LaGrange College will join other colleges and universities across the nation in calling attention to pollution and environmental problems on campus for "Earth Day," April 22.

Plans for the local focus by students, faculty and administration were announced today by Tom Walkup, a sophomore from Orlando, Fla., who is serving as chairman of the coordinating group for Earth Day.

The day-long observance will feature a 10 a.m. rally on the campus patio, a 4 p.m. parade, followed by the burial on campus of a combustion-powered automobile and a p.m. dramatization of the problems of pollution and its effects on people and their environment.

In addition The Hilltop News, the campus newspaper, will publish a special "Earth Day" issue, one fraternity will plan and sponsor a clean-up activity along the main thoroughfare in LaGrange, and all bureaux on campus will be devoted to the problem and the special observances.

Drama professor Dr. W. Rembert Sisson and the programs on Wednesday "are dedicated to bringing attention to the problems of pollution and over-population which threaten our lives and the lives of all Americans."

"We are not doing these things on the LaGrange campus because we think we're some kind of a saintly group which can bring some things to some people's minds, such as getting into the act," he continued. "The LaGrange College participants in these programs are really interested in the problems of our environment and want to bring attention of as many people as possible the urgent need to work toward solving these problems."

Walkup said that he thinks everyone on the campus and all interested citizens in the area may begin solving local environmental problems by attending the three Earth Day events on campus.

Dr. Walter G. Henry, president of WSB-TV, endorsed the activities which grew out of a class in economics and the special observance.

"The "Earth Day" Rally at LaGrange College Wednesday at 10 a.m. following a background of reporting the facts of pollution and other environmental problems.

Affiliated with the news department of WSB-TV (Channel 2) for two years, Simon was formerly was associated with radio and television stations in Jacksonville, Fla., and Gainesville, Fla., also of Jacksonville, Fla., to direct the cleanup.

Following the rally, Sisson will speak to the economic growth and development class which is taught by Dennis S. Tosh Jr., assistant professor of economics and business administration.

At 4 p.m., Wednesday, at the approval of LaGrange police, LC students will parade in the downtown business section here, pulling an automobile provided by the Bass Used Cars of LaGrange.

The march will return to the college athletic field where a large hole will have been prepared for the car's burial.

Bob Thomas of Griffin, assistant chairman of local Earth Day activities, said the mock funeral is intended to "symbolize the burial of the internal combustion engine -- the number one polluter of our air."

At the "service," Assistant Professor of Biology, Grayson M. Bradley will speak on the effects of the combustion engine on man and his environment.

Bruce Morrison, an economics major from Monroe, will also "say a few words in behalf of the deceased automobile."

Then Dr. James L. Dodd, associate professor of sociology, will deliver the eulogy to the combustion engine.

At 7 p.m., Wednesday, an advanced class in acting will present a short dramatization with visuals on environment and ecology, entitled "Impersonal People." Thomas W. Jeffery, assistant professor of speech and drama, is directing the original play.

WSB Newsman To Speak at Rally

Television newswoman, David Simon, of Atlanta will speak at the "Earth Day" rally at LaGrange College Wednesday at 10 a.m. following a background of reporting the facts of pollution and other environmental problems.

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Simon is the host of "The Earth Day" Rally speaker and is a member of the LC Board of Trustees. Simon has lived in several cities throughout North Georgia.

Schedule of Activities

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 a.m. -- Rally, David Simon, WSB, Atlanta, Question and Answer Session

4:00 p.m. -- Football field for Car Burial Funeral march to town followed by burial on football field. Speaker: Mr. Grayson Bradley, Bruce Morrison; Emcee: Dr. James Dodd

Sunday, April 20

7:00 p.m. -- Dobbs Auditorium for visual dramatization by the Advanced Acting Class

"One of the most serious challenges to human destiny in the last third of this century will be the growth of the population. Whether man's response to that challenge will be a cause for pride or for despair in the year 2000 will depend very much on what we do today."

