

C'ville students go to college

Kids get charge from energy game

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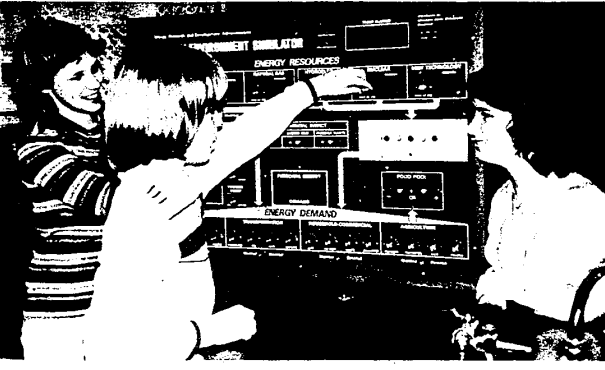
In a matter of minutes, 32 students from Clarenceville Junior High School recently used up the entire world's supply of oil and gas for the next 200 years.

Luckily, it was not for real. It was a game played on an energy-environmental simulator brought to Schoolcraft College during Future Week activities. The exercise was designed to help the public learn that choices must be made and priorities set in the matter of energy usage.

The students were invited by Dr. David Sokoloff of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) to become energy czars for the day.

To help them, Sokoloff brought along an impressive looking machine that expressed its feelings through such attention getting devices as beeps and flashing red lights.

"You will have a chance to try out different policies on how to use energy," explained Sokoloff, who also is an assistant professor of physics at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.



A simulation machine that teaches energy conservation is tried out here by (from left) Susan Marawski, Tim Elia and Eileen Weiss. (Staff photo by Sherry Kahan)

BUT FIRST HE HAD to teach the members of his audience how to master the dials and flashing numbers on the simulation machine which was programmed to represent the energy situation over the next 200 years.

It was to be a balancing act: energy resources versus energy demand. At the top of the machine were dials and lights to indicate use of coal, oil, natural gas, hydroelectric power, nuclear power, and power through new technology.

The students were then asked to group themselves around terminals with dials representing the energy demands of industry, transportation, household-commercial and agricultural interests.

Taking on the identity of these four interests, the students had to try to control their lust for power so as not to consume too much fuel.

They also had to take into account such concerns as the environmental impact of such energy sources as coal and nuclear power.

It wasn't easy.

With their extremely quick comprehension of the machine, they soon decided that if the agricultural interests would lower their energy demands, a fuel crisis might be avoided.

"Turn down the agriculture," called out a boy.

Agriculture, nonetheless, held fast, knowing that it may not be necessary to see in the dark, or run a steel mill, but it is vital to eat.

"Turn the population off!" cried someone else, as the population number escalated.

"We can't breathe," shouted a girl, who observed the heavy fallback on coal now that oil and natural gas had been devoured. "We need more research and development," concluded several.



David Brownstein tries his hand at controlling energy use. (Staff photo by Sherry Kahan)

THROWING THEMSELVES enthusiastically into the game, each group acted as though it had just come from assertiveness training, except the agricultural-food group which acted as though it had just come from lunch and savoured the moment.

Everyone began to consume energy until they quickly observed the red lights coming on with the anguished warning that oil and natural gas were going, going, gone.

HERE ARE A GROUP of citizens, it became plain when the session was over, who will understand President Carter's energy message to Congress March 20.

"They really learned they had to cooperate," smiled John Lesko, Schoolcraft physics instructor, who attended the session. "They seemed very enthusiastic, and I think they learned a lot."

Area schools and organizations can schedule a visit of the environmental simulator by contacting Sokoloff at UM-D at 271-2300, ext. 369 or 369.

Botsford opens new wing

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half of what it would be under conventional surgery," he said.

THERE IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL plus for the patients as well.

"People approach the situation with a different attitude than the one they would have if they knew they were going into the hospital for two days," Zeiger said.

Nurses in the ambulatory surgery wing are under the direction of Mary Wilson.

She oversees an area which contains three operating rooms which could handle a minimum of 20 cases a day. At present, two of the wing's operating rooms are open.

"We try to make it as enjoyable as possible for the patient under the circumstances," she said. "The patient doesn't spend the night here, so he isn't exposed to other diseases in the hospital."

Family members or close friends who have accompanied the patient to the hospital can be with him after surgery. Parents are allowed to help their youngsters undress before surgery. They are allowed to stay with the child the operation.

"It helps to relieve the anxiety of patients and especially children. About five per cent of our patients are children," said Ms. Wilson. "It's nice, because the children know their parents are there."

The open house will include a Little People's Hospital for young visitors. The children will have their height measured, temperature and blood pressure taken. They will be given hospital identification bracelets, surgical caps and masks as mementos of their visit.

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