

Retired admiral:

Buildup makes war imminent

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Staff Reporter

Nuclear arms is a near certainty unless the nuclear arms race halts, a retired admiral said this weekend at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Ret. Admiral Eugene Carroll, who is deputy director of the Center for Defense Information in Washington, came to Lincoln Friday and Saturday to address a peace-making workshop at the university.

"An end to nuclear explosions," Carroll said, "is the first essential step to stop and reverse the nuclear arms race."

If countries can't test nuclear weapons, then they won't be able to develop new reliable nuclear weapons and won't have enough confidence to use their present systems in a first-strike attack, Carroll said.

A ban on nuclear weapons testing would "help efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to countries that do not already have them," he said.

The basis for real progress on the

arms race exists at the current arms control negotiations in Geneva between the United States and the Soviet Union, Carroll said. But it depends on the fate of President Reagan's "Star Wars" space defense system.

Reagan has made it clear that he will not negotiate on space defense.

"The probable outcome of 'Star Wars' is an acceleration of Soviet offensive systems."

The Soviets, he said, will overwhelm the U.S. system by building more of their own war heads and developing new systems such as cruise missiles and anti-satellite devices.

Approval of the MX missile will have a similar effect. The MX is an offensive weapon that will only cause the Soviets to build more of their own, Carroll said. One hundred MX missiles could kill 100 million people and destroy 80 percent of the Soviet's industrial capacity, he said.

Because of Reagan's personal lobbying and "hard-ball politics," Congress probably will approve the MX plan, Carroll said.

Carroll said the military procurement system is "out of control." The Pentagon buys weapons systems that have good designs and performance on paper. But when they are built, they usually don't work and are expensive to fix, he said.

Military procurement is the fastest-growing part of the Pentagon's \$322 billion budget, a budget which Carroll said he expects to rise to \$488 billion in five years.

Reagan's approach to international relations and national security is becoming militarized, he said.

The Pentagon and the CIA have expanded roles in foreign policy through increased arms sales and training abroad.

College students don't like to think about nuclear weapons issues, Carroll said. They have their futures to think about. The Reagan administration wants people to believe these issues are too complex for ordinary people, Carroll said. But unless people understand the issues and stop the arms race, there will be no future, he said.

Attendance...

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"The growing process works best when you work with people," Meisels said. "There isn't a right or wrong (about attending class), but rather there are disadvantages and advantages."

As an example, Meisels said, students need to attend class after professors assign difficult readings. Discussions in class can clear up questions students may have about ambiguous readings.

Patrick Rowan, an associate professor of art, said students especially need to concentrate on attending "studio" and lab classes, where most of the workload is completed on only one or two days a week.

Student opinions about attendance

have changed over the past 15 to 20 years, said Whipp, Meisels, Thorson and T. E. Hartung, dean of the agriculture college.

"I think students today are perhaps more goal oriented with that goal being some sort of economic goal," Thorson

said. Hartung said students today are "more serious about classes."

Whipp said most students are more conservative compared to students 15 to 20 years ago. And they are less reluctant to skip classes, Whipp said.

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