Small crowd hears SANE speaker

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Advocating a change in military strategy away from "threats and button-pushers" to an upgrading of the conventional battle forces, fielding questions on Central America and describing the lobbying activities of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE) highlighted an address given to 14 students who attended the lecture at the College on Monday, May 6.

Jay Leon Hardy, assistant to the director of the Portland chapter of SANE, said the bargaining chip argument President Reagan is using in the MX missile debate "is ridiculous. We don't have a history of researching, developing, and deploying destructive weapons systems just to use them as a bargaining chip. Eventually we will end up using it."

At one point Hardy called the Soviet Union a "tyranny, not to be trusted," and then said the Reagan administration should be negotiating a comprehensive test ban treaty with them. "You have to get a contract with those that you do not trust, and then hold them to it," he said.

Restricting the flow of outdated military weapons systems to third-

like Libya that are closely linked with the Soviets, he said it should help stablize the situation. He said a nuclear anti-proliferation treaty between the superpowers would also help slow the growing number of countries that are gaining their own nuclear capabilities.

Hardy answered a question about where a superpower confrontation might take place by saying Israel, as he explained they have just deployed 100 limited-range nuclear bombs in the Golan Heights region.

The small but lively group that heard the lecture by Hardy asked questions about a wide range of issues. U.S. involvment in Central America was a popular topic. Lou Stagnitto, the committee's canvas director for the Portland area, said their involvment in non-nuclear issues like Central America stems from their fear that the localized confrontation could escalate into a nuclear war, and that they want make sure the nuclear issue remains in the forefront of the public's mind.

"When the escalation of the Vietnam war began in the 1960's, we turned our energy to stopping it, and the nuclear arsenal ballooned wildly during that time," Stagnitto said. "We don't want any kind of diversion to stop our efforts in this area again," he added

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world countries is another issue that Hardy addressed, saying that Americans need to pressure their congressional representatives to pass legislation that will prohibit the sale of older technology and equipment to other countries.

Hardy said that while this won't stop the whole problem, especially in places Hardy said the likely scenario in Nicaragua for the next two years include the leftist Sandinista government consolidating power within the country and moving much closer to the Soviet Union in their political and economic ties. He said President Reagan's recent decision to place economic sanctions on Nicaragua would be the major cause of this move.

"It seems that the current administration is pushing the Nicaraguans to do the very thing we do not want them to do," Hardy said.

Organizing the 175,000 members nationwide to put pressure on their congressional representatives is the way the committee tries to effect changes in policy, Hardy said.

The committee has only three lobbyists to work with all of Congress, compared to 1,500 lobbyists from the Pentagon, Hardy said. The effectiveness of the group, Hardy explained, lies in the grassroots letter-writing campaigns and the information network the committee has built.

In the case of Bob Packwood, Hardy said the committe has organized 25,000 people to work for an opponent if Packwood's voting record with the committee does not improve. "His voting record is at 40 percent with us right now, and our goal is that he will be up around 70 percent at election time.

ASG blood drive today

There's still time to donate blood today, as Clackamas Community College's spring term blood drive will be running until 3 p.m. today, May 8.

The blood drive is being held in the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is the College's third blood drive this year, and is being sponsored by the Associated Student Government(ASG).

The blood collected will be separated into three parts and will be used for various purposes. The three parts are plasma, red blood cells and platelets. All blood types are needed. ELC holds tenth B-day Celebration

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ELC membership has increased from 75 members to 400. Herrmann said the members provide almost 5,000 man hours of time in what he calls a "volunteerism ethic." He added some volunteers are being trained to handle the birds in the Birds of Prey exhibit.

Between 2,100 and 2,600 people attend ELC classes a year, compared to 300 in earlier times. "The net result is that we're producing 24-26 classes a term," Herrmann said, as opposed to the 10 classes held back in the beginning. "The place gets a lot of utilization," he added.

Two functions Herrmann considers to be the ELC's most important are manpower training and recycling capabilities. As for the training, workers come from workstudy, Employment Training Business Service (formerly called CETA), youth groups and Clackamas Community Corrections.

"We're using about 1,400 to 1,500 people a year," Herrmann said. He added he likes giving people from corrections a chance to work, as he said it's like the ELC is "recycling the human spirit, so to speak."

As for recylcing, Herrmann said the ELC is "intimately invloved in waste reduction and recycling programs in the county." Such areas include West Linn, Oregon City, Milwaukie and Lake Oswego. The College has also benefitted from the ELC's recycling program, as Herrmann said by working with the Oregon City Garbage Co. the College has saved approximately \$19,000 in garbage costs.

