

6 Programs Scheduled

Ecology Seminar Set

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Just one year ago, hardly anyone knew what ecology meant. Now the word is in headlines and speeches. In so short a time, man has realized that his life style, his industry and his population growth are leading to the extinction of more and more species, to the poisoning of air, food and water, and to the exhaustion of resources on earth.

Clearly, we must confront this problem, understand it and inform others. Education is the key to a responsible and effective movement, and "Citizens for the Earth," an ecology-oriented organization at Penn State, is picking up the cudgel again in this term on behalf of the well-being of our planet. The group had its origins in "Environmental Challenge," and is presenting a sequel to its action last term, which concentrated upon defining the environmental plight, and offered direction and alternatives for action.

The huge scope of the problem often leaves individuals frustrated, with a feeling of inadequacy and helplessness. But the problem must be combated on a local level as well as through government legislation, and "Citizens for the Earth" is equipped to issue information to all interested students and local residents concerning domestic action. The communication branch can be reached in 208 Life Sciences I.

This term, the program consists of six seminars, a non-credit public forum open to all

students, faculty and town residents, entitled "The Quality of the American Environment."

The schedule of speakers and discussions is as follows:

April 9 — Peter Fletcher, forestry department, "What is Happening to Pine Creek" (slide presentation and talk on natural ecology of Pine Creek and how it is being altered).

April 30 — Daniel Carson, man-environment relations, "Project Wretch — The Superionic Transport" (action-oriented, what you can do to stop the SST).

May 7 — John George, forestry department; president of the Rachael Carson Trust for a Living Environment, "An Action Proposal for an Environmental Decade."

May 14 — Pennsylvania Department of Health, "The Citizen's Role in Environmental Health Problems."

May 21 — Russell R. Dutcher, geology department, "The Environment—Is Anything Being Done?"

May 28 — Frank Burgraff, head of department of regional planning, "New Towns and Planning Techniques."

All the lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be delivered in 108 Forum.

The seminar is geared toward the environmental teach-in, a four-day information-educational program April 17, 18, 19 and 22. The final day is nationally observed "Earth Day."



Loxosceles Rufescens?

IT'S THE NAME of this relative to the family of brown recluse spiders, some of which are poisonous. The violin-shaped coloration on the top part of the body helps to identify this species, which has been found on the University campus.

Spider Discovered In Campus Building

Additional specimens of Loxosceles rufescens, a relative of the brown recluse spider, have been found on the University campus and spraying is underway to reduce any possible infestation.

The first evidence of the presence of the spiders came when Stanley G. Green, assistant professor of entomology extension, found a Loxosceles rufescens in the basement of a campus building a month ago. Further investigation uncovered eight additional spiders.

Green then began a systematic inspection of likely places where spiders might be found, with special emphasis on warm, darkened areas they prefer as a habitat. He found evidence of Loxosceles in some utility ducts where warm, moist areas around underground heating pipes provided suitable living conditions. Maintenance and housing personnel are conducting a careful search of all basements and storage areas as a precautionary measure, and workmen, including contractor personnel, frequenting these areas have been cautioned to be on the lookout for evidence of spiders.

Green said that Loxosceles rufescens is one of six identified species of the family that includes the brown recluse, or Loxosceles reclusa. The bite of four of the six is known to be poisonous to humans, but this does not include Loxosceles rufescens. But in the absence of evidence to the contrary, it should be considered poisonous. Green continued, "Chances of being bitten by the spider are remote, since it is extremely shy and remains in darkened areas except when it ventures forth to feed, usually at night. It will bite only if disturbed."

Green pointed out that spiders are beneficial in controlling insect populations, and that non-poisonous varieties should not be indiscriminately eradicated.

The spider is most easily identified by long, very thin legs, about one inch in length. The body is light brown in color, about one-half inch in length, and on close examination a violin-like figure of darker coloration may be seen on the top part of the body. Harmless spiders that have similar coloring have much thicker legs.

Green has asked that he be notified if specimens of Loxosceles are sighted.

Shapp Encourages Pressure In Solving Pollution Problem

By ROSEMARY SCANLON

(Editor's note: Miss Scanlon is the editor of the Capitolist, student newspaper at the University Capitol Campus near Harrisburg.)

