

EDITORIAL

The people of the world are now being put in jeopardy. The problem is a simple one, and one easy to combat.

The enemy is not hiding in the jungles of Vietnam, nor is it invisible or hard to comprehend.

The enemy is our own negligence and failure to realize that we are slowly killing ourselves by polluting the world we live in. We've been doing it for years now and no one has cared. Now we only have approximately thirty-five years left.

In one cubic inch of air, at the present time, there are 15,000 particles of dust and pollutants. The amount is increasing at the rate of 1,500 particles per year. Time is running out.

At this present rate, within the span of thirty-five years, all life on the planet earth will cease to exist. Our savings account at the bank won't help us and the air conditioning on our car won't make us breathe again.

We can do something about it however, but the time is now.

April 22 is Earth Day throughout the United States, a time when the people of this country are going to try to really get the ball rolling so that there will be a tomorrow.

The program, sponsored by Environmental Teach-In, Inc., will be a nationwide activity, much like the past moratorium,

with the exception that this is to start a war, not end one, a war worth going to.

In closing, the following is taken from a pamphlet called "Environmental Action" and was printed by Environmental Teach-In, Inc. to present the problem to the people in the hope that there will be more interest on Earth Day.

Read the facts as they are and think about them.

"FACTS AND PREDICTIONS;
 present world population 3.5 billion. . .3.7 babies born every second. . .world population in 30 years, 6 billion. . .140 billion tons of carbon monoxide released by automobiles in New York City each day. . .pollutants from fossil fuel use expected to double by 1980. . .property damage from air pollution in this country estimated at \$13 billion a year. . .700,000,000 pounds of pesticides used each year. . . black Californians, in one study have twice as much DDT in their bodies as whites. . .DDT content .10 to .30 parts per million in milk of nursing mothers, 2 to 6 times the amount allowed in commercial sales of milk. . . 500 million pounds of solid waste pouring into U.S. waterways each day. . .by one estimate, 400 acres of California land paved each day."

Is thirty-five years so far off?

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Tribute To The Maintenance Men

Tribute to the Maintenance Men
 They work all day and sometimes in the night
 To keep our schools all running just right—
 Repairing, cleaning, and building too,
 Trying to keep things just as "good as new."
 They repair the boilers and clean stopped lines,
 Replace broken windows and do jobs of all kinds.

There's never an end to the work that they do.
 There is always something - they never get through.
 These men work hard, though there's seldom a thank-you,
 And they are all dedicated to the work that they do.
 If you'll just look around, you can see where they've been.
 We all owe a tribute to our maintenance men.

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Ecology Action Group Plans Teach-In

Bethlehem, Pa. - (I.P.) - A rapidly expanding group of Lehigh University students and faculty, concerned about the rising environmental crisis, is formulating plans now to combat the problem and participate in a nationwide environmental "teach-in" scheduled for April 22.

The Lehigh Ecology Action Group plans to take part in the event by presenting recognized authorities on various facets of the growing pollution crisis. Dr. Francis J. Trembley, nationally known ecologist and professor of biology at Lehigh who has been in the forefront of the fight against the pollution of our en-

vironment for many years, is associated with the group.

Coordinated from the Office of Senator Gaylord Nelson, Wisconsin Democrat, the national day of observance of environmental problems is intended to drive home to the American public the fact that the nation's and world's "quality of life" is deteriorating, and to stress the need for action to stop the trend.

Complementing the Ecology Action Group, and meshing with its plans of action, is a course titled "Psychological Basis of Habitable Environment," offered during the current spring semester.

Business Students Attend Machines Show

By MAURICE CRAVEN

Members of Mrs. Jean Tugman's two office management classes at Wilkes Community College and the WCC chapter of the Phi Beta Lambda were represented at the annual Southwestern Business Machines Show at the Merchandise Mart in Charlotte recently.

Accompanying the group were Mrs. Tugman and Mrs. Essie Hayes of the Division of Business Technologies.

The two and one-half hour travel time to and from Charlotte on the student activity bus proved most enjoyable. The students seemed extremely content as some of them made conversation and some harmonized on their favorite songs.

Highlights of the show included a typewriter that could produce finished copies of written material from rough drafts and an electronic calculator that could not only do the work of conventional calculators, but could store numbers in a memory bank to be recalled at a later time. The calcu-

lations were made instantaneously and silently.

The students also attended a two-hour seminar presented by the Administrative Management Society and the National Association of Accountants. The main objective of the speakers was to give advice to men and women in managerial positions.

The students attending the show were: Kate Anthony, Mary Barber, Wanda Barlow, Sue Barker, David Blackburn, Larry Blackburn, Barbara Bledsoe, Arel Blewins, Larry Brewer, Linda Colvard, Kenneth Cox, Maurice Craven, Joel Dills, Don Goodman, Donna Hamby, Gary Hendren, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Lewis, Jerry Mathis, Alex Miller, Roy Poe, Dale Ray, Lanny Reavis, Eudora Redding, Deanie Riddle, Sandra Russell, Dona Triplett, Kennety Turner, Patty Wagoner, and Ann Wyrick.

The students were impressed by the wide variety of machines and inspired by the speakers at the seminar.