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New recycling program begins this week

By Alison Lowen

"Recyclers do it again and again" reads the motto of Middlebury's new recycling program.

What exactly will they be doing again and again? The recyclers will be recycling, reusing and conserving the materials which every year contribute to the earth's growing garbage problems. Landfill capacities are decreasing, meaning even more space must be created for our garbage; acres of trees are destroyed for our paper, and millions of dollars are spent trying to find a solution.

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Residence Hall Assistant Matt Longman has recognized the need for a larger scale recycling program at Middlebury. This year Longman '89 will implement the ideas from last year's ES 401 class. The class produced a group thesis entitled "No Time to Waste." The paper suggests various methods through which Middlebury can reduce its waste output.

"The program has been fun to start

up, everybody is very enthusiastic," Longman said. So far, student worker response has been far greater than expected, he said.

In addition, "Frank Kelley has been a great support," Longman said.

Starting this week, large bins will appear all over campus. The bins will be located in dorms and other central places, such as the mail room and Proctor. Most off-campus houses will have to wait several weeks until a pick-up time can be set up for them. There will be three separate bins in each location, one each for newspapers, white paper, and colored paper.

"It is important that you follow the guidelines," Longman said, in order to reduce the work and make the program more efficient.

Beth Shak, of Casella Recycling, will assist Longman with the paper disposal. The bins will be emptied several times a week and the paper loaded onto a truck. A representative from Casella will then pick up the papers and deliver the materials to the appropriate markets.

One of Longman's goals for the year is to "educate the educators," he said. An ES 401 survey last year revealed that the faculty and staff were the worst offenders in producing paper waste.

Longman hopes to speak at the next faculty meeting where he will urge the use of the phonemail system as an alternative to the excess paper notices. Members of the community should choose white instead of colored paper, as white paper is much easier to recycle and there is a much

greater market for it.

Aside from working on paper recycling, Longman plans to study waste in the dining halls with Director of Dining Services Ted Mayer. Longman is presently investigating the possibility of having someone purchase the excess food such as farmers for compost.

Use of paper products in the dining halls is another area Longman is looking into. He encouraged students to use only paper products when absolutely necessary.

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Ultimately, Longman would like to make students more aware of the environment they live in and what they can do to improve it. He hopes the program will grow over the years, especially as the cost of garbage disposal increases. Reducing the amount of garbage leaving the school will eventually save Middlebury staggering amounts of money, he said.

"It will only work if students pick up on it," Longman said.