

Liddy delights Weinberg crowd

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Talk show host and Watergate co-conspirator G. Gordon Liddy spun tales about prison, his boyhood and his philosophy of life Saturday night to an enthusiastic audience of 600 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts.

In a question-and-answer session in which Mr. Liddy said his audience would be the "Christians and I will be the lion," Mr. Liddy also discussed the Watergate scandal of the early 1970s.

The burglars who broke into Democratic National Headquarters

at the Watergate building in 1972, under Mr. Liddy's direction as Republican campaign intelligence director, were looking for evidence that Democratic officials were providing call girls for important visitors, Mr. Liddy said.

Mr. Liddy, now 63, was subsequently sentenced to 20 years in prison and served more than five, much of it in maximum security.

In his speech on how to prevail in life instead of merely survive, Mr. Liddy said people who prevail use

clear language and avoid euphemisms. He was in nine different "correctional institutions" and never saw them "correct a soul," he quipped.

Victors also use their brains instead of their instincts, do what they fear to defeat fear, maintain good health, and learn from failure, he said, adding that he will never again get involved with former White House counsel John Dean "even if he

Offers advice: Use brains, not instinct

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asks me for an ice cream cone."

Mr. Liddy said victors also use creativity to solve problems. Instead of fighting with other inmates over use of overcrowded prison toilets, Mr. Liddy said he forged a memo from the warden which gave those who had venereal disease exclusive use of one toilet; then said he had

VD.

People who prevail also ignore what other people think of them and work on developing their character. "What you think about, you do, and what you do, you become," he said.

Study predators to understand them, and understand that how people intimidate others is a reflection of what intimidates them, Mr. Liddy said.