## 'Blind technology' needs vision



**Barry Commoner** 

The increasing use of insecticides has not only polluted the air but also backfired as a method of destroying harmful insects, according to one of the nation's leading environmental experts.

Barry Commoner, recently featured on the cover of Time magazine, told 200 persons Thursday at the Nebraska Center that harmful pests have in many cases developed immunities to pesticides.

Commoner added that the insecticides have killed other insects which would normally feed on the harmful pests, thereby upsetting the balance of nature and contributing to the environmental problem.

The "blind technology" of the United States has proved incompatible with the ecological system, he said. "We have based our economy on things that are ecologically destructive. We are living in a way that threatens our continued existence."

Environmental problems can be overcome, Commoner said, because the nation's political leaders have shown an increasing interest in solving them.

However, he said, more money is needed than President Richard M. Nixon has asked for. The problem requires \$100 billion a year for an indefinite time, he stated.

Commoner appealed to the audience to help college students in their efforts during the nation-wide Teach-In scheduled for April 22.

Student activism during the Teach-In, which is designed to inform the public of environmental problems, will "dwarf any previous political demonstration," he predicted.

## Chi Phi elects new officers

Donald E. Rowlands, a junior from Columbus, has been elected president of Chi Phi fraternity for the 1970 year.

Other officers chosen are Steve Ross, vice president; Bob Garnett, secretary; Dave Burhoop, treasurer; Doug Minard, historian; and Dave Schweitz, social chairman.

## Fischer-Galati to speak Friday

A former presidential adviser who has been instrumental in shaping American Eastern European foreign policy will speak on the University campus Friday, according to Ivan Volgyes, assistant professor of political science.

Stephen Fischer-Galati, professor of history at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., will speak on Eastern European Foreign Policy: The Limits of Choice, at 3:30 p.m. in the Small Auditorium of the Nebraska Union.

Fischer-Galati is the editor of The East European Quarterly, the only major periodical in the field of humanities and social sciences which consistently prints articles and studies by both Eastern European and Western academicians, Volgyes said.

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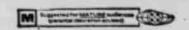


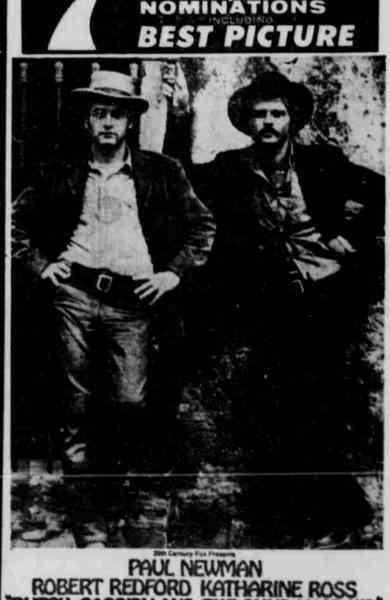
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