Legal pressure points crucial to conservation

By Ken Vaca
The argument put forward by the United States' need for greater energy resources and environ- mental protection can lead to a "screwed up concept of a Nuclear Engineering seminar.

Richard Hall, attorney for the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and a public interest firm and charitable corporation made up primarily of ten lawyers who run two offices, one in New York City, another in Washington, D.C. has been

by the Ford Foundation. Hall, who received his law degree from Columbia in 1964 and has been involved in conservation before, helped found the first Pantheon, who was trained as a scientist, also is a member of NRDC and added a new perspec-

He is a member of the Stanford's Institute for Public Information, (SIPI), which is presently involved in environ-

The two began by stating their general objectives. They expressed the need for reform which would make the law more meaningful. Hall also said a large effort must be made-on behalf of an effective preservation of the American environment. He discussed the possible long-term effects of a legal action. Pantheon said that the "premium points" must be found in order to effect better preservation. He observed that there has been a recent insistence by young people to serve the public interest in new ways.

By SIPI's interpretation of the act, any major policy deci-

sion must be discussed in public. Though it was admitted that the act itself does not have substantive authority, Pantheon suggested that by making infor-

public there would be sufficient evidence to see that the right choice is made.

Later the seminar was opened for questions. Objections were made that legal actions can take as much as six years. This may have occurred in the past, Hall said recent precedents would prevent that. When asked if NRDC only filed suits against government agencies, he explained that the opposite was often true. Members of the audience questioned the fact that many other similar agencies might be less effective because they are so diffuse. Both Hall and Paulson agreed that that would be true and Hall then quoted Mao Tse Tung: "A thousand flowers bloom..."

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(Continued from page 1) the question, "does society have a debt to the engineer?" His answer was that engineers generate programs which require the skills of scientists, then drops them; have they done a job in an engineer trained in that field?

One of the more amusing questions was asked when Keil was asked, "are most industries hiring people with the traditional civil or chemical engineering training, what jobs will be available for students from these new pro-

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