

Faculte lacks science courses

by Greg Halinda

Some first-year science students at the Faculte St. Jean feel they've been misled. Those who didn't check their calendars carefully last year are finding that the Faculte lacks all but introductory science courses, and science students there must take most of their science degrees in English.

An introductory section of the FSJ calendar in the '87-'88 U of A calendar reads, "Faculte Saint-Jean offers a bilingual program towards the BA, BEd, and BSc degrees."

However, a closer look at course offerings reveals that many subjects taught in French (particularly science courses) are not available past the 300 level.

The highest-level math course offered in French, for example, is mathematiques 303 and in chemistry, chimie 350.

"They said you could get a three-year degree from Faculte St. Jean, but we weren't told we'd have to take most of the courses on main campus," said one first-year math student who requested anonymity.

"I would never have thought the science program would've been so deprived," said another.

Some of the courses such as biologie and zoologie are taught in English, and many other science courses employ textbooks written in English due to a lack of availability of French texts.

Sylvia Sheridan, science counselor at the FSJ, said, "I don't think anyone has been misled. They're told (about the restricted science program) before they enter and when they see counselors."

The dean of the Faculte, J.A. Bour, said, "The problems and disappointments are due to financial resources."

Bour pointed out that the FSJ is relatively small and can't afford a large full-time staff in the sciences.

"The sciences are not really special in that respect," he added, "I could point to History for example, where we have one history professor."

The Faculte boasts a strong BEd program, though, and Bour attributes its rapid growth to special interest on behalf of the federal and provincial governments.

"Education was recognized as a critical area in Francophone and immersion education," Bour said.

This is why the Faculte's educa-

tion program attracted substantial government funding.

As for the students not knowing the dynamics of the Faculte's BSc and BA programs, Bour said that in

the '88-'89 university calendar, the Faculte will indicate that a certain number of courses will have to be taken on the main (U of A) campus.

This will coincide with the introduction of the four-year BA and BSc programs at the Faculte St. Jean.

Underhanded CIA activities exposed by ex-Agent

by Scott McKinnon

Tuesday night a former Central Intelligence Agency station chief spoke to an attentive crowd on the secret wars of the CIA. John Stockwell lectured primarily on CIA "destabilization" of foreign governments, and CIA support of "low intensity conflicts" around the world. Stockwell said he was going to discuss "aspects of the USA that aren't so nice".

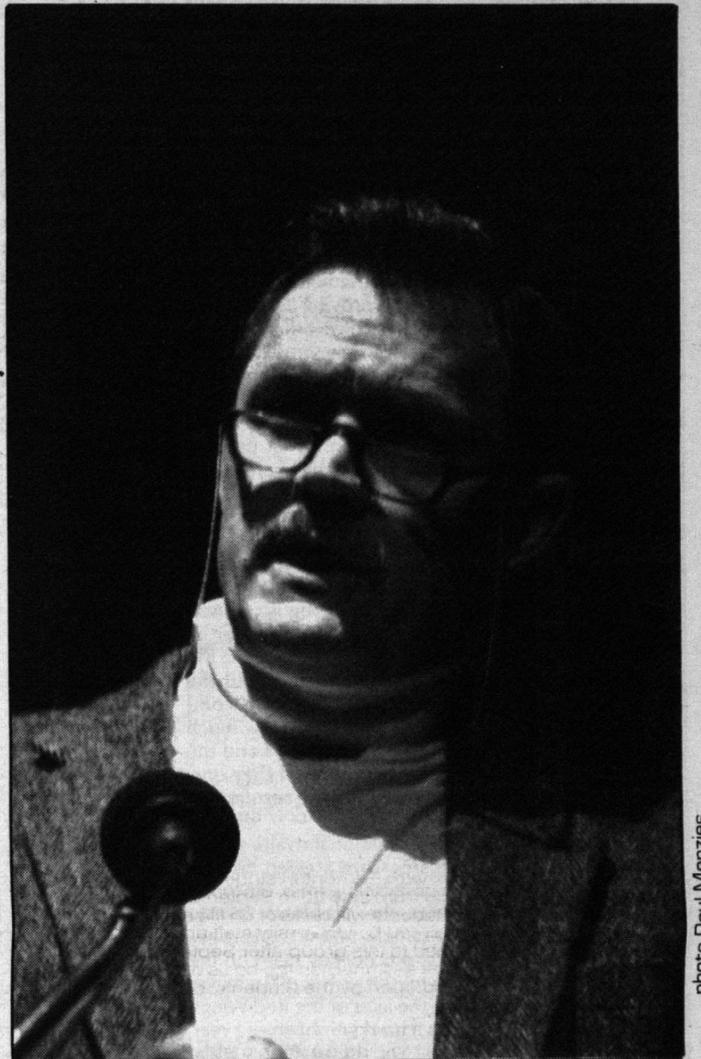
Stockwell's credentials are indicative of his knowledge on the subject: he started out as a marine, then entered the CIA, which he called "marine graduate school".

Stockwell spent 13 years as a CIA operative (1964-1977) in Vietnam, Angola, and on the National Security Council. Since leaving the CIA he has read everything he could on the subject of national security and now lectures audiences across Canada and the United States on his expertise.

Stockwell says the CIA is currently involved in 50 covert missions around the world, which include fueling "low intensity conflicts", causing economic destabilization, training and arming foreign combatants, involvement in the drug trade, creation of death squads, teaching and developing torture techniques, and lying to the very people they serve (the American public).

Stockwell cites example after example of cases where the CIA carries out such operations. The support, funding, and leadership of the Contras by the CIA in Nicaragua is a current example of how the CIA fuels "low intensity conflicts" (a term Stockwell says the CIA "has coined themselves").

He spoke of the death squads of



John Stockwell spoke at SUB on Wednesday.

Iran, Vietnam, and El Salvador as being set up and trained by the CIA. The drug trade out of Vietnam

in the 70's and the current drug trade out of Central America is, in Stockwell's opinion, run by the CIA. And finally, he states that the CIA commonly misleads and lies to the American Congress and public.

Stockwell on many occasions throughout his lecture stated that all his accusations could be found and supported by public records, and many times named the sources which he spoke from. He urged anyone who doubts his word to "use their head" and "read everything they can about the subject".

The importance of the subject, in Stockwell's mind, is that the CIA's efforts are gearing America up for a war in Nicaragua, and placing the world in increasing danger of a nuclear war.

The CIA is not doing this in the interests of national security, Stockwell said, but to create a huge profit for "the military industrial complex" regardless of American interests.

Stockwell spoke of his excitement at entering the National Security Council, the highest level of military strategy planning, because then he "could see the whole picture".

Stockwell wanted to see the end to the brutal means he had been carrying out as an operation. What he saw was not an end that justified the means, and this caused his disillusionment with the CIA.

Stockwell's speech was impressive, and his accusations were blunt. His lecture proved thought-provoking and even frightening in its conclusions.

Anyone who would like a more detailed account of Stockwell's lecture can obtain a transcript from the Students' Union.

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