

**SANE vs. CRNP****Student Debate Centers On Disarmament Topic****By JEFF ALDERMAN**

"Is disarmament feasible?" This was the topic of discussion in a recent debate between The Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the Committee for a Realistic Nuclear Policy sponsored by the International Relations Club in Redfield Proctor Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 28.

After opening remarks by moderator John Wallach '64, Robert Finkelstein '64, chairman of SANE, began the debate with a statement advocating multilateral disarmament. "Peace programs involve risks as do arms programs, but the risks are greater in an arms race," commented Finkelstein. He added that he felt President Kennedy thought disarmament the safer of the two policies. "Deterrents can't be considered a plan for the future," he continued.

Finkelstein quoted C. P. Snow, who predicts a nuclear war within the next ten years. Also cited in his delivery was the fact that accidental nuclear war is possible through a miscalculation.

The leader of Middlebury's SANE group listed his suggestions for a possible disarmament plan: statement by all nations involved that they would attack only when attacked themselves; disengagement in Berlin; no atmospheric testing; and a six-year disarmament program.

Jeffrey Entin '63, representative and organizer of the college's CRNP group, opposed Finkelstein's arguments, saying that he was "against nuclear disarmament of any kind if it will endanger the security of the U. S. A." Entin felt that dis-

armament at this time was "unrealistic" and that "deterrence can be a plan for the future."

He further commented that Winston Churchill claimed in the early fifties that "atomic weapons will prevent wars in the future." Entin added: "There is an inherent balance of power,

therefore there is little danger of war." Disarmament is not the means to peace; until the nature of man changes, war will always be with us. It is the nature of man to fight," said Entin.

After the two speakers had presented their arguments, they questioned each other on various points. The discussion was then opened to questions from the audience.

President Kennedy announced the following day that the United States would resume atmospheric atomic testing in the near future.

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