

Joe Uris reveals new cold war evidence

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Dr. Joe Uris, social sciences instructor at Clackamas Community College held a lecture in the McLoughlin Theater, revealing new evidence concerning origins of the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Due to the Freedom of Information Act, government documents have been released to show that the U.S. had been flying planes over the Soviet Union that were capable of carrying nuclear weaponry. The Soviet Union had not developed nuclear weapons in 1949.

Uris said that from 1945 on the U.S. has continually made threats toward the Soviet Union by way of nuclear weapons. He said the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was done for more than to end the war with Japan. "The bombs demonstrated the U.S.'s capabilities to Stalin," Uris said.

The documents which became available through the

Freedom of Information Act were an outline drawn up by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning where, when, and how to use nuclear weapons on the Soviet Union. Twenty cities in the Soviet Union were indicated as key targets. No other country had such contingency plan at this time. "It was the U.S. violating air space, just to take a look around," Uris said.

"I see a straight line from 1945 to '83," Uris said. "If the Soviet Union is pushed too far, they may go to war even if they know they'll lose.

"Every time there has

been a technological breakthrough, it has been made by the U.S.," Uris said. U.S. spending (with the USSR trying to keep up) has put the Soviet Union into an economic frenzy, he said.

Uris said there are three arguments that Americans use against the Soviet Union. They include: The Soviet Union is a Godless country, which is trying to take over the world, and we cannot let them do that. Another, is that the U.S. and the Soviet Union are the world's two major powers, fighting for turf. The third is a combination of the first two.

The United States and the Soviet Union are the two major powers fighting for turf, but the U.S. must not permit them to do this because of the Soviet form of government.

Uris said that he agrees with the third theory.

The plane that the United States had flying over the Soviet Union in the 40s was called the "Thundering Peace Maker." It is not known for certain whether or not the plane was carrying nuclear weapons, "but the important thing," Uris said, "was that it was capable of it.

"Once you've invested in something, your ego is behind it," Uris said. He uses this to explain why the cold war has been continuing for so long.

"In certain situations, even if you know you cannot win at something, your ego is too important to back out."

Uris used the analogy of a poker game. He said that even though you have a bad hand, you will continue to bet.

As for the future of the cold war, and the possibilities of a hot war, Uris said, "Technology will lead to war in space."

Foosball duo places at tournament

Paul Nastari and Marc Daniel highlighted the Association of College Unions-International regional tournament for Clackamas Community College as they combined efforts to place second in the foosball, Saturday, Feb. 19.

Both Nastari and Daniel had participated in the regional tournament last year in Boise, Idaho, on different teams, Kelly Sullivan, outdoor recreation specialist, said.

"They really did well last year, so they knew what their competition was going to be," Sullivan said. "Getting second really highlighted the tournament for us."

Clackamas was represented by a number of people, but Sullivan felt representatives of the College did not perform as well as he had expected.

One area that proved Sullivan's point was in the billiards event. Sullivan thought that the College's reps did not play as well as they have in the past. Dave Beckin, the top pool player at the College, was eliminated by the first and third-place finishers in the tournament.

The tournament was co-hosted by the College and was conducted at Mt. Hood Community College.

Sullivan said that the College also received good performances from both bowling teams, backgammon players and the table tennis team. Even though no representatives from the College qualified for the national tournament Sullivan felt that it was a worthwhile event.

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