

Environmental group pushes action

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A group of students have organized an ecologically-oriented movement on campus. The Environmental Concern Group involves students extending an interest in an academic course to everyday life.

Lilly Westropp and Jeff Gottesman became concerned after studying general environmental problems last semester and decided to form an action group.

"We want everyone at CWRU to become aware of our environmental problems," explained Ms. Westropp. "It's not too hard to do something about them when there are so many students that could help out by doing their share..."

The main objectives of the group are to organize all ecology-minded groups on campus to begin a major recycling campaign and "to educate ourselves so we don't become an extremist group - for that we must do a lot of research."

"The whole environment issue has become a very trendy type of thing," Ms. Westropp continued. "We want to get serious and find out how it affects our life and the whole world. Everyone has heard all the statistical facts and no one cares anymore."

Two principles that the group is trying to integrate in their work are the law of conservation of mass - everything must go some-

where - and the law of conservation of energy.

"To integrate you must decide if it takes more energy to recycle than to produce and deplete. If the recycling process (including transportation costs, manpower costs, etc.) costs too much, then it's not going to be worth it," explained Jeff Gottesman.

There have been scattered attempts on campus recently to recycle, and the Environmental Concern Group hopes to organize the groups involved.

The Urban Interest Group has recycled on a small basis and Terry Merswar, an active member in that group, has started a recycling movement in her dorm, Cutler House. Also, the Jennings Computer Center recycles their used computer paper.

The Environmental Concern Group originally wanted their first project to be recycling of cans on a continual basis, but they couldn't get enough manpower, money or storage.

Storage was the biggest problem. Cans must be collected and stored over a period of time in order to make a profit, but the volume would be so great that UCI wouldn't give the group sufficient storage space.

So far the Group has gotten a substantial amount of help from Craig Michalski, Director of Operations for UCI, and from Dave Terkin of Plant Services.

But they have had a lot of difficulty with the Housing Office over collecting and storing recyclable cans in barrels in the dorms. Among the reasons that the Housing Office cited for their position was the possibility of unsanitary conditions created by the accumulated cans.

The Group's first project will be a paper drive, held in conjunction with radio station M105's Earth Day on April 24 and 25. Lee Helper, the chairman of Earth Day, said that "M105 plans a general cleanup, with tree planting and beautification projects, in which students would be working with city and park employees."

It is hoped that people from all over the city will contribute. "It actually takes very little effort to separate refuse for recycling, served Gottesman. "We've developed a one-way society in which we use everything once and then throw it away. Our oil supply just happened to be the first to suffer from this."

It has been calculated from data supplied from the 7-Up Company that one ton of used soda cans are produced every two weeks in the University Circle area, not including food or beer cans, and that over 400 papers are delivered to the campus each day.

"These statistics show even more the fantastic need we have for recycling," said Ms. Westropp. "It's not like telling

people that they can't turn up the heat in the middle of winter. It takes such relatively little effort and everyone benefits."

The money earned from the paper drive next weekend will go toward future recycling projects in the University Circle area. When enough money is collected, a compactor for cans will be bought or built.

There are two compactors on campus that belong to Cleveland maintenance but they are designed for paper and soft waste, not metal cans.

Ms. Westropp hopes "that if we get enough interested, we'll be able to ask the Administration for a recycling center, but the important thing is to get people who are seriously interested in conscientious research to get together and do something."

Westropp and Gottesman are currently enrolled in an independent study course with Professor James Aronson of Earth Sciences. The class, which is known as "Current Problems in Environment, Pollution, Resources and Conservation," EARTH 228, meets twice a week to discuss the research which the students are doing. Mr. Aronson indicated that this course will be continued, though topics may vary from year to year.

"I'm very glad to see that students are not only talking theoretically about these ecologic-

al topics in class, but are also implementing them," said Prof. Aronson. He went on to emphasize how important it is for people to become aware of their wasteful practices.

Prof. Aronson views the University as an ideal model society to see how people can respond to altering these practices. "If it can be done anywhere, it should be able to be done here, where people are supposedly concerned about what's going on in the world."



Professor James Aronson and Lilly Westropp. Photo by Ed Smelko.

