

Garbage men dread collection day in Brown's Court

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The residential area, located across from UPEI and inhabited mostly by students is a source of headaches for some employees of the Island Waste Management Corporation (IWMC).

After a pick-up on any given week, there are generally a few carts left curbside, untouched, as a result of improper trash sorting.

Gerry Moore, a 1983 UPEI graduate and now CEO of IWMC speculated there are a few reasons for the occurrences.

"I like to think the initial problem is people moving in from other jurisdictions in Canada and across the world where they didn't have waste management and it takes some time to getting used to.

That, or they weren't responsible for it at home."

A major problem is waste materials contaminating compost bins. When garbage collectors discover plastic and metals in the green carts, they are instructed to leave it behind. They also leave a tag on the cart explaining why.

It's something that has happened more than once to one area resident who didn't want to be named.

"It wasn't fun, I had to dig through it, figure out what wasn't supposed to be in there and throw it in the other cart. Then I still had a full cart for another two weeks. Not something I'd want to do again."

Since 1994, IWMC has operated and maintained the Waste Watch program, an Island-wide three-stream source separation based waste management system.

IWMC has a 65 per cent waste diversion rate, making it the provincial leader in the country.

Moore says trash sorting is easily learned and there are many ways to find out more.

"We provide the university and landlords with pamphlets and sorting guides which are free for the taking. We have it so landlords are constantly trying to educate tenants as well."

While Brown's Court trails other apartment complexes, there has been improvement.

"If you don't sort the trash, it's going to a landfill where it might sit for 1,000 years in the ground. It's what each individual does that adds up and save a lot."

Moore encourages any students looking for more how to information to visit www.iwmc.pe.ca.



A standard sight in Brown's Court, unsorted trash has some ranting, and some new students very confused.

Yeo photo

A sense of clique within the Student Union

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It's always been a crapshoot.

"The way we have it set up, three or four electorate positions run [individually], and you might have to work with your opponent [from the election]."

This is from the Student Union President, Justin Douglas.

He's talking about the recent consideration of Matt Morrison retaining his position as the Union's executive Vice-President, despite al-

legations of favouritism and injustice to the Union constitution, which was misinterpreted by Morrison when he took office.

The constitution states that anyone competing for an executive role must be enrolled in a minimum of three courses, as well as covering their Union fees.

Morrison was a full-time student when he ran for the position, but did not know that he had to be full-time during his term. This semester Morrison is registered in only one course, but council recognized his potential and dedication to the role.

Douglas assured that it was to Morrison's credit that he will pay for two extra courses and Union fees to keep his job.

"Matt wanted to come back, pick up more courses and give back to the university."

The executive Vice President position is defined by the constitution as running on board committees, assisting the president in his duties, and organizing the buddy program to help international students adapt to new university life, by pairing them up with local students.

The rumour shuddering

through the student body is that the university's venerable Student Union has been made up of a group of friends, that "ran together, were voted in, and stuck together," said Douglas.

This year they intended to stay away from that particular group aesthetic.

"We wanted to get away from the clique sense," said Douglas.

However, Douglas added he thought it was the best group of individuals to collaborate with in a work setting.

"If you look at it, him taking more courses wouldn't benefit the Student Union,"

said Douglas.

Theoretically, increasing Morrison's course load may prove to be detrimental to his work for the Union at this point in the year. But that's what the constitution will clearly inflict by this time next year, so the same mistake will not be made again.

Douglas encouraged all to take a look at the constitution for themselves online, something he will prioritize as one of the key changes being made this year. In other positions not Presidential, the number of courses needed to run are not clearly outlined.