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Mostly sunny and breezy today. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler, high around 55.

New recycling chief takes out the trash

Environmental groups cheer Ekart's efforts

By Jody Holzworth
Staff Reporter

UNL environmental groups don't think Dale Ekart's recycling plans are a bunch of garbage.

"I think what Dale Ekart is doing is fantastic," said Mark Petersen, Ecology Now president. "We are glad to have someone of his caliber heading the (recycling) program."

Ekart is the University of Nebraska-Lincoln recycling coordinator.

The recycling efforts of Ecology Now and the Environmental Resource Center provided Ekart with background information to help design a campuswide program. The two groups began recycling aluminum cans in the university unions and residence halls two years ago. Through trial and error, they found the best locations for recycling containers and the best type of containers.

Because student groups did not have the resources to start a campuswide program, Ecology Now and the center see Ekart as a big push behind recycling efforts.

"Having someone in the position to do a more organized recycling effort campuswide is a definite advantage," Petersen said.

Galen Wray, the resource center director, said Ekart's approach to the program would make it successful.

Ekart has said he would phase in the recycling program. Office paper and cardboard recycling bins will be installed at 12 campus locations soon.

Ekart is doing his homework, Wray said. He is testing a few recycling locations and different containers, and working closely with the custodial staff in the program.

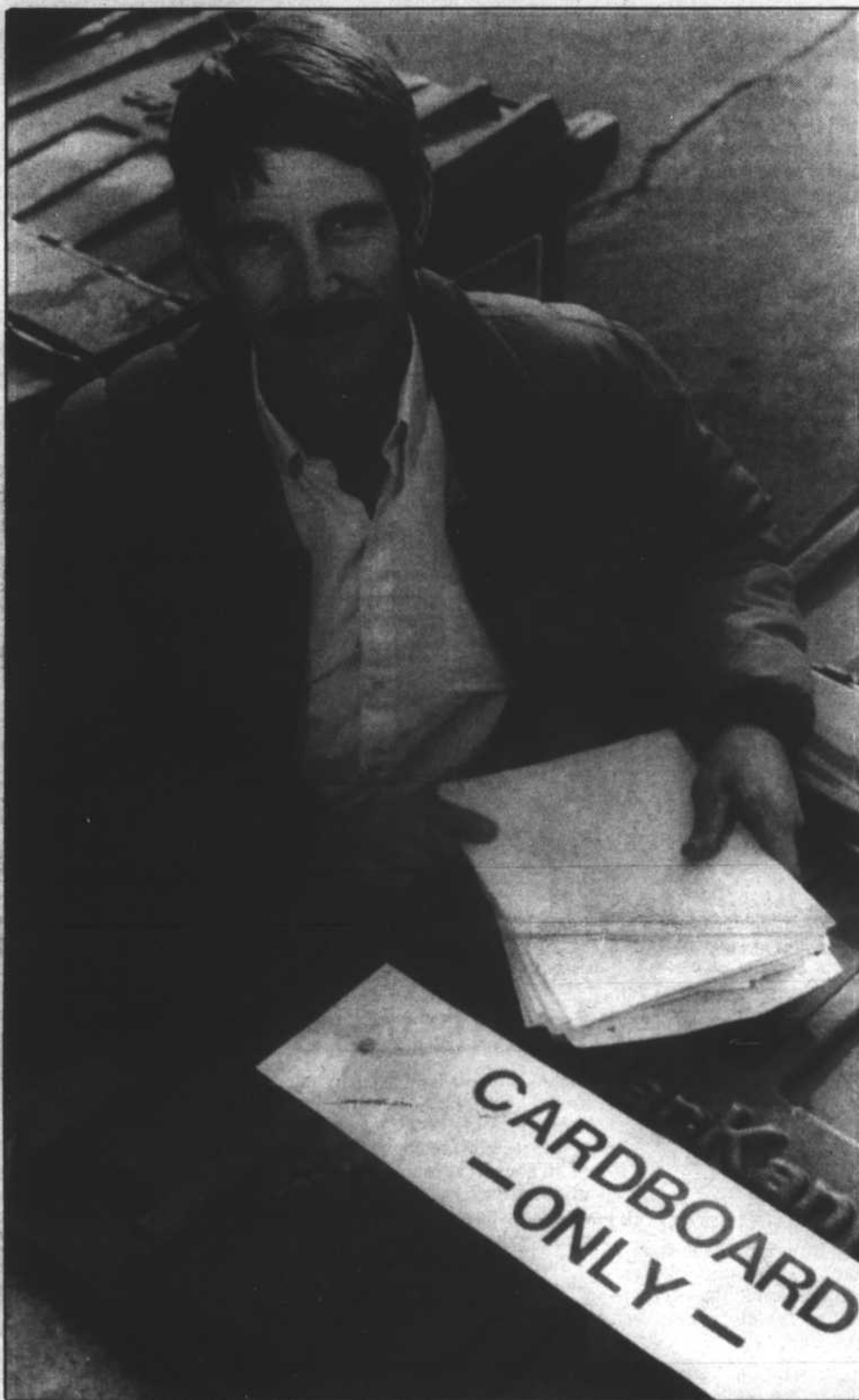
Both campus environmental groups have high hopes for future recycling at the university.

"The program should make recycling available to everyone," Wray said. "It should be easy for people on campus to recycle and provide people the information to do the type of recycling they need."

