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Experts Debate Disarmament Issue

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Two leaders from both the pro and con side of nuclear disarmament clashed in Reed Lecture Hall on Tuesday, March 14 when they debated "The Future of Conflict: Superpowers Summits and the Effects of Disarmament."

The debate featured Dr. William Taylor, Jr., executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Dr. Robert Musil, executive director of the Professionals' Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control.

Both Taylor and Musil have been actively expressing their opinions on this topic for over ten years. In the opening remarks, Musil expressed that the crucial part of his appearance is to stress that politics has real

meaning, that there isn't enough participation in society, and we need active citizens.

Musil pointed out that two trillion dollars was spent during the Reagan Administration for weapons and missiles and none of that spending has made us secure. We are not secure because the Soviet Union has also built up their defense system, he said. Musil firmly stressed that we need a "kinder, gentler nation." He concluded his opening statement by pointing out that the missiles are real and we are the ones who make the decision to spend billions of dollars but still don't feel any more secure.

"There won't be a nuclear war," insisted Taylor in his opening remarks. "The probability of a nuclear war is zero. The Soviets have now moved into arms control." Taylor gave credit for this strategic move

to the fact that the U.S. spends \$2 trillion on defense and the Soviet Union cannot keep up with our technological modernization.

"The fundamental responsibility of the president is to provide for military security and safety for 242 million Americans," said Taylor. He spoke highly of the International Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, under which the Soviet Union agreed to dismantle ALL ISF missiles. The Soviets are also allowing Americans into their production facilities too make sure they are keeping up with the treaty and vice versa.

Taylor believes firmly that the war everyone is preparing for is a psychological war, not a nuclear war. "When you meet steel, retreat; when you meet mush,

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ONLY AN ICEBOATER ...could miss the dwindling and dangerous ice, now disappearing from the Presque Isle bay. In this photo, an iceboater enjoys one of the final days of winter, basking in March's gusty winds and freezing temperatures. (photo by Jeff Majcher)

SADD Video



photo by Audrey Acosta

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It was six and a half minutes of fame for members of Behrend's chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.) when two short videos were filmed with the help of a \$2000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

On Wednesday, March 15, video director Paul Bailey, six members of S.A.D.D., and Advisor Officer Todd Allen of Police and Safety gathered to produce a public service video emphasizing the dangers of drinking and driving.

The script, written by Allen, features a sobering story line. It begins with group of students are shown discussing their involvement in a party and then shifts to the scene of a wake for their now belated friend who made the tragic error of drinking while driving.

In order to create a realistic background, the television studio was converted into a setting for a funeral with props, including a casket, provided by Dusckas Funeral Home of Wesleyville.

S.A.D.D. members auditioned for their roles. Member Tammy

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Behrend Freshmen Die in Auto Crash

Two Behrend freshmen were killed in an auto accident late Monday night when their car struck a tractor trailer that had jack-knifed on Interstate 90.

Nineteen year-old Justin D. Skol and 18 year-old Thomas J. Amendola were traveling eastbound shortly before 11 pm when the car they were driving, a 1979 Dodge Omni, struck a tractor trailer that was blocking both of the eastbound lanes.

According to The Ohio Highway Partol, heavy fog combined with slippery road surfaces to create hazzardous driving conditions.

Their car ultimately came to a halt partway under the left side of the tractor trailer. Both students were pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the car, Steven Richter, was treatd at Ashtabula County Medical Center.

Skol, an education major and Amendola, a business

administration major, were returning home from a Cleveland Cavaliers game at the time of the accident.

Both freshman were from Erie. Skol resided on W. 31st Street and Amendola lived on Washington Avenue.

Both students graduated from Academy High School in Erie and were enrolled in their second semester here at Behrend.

Police note the two were not wearing seatbelts.

Calling hours for Amendola will be held from 7 to 9 pm Wednesday, and from 2 to 5 pm Thursday at the Brugger Home for Funerals on West 38th St.

His funeral will be held at 10:30 am Friday at the funeral home.

Calling hours will be held for Skol from 2 to 3 pm Thursday at the David Burton Funeral Home on West 10th Street. His funeral will follow the visitation.