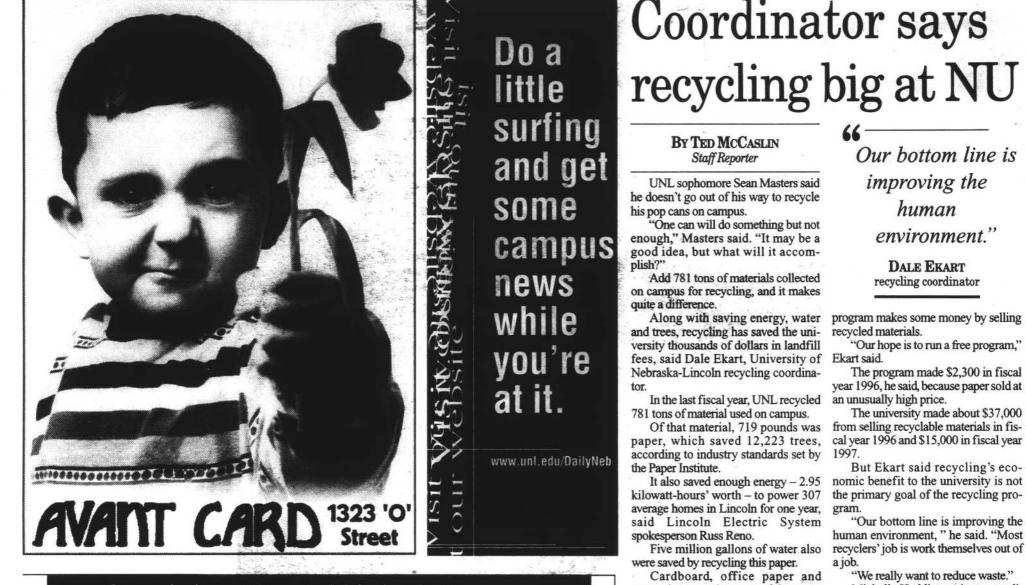
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## **Coordinator says** recycling big at NU

newsprint comprise most of the paper products recycled, Ekart said. Paper towels and disposable napkins are not recycled.

Daily Nebraskans made up more than half of the newsprint recycled from academic buildings on campus, Ekart said.

The program also recycled four tons of aluminum, 5.7 tons of steel and 4.2 tons of plastic in the last fiscal year. Other recycled materials included wood pallets, fluorescent tubes and Styrofoam peanuts.

But some recyclable material makes it to the landfill, because people throw it in trash cans instead of recycling bins, Ekart said.

The recovery of recyclable material also saves costly landfill space, Ekart said. The university saved more than 2,742 cubic yards of landfill space by recycling last year and avoided nearly \$12,500 in landfill fees.

The program has a budget of \$40,000 to \$45,000, Ekart said. But the

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program makes some money by selling

"Our hope is to run a free program,"

The program made \$2,300 in fiscal year 1996, he said, because paper sold at

The university made about \$37,000 from selling recyclable materials in fiscal year 1996 and \$15,000 in fiscal year

nomic benefit to the university is not the primary goal of the recycling pro-

"Our bottom line is improving the human environment," he said. "Most recyclers' job is work themselves out of

"We really want to reduce waste."

Michelle Haddix, projects coordinator for UNL Recycling and Ecology Now! director, said her job also is to reduce waste.

"It's a really messy job, " she said about picking up drink containers. "It gets all over your shoes."

Despite the mess, Haddix said her job is worthwhile because she is "trying to help make a difference for the benefit of the environment."

UNL Recycling is working to increase the number of recycling bins on campus to make recycling more convenient.

But "it's not all that convenient," junior Jeanette Burbridge said.

"If it's by a trash can I'll put it in there," she said, because "it's a positive thing for the environment."

Junior Steph McCann said she approves of on-campus recycling.

"I feel guilty if I don't," McCann said. "Everybody has to (recycle) together.

"We can't throw any more away."