--- President Richard Nixon

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Under the Sign of Theta

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Guest Editorial

The Population Bomb

By Paul E. Ehrlich

"While you are reading these words, four people will have died from starvation," Shocking. Read on.

In Dr. Paul E. Ehrlich's book, "The Population Bomb" (now in its thirteenth printing), he raises a problem — What needs to be done, about the overpopulated state of our world? And what is being done?

His first aspect of the problem is that the world, especially the underdeveloped countries (UDCs) are now facing a population-food crisis, which is becoming worse instead of better. This year alone three- and one-half million people, mostly children, will die of mass starvation.

For a statistical explanation, Dr. Ehrlich refers us to the doubling time — the time necessary for the population to double in size. The first doubling time period was one million years, the next took one thousand years, then two hundred years, eighteen years, and presently thirty-seven years. Doubling rates grow the same as compound interest rates. Dr. Ehrlich feels the next nine years will tell the story.

Population growth is not uniform over the face of the earth; it is divided into two groups: those with rapid growth rates — which coincide with UDCs and those with relatively slow growth rates which coincide with developed countries (DCs). Doubling time in the UDCs ranges from 20 to 35 years. That of DCs range from 50 to 200 years. The whole situation revolves around the fact that as long as the birth rate is greater than the death rate there will be population growth. In the UDCs, this is now the case, while in the DCs the surplus food diminishes, where the UDCs obtain their needed food.

Famine, this is now the case in many UDCs. Food production is falling increasingly behind population growth. Almost all the UDCs are now heavily relying on food imports. But as the birth rate increases, the UDCs cannot put more land into use, and the DCs surplus food diminishes, where the UDCs obtain their needed food.

Dr. Ehrlich feels the problems would be much simpler if all we needed was to know about was the balance between food and population, but alas, in the long run, the deterioration of our environment will cause more death and misery than any food-population gap. He believes many of our detrimental environmental modifications can be traced to plans for increasing food production. Some of the better-known are synthetic pesticides. One in particular (DDT) has even been found in fat deposits of Eskimos.

Of course pesticides are just one of many factors in the pollution of our planet, but they are the most talked about to the fact that there are too many people. Too many people — that is why we are on the verge of the death rate solution. Dr. Ehrlich feels there are three main factors which will increase the death rate: war, pestilence, and famine.

In Dr. Ehrlich's third chapter, "What is Being Done," he appropriately subtitles one section, "Family Planning." And this is where he feels people in the position to do something about the over-population have either ignored or have rejected any solutions that he has advanced.

Dr. Ehrlich goes on to point out many UDCs have started little contraceptive services, they must be improved a great deal to accomplish the desired results. As for the United States, there is more concentrated effort on lowering the death rate than in lowering the birth rate.

What about pollution? This could be done but to do this would mean putting marginal land into use. This could be very costly. Dr. Ehrlich feels the most successful way to increase food production in the immediate future is by the development and distribution of new high-yield varieties of food grains. But even these require a great deal of time and therefore, more pollution.

As for what is being done to nurse our sick environment back to health, Dr. Ehrlich has a hard time finding examples.

For the question, "What needs to be done?" there is a simple answer. First we must bring our population growth rate down to a world scale. The population becomes a little more complex. Dr. Ehrlich feels the population solution with possibly the key to the solution of many of our world problems, but first the U.S. must take some reforms within itself. Once we adopt policies at home, we will be in a position to lead on world scale.

In the next chapter, Dr. Ehrlich will go on to what the individual can do to help with the problem of population.

He concludes "The Population Bomb" by asking the question, "What if I am wrong?" Remember, three and one-half billion people will starve to death this year; we can do no worse than eliminate this present famine.
APRIL 20, 1970

Applications Taken For Publication

Applications for the paid staff officers of all student publications are now being taken. Dr. John V. Myers, chairman of the Subcommittee on Publications, announced today that these positions are for Editor, Associate Editor, and Business Manager, and Photographer of the QUADRANGLE and Editor of the SCROLL.

