

Spy talks about experience

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Peter N. James, a former Central Intelligence Agency informant, was on campus March 30 to talk about the 20 years he spent as a spy, and relay the knowledge he gained during those years.

Generally, a former or current CIA agent is not at liberty to expose information learned as part of his job. But James was never required to sign a secrecy oath, which is usually the case with agents.

During his years as a spy, James was only required to "play the part" of himself, a physicist, while at the same time become friends with Soviet agents.

James criticizes the American people for not being involved enough in how their government is run. He said, "One major flaw is the govern-

ment is allowed to feed us un-

questioned information." The former spy suggested "a national news service instead of the CIA to let the public know everything." He said he feared that "unless you get involved, the nuclear race could lead to war, giving you a hell of a problem."

James also talked about the United States involvement in Central America. He said "the architects of Vietnam" are now working on Central America. He also said that the United States is backing the wrong side by saying, "We should be backing the people," instead of the government. "Our government owes us an explanation," James said. He said rather than "blindly" giving money, we should send "aid with advisors to distribute it to the right people."

James also gave a solution

for the fears of a nuclear war. He suggested "a unilateral disarmament to a point." James said we should get the arsenals off the continents, and restrict them to water.

James then made a challenge to his predominantly "college-age" audience by saying, "It's up to your generation. It's within your power to do something about it. 90 percent of worthwhile intelligence is already in the open. But the press, and the media can be more effective."

After making trips to Cuba in recent years, James is convinced the Cuban people mean well towards the American people, and it is just the government with which they don't agree.

"I resent the government's attempt to regulate public opinion by what we're allowed to know," James said.



PETER JAMES, former CIA informant

Photo by Russ McMillen

'Lugnuts' aid Center

Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts, a popular '50s and '60s style rock'n'roll band from the Portland area, will be laying the riffs and hoping to pack the house at the Marylhurst College Commons building for an April 8 dance to benefit the Clackamas County Women's shelter.

The benefit is being held to meet operating costs for the shelter scheduled to open sometime in May, Robin Stone, former VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) volunteer for the Women's Center said.

The planned shelter is the second scheduled to open in the Oregon City area. The first shelter for battered women and children in the area was endangered last October when *The Oregonian* disclosed the secret location of the shelter site. A new, undisclosed site has been obtained by the Women's Center and it is again

trying to set up housekeeping.

The Women's Center, a United Way member, will draw funding from that organization as well as from the State Child Services Division and private donations toward the shelter project. But even with the funding from those sources, extra money will be needed to meet the shelter's operating costs. The benefit dance with the Lugnuts is an attempt to raise those extra dollars.

"Unless people are really interested in what the benefit is for, they usually don't come. That's the main reason they (the Women's Center) hired us," Jerry Hoffman, (Johnny Limbo) said. This will be the second benefit the Lugnuts have played for the Women's Center, the first being nearly a year ago.

Tickets for the benefit are \$4.50 and may be bought at the door or in advance at Universal Video in Oregon City.

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