

Schofield

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Agency had been involved in the mining, he said, "If the CIA did it, I couldn't comment on it because that would be an intelligence matter."

Moreover, he argued, mining a harbor "is not an act of war according to international law."

Addressing the broader picture of Central American problems, Schofield said that the State Department sees both progress and failure in these countries, but the overall outlook is "positive," he said.

Schofield said that Cuba and the Soviet Union have "exploited" the turbulent conditions of these countries and that the United States must remain involved in Central American affairs for many reasons.

The first reason deals with these countries' strategic location. Schofield said that Nicaragua's capital, Managua, is closer to Washington, D.C., than our nation's capital is to San Francisco. He then pointed out that the largest group of U.S. immigrants comes from Central America. Continuing turmoil will increase the flow of legal and illegal aliens into the United States and Mexico, he predicted.

Schofield also pointed out that the United States has traditionally been the largest trader with the Central American nations, and that fact gives the United States a reason to keep hostile countries out, he added.

Four areas of these societies concern the United States, especially in Nicaragua and El Salvador, he said.

The first area is a need for countries to set up a democratic or at least some kind of "pluralistic" government, he said. The second area deals with economic development. Schofield said that better markets and a diversity of crops is needed. He said that many countries only grow one main crop and that country will suffer if that crop does not sell well.

For example, he said in some Central American countries sugar costs 10 cents a pound to grow but only sells for three cents a pound.

The third area that Schofield mentioned was security. He pointed out that countries can't build unless they have security. "The military aspect is therefore vital to us," he said.

The fourth area deals with political solu-

tions to the Central American countries' problems. Schofield stressed that the United States "does not want to see a continuing struggle" and that opposing groups in each country need to sit down and talk to each other. He said that Nicaragua and El Salvador are two countries that need to do this. He also pointed out that Central American countries must have a respect for each other's borders and agree upon removal of foreign troops.

Schofield then concentrated on how the United States is helping these countries achieve these goals.

He said that the political aspect is "doing well." There is a "trend moving toward democracy" because modern groups are winning against the extremist left and right-winged groups. He argued that the Sandinistas are losing popular support in Nicaragua, although that contention was disputed by some audience members in the question-and-answer session.

According to Schofield, the human rights situation in all these countries is "not ideal" but progress has been made since 1982. He said fewer people are being killed today by "death squads" and other terrorists in El Salvador and Guatemala.

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Weinberg is a newly appointed assistant professor of music at Elon.

Spanish Table

Spanish Table will meet this semester every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. on the second floor of the McEwen Dining Hall. The first meeting will be this coming Tuesday, Oct. 1. Spanish Table is an opportunity for people interested in speaking Spanish to do so in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. If you are fluent or just a beginner, you are welcome.

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