The new officers of the HILLO TOP NEWS and of the SCROLL will assume their positions in September and serve until the end of the following Spring quarter. Those of the QUADRANGLE will assume office immediately upon appointment and serve until the end of the next Winter quarter.

To apply for one of these positions, the student should write Dr. Myers a letter indicating the position he desires, some pertinent personal information, his training and experience in the field, and any ideas he may have for improving the publication in question. Also, he should include, if possible, some examples of his work.

Dr. Myers emphasized that these positions are open to all students in good academic standing regardless of class, sex, race, or organizational affiliation.

The deadline for the reception of applications has been set at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Legislative Council

The LaGrange College Legislative Council held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15. Charles Stevens, SGA president, presided.

Several actions were taken by the council. Kirby Farrington, Cindy Wapensky, and Vicki Lyle were the students elected to serve on the Publications Committee along with Charles Stevens. The council voted to invite three campus organizations, the SNEA, Chi Epsilon, and the Curtain Raisers to send representatives to the council. Also a special committee was selected to undertake the job of rewriting the college's student handbook. Jesse Stagle will serve as chairman of this group.

The new student cafeteria and assembly committees were approved by the council. Serving on the cafeteria committee are Richard Baker, Carl Parnell, and Jean McKenzie. Martha McMillan, Barbara Laughman, Susan Travis, and Russell Holden are serving on the assembly committee.

President Stevens expressed the desire for students to become more interested in the workings of SGA and stated that all legislative council meetings will be open to students who wish to attend.

Dean Love Chosen Kiwanis Leader

Dean of Students, John R. Love, has been elected Lieutenant governor of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International and will preside over the Second Division. He is currently president of the LaGrange Kiwanis Club.

Dean Love will assume office over the 10-club Kiwanis Division in West Central Georgia at the beginning of the next Kiwanis program year, Oct. 1.

Other clubs in the Division, in addition to LaGrange and Columbus, are Carrollton, East Columbus, Greater Columbus, Greenville, Hogansville, Manchester, Newnan and Thomson. There are a total of 17 divisions in the Georgia District of Kiwanis.

Love is a charter member of the LaGrange club which dates to 1911. Prior to his election as president, he served the local chapter as both first and second vice presidents, treasurer (for two terms), and several terms on the board of directors and as chairman of a number of committees. He has attended two international conventions.

A native of Kings Creek, S.C., Dean Love is a graduate of Wofford College, and has been a resident of LaGrange since 1956. Previously in business in LaGrange, he has served as dean of students since 1965.

Love is married to the former Lollie Traylor, a LaGrange native and now a teacher at LaGrange High School. They are the parents of a son, John, of Atlanta, and two daughters, Sarajane, an Emory University student, and Martha, an LC student.

Dean Love shown here at last week's Kiwanis Barbecue.

Art Exhibit Begins Sunday

The second annual "Exhibition of High School Art" will open this Sunday afternoon in the LC gallery.

According to Professor Shaud, there was a tremendous response last year to the first show in this area specifically for high school artists. There were 100 entries in the exhibition and more than 500 patrons crowded the gallery for the opening.

"We are looking forward to an even bigger success this year," Shaud said. "Apparently," be continued. "This exhibit has a good size by our younger artists for an opportunity to show their work and have it judged."

The exhibition will feature art in four mediums: paintings, drawings, sculptures, and prints.

Cash awards ranging up to $75 will be presented by the Chattahoochee Valley Art Association of LaGrange for the best work in the show.

Following the show’s opening on April 26, it will continue through Wednesday, April 29.

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**Hilltop Honey**

**Kathy Goolsby**

This week we have two Hilltop Honeys — Kathy Goolsby and her rabbit, Dammit. Kathy came to LaGrange from Jacksonville, Florida (where in the world is that?). At the moment, Kathy is majoring in education. However, she is planning to eventually go into special education. The rabbit did not have much to say about her plans for the future. (Besides that, we can’t print the rabbits pastime).

