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because they believe in it or feel it is necessary but because a constituent in their district will get rich from it," he said.

As an example, DeFazio pointed to an amendment that would refit Trident submarines with new, more accurate missiles. The submarines only have been in use for four years, he said, and the refitting would cost \$5 billion. The new D-5 missiles would be capable of striking within 400 feet of their target whereas the "old" missiles only could strike within 1,500 feet of their target, he said.

The difference in those striking distances, DeFazio told the class, is that the new missiles are capable of destroying Soviet missiles in their silos. This would push the United States that much closer to the brink of

a nuclear exchange — accidental or otherwise, he said.

The Soviets would be more likely to launch on alert knowing their missiles would be destroyed by the more accurate D-5s if they didn't get them out of the silos, DeFazio said.

Trident submarines carry 192 hydrogen bombs, which is equivalent to about 900 Hiroshima bombs, he added.

Five major amendments have been proposed for SDI, and not one of those is for zero-funding, DeFazio said.

"The defense contractors have been very up front about it," he said. "They say that they will have a Star Wars project in every state in the union by the time Reagan is out of office."

This is so they will have

leverage on every Congressman to support the program, DeFazio said.

Experts in the scientific community have made it clear SDI simply is not feasible with current technology, he said, but he noted Congress keeps moving closer to implementing the program.

DeFazio remained optimistic, however, and said the way to turn things around in Congress was through education.

"What we need is a budget system that doesn't allow us to spend money we don't have on weapons systems that we don't need," he said.

DeFazio spoke to students in the class War in the Nuclear Age, which explores issues surrounding nuclear war.

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Bar Association, recalled the accomplishments of the class of 1987 and hoped its behavior could improve the tarnished image of the law profession.

Lorraine O'Connor praised the individuality of the class and stressed the tremendous accomplishment of law school graduation.

Douglas Smith then provided the most moving speech of the afternoon. Smith spoke in place of Pablo Schwiep. Schwiep, who along with Todd Burrowes graduated at the top of the class, chose not to attend commencement to be with his family in Florida following the death of his father last week.

In his charge to the class, Professor Charles Wilkinson highlighted the accomplishments of the class.

"You've thrown more parties here than even the legendary class of '08, raised," he said. The class also made major contributions at legal aid, public defenders' and district attorneys' offices, and organized the most vital public law conference to be held anywhere in the American West, he added.

"They are times you should photograph or paint. You should then frame them and then hang them on the best walls of your minds," he said.

After School of Law Dean Maurice Holland adjourned commencement, the Hult Center lobby became a hug-fest.

The School of Law also observed the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution on Sunday in a tree-planting ceremony with the U.S. Forest Service.

Holland acknowledged commencement as an especially appropriate occasion to coincide with this event.

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