

'Everyone shares pollution blame'

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Industrial pollution has been magnified by professional alarmists, according to an executive for General Motors in Saginaw, Mich.

Speaking at a University Wildlife Club Meeting, Paul H. Wendler said that government, industry and the public must all share the blame for pollution in the United States.

The mass media should stop inciting the public and begin educating them, said Wendler in his speech over the weekend. Adverse public opinion may allow pollution laws to be used for destructive rather than constructive purposes.

Using the automobile industry as an example, he stated that many people have been misled into believing the automobile is the nation's major source of air pollution when "it just isn't so."

"It isn't true on a weight basis—the actual bulk of all pollutants in the air, and it isn't true on a health basis—the relative effects which various pollutants in the air have on human health and plant life."

Citing a Department of Health, Education and Welfare report, Wendler said the automobile is responsible for about 38 per cent of the major pollutants in the air—not the 60 per cent so often reported.

"Our 1970 and 1971 model cars emit 80 per cent fewer hydrocarbons and 65 per cent less carbon monoxide as compared to their predecessors of ten or eleven years ago. We are totally committed to the goal of taking the automobile out of the air pollution problem, but each step becomes more difficult than the last."

The public will also have to pay the price for a better environment by discarding old habits and developing new ones, Wendler told the group of 360 in the Nebraska Union.

Agreeing that discipline and restraint are not the popular virtues they once were, he added that "doing your own thing too often means doing less for others and for the public welfare."

According to Wendler, a feeling of mutual dependence



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and a greater sense of social responsibility must be developed before the public can help solve the pollution problem.

Pollution is everyone's responsibility, he said.

Wendler feels that we all have important roles to play in finding permanent solutions to the pollution problem, but the federal government has an especially important role to play:

- in encouraging research into the causes of pollution;
- providing incentives for future planning, to establish proper priorities;
- determining standards of environmental quality that are acceptable and realistic;
- making certain that these standards are current and enforced.

Reminding people that Federal legislation affecting the control of industrial pollution did not come until the mid-1950's, Wendler said that today's problem is "jurisdiction overlap."

"We have done what we can, now the government is going to have to start helping by setting up effective, uniform nationwide controls," Wendler added.

ASUN delays President hunt

The start of the search for a new president for the Lincoln campus has been delayed because ASUN has not yet selected student members to the 12-man search committee.

The first meeting of the search committee, originally scheduled for Friday, has been postponed until April 5.

The student Senate this week decided against the method of selection originally

planned to fill the three student positions on the search committee and instead called for interviews to determine the student representatives. The interviews will be held Tuesday evening.

The search committee will seek a replacement for Joseph Soshnik, who has decided to leave the presidency to take a position with an Omaha investment banking firm.

Students organize for Hughes

"Students for Hughes," a national student organization to promote the presidential candidacy of Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), has started in Los Angeles.

Representatives from 53 campuses have been selected to distribute bumperstickers which read "Harold Hughes in '72," campaign buttons, copies of his voting record and literature explaining "Views of Sen. Hughes."

No representative from the University has been announced, according to Mike Jacobs, president of the NU Young Democrats. "It's still fairly early," in the campaign, and an NU movement may still appear, he said.

Jacobs said he believes Hughes has a "good chance" to be elected in 1972, especially if U. S. Senators Muskie, McGovern, and Humphrey get into a stalemate at the Democratic Convention.

A United States Marine Corps Officer Selection Team will visit the University of Nebraska campus on March 30 & 31 and April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Captain B. V. Taylor, Officer Selection Officer from Omaha, will be interviewing in Room 225 Nebraska Union Placement Office. The Marine Corps has officer programs available for freshman through seniors. All lead to a second lieutenant's commission upon graduation. While attending college, the student attends no meetings or drills, is draft deferred, and receives longevity which results in much higher pay (as much as \$150 extra per month.)

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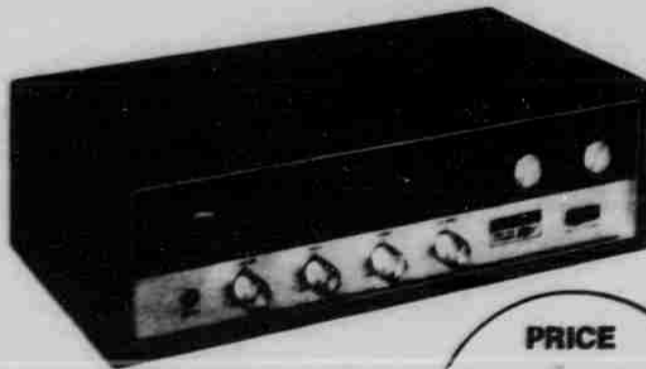
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