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**Do You Know the Establishment**

A prize will be awarded to the first person who can correctly match these. Return to the HTN office (either in person or by mail) by Wednesday at noon.

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Mrs. Blodgett
Dr. Henry
Dr. Jones
Dr. Monks
Dean Harwell
Dr. A. M. Hicks
Mr. Jolly
Mr. Smith
Dr. Allen
Dr. Love
Ms. Clark
Mr. Searcy
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Captain Air Force
Red Baron
Snoop Dogg
Appalachian Kid
Mom’s Best Friend
compasion
Steve’s Drive-In
Dave Crockett
hard gym seats
Goat Tender
Annie Oakley
Super Slewth
Billy Casper
Perry Mason
GTO

HILLTOP HONEY

Kathy Goolsby

NEXT WEEK: Know your college.

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**OCEAN BOTTOM STUDIES** — Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts is studying the cycling of organic matter in the ocean for the Atomic Energy Commission. Here, staff members aboard the Woods Hole ship Atlantis II are retrieving a beam trawl sled with a collection of larger bottom life organisms to be studied in the AEC investigation of the turnover of nutrients in small animal life of the sea. (In the foreground is Stephen Page while behind him is Parmely H. Pritchard, both of Woods Hole. (Woods Hole photograph by Wm. Lambert)

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**The Condition of God**

There is a God! Look around you, maybe you can see Him, too. God is in the green of the leaves, the fragrance of flowers, the blue of the sky, but most important, God is in man. What He is, is determined by the individual to whom He dwells. God is what you want Him to be. You alone determine just how great your God will be. If He is dead, then it is because that spiritual part of you is dead! God will, and can, move mountains if you let Him.

Maybe your God is dead. If he is, then so is a part of you. As for me, my God lives and can be seen in everything that lives. So wake, up, world, God isn’t dead. You are!

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**Rumor Has It**

...that during his recent visit to the LaGrange College campus, the Bishop put the word on Dr. Henry regarding Sunday on-campus religious service.

...that the position of Dean of Students will be filled next year.

...that if there are any freshman male students living in Pitts Hall who wish to move to Broad Street Dorm, they should contact Mr. Shelhorse or Mr. Searcy for permission.

...that this has been an excellent year.

...that the LaGrange Sanitation Department had to be called to the LaGrange College gym last Wednesday around 11:00 a.m. They recommended that henceforth shoes be distributed along with chapel cards. Pity the faculty.

...that the E.A. Bailey Award will be awarded again on whim.

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**Research Always in Season**

Any hunter can tell you what a deer tag is, the first thing he’s supposed to do after killing a deer is to put a tag on the carcass or face the wrath of the game warden.

At the AEC’s Hanford Project at Richland, Washington, they do it the hard way. Since deer hunting is prohibited, scientists tag ‘em while they’re alive.

Twenty-four mule deer fawns have been fitted with permanent, harmless, metallic ear tags by Battelle North-west ecologists as the first step in a long-term study of the Project’s deer population. A helicopter was used to locate the deer and aid in their capture.

The studies, sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission as an integral part of its terrestrial animal ecology program, are aimed primarily at establishing standards by which the animal, dispersion, and migration habits of deer at Hanford can be accurately charted.

The geographical movement of tagged deer is being watched to determine if indeed animals do migrate and if their movement patterns differ from those of mule deer in other areas.

Tom O’Farrell, who heads up the terrestrial program, said the extent of tooth wear is a prime means of determining the age of deer, but it is not accurate. While many mule deer skeletons have been found on the Project in recent years, scientists are unable to accurately predict at what age the animals died because no local standard for doing so exists.
Is the U.S. Over-Developed?

The United States of America, with 6% of the world's population, consume 40% of the world's annual resource output.

Paul Ehrlich, Biology Professor at Stanford University and head of Zero Population Growth

"Does this mean that the rest of the world is underdeveloped or that the U.S.A. is overdeveloped?"

