

# We should be ready to recycle

by Christopher Ward

Our society is just now realizing its potentially devastating impact on the environment. Recycling appears to be the best way to maintain our present lifestyle without further damage to our ecosystem. In fact, the very paper this article is printed on has been recycled many times. The UNLV campus has adapted to the present trend by giving faculty and students various opportunities to recycle:

In the James R. Dickenson Library, each major office contains a desk top recycling container where quality letter sized paper is col-

lected. Paul Kopczack, who is in charge of recycling at the library, said that the library collects waste paper from copy machines, colored paper, outdated newspapers and aluminum cans. The computer lab on the second floor has recycling bins for white computer paper.

The material is divided and stored individually. Then it is collected twice a week by the Environmental Protection Agency. A percentage of the money earned is donated to an environmental studies scholarship. Other buildings participating in this program, which was initiated by the Re-



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search and Development department of the EPA, include the Life Sciences and Engineering Complex.

The Community Action Recycling Program (CARP) is an organization that pro-

vides assistance to individuals and businesses in establishing programs. UNLV is just one part of the operation.

In addition to the inner building program, the EAA

also supplies recycling dumpsters for public use. They have separate containers for glass, aluminum cans and newspapers.

Considering the small number of participants in the recycling program, a relatively large volume of material is collected. According to Marianne Carpenter of the EPA, 150,096 pounds of recyclable material was accumulated during the 1990-1991 school year.

UNLV sponsors a more limited program. Trash barrels separating aluminum cans from other trash are dispersed in three different

areas throughout the campus. Twice a week, the material is collected by the university grounds crew. The cans are sent to the Silver State disposal service of Las Vegas. The university collects all proceeds.

While these programs have made progress in slowing consumption, they are not nearly enough. Landfills are being filled daily. Considering that each American produces one ton of trash each year, the day may soon come when we all start tripping over our own garbage. It's time for the campus to decide that it is ready to recycle.

## The time for change was yesterday

by Kimberley McGee

Industry has bombarded our daily lives with advertisements that assure you will be sexier, richer or happier if you buy their product. Some even go so far as to say you will be helping the environment by choosing their "green" (environmentally conscious) product over that of their competitors.

Choosing is the key. It is the consumer's decision to choose a company's product, and to make that decision, consumers must be informed, starting with truth in advertising. Since that is not a reality, consumers must find out the truth from available sources such as newspapers, magazine articles or books that are geared specifically toward revealing true "green" products.

Some companies advertise their "green" product by saying it has less packaging, it's photodegradable or made from recycled products. However, they do not reveal that their packages

still contain harmful substances that leak into our groundwater and atmosphere; nor do they mention that photodegradability is only certain if sunlight can reach the product, which is usually buried beneath tons of other non-degradable trash in a landfill.

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Choosing to buy products in recycled paper or plastic is a key to being a green consumer; however, if you do not support recycling in your community, then the effort will be wasted.

If industry were to cut down on their packaging and honestly advertise their products, the amount of garbage we generate would dramatically decrease, thus increasing our chances for a cleaner future. However, industry will not stick its skinny mechanical neck out unless there is a demand, which then gives consumers the power. Consumers can

make a statement by choosing not to buy wasteful, polluting products.

When you go shopping, look out for products that contain layers of packaging and choose an alternative with less packaging, even if it has just one less layer.

Buy products that use recycled materials and recycle them when you are finished; even if it is only 30 percent, it is still something. Find out more about companies and what they are doing to clean up after themselves. Ask your grocery store manager to buy "green" products and to try not to use single container products. If you decide for one week not to use them, you still have made a difference.

As a consumer, you have a responsibility to choose what you want for the future. Industry will begin to change only when the consumer decides it is time, and the time for change was yesterday.

## Reasons to romance

by William Holt

In the Nov. 7 issue of *The Yellin' Rebel* I read an article by Andre Lagomarsino in the Lifestyles section about dating. In his piece, he made an earnest plea to the female population to give men a "clue" (meaning to let a man know how a woman wants him to behave).

I enjoyed his article, and I'd like to add my own input to the idea of dating.

I think that the determining factor as to whether or not a man has a clue is misleading. To me, a man thought to be clueless is really just a man who lacks his own personal direction and thus doesn't know what he wants in any part of life.

Women don't necessarily lead men on wild goose chases, purposely causing them to grope around in the dark for a

next move.

I think that a woman (like anyone) simply needs to know what direction a man is going or at least that he has a direction. Most women aren't trying to hide themselves or play hard to get. It is the type of man who is confident of his intentions who will move a woman and give her reasons to remain interested in him. A man with purpose, other than to get her into bed, will be even more attractive to a woman

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who also has purpose.

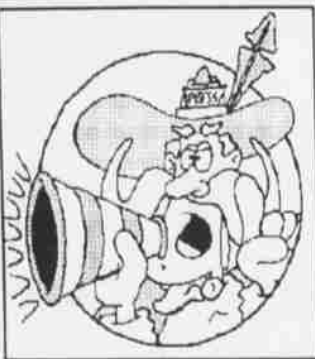
I don't think that it necessarily matters what the specific intentions of a person's life are; it is the ambition and the strength of his or her interest in life that will move anyone, man or woman.

Men who are thinking

of strategies of how to "get a girl" need to instead be thinking of who they are and what type of contribution they want to make to the world and their own lives. Men whose ambitions are second hand and who place the gender issue above all other reasons for living have voluntarily bonded themselves into slavery. The same would be true for women.

The article on Nov. 7 was written as a request to produce action in the dating atmosphere of UNLV. This article also calls for action.

If a person limits his game to being a success at dating, any relationship he has with a woman will be only that — a game. If a person leads a life of purpose, that which he desires will follow him wherever his purpose leads him.




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