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Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Dr. Paul Cameron, whose controversial views have gained notoriety, spoke on campus Tuesday about the spread of AIDS.

AIDS lecturer says condoms not working

By Scott Maben

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Persons who test positive for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome virus should be quarantined indefinitely, according to a doctor of psychology who lectured at the University on Tuesday.

Dr. Paul Cameron of Lincoln, Neb., told about 40 people attending his lecture that the best research available indicates condom use is counterproductive to combatting the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, and that AIDS education is misdirected. The only equitable solution is to legislate massive and continual AIDS testing, implementing rigid quarantine for those who test positive for the virus, he said.

Cameron, whose research on AIDS was cited in anti-gay literature disseminated on campus in April, was originally scheduled to defend his theories in a debate on campus sponsored by the

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Committee makes plans for semester transition

By Chris Norred

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The University committee charged with organizing the semester system transition process is busy outlining lists of problems that may arise during the changeover, said Prof. Mavis Mate, chairwoman of the committee.

Each member of the committee is assigned to organize the conversion to semesters in a particular office or area of the campus.

Mate is in charge of organizing the curriculum changes that will accompany the switch to semesters. Currently, she is working on a list of guidelines to distribute to all departments on campus.

Each department will have to decide which courses to keep, which courses to discard, and which courses to expand when the semester conversion takes place in the fall of 1990.

"We're looking at such questions as whether we should recommend that freshman composition (WR 121 and 122) be one semester or two semesters," Mate said.

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Large crowd drawn to Forum room for debate about secular humanism

By Laurie Schwartz

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Is humanism a religion as defined by the First Amendment?

Two professors, an attorney and a philosophy student gave very different answers to that question at a meeting of The Humanist Association of Lane County on campus Tuesday night.

Nearly 70 people crowded into the EMU Forum room to hear and participate in the discussion.

The debate centered on an Alabama court decision in March of this year, in which some 40 textbooks were banned from public schools on the grounds that they taught values of secular humanism and failed to represent Christian viewpoints.

The Alabama court called secular humanism a religion.

Humanist Association member Bert Tryba defines secular humanism as a philosophy that says world problems can be solved without belief in the existence of God. Secular humanists also believe truth can be found through use of reason, he said.

Professor Larry Ross, who teaches business law, said he does not see how the offending passages cited by the judge in Alabama can be defined as religious. The emphasis in the passages was "on the ability and obligation of the students to make up their own minds," he said.

Ross read several passages that the Alabama judge cited in his decision to ban the textbooks. An example from one textbook, Ross said,

was the passage: "Values are personal and subjective... You will be able to get to understand and get along with other people better if you keep an open mind about the value judgments they make. Understanding your own values will help you to get satisfying goals."

"For my money, I do not see how this approaches religion as outlined in the Constitution," Ross said.

But Jack Crabtree, a doctoral candidate in philosophy, and Tom Alderman, a Eugene attorney, said legal decisions increasingly tend to

define religion as a belief system of any kind, including belief systems that do not revolve around a supreme being.

Crabtree said the court decision correctly recognized that there should be a balanced approach in education, and that all world views should be equally represented.

But political science Professor James Klonoski shifted the framework of the discussion.

Rather than arguing whether secular humanism is a religion, Klonoski argued that democracy is a

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Photo by Derrel Hewitt

University professors James Klonoski and Larry Ross were part of a panel discussion on the merits of secular humanism as a religion.

Former CIA agent describes covert activities of country's secret police

By Jackie Barry

Of the Emerald

The United States' secret police create a hostile world to maintain an overblown arms race, says a former CIA agent, whose disillusionment after commanding a covert action in Angola made him quit his job.

Former agent John R. Stockwell will speak about "The Secret Wars of the CIA" tonight at 7:30 in 150 Geology.

He will discuss how the agency supports military dictatorships and stirs up conflict to create an unstable world and provide a rationale for the arms race.

Stockwell, also a former marine, says in a Dec. 14, 1986 article in the New York Times, that he coordinated the Angolan secret war, supervised movements of arms through Israel, opened Swiss and German bank accounts to funnel money to clients, ran a disinformation program, hired mercenaries and dealt with terrorists when employed for 13 years with the agency.

He quit in 1977, and has been scraping out a living by lecturing and writing on his life study of the CIA's covert actions.

Stockwell says the United States

now has enough nuclear weapons to blow up 85 Soviet Unions and to render 20 planets uninhabitable but won't stop making the weapons because it doesn't want to close down the manufacturing plants.

An outspoken critic of the current Iran-Contra scandal, Stockwell says tough questions aren't being asked

into the United States," and delivering arms to Iran after it was responsible for killing 241 Marines in Beirut the year before.

North "blends right in with the rest of the Reagan revolutionaries," Stockwell claims, lining North up with James Watt, Ann Burford, and Edwin Meese III.

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— John R. Stockwell

in the current hearings because "the senators don't want to be put in a position to impeach Reagan... what else can you conclude?"

Stockwell says his past gives him the right to advise Lt. Col. Oliver North to tell the truth to Congress about the operation. "The Reagan team, of which Col. North was the running back, went much farther than we did in the scope of their activities," he says.

He accuses U.S. officials of "vigorously supporting the Contras who are smuggling tons of cocaine

When testifying before the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee and committees of the House in 1977, Stockwell says he told the truth about his involvement in the Angolan operation and was not punished and doubts if North would be either.

"I doubted that any jury in this land would be likely to convict a decorated officer for conscientiously implementing a foreign policy that had been ordered and approved by members of the National Security Council, however misguided the policy turned out to be."