

Spy infiltrates Community Center

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Everyone who has ever watched a James Bond movie or a piece of the old "Mission Impossible" series may have thought about what it would be like to be an American CIA Agent or spy.

Peter James, who spoke in the CC Mall on Jan. 22, never thought that he would become a spy when he got his degree in physics at Ohio Case Institute of Technology.

"When they first approached me, the first thing that went through my mind, three years out of college, it was like wow," said James.

He was first approached by the CIA after he had attended a conference in Yugoslavia. There had been a lot of people from the Eastern Block countries there and he was cautioned to keep away from them. However James could not resist and ended up in the hotel bar drinking with important Soviet officials or, "rubbing elbows with the cream of the crop," as James put it.

James related the story of how he was first convinced to get involved. CIA officials felt that it would be easier for him to gather information for them than going through all of the risks involved in setting an operative of their own.

"I realized that I would be saving the lives of a lot of American operatives," said James.

James began to take vacations from his work to go to seminars



Peter James, a former CIA agent, lectured in the CC mall.

and meetings in Eastern Block countries and European countries, as a physicist. He sent reports on Soviet personalities and defenses to the CIA. "We want you to pick

the brains of these people," said James quoting his CIA contacts.

"If I wasn't in places like Yugoslavia I would take very extensive notes," said James. "Most of it (his information) was by

memory."

James never signed a "secrecy voucher" with the CIA, however. So he is able to speak freely, for the most part, on his experiences. James now lectures and writes books on international espionage.

"I got into the lecturing information that legitimately belongs to the public," commented James.

James talks not only of his experiences with the CIA, but also of current world affairs. His recent lecture here at Clackamas was centered primarily on the present Middle East crisis.

"I'm a very opinionated person and what I try to do is create a questioning environment," said James about his talks on espionage and the Middle East.

Paul Kylo, campus student program specialist, who attended the lecture said, "I thought his lecture was very informative and much on target with the thinking of many of the people I have contact with."

James feels that the PLO and other terrorist groups like it will play a big part in the current crisis. He talked of sleepers, who are agents that will live quietly in America or other countries for years, and suddenly become active when they are useful.

"There is no question in my mind that the eastern block has infiltrated our country with sleepers," said James.

Two thumbs up

by Heidi A. Hoffman

Awakenings, the true story of a man trying to help those who are suffering from a traumatic disease, is touching.

Penny Marshall, the director of "Big", has spent more than a decade making this film. It certainly seems as though she knew what she was doing.

The film has a heartrending quality. The characters really reach out and touch the hearts of the audience members.

Robin Williams plays a doctor who has never worked with anything but plants. In his first experience with humans he causes what the movie calls "Awakenings."

Robert De Niro plays a character named Leonard who has been in a coma-like state for over 30 years. After his "awakening" he touches the hearts of many people.

One of the most endearing qualities of the movie was the smile that Leonard gave at the end of his "awakening" scene. The story has a way of making you laugh and cry all at the same time.

The story is a story of miracles "awakenings" where people can dare to change the world. Yet, the story tells you that you should live life to the fullest, and I think that is an important message to us all.

Brother calls from the front lines

It's so good to hear him, talk to him, to make him laugh

Editors note: This is a true story that actually happened to Jane Wilcox. Her brother is serving on the front lines in Saudi Arabia.

by Jane Wilcox
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The phone shrills. I wake from a deep sleep and stumble and grope my way toward it. The voice on the other end of the line asks, "Jane?"

I don't recognize the voice, but I answer anyway, "Yes, how are you?"

Will you accept a collect call from Saudi Arabia?" An operator asks.

A call from Saudi Arabia! Yes, yes, oh, God, oh, God, yes! "Yes," I say out loud to the operator.

"Jane, how ya doin'?" Asks the voice of my brother, the sweet beautiful sound of my brothers

voice, after so long.

The last five months, ever since my brother was deployed to Saudi Arabia, I have longed for, waited for and not dared to hope for this phone call. I have been saving things to say to him, things that are difficult to translate to the written word. Suddenly I remember none of them. For a moment I am mute, then the flood gates open and the words burst

forth like water rushing over a dam. The words tumble out, pushing, shoving, all racing to be the first to be heard most of the way around the world.

It's so good to hear him, to talk to him, to make him laugh, to laugh with him. He tells me they've been learning to use their gas masks. I tell him my son can find Saudi Arabia on the globe. We discuss David Letterman, the weather here in Oregon, the weather there in Saudi Arabia. He says his living conditions have improved and that he and the rest of his company have been given maps in preparation for battle.

He sounds so cheerful. How can he be cheerful? But because he is, so am I. He thanks me for it.

He tells me he just talked to our sister, and he misses us both. I tell him that my son and I both miss him, and we sure wish he'd been home for Christmas.

Then, all too soon, all too suddenly, it is over, "I've gotta go now, Jane. Bye. I love you." My brother's voice is gone.

I listen to the nothingness for awhile and then slowly hang up the phone. The long awaited phone call from my brother is over I cry. Oh, God, oh, God, oh, God, don't let that be the last time I hear my brother laugh and talk. Oh please, God, oh please, God, don't let it be the last time. Please. God. The rest of the night I lie awake. And cry. And pray.

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