with this task. As a part of our regular trash hauling services, Mr. Blosenski provides us with three separate recycling containers which are located in our Maintenance Shed.

There are recycling containers for cans located in the stairwells, lounges and cafeteria. Cardboard, primarily from the bookstore and food service, is left outside the back of the Commons Buildings each evening and collected by the janitorial staff. The trash receptacles in each office and classroom are equipped with a hanging side tray to deposit all white paper while regular trash is deposited in the regular trash receptacle.

The containers mentioned above are emptied by the maintenance or janitorial staff a couple of times each week into the recycling receptacles in

the Maintenance Shed and Mr. Blosenski is notified for pick-up when they approach full. Mr. Blosenski then brings each commodity to a Recycling Center.

As you know, you can sometimes make money on these items or you may have to pay to get rid of them. Mr. Blosenski bids a flat rate to the campus for monthly trash hauling and any profit or loss for recycling is built into this quote; therefore, "making a buck" as mentioned in the editorial has no bearing on our decision to recycle.



Diane Jankowski  
Director of Business Services

Photo by: NICK FELICI

At the end of each year, Mr. Blosenski provides us with a report showing the weights collected for each of these items and Penn State in turn provides this information to Middletown Township to include in their calculations for any Grants for which they may apply with regards to Recycling Equipment. During 1994, we recycled 3,003 lbs. of cardboard, 824 lbs of aluminum and 3,175 lbs of paper.

Please use the recycling containers around campus to segregate your trash and keep your eyes open for the newspaper recycling containers which will appear shortly. They will most likely be placed alongside the aluminum can containers. Thank you!

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