Zero Population Growth?

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL?

Environmental Action: April 22

Earth Day: A Beginning
Oral Vaccine Protects Salmon from Disease

Baby salmon can be given medicine to protect them from disease before they set out for the ocean, scientists have discovered at the Atomic Energy Commission's Pacific Northwest Laboratory near Richland, Washington.

Fish raised in hatcheries are fed food pellets laced with an oral vaccine. This may prevent infection from the bacterial disease, columnaris, which takes a heavy toll of salmon in the Columbia River and other river systems.

Several years ago, columnaris almost wiped out a sockeye salmon run on a tributary of the Fraser River in Canada.

M. P. Fujihara, a biological scientist for Battelle-Northwest which operates the Pacific Northwest Laboratory for the AEC, developed the columnaris vaccine. Fujihara said it has been successful under controlled laboratory conditions.

"However, successful application of the oral vaccine to large-scale production hatcheries will require several years of continued study," Fujihara added.

With R. L. Tramel, a Battelle technician, Fujihara ran a survey of downstream juvenile salmon migrants and upstream adult salmon migrants in Washington and British Columbia to check the incidence of the disease, columnaris.

Blood samples taken showed that antibodies to the disease were present in about one-third of the sampled juvenile sockeye salmon. The adult salmon survey showed that about two-and-one-half percent of those starting up the Columbia River had been exposed to the disease. Among those which reached the spawning grounds hundreds of miles from the ocean, the incidence of exposure reached 70 to 100 percent.

Many of the salmon starting upstream never make it to the spawning beds. Many of the juvenile salmon which start downstream do not survive to make the long journey back upstream.

"If we could increase juvenile salmon immunity to columnaris to nearly 100 percent, more adults could make the return trip to their spawning grounds," Fujihara said.

"Or, if we could increase general survival by 10 percent, we could possibly double the number of adults which could return to the spawning grounds."

LONG-TERM STUDY—T. P. O'Farrell (left), manager of Battelle-Northwest's terrestrial ecology section, and J. D. Hedlund, Battelle scientist, hold two of 24 mule deer fawns they tagged during 1969 on the AEC's Hanford Project, Richland, Wash. The helicopter was used to locate the fawns and aided in their capture. The tagging is the first step in a long-term study of the Project's deer population. (Photograph by T. P. O'Farrell, BNW)
Laser Gunning — A specially adapted laser gun is being used at Oak Ridge, Tenn., in an unusual research program on problems of air pollution. The laser is being "fired" at a nearly invisible plume of effluents from the Bull Run steam plant in an attempt to learn more about plume dispersal in the atmosphere. Aiming the laser device is Searle D. Swisher of the Oak Ridge Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Laboratory.

**Laser Beam Probes**

**Air Pollution Source**

Now they're using laser beams to study air pollution. In this case it's with an unusual instrument at Oak Ridge, Tenn., known as a LIDAR (pronounced "Li dar").

The heart of the system is a laser consisting of a glass rod coated with the rare metallic element neodymium. When charged with 3,000 volts of electricity, provided by a supplementary power supply, the laser dissipates the stored energy in a brief burst (20 billionths of a second) of high-intensity light. Unlike the beam of light from a ruby laser which can be seen, the neodymium light beam is invisible to the human eye because it is in the infrared portion of the light spectrum.

**Chimney Studied**

The study is focusing on the 800-foot chimney of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Bull Run Steam Plant which was selected because of its great height, isolation, and efficiency of operation which results in a nearly invisible plume of effluents. It is the behavior of the plume which is of prime interest in the study.

**Aimed at Plume**

By means of a telescopic system, the LIDAR (for Light Detection and Ranging) is aimed at the rising plume. That portion of the light beam which strikes minute particles in the plume is reflected back into the optical system of the LIDAR similar in some ways to radar. The weak reflected beam is amplified and projected on an oscilloscope screen, providing a picture segment of a portion of the rising plume which reveals data on the dispersion and behavior of the particles constituting the plume.

