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as this makes them more interesting." — Rose Macaulay

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Food containers erode ozone

by Will Gibson

Styrofoam cups and plates deemed to be hazardous to the environment, should be eliminated from University cafeterias, a U of A Zoology professor says.

Dr. Jean Lauber, who campaigned to remove aerosol cans from the U of A last year, wants Housing and Food Services to stop using chlorofluorocarbon

(CFC) food containers.

Non-biodegradable and non-renewable, CFC's are a main cause of the destruction of the Earth's ozone layer, the part of the atmosphere that protects the earth from ultraviolet radiation.

Students' Union has not addressed the issue said vp academic Charles Vethan, because "no one

has complained about it."

"I am concerned about the effects 100 years down the road; but in my current position it has not been a problem," said Vethan.

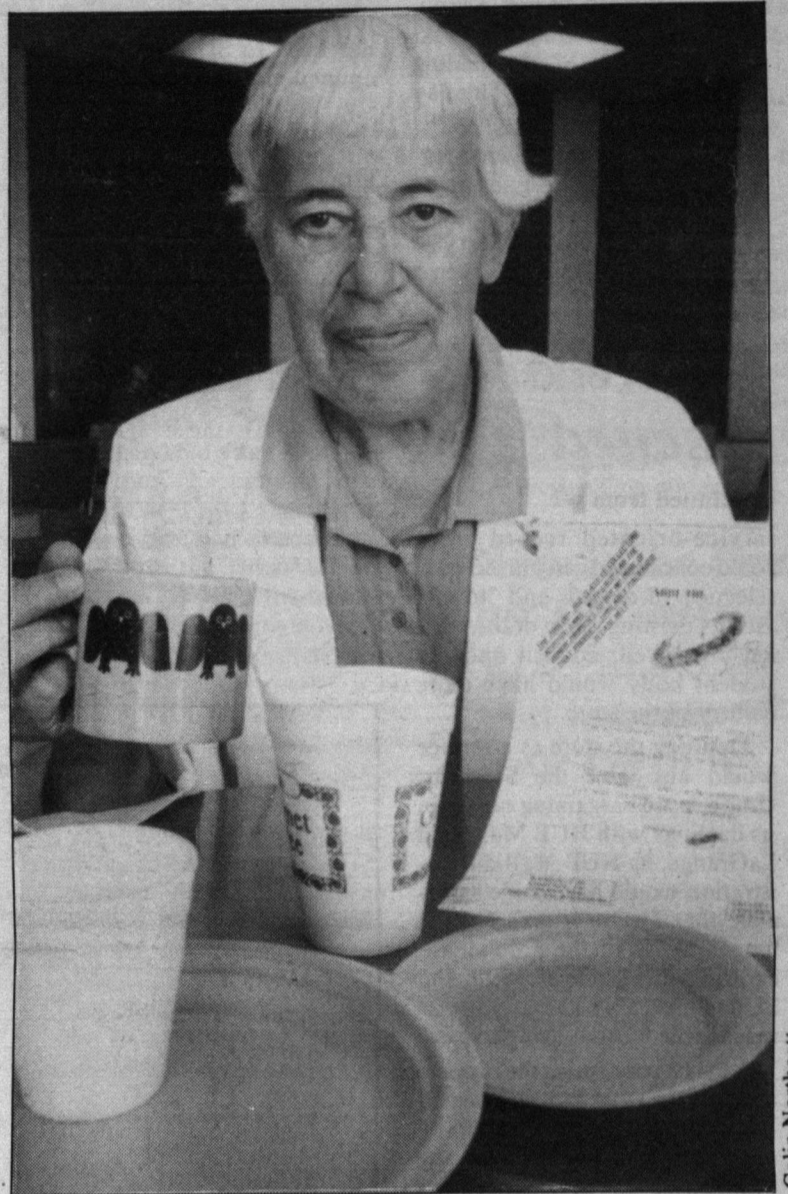
Lauber has taken steps on his own, such as encouraging his students to express their concern in letters to Housing and Food officials. Lauber believes that products made from paper are viable alternatives to styrofoam.

