

Hatfield and Reagan contrast on arms issue

By Dave Berns

Of the Emerald

"President Reagan and his administration have held a disgraceful posture in dealing with arms control," an aide to U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said Wednesday.

"The president is sincerely misinformed about these things (arms control), and some of his views do not mesh with the reality of the survival of the human race," said Rick Rolf, a foreign policy adviser to the senator.

Rolf made his comments before the University Arms Control Forum in 177 Lawrence.

In light of Hatfield's and Reagan's differences, Rolf explained the senator's role as honorary Oregon co-chair of the president's re-election effort. As

a Republican and as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Hatfield must have access to the president, he said.

Rolf distanced Hatfield from the policies of the president, and outlined the differences between the two men in the field of arms control.

"Senator Hatfield has been successful over the past four years in cutting the proposed Reagan defense budget by \$50 billion," Rolf said.

Rolf went on to say that Hatfield, along with Senator Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., has been a key leader in the Senate for the nuclear freeze initiative.

During the last congressional session, Kennedy and Hatfield were co-sponsors of a bill which called for an immediate freeze in the deployment of nuclear weapons by both the United States and the Soviet Union. Opponents of the bill claimed that the United States would not have the ability to verify Soviet adherence to such an agreement.

"The question of verification is a phony argument for a lot of people," Rolf said. "If both countries want to verify, they can. If satellites can read license plates, we can verify."

"Whatever is not verifiable will not be frozen," Rolf said.

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president's "Build Down" proposal, by which the United States would scrap two older missiles for every new missile.

Under this plan the United States "can build an extremely potent first strike force," Rolf said.

Instead, Hatfield believes the United States must concentrate on developing a defensive posture.

Hatfield also opposes the development of space weaponry.

"Rational people must avoid the militarization of space," Rolf said.

Change in '84 roasts Reagan

By Julie Shippen

Of the Emerald

Five University representatives of the Change in '84 organization met Wednesday afternoon to give Pres. Ronald Reagan the roasting of his career, which they and other members of the local group hope will end with the Nov. 6 election.

Since its beginning in early September, the University's Change in '84 group has been working to increase voter registration. But the primary goal of the organization's 26 statewide branches is to eliminate Reagan from the presidency.

Wednesday's five-member panel discussion, scheduled as part of this week's ASUO-sponsored political symposium, presented anti-Republican arguments in the areas of civil rights, nuclear arms, women's rights and economics.

Economics Prof. Ed Whitelaw

posed the question of whether Americans are better off now, after Reagan's four years in office.

Whitelaw said the belief that the country is doing better is based on a number of myths. Federal spending, for example, is not down as stated but has increased under Reagan by 30 percent, consuming 24 percent of the nation's gross national product for a peacetime record, he said.

The belief that the United States has experienced economic growth under Reagan also is a myth, Whitelaw said. During the past four years real GNP has grown at an average rate of 3.01 percent, hardly more than the 2.95 percent rate under Carter's administration, he added.

Americans' tax burden also has increased under Reagan, especially for those in the \$10,000 and under bracket, Whitelaw said. Taxes in the middle- and upper-income

ranges, on the other hand, are either the same or lower than they were four years ago, he said.

Prof. Aaron Novick, director of the University's molecular biology institute, came to the meeting armed with few statistics but many strong statements on Reagan's involvement in the nuclear arms issue.

"In the last 25 years, Reagan has taken an adversary position in every effort towards arms control," Novick said. "What worries me the most is the atmosphere position he engenders by intimidating questioning of our own policies in this area."

Novick called Reagan's administration a "demagogic waving of patriotism" and said the president is blocking a nuclear arms freeze.

"I see no indication that a nuclear war is impossible," he said. "I don't have a lot of confidence unless we can find some sort of leadership. I think it's urgent, vital that we get rid of this monster."

German consul pays visit

By Michael Doke

Of the Emerald

It's ironic that someone should come from an old country with a new constitution to a relatively new country with an old constitution to compare the two documents, said West Germany's consul general to Seattle on Wednesday.

Eva Lindemann visited the University to give political science Prof. Arthur Handhardt the "award of German Friendship" and took some time from her schedule to talk with a political science class about the governing documents of two nations governing documents.

"No other nation in the world has stuck together with their constitution so long (as has the United States)," Lindemann said. "My country is on its third constitution, drafted 35 years ago."

The Bonn Constitution was written to meet the challenges of West Germany in the 20th century, she said. Like all democratic constitutions, its focus concerns liberty, social justice and the rule of law, she said.

The power of the European

document is centered in the parliament, while the U.S. Constitution divides power among the executive, judicial and legislative branches, she said.

"Our chancellor is elected for a four-year term by the majority party in the Parliament. But on any day, he can be voted out of office if the opposition has even the slightest majority," Lindemann said. "It is up to the opposition to name a successor at the same time."

The majority party "makes or breaks the government" in West Germany, she said.

The U.S. president is both the head of state and government but in West Germany the chancellor only heads the government, Lindemann noted.

"The position of the President of the United States is truly the hardest job in the world," she said. In times of crisis it is the president who must control stability. When times are easier, Congress attempts to gain power, and there is a constant struggle with the president, she said.

"And he is the leader of the world coalition against communism."

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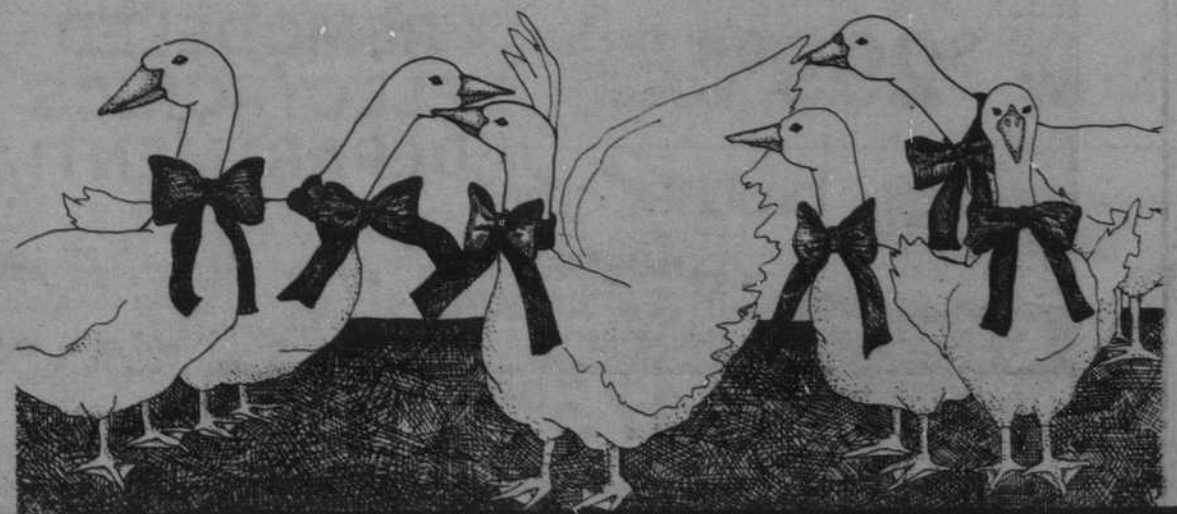
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