

Conference on controlled growth to be held

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A three-day conference on the social, political and economic consequences of controlled growth will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, through Saturday, Oct. 12, at the University of California, San Diego.

Some 30 social scientists and scientists from universities and research institutions throughout the nation are expected to participate in the meeting which is sponsored by UCSD's Science, Technology and Public Affairs program.

The conference schedule will include general sessions for delegates, an open symposium for the general public and a colloquium for students in UCSD's Fourth College.

All discussions during the meeting will focus on how much growth can be limited in the future and economic policies which should be followed to control growth, according to Dr. Dennis C. Pirages, coordinator of the conference.

General meetings will be held in the Informal Lounge of the Revelle College Commons from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 and 8:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 12.

The free public symposium on "Energy, Resources and the Steady-State" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10 in the auditorium of the Humanities-Library Building on the Revelle campus.

Speakers will include John Holdren, of the Energy Project at UC Berkeley; Earl Cook, dean of the College of Geosciences at Texas A&M University, and John Platt, of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan.

Moderator will be Dr. Herbert York, director of the Science, Technology and Public Affairs program and UCSD professor of physics.

"World-wide inflation and scarcities of food, fuel and mineral ores make the need for some type of limited economic growth increasingly significant," said Pirages, associate director of the Science, Technology and Public Affairs program and an assistant professor of political science at UCSD.

Five general sessions will cover "Physical Factors Limiting Growth," "Approaching a Steady State," "International Perspectives on Limited Growth," "Social and Political Problems of Limited Growth" and "Social and Philosophical Implications of Slowed Economic Growth."

During the sessions, individual speakers will discuss the economics of getting more fossil fuels, and using new energy technologies, possible resources from the sea, limited growth and property rights and the business response to environmental concern.

Participants in the three-day conference will also conduct a special colloquium for Fourth College students at 11 a.m. Oct. 11 on the south lawn of the Humanities-Library Building. The program will cover "Political and Economical Problems of an Ample Society."

The conference is the first activity of the Science, Technology and Public Affairs program which was established recently to study social, political and economic implications of developments in science and technology.

According to Pirages, problems to be considered will include the energy supply, feeding the world's population and arms control.

The three-day conference is co-sponsored by the Institute for World Order, of New York City, a non-profit organization concerned with ways to achieve social justice, economic well-being and a balanced environment.

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