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SDI economically unfeasible, panelists say

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Four panelists painted a rather bleak picture of the implications involving the Strategic Defense Initiative in a program sponsored by the University Arms Control Forum Tuesday afternoon in 150 Geology.

Members of the panel included John Moseley, University vice president for research; law Professor Peter Swan; political science Professor Tom Hovet and Steve Johnson, a researcher from a Eugene firm called Decision Research.

In front of an audience of about 30, the four gave background on SDI, also known as Star Wars, and questioned its economic feasibility and its role in arms control negotiations, especially in relevance to last month's summit talks at Reykjavik, Iceland, between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev.

The ideal behind SDI, Moseley said, is economically unattainable because a defensive measure always will be countered by an offensive measure, which makes designing the system "infinitely complicated" and therefore very expensive.

"Historically, it's always been possible for the offense to overwhelm the defense given enough time," Moseley said. "The systems are too expensive to get up there, and it's really cheap to knock them down."

"It is simply not technically feasible in any reasonable sense except for a limited missile protection system," he said.

Johnson gave a brief history of the Soviet-American violations of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missiles Treaty and said he was disappointed when Reagan balked at Gorbachev's desire to keep the Star

Wars proposal within the realm of that treaty.

"If the Russians and Americans are to the point where they can agree on massive reductions in offensive weapons, and they were stopped because of the dream of Star Wars, it is a disastrous thing," Johnson said. "We should cash in our chips right now and shelve the system."

Hovet elaborated further from a practical standpoint: that the entire issue is a question of trust or a lack thereof.

"If you (Reagan) say, 'We're gonna develop Star Wars, and I'm going to give it to you, Mr. Gorbachev, so you could defend yourself.' If you use that as a bargaining chip, you really perceive that the other side trusts you, but that you don't trust them. But really the other



John Moseley

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Intruder enters building, attempts to free pigeons

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An unidentified man broke into the premises surrounding Building 114 Tuesday morning and attempted to release the laboratory pigeons that are housed there.

The intruder was attempting to open the outside pigeon cages when he was intercepted by a University worker. The intruder escaped, but his description was given to the police.

"There was an attempt to enter the pigeon cages, but it is not clear to me how far he got; however, it was a foul attempt," said Greg Stickrod, director of animal laboratory services.

"The person who discovered the intruder got a good description of him," Stickrod said.

Stickrod does not believe Tuesday's attempt was made by the group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front, which broke into two buildings on Sunday morning, stealing animals and causing at least \$50,000 worth of damage, he said.

Building 114, however, located near the physical plant, was one of the buildings that the ALF had entered on Sunday morning.

"The pigeon pen was broken into on Sunday morning, and the people did try to release the pigeons," Stickrod said.

Most of the pigeons either did not leave the pen or returned later on Sunday because they are homing pigeons, Stickrod said.

Building 114 was vandalized as the rooms in Science 1 were, Stickrod said.

The way the intruder entered the premises on Tuesday differed from the way the grounds were entered on Sunday.

"Today some of the wires on the fence were cut; on Sunday the locks were cut," Stickrod said.

"I think this event is completely isolated from the other," he added.

Stickrod believes the person who attempted to release the animals Tuesday is a local animal-rights person and is trying to copy the group that calls itself the ALF, he said.

"If people continue to do things like this, there is a high probability that they will be picked up and apprehended quite soon," he said.

No pigeons are missing as a result of either Sunday's or Tuesday's break-in, Stickrod said.

Security has been increased at the laboratories since Sunday, he said.

"We do have people in the buildings all night," Stickrod said. "However, security is maintaining a low profile."

The Eugene Police Department did not return calls made by an Oregon Daily Emerald reporter regarding Tuesday's break-in.

As a result of Sunday's break-in, 12 work-study students who were working with the stolen animals have been temporarily laid off.



Looking to the future

Kari Fillingame (left) and Arlo Barnett play with a robot used at the Early Childhood Center, a training site for graduate students in College of Education. The center is using robots to observe interaction between children.

Activities are planned according to the response and interest of the children, and observations are made to learn and understand how the children perceive their world. The emphasis of the activities are creative thinking and problem solving through the experiences of exploring and socially interacting.

"Children learn through play," said Lory Freeman, supervisor of the center. Children participating in the program range in age from three to five years old.

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