Petersen said the university should recycle a variety of goods, including glass and cardboard. Recycling also should be made easy, he said.

"We need a recycling program that everyone on campus has easy access to," Petersen said.

Ecology Now has volunteered to continue helping Ekart. Petersen said the group could provide Ekart with the people power to move recycling bins or do other tasks. The group also is producing a fact sheet about the program and campus recycling locations.



Dale Ekart, UNL's recycling coordinator, said recycling cardboard was the university's latest project. The university-wide recycling project should begin in a couple weeks, Ekart said.

'Garbage man' studies university's alternatives

By Jody Holzworth
Staff Reporter

UNL's garbage is one man's living. Dale Ekart, recycling coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was hired to ensure campus garbage is properly disposed.

The job sounds easy enough, but environmental concerns make Ekart's duties a challenge.

Ekart, who has worked as a private consultant for several other recycling programs in the state, makes all recycling decisions at UNL.

"It's like starting a business from scratch," Ekart said.

Up to this point, UNL has had no official recycling policy. Student organizations, including Ecology Now and the Residence Hall Association, work with the Environmental Resource Center to recycle aluminum cans and paper towels.

Ekart's job is to take that work one step farther.

Ekart said he planned to begin recycling cardboard and office paper in 12 campus locations within the next few weeks.

Recycling containers for office paper will be placed in Architecture Hall, Burnett Hall, Oldfather Hall, South Memorial Stadium, Seaton Hall and the Administration Building, he said.

Cardboard recycling containers will be made available at the Nebraska Unions, the University Bookstore, the athletic training table area and in areas with vending machines.

Ekart's placement decision was based, in part, on suggestions from garbage collectors.

"I rode the garbage truck route on campus to see what was being thrown away and how much," Ekart said.

If recycling proves successful in the heavy-use areas, Ekart said the recycling program would expand to residence halls and East Campus.

The number of products being recycled also will increase, he said. The program eventually will include cans, computer paper, newspaper and plastics.

Ekart said recycling was a "simple, complex problem." It's simple to educate people and get them to recycle, he said, but the details of recycling programs can be tedious and confusing.

"My experience has been that people are aware of recycling and want to recycle as long as it is easy and convenient," Ekart said. "Set out a recycling barrel and they will fill it."

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Bullets entered into evidence

Witnesses give Harms' autopsy details at trial

By Dionne Searcey
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Jurors heard details Tuesday of UNL student Candice Harms' autopsy where three bullets and a full-metal jacket were found in her skull.

Prosecutors entered the items into evidence during the seventh day of Roger Bjorklund's first-degree murder trial.



Cheryl Knuth, a former investi-

gator with the Lincoln Police Department, testified examiners found a piece of duct tape attached to Harms' hair. Knuth also said examiners found pieces of lead in Harms' hair during the autopsy.

Harms was positively identified during the autopsy by her fingerprints, said Marlin Rauscher, coordinator of the Lincoln Police Department identification laboratory.

Harms' fingerprints taken in 1984 matched a print taken Dec. 7, 1992, from her body, he said.

He retrieved the print from the index finger of her right hand, which Rauscher said had to be pried open.

Harms' right hand, Rauscher said, was in a "very clenched, tight-fisted position with the fingers tucked into the palm area."

Prosecutors also entered into evidence photos of Harms' autopsy and a barrette that was attached to her hair.

Despite defense objections, the judge accepted paperwork Bjorklund filed at a local gun store before buying a .38 caliber weapon.

In February 1992, Roger

Bjorklund trial update

Three bullets and a full-metal jacket were found in Harms' skull after an autopsy was performed. The items were entered into evidence.

Bjorklund purchased a .38 caliber revolver for \$201.82 in February 1992. Prosecutors allege the gun was used in the slaying of Harms.

Bjorklund purchased the five-shot revolver for \$201.82 at Archer Arms, 3295 A St., store clerk Vicki Longsine said.

The gun Bjorklund purchased and the .38 caliber revolver police recovered were similar, but could not be positively identified because no serial number was found on the gun, Longsine said.

The revolver, a Brazilian import, is a common weapon, she said, but five-shot revolvers are rare in this area.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey continued building the prosecution's foundation Tuesday by

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Presidential interviews may be open meetings

By Matthew Waite
Staff Reporter

Candidate interviews for the NU presidential post this week probably will be open to the public, a university official said Tuesday.

But some regents said they were concerned for the candidates' privacy.

The full board must vote Thursday to open the interviews, but chairman John Payne of Kearney plans to recommend they do it, NU corporation secretary J.B. Milliken said. Payne could not be reached for comment.

In a recent interview with an Omaha newspaper, Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg said that because of Nebraska public meeting laws, candidate interviews should be public.

The NU Board of Regents will interview Thursday and Friday the four finalists named to replace Martin Massengale as University of Nebraska president.

Stenberg, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday, said the law allowed meeting to be closed only if information gained from them could damage the candidate's reputation.

Milliken said regents could close the end of the interview for personal questions.

"There will be, as the law says, a time at the end of the meeting (which would be held in) closed session," Milliken said.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said that although she agreed the meetings should be open, Stenberg didn't have any right to make the recommendation to the board.

"He should not give an opinion on who should be there or not," she said. Skrupa said she was hesitant to open the meetings because of private matters that would be discussed during the interview.

The board has been criticized for past decisions to open or close meet-

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