

# Forum wages war on pollution

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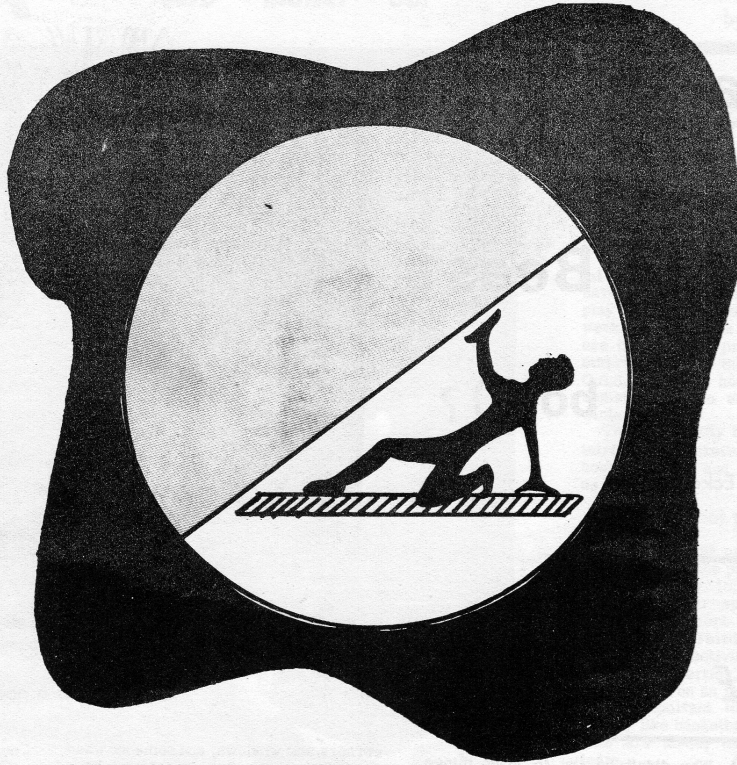
Pollution experts say the end is near. In answer to the growing concern over the pollution of our environment, Ramsey has scheduled a pollution forum for Tuesday, April 21.

The idea of having a forum was brought up by the Suburban Student Council after National Pollution Day had been declared for Wednesday, April 22. The original plan was to have a number of schools participate in a forum held at Aldrich Arena, but when this idea fell through, it was decided that each school should hold its own forum.

Ramsey's forum is being organized by the Joint Student-Faculty Relations Committee, headed by junior Katie Turnbull. Katie revealed that our forum was planned for April 21, because most of the good speakers were tied up on the 22. An additional reason for choosing the day before the national observance was the program being offered by the University of Minnesota on Wednesday, which Ramsey's pollution committee encourages students to go to.

Ramsey's forum will contain an assembly during which a speaker will talk about the problems of pollution and overpopulation. Following the lyceum, from 9:30 to 11:30, students will have four, half-hour periods in which they can listen to various speakers. Some of the speakers scheduled for this time are Robert T. Smith, columnist for the Minneapolis Tribune; George Rice, WCCO news; and Jean LeVander King, Governor LeVander's daughter. In addition there will also be speakers from Population Zero, a national "save our environment" organization. A demonstration of a car that runs on Propane will also be provided. Another speaker talking on transportation, and a forty-five minute film will also be on hand.

At 11:30, students will report to their fourth hour class, and eat



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on schedule. From 1:00 to 2:30, discussion groups will be organized. In conclusion, from 2:30 to 3:30, a "multi-media presentation" will be given in assembly form to the student body.

The financial cost according to Katie, will run around \$300. The committee received \$100 from the activity fund. In an

effort to raise the remaining \$200, students have gone around to several business in the area asking for donations.

As a follow-up to the forum, Katie would like to see the 'clean-up campaign' begun. She would also like to see students involve their parents in the idea of banning backyard burning.

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## CENSORSHIP—Mini control turns maxi

by Sue Amos

How much control of the mini-courses do students have?

At the start of the mini-courses the Student Council Mini-Course Committee got together and discussed ideas for possible mini-courses. They took their ideas to Robert Emahiser, activity co-ordinator, who in turn took them to Dale Schneiderhan, intern, to be okayed. "At first we had little trouble and were able to go through with most of our ideas," said Peggy Stevenson, junior, who is chairman of the Student Council Faculty-Student Relations Committee.

"Mr. Schneiderhan was our advisor, not our censor," continued Peggy. "He would let us know if he thought we might have trouble with a program and we would even it out so that it was acceptable."

There were no written guidelines at the start of the mini-courses, but a need for them was brought to a head by David Pence coming to speak at Ramsey. However, he was not here as a mini-course.

"Rules not written down are easier to change but when they are written down you know what you are up against," stated Richard St. Germain, associate principal, at the April 1 mini-course meeting.

Now guidelines for fifth hour activities have been set up. They are for mini-courses and other fifth hour programs. These guidelines will help prevent another incident like the one which resulted from David Pence.

1. No language will be used that is offensive to community standards.

2. Speaker's presentation will not physically endanger students.

3. A speaker must conduct his presentation

in a manner that reflects the moral values of the community.

4. Parents are invited to attend all mini-course programs.

5. Speaker must allow at least 10 minutes at the end of his talk for questions or discussion by those who attended the course.

6. Attendance will be completely voluntary for all courses and sessions.

7. Admission to mini-courses will be by ticket only. This applies to all persons who may attend a course.

8. A committee of three students (the student sponsor, student council mini-course chairman, Student Council Faculty-Student Relations Committee chairman), two teachers (faculty sponsor of mini-course and activity coordinator) and one administrator will be formed. The purpose of this committee will be to evaluate and make recommendations before and after the presentation.

9. All prospective speakers must submit an outline of material and methods to be used. The committee will notify speaker of his acceptance within one week after the outline is submitted.

10. If after any session the committee majority finds that the speaker has violated these guidelines, he will be informed of what corrections must be made for his next presentation. If the committee finds that the guidelines have been violated for that presentation, the course will be cancelled.

"These guidelines were set up after bouncing ideas off of a lot of people," said Schneiderhan, "if they don't work we will have to change them. They are not meant to be very rigid and restrictive, but to be a means of having some control." Schneiderhan continued.