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● Earth Onion Women's Theater will perform *Thunder and Sweet Wine*, April 16, 8 pm., in Hatch Auditorium. Admission is \$2. Sponsored by CWRU Women's Center and University Lecture Series.

If you witnessed a car accident on Adelbert Road near Euclid Ave. at 10:00 am. Wednesday, April 7 involving a red Volkswagen Beetle and a brown Ford LTD, please contact Leonore at 932-5724 or 388-3291.

● PROFESSIONAL TYPING: Term papers, theses, dissertations. Will advise, correct, edit as needed. Recommendations furnished on request. Call Mrs. Annette Greenberg, x3546.

● Applications for the College Work-Study Summer Program are available in the Office of Financial Aid, Pardee Hall #137. Students who qualify for the program are employed either by the University or other public or private nonprofit agencies. This is applicable, in most cases, to a student's home community. Apply now. Plan to take full advantage of the opportunity for summer jobs. Call Student Employment, x4533, for questions.

● A Red Cross Multimedia First Aid course will be held in Adelbert Gym Sat. May 1. The Class will be from 8:30 am. to 4:00 pm., with a break for lunch. A \$6 fee for books will be charged. Anyone interested in attending, contact Ken at x3147 or x3148 by April 26.

● A reminder to Rap Cellar patrons: The Rap Cellar is closed during the week of Passover and will reopen on Sunday, April 25. Hillel is open during Passover for special holiday services at 8:30 am. on Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22. The office will be closed those two days as well as the first two days of Passover April 15 and 16.

● For Sale: 1966 F85 Olds \$400. Power steering, power brakes. Very good running condition. New tires and new brakes. Call Art at 932-8197 after 6 pm.

● Summer jobs, canvassing for non-profit consumer group, good salary, contact Rich Tomlinson, 687-0525. 1-5 pm. weekdays.

● Cleveland based University of Michigan student needs summer sublet. Call Jim 371-8678 before 10 am.

● For Sale: Panasonic stereo system; receiver, turntable, double speakers, special features-automatically tunes into station, excellent condition, \$90 or best offer. Nancy Friedman 371-8378. Call after Sunday, April 12.

● The final round of the Woodward Memorial Speech Contest, sponsored by the Speech Communications Department, will be held in Hatch Auditorium on Friday, April 23, at 7:30 pm. Murray Sol, local radio personality, and WRC Dean B.S. Chandrasekhar will be among the panel of judges who will select this year's winners and present the trophies and cash awards totaling \$225. CWRU undergraduates who wish to enter the contest should sign up at the Speech Department at the Hearing and Speech Center.

The extemporaneous [notes only!] speech format will be followed, and the speeches, no longer than ten minutes, should be persuasive and of contemporary or historical interest. Topics concerning social, political, scientific, economic, moral or aesthetic issues are acceptable.

There will be one preliminary round the week of April 23 from which five finalists will be chosen to compete for the prize money.

The public is invited to attend the finals, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call x2470.

● Tennis Instructors Wanted: For Spring or Summer; need good background in playing and teaching. Good to excellent salary. Call Washington Tennis Services [703] 548-2064, 548-6338.

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● Career-oriented tracks are being established in the Sociology major. Sequences of courses to serve the preprofessional student planning to enter the health sciences or law have been set up. A special track has also been established in applied sociology for those who plan to enter the job-market upon graduation. Contact Professor Robert C. Davis, 203 Haydn, x2703.

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● Due to extenuating circumstances, the student-faculty-trustee cocktail party scheduled for Friday, April 16th has been cancelled.

● Career Opportunity: Real Estate, full, part-time, summer. Call for details-371-3555. 12-4 pm. daily. Century 21 Elco Realty.

● Music Lessons Available for Bass, Electric Bass and Piano. Sessions include study of theory, composing, and business aspects of music. Reasonable rates 229-5030.

● Students and faculty can view a unique multi-media presentation on the wonders and horrors of nature, "The Sixth Day." There will be two showings at the Natural History Museum, Saturday night, April 17 at 8 pm. and Monday, April 19 at 3 pm.

Developed by artists-photographers Elliot and Mitzel Faye "The Sixth Day" uses contemporary English translations from the Old Testament. The script builds from the promise that man is ultimately responsible for the land and all living things.

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