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CIA executive's talk prompts shouting tiff

O a lecture by a CIA executive to a group of University of Miami honor students Wednesday night briefly turned into a shouting match between some of the students.

A Arthur Hulnick's appearance at the Eaton Residential College drew about 100 people, including two dozen protesters who mistakenly thought that Hulnick, the CIA's coordinator for academic affairs, was a recruiter.

Hulnick, who teaches a graduate course on intelligence at George Washington University, gave a policy-free speech on the theory of intelligence-gathering. "It's the same kind of speech I would make at one of my lectures in my class," Hulnick said.

About a dozen protesters who stood in the back of the room silently held up signs condemning the CIA. They asked questions centered mostly on the CIA's past involvement in Chile and its present activities in Central America. The school's ombudsman and a university police officer sat in on the class. Another officer kept a vigil outside.

During the question-and-answer session, one student asked Hulnick about the CIA-written manual distributed last year to the Nicaraguan contras. Hulnick asked the student if he had read it, the student replied he had not, and most of the crowd laughed and

applauded.

One student then turned to the protesters and said: "The manual was a good idea, the CIA is doing a good job, and they should keep writing manuals." The two sides then broke into a shouting match.

It was stopped, but resumed a few minutes later just outside the classroom, as the protesters marched and chanted, "Hey, hey CIA. Who have you killed today?"

The verbal confrontation stopped when students in the hall complained to police that they couldn't study because of the noise. The protesters left quietly.