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U.N. session opens

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The U.N. Assembly opens its 28th annual meeting today under increasing criticism that it is a debating society habitually bypassed by the major powers.

The proposed entry of the two Germans and sharp East-West conflict over the future of Korea promise to highlight the three-month session.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday dismissed wholesale criticism of the United Nations as "unjust and unfair."

He told a news conference "a lot was achieved in 28 years ... if there was a will to use it as an instrument of peace it would work very well."

Waldheim also said that in many parts of the world "there is still a lot of confidence in the United Nations."

But in his own formal report to the assembly Waldheim asked whether the majority of the members "really want an organization which is more than conference machinery and a forum for the pursuit of national policies."

Medical airlift planned

PHNOM PENH — The U.S. Embassy and several international relief organizations yesterday announced plans to alleviate a critical medical situation arising from the

battle for Kompong Cham. The embassy said equipment for two hospitals will be air-lifted into Phnom Penh, while several relief groups filed urgent messages to home stations for critically needed medicine and supplies.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said two C130 cargo aircraft will arrive from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. today—carrying equipment for two 200-bed hospitals. The spokesman said, "The hospitals will have everything except the walls."

Nader blasts decision

WASHINGTON — A Food and Drug Administration decision to withhold public warning of certain hazardous medical devices and drugs was called "irresponsible and indefensible" yesterday by a Ralph Nader organization.

The decision, based on FDA fear that such a warning could literally frighten some people to death, is "the height of arrogance," said Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, physician-director of the Health Research Group.

"This policy is in the best interest of the medical device, drug and food industries, but in the worst interests of patients, other consumers and their doctors who more than likely will suffer from not having been informed about these problems," he said.

Eco-Action Club plans recycling

New future for used Collegians

What will happen to this copy of The Daily Collegian when you throw it away? Right now, it probably will become part of a local land fill with most of the other University trash.

In two weeks, with enough help from volunteers, the Penn State Eco-Action Club could recycle that Collegian.

Eco-Action started recycling paper as a project of Spring Week 1971. Since Spring 1972 the Club has recycled paper collected from every dorm area.

Eco-Action President Jack Jackson said his aims for the club are to continue the paper recycling program on campus, to hold a big Earth Week program and work toward a University-run paper recycling program.

Craig Humphrey, assistant professor of sociology, Stuart Mann, assistant professor of operations research, and Margaret Hammond, a graduate student in sociology, studied the possibility of the

office of maintenance and operations running a paper recycling program for the University.

There are three steps to the study. Two are completed and the last one should be finished in a month, Humphrey said.

In the first step, they rummaged through Dempster Dumpster bins to determine the amount and type of paper the offices of 10 University buildings threw away.

The second step was a 10-week manual paper separation study in five University buildings. Workers in these five office buildings were asked to put paper in one place and other trash in another place.

Humphrey said there was tremendous interest in the project the entire time it was in operation. He said near the end of the 10 weeks of separation the accuracy decreased and they got other trash in with the paper. Humphrey said, "I think this

is a result of people going back to old habits. The experiment had no effect on interest." Humphrey said 90 per cent of the paper they received was uncontaminated or acceptable for recycling.

The third step of the study, the Cost Benefit Analysis, is now in progress. Humphrey said this step is used to decide which of the nearly 50 different ways the University could handle paper would be most economical.

Last winter, when the study received about a ton of paper a day from the five office buildings, Humphrey said they offered it to Eco-Action to recycle. But the club could not get trucks early enough in the morning to pick it up, so that paper ended up as land fill.

Eco-Action uses trucks lent to them by the University to take the paper obtained from the dining halls to a storage van in parking lot 83. Students put used paper in trash cans found in each of the dining

hall areas. Eco-Action members bundle the paper every day and it is picked up from the dining halls three times a week.

Jackson said the club needs members to help do this, and although the club handles an average of 20 tons of paper a term, a volunteer only would have to work about a half hour a week. Jackson said anyone can join the club.

Saturday morning the club took 13 tons of paper collected over the summer to Williamsport to be recycled. The club gives half the money it gets from the paper sale to Bob Heims, president of Centre Carrier Corporation for transporting the paper to Williamsport. The money "hardly covers Bob Heim's costs," Jackson said.

Jackson said the club makes little money from the paper sales, so the Penn State Outing Club pays their advertising bills and other small expenses. Eco-Action originally was a committee of

the Outing Club but now is an independently chartered organization.

Eco-Action has a Teach-out program where members go to schools, clubs or other organizations and discuss ecology. The club also runs Earth Week activities.

Jackson said he would like this year's Earth Week program to be even bigger than last year's. Last year the club brought Stewart L. Udall, secretary of the interior under Kennedy and Johnson to speak. —BW

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