

A Move Beyond Social Criticism

by Gini Welles

Ralph Nader, the consumer crusader, returns next week to the University of Hartford. Nader, who grew up in Winsted, Connecticut, will give a lecture at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, March 18, in the Physical Education Center, on campus. He will speak on the topic, "Environmental Hazards: Man-Made and Man-Remedied."

The talk is being sponsored by the Speakers' Bureau of the Student Association. UofH students will be admitted on presentation of their I.D. cards. For the general public, 300 tickets at \$1 will be available.

Tickets may be secured at the Information Desk of the Gengras Campus Center from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the Program Office, Room 307-D, in the Gengras Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the week.

Ralph Nader earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1955. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was graduated magna cum laude. He took his law degree at Harvard Law School in 1958. He was a research assistant at Harvard Law School, 1958-59, served in the U.S. Army, and began the practice of law.

During the 1961 and 1962 Fall Semesters, Nader was an adjunct instructor in history at the U of H. As a member of the adjunct faculty, School of Arts and Sciences, he taught two upper-level evening courses -- "The Far East in the 20th Century," 1961, and the same course in 1962, plus "History of the Far East."

Loner Ralph Nader works outside the government, and frequently against it -- a one-man gang in a perpetual rumble with the biggest corporations in the country and their compliant friends in the bureaucracy.

Though still in his mid-30's, Ralph Nader, in a fast-riding career, has established himself as the consumer's top advocate. His initial interest in highway safety led to his 1965 best-selling book, "Unsafe at Any Speed," which led to numerous reforms in the automobile industry.

With the recognition that we've had the technological potential and economic capability to build safer cars for decades he was appalled at the tolerance of needless highway slaughter and maiming of hundreds of thousands of people annually. Mr. Nader believes that unsafe autos pose a profound professional challenge to the legal, medical, and engineering professions, who have the responsibility not just to apply their optimum skills to the problems but to work for the elimination of those very problems whenever possible.

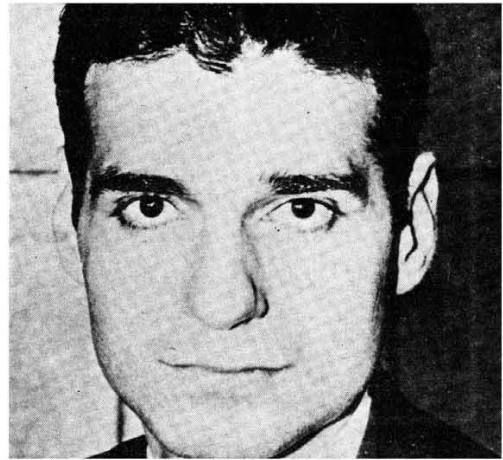
From car safety, Nader has expanded his consumer crusade to encompass sanitary issues in the meat and fish industry, the dangerous misuse of medical X-rays, gas-pipeline safety, and environmental hazards, such as air and water pollution.

He has also zeroed in on the various recalcitrant federal agen-

cies, especially their pattern of passing their personnel into high-paying jobs with the very industries they were supposed to regulate.

"Pollution is another prime national crime," he states, "There is something fundamentally wrong when the same government that allocates \$200 million to subsidize supersonic flights, metes out only \$46 million to protect the health of the nation. It is a great folly not to allocate resources and money to combat pollution of air, water, and soil."

In his efforts to protect the consumer, Nader has enlisted the aid of students for the past two summers in investigating Washington agencies. Last summer, 102 law, engineering and medical students -- dubbed "Nader's Raiders" -- delved into such governmental bodies as the department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Ad-



ministration, the National Water Pollution Control Administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Yet Nader is not at all content with what he has accomplished. For one thing, in his opinion, few of the measures he has done so much to put through have gone far enough. For another much as the public response has increased, apathy is still a problem.

"The real question is not why I'm doing what I'm doing," he says, "but why so many people don't care."

In an age when money and man-

power are considered indispensable for any public organization, Nader stands as a lonely phenomenon. He does it all on his own, supporting himself by lectures and articles, doing his own legwork, making his own contacts.

THE NEW YORK TIMES best described the accomplishments of RALPH NADER: "Many others have shared his dim view of corporate America and have expressed their doubts in more detail and more persuasively. What sets Nader apart is that he has moved beyond social criticism to effective political action."

FEATURE NEWS

Dean Aspires To Climb Down From His Ivory Tower

by Gini Welles & Dave Kowalski

Spurred by an editorial in last week's UH News; Liberated Press, Dean Eugene T. Sweeney is seriously considering running as the tenth candidate on the Democratic ticket for the First District's Congressional seat.

Sweeney said "I'm delighted that the students think I'm qualified, but I couldn't formally announce my candidacy unless some people came forward from the Democratic Party organization and said that my candidacy had merit."

Sweeney has had his nose in politics for a long time now. He was chairman of the McCarthy for President campaign in Bloomfield two years ago, is a member of the Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee, Chairman of the town's Board of Tax Review, and champion of the Bloomfield Committee backing Joseph Duffey for the U. S. Senate.

Sweeney articulated his platform, saying: "It's my feeling that representing one's constituents in Washington is only the half of it. It is just as important to represent Washington to one's constituents." Dr. Sweeney feels that a Congressman should spend a scheduled amount of time during each year in his district informing the people of the policies and actions of Congress. "If I were in the position," says Sweeney, "I would want to let the people know what's going on." Sweeney feels that too many politicians don't carry this information back to their constituents.

Dean Sweeney finishes his term as interim Dean of Student Relations in June when he will return to the classroom. He predicted that he would then have the time for campaigning, after having given up what he described as "a seven day a week job" as dean. He looks to the University and students for support. "It'll give my students a good excuse to get out of the classroom and ring some doorbells."

Of his backing, both party machine and grass roots, Sweeney said, "I have a core of friends from the McCarthy campaign two years ago as well as former and present students who are interested in seeing me run." If the opportunity presented itself, Sweeney said that he was sure that he could get himself an organization to back him in his campaign.

Daddario, who is running for governor on the top of the Connecticut Democratic ticket is, in Sweeney's words, "a good man to head the ticket, a man all Democrats can unite behind."

Who's Fault Is Oily Coast?

by Geoffr3y Lerner

As approximately 150 square miles of oil slick hit the Louisiana coast, the people of Louisiana and the Department of Interior yell foul. But this is all that they can do. Due to the primary negligence of the Chevron Oil Company the oil is there. Somehow, a multi-million dollar oil company couldn't scrape up \$800 to purchase an emergency valve that would have immediately curtailed the oil leak. But we must sympathize with Chevron as they lost a bundle in their fertilizer plants and must make up the loss. On the other hand, if it was not for the gross negligence on the part of the Department inspectors this would not have happened. Mr. Hickel claims that this was just a slight oversight of his men and places the entire blame on Chevron. Like any big business Chevron tried to get away with something and since they were never apprehended they figured it is all right. We know that business, as well as the individual, always tries 'to get away with something' and the unwritten law that governs this game is, "It's legal until you're caught." It is the job of the Department of Interior to protect the public from such practices and they obviously have been caught

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Aspiring Dean Sweeney