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DAYTON, Ohio, March 8, 1971 --- Two men, Jim Welch and Don Ross, from the Earth Action Group in Washington, D.C., more commonly known as Nader's Raiders, will appear this Saturday, March 13, on the University of Dayton campus to explain a new Ralph Nader plan for Ohio's environment. The pair, who will appear under the auspicious of the Ohio Public Interest Action Group, will discuss Nader's plan to raise \$1,000,000 to improve the environment in Ohio. The program will be in UD's O'Leary Auditorium from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Nader is using Ohio as the demonstration state for his new plan on environmental quality. "If Earth Week in April is a repeat of last year," he has told friends, "nothing will be accomplished. The time is past for speeches, slide presentations and seminars. We must act now. We must work for environmental improvement and corporate and government responsibility."

With that in mind, Nader has opened offices in Columbus and Cleveland for the Public Interest Action Group.

The University of Dayton will serve as headquarters in Southwestern Ohio and Lee Doughty and Lou Boehman of UD's Research Institute will be resource people. The pair are working closely with the area's Citizens Clean Air Association. Stanley Weissman and Joan Gardner of CCAA are coordinating the local program.

The Nader group in Washington has requested that the Ohio coordinating organizations utilize university, college and high school students in the fund-raising campaign.

Weissman says that his group hopes to "enlist students from Miami, Sinclair, UD, Wright State, Wittenberg, Antioch, Cincinnati, Xavier and Wilmington in the Southwestern Ohio drive.

"Nader has told Mrs. Ellen Knox, the statewide coordinator in the Cleveland office," says Weissman, "that he will be responsible for the proper distribution of funds raised for this environmental approach. He has assured Mrs. Knox that the money will be used only in Ohio."

Weiss says he has been told that Nader also intends to send as much expert help from Washington as the "people in Ohio need. He wants this program to be the catalyst for a later nationwide push on environmental quality."

(For news media information: Names of Nader people and phone numbers are as follows:

Dayton: Lou Boehman, 229-3221; Joan Gardner, 236-9728; Lee Doughty, 229-3724.

Columbus: John Rosenberg, John McNeely, 614 424-4422.

Cleveland: Mrs. Ellen Knox, Work-- 215 371-0010, Home-- 216 561-3779.

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