Environmental awareness series planned

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The chances that man has of surviving the contamination of his environment and the over population of his planet will be explored in an important Sunday evening seminar-lecture series at the University of California, San Diego.

The series, titled "New Dimensions of Environmental Awareness," will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, February 1, in the Humanities-Library Auditorium on the Revelle College campus at UCSD. It is being sponsored by the Bureau of Environmental Design, a group made up of UCSD students, faculty and staff who are concerned about the dangers facing the environment.

The 15 weekly seminars, scheduled for each Sunday evening that classes are in session at UCSD, will feature some of the foremost ecologists and scientists in the west. All of the seminars are free and the public is encouraged to attend.

The topic for the first seminar is "Standing Room Only: 2001." It will feature Dr. William Thwaites, Professor of Biology at San Diego State College and a proponent of mandatory birth control, and Dr. William Travis, Professor of Economics at UCSD and an opponent to mandatory birth control. Ben Rode, a senior at UCSD and executive officer of "Life" organization, will serve as moderator.

On February 8 the topic will be "Join the Fight for Clean Air." The Participants will include Dr. John Goldsmith, a Visiting Professor in the UCSD School of Medicine and an authority on the effects of air pollution on health, and Dr. Alan Schneider, Professor of Aerospace Engineering at UCSD and Chairman of the San Diego Clean Air Council. A representative of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District is also expected to take part.

According to Robert Topolovac, Dean of Activities at UCSD and coordinator for the series, the aim of the lecture series is not to suggest that the world is coming to an end or to go about spelling gloom and despair.

"What we are trying to say is that we have problems but that these problems probably can be solved," Topolovac said. "The series is aimed at how individuals, the private citizen, can go about helping to overcome these problems."

Dates and topics scheduled for future seminars are: February 15, "The Nature of Man," which will include man's adjustment in a complex society and the psychological effects of overcrowding; February 22, "The Law," which will feature a discussion of how to use the law to effect environmental change; March 1, "The Cities"; March 8, "Water Pollution"; April 5, "Resource Conservation"; April 12, "The American Land".

April 19, "Involvement, What Can You Do?"; April 26, "In Harmony with Nature"; May 3, "Environmental Economics"; May 10, "Noise"; May 17, "Toxic Agents, Their Use and Control"; May 24, "The Value of Natural Aesthetics"; and May 31, "The Navy-Its Role in Environmental Research."