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Gray visits Erie

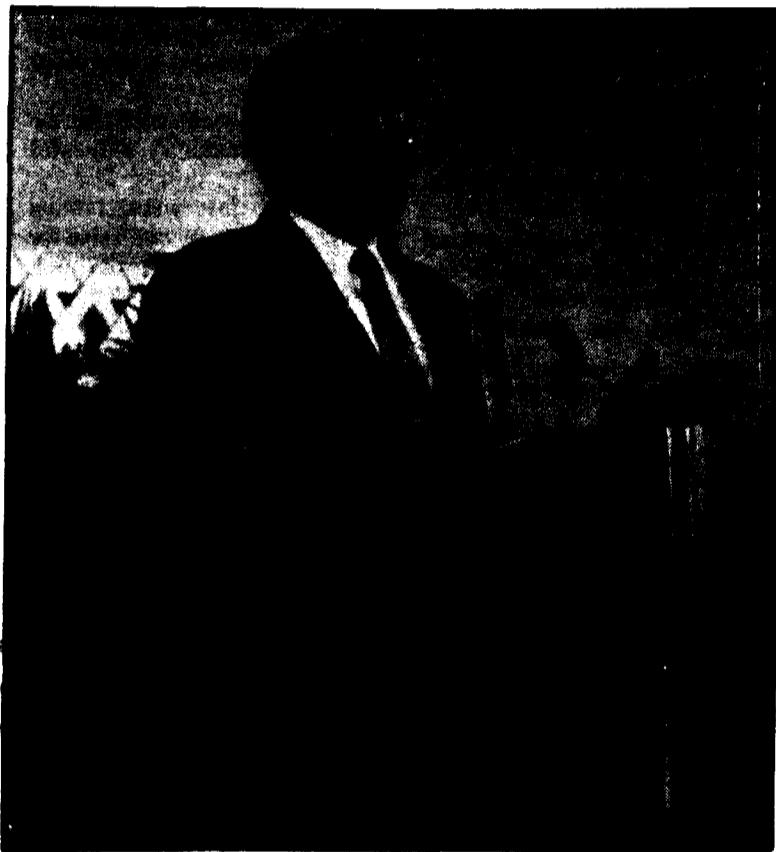


Photo by Keith Fleh
A learning experience; William H. Gray III, former U.S. representative, spoke to the Behrend community on Monday.

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William H. Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund and President Clinton's special envoy to Haiti, opened Behrend's 1994-1995 speaker series titled "The American Agenda" on Monday.

Gray delivered his lecture, "Leading the Way Into the 21st Century," in the Behrend Student Activities Common. The speech was open to the public and was broadcast live on AM 1450 WPSE and was taped by WQLN for later airing.

Gray began his lecture by describing the many revolutions that are occurring at the present time.

He spoke of "a new world order" and asked the audience to think of what its reaction would be five to seven years ago, if it was told that the Berlin Wall would be down and the Soviet Union would no longer be our chief rival.

The second revolution that Gray talked about was an economic revolution. He told the

audience that he grew up in an America that could accomplish anything.

Economic competition was between areas of the U.S. Jobs were lost from the mid-West to the South, but now he said, "Europe and the Pacific Rim are on the economic stage with us as equals."

He introduced his third revolution with a personal confession. He told the audience that while growing up in North Philadelphia his secret desire was to become an airline pilot.

To this day Gray still takes a sneak peek into the cockpit when he boards a plane. A few months ago, Gray was disgusted when he looked into the cockpit and saw that the pilot had long hair.

He was starting to question how the airline could let its appearance standards go astray when the pilot turned around and Gray realized that the pilot was a female.

Before he could catch his breath, he noticed that the first officer was an African American, the flight engineer was an Asian

American and the flight attendant's name was Juanita Rodriguez.

"My first thought was 'O Lord, I am in trouble now,' but you know, it was one of the best flights I have been on in my life. That is the other revolution that we are living in and that is the demographic revolution," Gray said.

He explained that in six years 85% of all new workers entering the work force will be women, minorities and new immigrants.

He went on to say that in the year 2050 the majority of the American population will be what are currently considered minorities today.

Gray stressed that the key to making this a successful transition is education.

"The best investment you can make in American youth is to send them to college," Gray said.

Before Gray took the position of president of the UNCF, he was the majority whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Unique minor now offered at Behrend

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Behrend will be the first Penn State campus to offer an international studies minor.

As Dr. John Rossi, assistant professor of history and coordinator of the INTST minor said, "There's no program like this in the Penn State system."

University Park gave its approval this spring and the first INTST course for the minor will be offered next semester.

Dr. Roberta Salper, head of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, said the international studies minor is "part of a University-wide effort to (expand) the international curriculum."

Rossi said an international studies minor was developed because, "America is a diverse nation; it's important for students to understand how America is linked to the rest of the world."

Rossi said "links between the outside world and the United

States need to be made clearer" because "the United States is increasingly involved in a very competitive global economy."

"The sad thing is," Rossi said, "most Americans don't know much about the rest of the world."

The international studies minor requires 18-30 credits. Prescribed courses include INTST 100, INTST 400, and 12 credits (or a demonstrated third semester proficiency) of a foreign language.

Students also need 12 credits of supporting and related courses, three of which must be at the 400 level.

Credits approved through study abroad may be used to fulfill the requirements of supporting and related courses.

The reason the minor requires 18-30 credits is because some majors require a foreign language while others do not. Thus, for students whose majors do not require a foreign language, in order to receive an INTST minor

they will need to obtain 12 credits of a foreign language.

The goal of INTST 100, "Introduction to International Studies: The Making of the Modern World," as written in the July 12, 1994 course proposal, is to give students a combined historical, economic and political perspective of "international issues" and "global forces."

Thus, three professors, one from each of the afore mentioned

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Men post win over LaRoche

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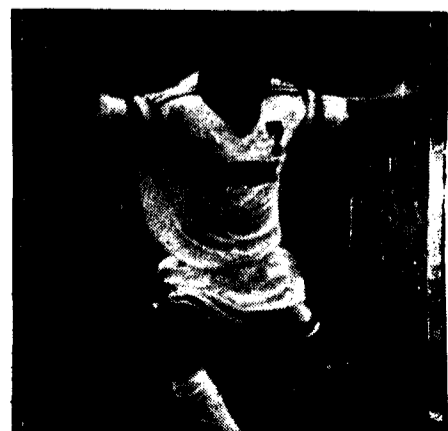


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