However, paper products would not be cost efficient, said SU business manager Todd Phillips.

"One thousand styrofoam cups cost \$31.00, while 576 seven-ounce paper cups cost \$39.99," said Phillips. Phillips said that a non-CFC styrofoam alternative was being used in some SU food outlets. When the present stock of CFC products run out, the environment-safe product will be put into general use.

Lauber, however questions the University's commitment to environmental issues. "Last year I undertook a similar project against the use of aerosol cans at the University — and nothing has been done about it," said Lauber.

"The University should be leaders in the community with respect to environmental issues," said Lauber, adding that companies such as McDonald's have already switched to non-CFC products.



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Zoology professor Jean Lauber wants University cafeterias to stop serving food with environmentally hazardous styrofoam containers.

SU Records rescued

by Roberta Franchuk

The decision to sell SU Records was overturned by Students' Council Tuesday.

Instead, the HUB Mall store will become a Students' Union service.

Council had decided at the Sept. 27 meeting to look into selling the store, citing its poor business record and the difficulties it would face in relocating because of HUB renovations. Other options, such as moving the store into the Students' Union Building or operating it as a franchise, had been discussed but were not considered viable.

Reaction to the proposal to sell was not favorable. Concerned councillors and students began circulating a petition asking council to investigate options other than the sale of the store. Nearly 1,200 people signed the petition.

"The fact that there was so much

concern about this certainly made us re-evaluate the motion that was made," noted vp external Dave Tupper.

The store was already perceived as a service by many students, said president Paul LaGrange.

"That changed the options we were looking at."

An analysis of the store's budget revealed that staff costs contributed to a large portion of the money that was being lost. "Part of our problem," said LaGrange, "was that we were throwing away...revenue which would otherwise be poured back into the operation into relatively exorbitant wage costs."

By turning the store into a service with a student director and student employees, "it would immediately place SU Records in at very least a break-even, possibly a profit position," said LaGrange.

LaGrange also noted that a

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Ryan Huddy, son of Edmonton Oiler Charlie Huddy, had all the fun he could handle Saturday at the Carnival of Champions.

Subway stays vacant

by Kevin Law

A long term allocation for the vacant Subway cafeteria has still not been decided.

The University administration, which owns the former cafeteria on the second floor of the Students' Union Building, is unlikely to initiate a long term usage for the space in the near future.

Short term allocation of the space is presently given over to the University bookstore for work and storage space.

According to Chris Welsh, SU vp finance, the latest information given to him by University administration states that the bookstore will occupy the space until the 1989 "crush period" is over. Following that, it is anticipated the faculty of extension will move in while Corbett Hall undergoes renovations. The report further stated no other options can be pursued until faculty of extension vacates Subway "hopefully in early 1990."

Concerning long term allocation, space planning officer Wayne Hansen said, "things are still in flux", while associate vp facilities J.B. McQuitty said, "at

the moment, no decision has been made. We're exploring alternatives which include estimates of costs and how to best utilize the space. I suspect the final decision will rest with the facilities development committee."

Another problem facing long term allocation is lack of funds for required renovations to suit the needs of future usage. "We're very short of renovation funds," said McQuitty. "Funds have been cut back severely the last few years." McQuitty acknowledged that such cut backs would affect long term allocation for Subway.

In the interim, the Subway kitchen equipment will be auctioned off on October 12. "Everything in the kitchen is being sold," said Lois Hassett, assistant to the surplus coordinator in the materials management department. Hassett noted that equipment to come under the block will include everything from walk-in freezers to pots and pans. "We're estimating \$100,000," said Hassett of the hoped for revenue to be generated from the sale.

David Tupper, SU vp external, remained optimistic about long term possibilities for Subway. "It

looks like we'll get a student oriented service here, it's just a matter of what service," he said, adding, "We're certainly continuing with the pressure."

While McQuitty felt that moving the faculty of extension into the entire Subway space for a year or more "makes sense" in terms of a student oriented service, Tupper rejected that view, saying, "The faculty of extension is not student oriented, and it's only a short term allocation."

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