**Cooperative Program**

The allies in this cooperative effort on problems of air pollution are the Atomic Energy Commission and its Oak Ridge National Laboratory; the Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Laboratory (ATDL) at Oak Ridge, a unit of the Environmental Science Services Administration; the National Air Pollution Control Center of the Public Health Service; and TVA.

**Information Shared**

The LIDAR was designed and constructed by W. M. Culkowski and Searle D. Swisher of ATDL. Culkowski explains that the Oak Ridge system is a unique instrument incorporating technological aspects of other laser-based systems operated in similar atmospheric studies such as that at the AEC's Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, N. Y., and at the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif.

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Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep And doesn't know where to find them: They ate some grass Flavored with gas Which seriously undermined them.

Mistress Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With Ford Sedans and Miller cans And coke bottles all in a row.

Hush-a-bye, Birdy, On the tree top, When the wind blows, Your breathing will stop. When the wind dies, Your feathers will fall. And down will come Birdy, Springtime and all.

A disease has infected our country. It has brought smog to Yosemite, dumped garbage in the Hudson, sprayed DDT in our food, and left our cities in decay. Its carrier is man.

Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water; Jack came down with hepatitis, And Jill came down soon after.

Jack be nimble, Jack, be quick; Jack, jump over The big all slick.
Recently Attorney General John Mitchell stated that organized crime has a stronghold on a giant airport in the New York area. He indicated that by the gangsters gaining control of the airport's union or the truckers' union, they were able to perpetrate crimes in huge proportions. The union bosses themselves, which particular unions are Muf-fin or gangster controlled. It seems to me that the house cleaning starts there. If the unions can't manage to clean house themselves, it means that union control is out to see the large profits that the public is the worse for the illness. They have suffered the indignities of long strikes, shortages of necessities, and untold privations simply because a union has maintained that they went more slow and "the hell with you!" This is the kind of "help" the union owners of their resources. We have no less than a few who have seized your money and "the hell with you!" Therefore, the next thing to be rescued is that any measure of their which I'm firmly convinced. It never seemed logical that nationalizing of their resources. Only the few that have seized your behalf. Therefore, the next money and "the hell with you!" That's the way to help the Jews. Appear only the one who has the right to help the Jews. Appar- Nasser laments that we have no received it ever since. Now Mr. Nasser argues that with typical forces, we have no right to help the Jews. Appropri- tently he is the only who has the one's goal.

Even before the post war, for the last quarter of the second, the United States has been sending a steady flow of arms to the Middle East. The latest Arab grenade attacks in Munich and Switzerland are symptomatic of Arab actions from the day that Israel was proclaimed a Jewish home- land till now! Such completely outrageous actions on all the cir- cumstances, in the face of who they are, should cement relations with the Middle East in a balance of power. A lasting peace is every- one's goal.

I think the Jews have a right to live. And now that they have, it should remain theirs. The Israeli Arab conflicts in the Middle East are symptomatic of Arab actions from the day that Israel was proclaimed a Jewish home- land till now! Such completely outrageous actions on all the cir- cumstances, in the face of who they are, should cement relations with the Middle East in a balance of power. A lasting peace is every- one's goal.

Even in our land of plenty, those big fat pay checks are buy- ing less and less. The reasons? Inflation, mainly caused by strike after strike, resulting in wage increases that soar ahead of the productivity of the worker who makes, let's say, items like tele- phones. That used to bring home $94.81, compared to the $95.09 he now has a spendable income of nearly $27 less, five years ago. If he has a wife and two children, taxes and other expenses, that's a lot less. The reason is that those big fat pay checks are buy- ing less and less. The reason? Inflation, mainly caused by strike after strike, resulting in wage increases that soar ahead of the productivity of the worker who makes, let's say, items like tele- phones. That used to bring home $94.81, compared to the $95.09 he now has a spendable income of nearly $27 less, five years ago. If he has a wife and two children, taxes and other expenses, that's a lot less. The reason is that...