Milton J. Shapp, independent candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Pennsylvania, yesterday urged students at the Capitol Campus to maintain pressure at all levels of government as the most efficient means of solving the pollution problem.

"It is absolutely right and it is a necessity," he said, "that students strike out on the issue and prevent the generation of today from leaving a world unfit to live in. You are making tremendous progress, but you must keep on applying pressure."

Speaking in the campus auditorium as part of the Political Action Week sponsored by the Young Democrats Organization, Shapp told the students, "Unless you press forward, my generation will leave this country in such a mess that there will be no future for you and your families."

"There is no doubt," he added, "that unless you and you alone lead this fight, in another 10 years we'll have to walk around wearing oxygen masks to breathe, and our water will be unfit to drink."

"At every level of society, people must be involved on a

direct and forceful basis if we are to have any impact on the pollution problem."

Calling for continued pressure on the federal, state and local levels, Shapp said the federal government will have to change spending priorities if the problem is to be solved. "We still spend \$75 billion on the military," he said, "and with such a lopsided budget it is difficult to find sufficient funds to clean up the water and to restore the land."

Priority Values "Through your pressures on ending pollution in this country, we can force the reconsideration of priority values. Then we can end our involvement in Vietnam and start our involvement here," Shapp said.

On the state level, Shapp called for the establishment of special courts to handle pollution matters. "The judge would be an expert in the field, and would be able to render a more fair verdict to the public," he said.

At the question and answer session following his talk, the independent gubernatorial candidate called "the fiscal mess in Harrisburg" the most important problem at the state level. "Until we solve it," he added, "we cannot effectively deal with all the other problems."

Abolish Patron System

Shapp recommended reorganization of state government through application of business management techniques, and the abolition of the patron system. At the same time, he called for the elimination of the state sales tax and said it should be replaced by an income tax.

"We need one and only one broad based tax in the state. The sales tax is regressive, is a nuisance tax to merchants, and costs an excessive amount to collect. It should go by the boards and be replaced with an income tax with built-in exemptions at low income levels," Shapp said.

"My goal would be to eliminate the sales tax and adopt an income tax," he added.

Students Liable to Tax If 21, Town Residents

Students over the age of 21, who reside in State College are liable to occupation and per capita taxes, according to Paul Bender, State College tax collector.

Bender told The Daily Collegian yesterday that anyone, not necessarily 21 years of age, earning in excess of \$1,000 is liable to an occupation privilege tax of \$10.

Students who claim another area as their home territory, and pay a tax there, must present a paid tax receipt in order not to be held liable for the State College tax, Bender said.

The law states that any individual who moves into the area, or who becomes 21, shall

within one year, notify the tax assessor's office that he has come of age, or that he is a resident of the area, Bender said.

Many students complain that they are expected to pay taxes, Bender said, adding, "All individuals, when they become 21 years of age, take on added responsibilities. One, of course, is sharing in their local tax burdens."

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Workers Give Partial Nod to ORL Protest

The Workers' League last night gave qualified support to the Coalition for Peace sponsored march on the Ordnance Research Lab April 15. The march is part of the local activities for the April Vietnam Moratorium.

Jim Blythe, a League member, said, "As far as we're concerned, it (the march) is a retreat," adding that marching will not help to end the war. The League has called for the support of the Coalition for Peace and the Students for a Democratic Society in implementing its five-point program, based on its belief that "only mass labor action can stop the war."

The Workers' League program calls for: —an immediate unconditional withdrawal of all United States troops from Southeast Asia;

—a full escalator clause in all worker contracts. This automatically would raise wages as the cost of living rises; —a 30-hour work week for all workers, paid at the rate of a 40-hour week. The work would be divided between the workers, with no loss in pay.

—jobs for all, to combat racism; —a political party formed by organized labor as an alternative to the two major parties, which are "responsible" for the war and labor injustices.

League members criticized SDS and other New Left groups for not taking a leading role in ending the war, and working too much along the lines of "middle class politics."

Labor's handling of the recent mail strike also was criticized. Blythe claimed that "organized labor should have closed down New York" in a general strike to support the postal workers.

The Workers' League will hold a rally April 14 as a part of its attempts to gain support for its program and to confront other campus organizations.

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by Paul Ruskins

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