Jones endorses Grand Jury probe

The University of South Carolina welcomes the decision to have the Grand Jury investigate the drug problem and intends to provide the Jury with all the information. USC President Dr. Thomas F. Jones.

"Because of the serious drug problem throughout our society and because of the shocking and blatant manifestation of the problem reported last week, Solicitor John Foard was obliged to take this action," Jones said.

"We hope the Grand Jury can get to the root of the problem," Jones continued. "We have been wrestling with it for a long time and we, like the rest of society, simply don't have all the answers."

"It's a matter of record." Jones continued, "that we have cooperated fully with law enforcement agencies and official investigative agencies such as the legislative committee which investigated the drug situation in South Carolina last year."

"This cooperation continues with our intention to make available to the Grand Jury all the information we have concerning the drug problem on this campus and in the community," Jones concluded.

Sanders: pollution the symptom

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Pollution, according to Rep. Alex Sanders, D-Richland, is the symptom of a greater problem—overpopulation.

Sanders spoke on environmental protection Monday to ECO '70's. He emphasized the need to treat both the symptom and the cause of pollution.

The Richland County democrat spoke of the near extinction of the Louisiana brown pelicans of which only 8 remain. He likened the bird to the canary that coal miners used in their mines. When the canary became ill, the miners knew that poisonous gases were seeping into the shafts. The canary being weaker than the men, died from the odorless gases and thus warned them. The brown pelican, according to Sanders, is warning Louisiana that the environment is becoming unfit for human safety in much the same way.

Sanders noted that a recent study of the polluted Hudson River in New York showed that no matter what is done to it, the brown trout would never return.

The legislator gave other evidence of worsening environmental deterioration. For instance, the amount of DDT now found in human mothers' milk exceeds the safe levels for human consumption.

A ravaged environment affects men's minds and souls, Sanders said. He asserted that when man participates in the destruction of a weaker species, his attitude toward life may subconsciously be changed so that he puts less value on human life.

Sanders suggested that such incidents as the stabling of Kitty Geno while people stood by unconcerned may be a result of this subconscious attitude.

Using public sacrifices during World War II as evidence that the public is capable of giving up certain things to achieve a goal, Sanders said that a change in lifestyle is the only real solution for the problem of environmental deterioration.

A simpler life style, although not necessarily less comfortable one, is needed, along with changes in the basic values and standards of mankind, according to Sanders.

The question is not whether life in a totally polluted world would be possible, but whether it would be worth living, he said.

Birth control panel

Tragedy of unwanted child explained

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"If a girl is responsible enough to want the Pill, then I think she should have it," Marian Rees, Planned Parenthood speaker, said at a panel for birth control Tuesday.

Planned Parenthood is the subject of discussion in this panel sponsored by Women in Focus. Participants are Beverly Hart, Father Ernie Bowen, and Fletcher Spigner.

Marian Rees and Fletcher Spigner, Planned Parenthood speakers; the Rev. Ernie Bowen, associate pastor from St. Joseph's Catholic church; and Beverly Hart, organizer of Midland Community Center.

Ms. Rees said that 98 per cent of the women served are black, but 75 per cent of births in America are from white middle class families.

Spigner said that one out of five children born to married couples are unwanted and that many children die from beating and abuse by parents.

"Since Planned Parenthood is under OEO guidelines, we feel that we can't reach the middle-class families who really need the information," he said.

Although Planned Parenthood is restricted to treating welfare or indigent patients, "students can get through if they're clever about it," Ms. Rees said. "A freshman got through by saying she had no money or job."

Speaking on the church's attitude towards birth control, Father Bowen said that the Church is against birth control. "The only methods the church does approve of are complete abstinence or rhythm method," he said.

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