

Dr. Paul Ehrlich will lecture at UCSD

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Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Professor of Biology at Stanford University and a leader in the international crusade for population control and ecological awareness, is scheduled to speak Friday, April 25, at the University of California, San Diego.

Ehrlich's talk, sponsored by the Science and Technology Program of UCSD's Third College, is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. It is free and open to the public.

Ehrlich, a founder and now honorary president of Zero Population Growth, Incorporated, will talk on "The End of Affluence?"

He is the author of more than 100 scientific papers, numerous articles in the popular press relating to the problems of overpopulation, and several books including "The Population Bomb," written in 1968, "Population, Resources, Environment: Issues in Human Ecology," co-authored with his wife, Anne, in 1970, "Ark II," co-authored in 1974 with Dr. Dennis Pirages, assistant professor of political science at UCSD, and "The End of Affluence; A Blueprint for Your Future, co-authored with his wife in 1974.

In his writings, Ehrlich has pointed out that human beings have been multiplying faster than their food supply since 1958 and that Earth, a planet capable of supporting only 1.5 billion people decently, now has a population of nearly 4 billion and will, at the present rate, have double that number in 35 years.

In Ehrlich's view, it is imperative that human beings stop thinking like frontiersmen and begin thinking like spacemen. Instead of considering the planet a frontier to be exploited, they must look upon it as a spaceship with a strictly limited carrying capacity.

Ehrlich was born in 1932 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953 and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1957. He did postdoctoral work at the Chicago Academy of Sciences and the Department of Entomology at the University of Kansas for two years before becoming a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences at Stanford.

In his research, Ehrlich has done field and laboratory research on a wide array of problems ranging from studies of the ecological and evolutionary interactions of plants and herbivores to experimental studies on the effects of crowding on human beings. He collaborates with his wife in work on the dynamics and genetics of insect populations and, especially, in policy research relative to problems of human ecology.

His field work has carried him to all continents, from the arctic and antarctic to the tropics and from high mountains to the ocean floor. Most of his research with insects is done in Stanford's Jasper Ridge Biological Experimental area and in the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory at Crested Butte, Colorado.

Ehrlich has appeared many times on the Johnny Carson "Tonight" show, as well as on several hundred radio and television shows. He has given more than one hundred public lectures in the past seven years.

He is a member of many scientific societies and organizations including the Society for the Study of Evolution, the American Society of Naturalists, the Federation of American Scientists and the American Association of University Professors. He is a licensed pilot and flies his own plane to most field sites.

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