

WPCC forum begins

By The News Staff

Western Piedmont Community College's annual fall speakers' forum will begin today with remarks from nationally known environmentalist and consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

The focus of this year's forum is "The Environment: What On Earth Can We Do?"



Nader

Nader, who first came to national prominence in the 1960s with the publication of his book, "Unsafe At Any Speed," will speak at 8 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

A magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University's Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1955, Nader went on to become editor of the Harvard Law Review.

He later earned his law degree from Harvard Law School and began practicing law in 1959 in Hartford, Conn.

In recent years, Nader's consumer groups have launched investigations into the nuclear power industry, the Educational Testing Service and the U.S. Postal Service.

The forum will continue on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. with remarks from Burke County Waste Management Director Dale Meyer.

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Meyer has been credited by county officials with turning the Burke County landfill system into one of the best in the state only a decade after the system was threatened with closure for failure to meet state guidelines.

The forum will then resume on Monday at noon with remarks by Duke Power McGuire Nuclear Station Community Relations Director Mike Mullen.

That evening, at 7:15 p.m., Mullen will debate Jess Riley, a leader in the Sierra Club in North Carolina and a longtime opponent of nuclear power.

The forum will conclude on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. with remarks by Hugh Morton about acid rain and its effects on the environment, particularly on the forests of the Appalachian Mountains.

All of the speakers' forum sessions will be held in Moore Auditorium on the Western Piedmont campus and are open to the public at no charge.

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