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Dioxins, a chemical family with 75 members, are some of the most lethal poisons ever created. Even small amounts can trigger a wide range of health effects, including suppression of the immune system and birth defects. The growing dioxin contamination of the environment has concerned North American scientists since 1980.

Found in the effluents from the papermaking process, dioxins contaminate rivers and lakes; garbage incinerators release them

into the air, to eventually fall on water and soil.

Many paper companies are changing their processes, but dioxins are still pervasive. They are in all bleached (white) paper products, such as paper towels, writing paper and paper napkins.

Although Canadian law bans any dioxin residues in food at all, they recently showed up in cardboard milk containers and in the milk inside them. Residues are commonly found at low levels in fruit, meat, eggs and vegetables,

and have even appeared in breast milk.

Buy unbleached paper products whenever you have the chance. A demand created by you, the concerned consumer, could make a difference to the paper industry.

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next week. He said preference will be given to someone from Dalhousie, but that it may be necessary to advertise elsewhere. The affirmative action policy stipulates the employment equity officer must be a visible minority, an aboriginal person, a woman or disabled.

Clark said he hopes to fill the position by March 1. Meanwhile, the new policy must be approved by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

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CUP Briefs

Gay Games given go for it!

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia's student council has thrown its support behind the 1990 Gay Games.

The council voted 22 to two to welcome the games in response to ads placed in local dailies by local Christian leaders denouncing the games. Eight councillors abstained.

"I thought with all the negative publicity the Gay Games have been receiving, it was necessary for the student council at UBC to strongly welcome the gay community to campus," said council executive Vanessa Geary.

The university rejected a proposal to bring the games to UBC in September 1988.

Following the decision, UBC president David Strangway said the university should not "have an informal identity with an issue of such controversy".

But the board reversed its decision in January 1989. Some student councillors agreed with motion but said the council wasn't the best group to deal with the issue.

"It's out of our mandate, although it's certainly of a concern to university student groups," science student council rep Ari Gilligson said. "We should promote liberal student attitudes."

Slick Esso reading room

by Krishna Rau

TORONTO (CUP) — Students and faculty at the University of Toronto are upset that rooms in the Earth Sciences Centre have been named after some of Canada's "major polluters."

Graduate students and professors in Forestry and Botany have complained about the Noranda Library and the Esso Reading Room.

"They're disgusting," said graduate student Catriona Gordon. "Considering Noranda is the number one polluter of Northern Ontario and Quebec, I think it's pretty scuzzy."

But Rod Carrow, the dean of forestry, supported the naming of the rooms.

"It's entirely appropriate, and I disagree with the statement that they're major polluters," he said. Carrow said he attended a talk where Noranda president Adam Zimmerman said he was a fervent anti-pollution advocate.

Another graduate student, Tim Gray, said his work showed him the opposite.

"In our lab, we work on acid rain effects, and Noranda is one of the major polluters."

Students and faculty say polluters are welcome to give money, but should not have rooms named after them.

Other major donors to the centre included Shell Canada, Union Carbide, Inco, Gulf Canada, and Falconbridge. These donors are acknowledged on a wall in the lounge.



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