

EQ urges recycling

To the Editor:

In his article about our messy mailroom, Eric Gravley got the problem right, but his solution was all wrong. No offense to Mr. Gravley whose intentions were obviously good, but his article reflected the perspective of a throw-away society that doesn't take responsibility for its trash. With the landfills overflowing, the new tax on waste, and corporations like VICON threatening to burn everything in sight (much to the dismay of environmentalists) throwing paper in the trash can is as bad as throwing it on the floor. Either way it ends up contributing to Vermont's serious solid waste problem.

I would like to remind Mr. Gravley and the entire campus that this past fall members of Environmental Quality bought materials and constructed large, white-painted wooden bins for the collection of wastepaper. There are two of them, one at each entrance to the mailroom. To be specific, the trash cans in the mailroom are for trash (your applecore, your crumpled gum wrapper). But your junk mail (all of those letters from Old Chapel, the all-campus mailings from student organizations) belongs in the wastepaper bins. The bins are emptied daily by EQ volunteers, and the contents are donated to VANBEC Recycling in East Middlebury. Judging from the

amount of junk mail that has been turned over to VANBEC, it is my opinion that a great number of people have been making the effort to use the bins and that the mailroom has been much cleaner since their installation. As one who is involved with EQ, I am almost insulted that Mr. Gravley hasn't noticed.

Nevertheless, he is right. There are still some careless litterers out there. More importantly, if we are ever to solve the problems of overflowing landfills and dumps, we must learn not to throw away paper but to recycle it. I urge everyone neither to litter the mailroom nor throw junk mail in with the garbage. Please, keep the mailroom clean AND do the state a favor: put wastepaper in the bins.

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Low faculty/ student ratio is a fallacy

To the Editor:

Middlebury supposedly has a 12 / 1 student / faculty ratio which should translate into small classes. But where are these small classes? Certainly not in Economics or Political Science. The following is a list of departmental majors, their