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Congressional leader reaffirms pro-choice stance Gray says federal government must change priorities



Congressman William Gray III

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"The decision with regards to abortion should be a woman's decision, made with her family, her physician, and her god," Congressman William H. Gray III said. "Not her politician."

Speaking Oct. 23 at the CUB, Gray firmly disagreed with a recent Presidential veto of an abortion bill, and reaffirmed his pro choice stance on the abortion issue.

Gray who represents Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District and is Majority Whip of the House of Representatives, the number three position in the House, was guest speaker for the second part of the Penn State Harrisburg Lecture Series, "Alternative Visions: 2001."

His lecture, titled "A Diverse Workforce: The Key to Economic Empowerment" discussed issues on the deficit, budget spending, education, and public policy.

Gray raised the question: What would \$100 billion do?

"It would slow the environmental destruction of our planet in just a few years," Gray said. "It would strenghten the drug war program; it would give a national health care system a good beginning; it would repair our nation's roads and bridges; and will also be the amount of money needed for education to responsibly reach the year 2001."

Congress will have to be accountable for spending to accomplish the its goals, Gray said.

"All is lost if present trends

continue," he said. "There must be a reworking of national priorities, business as usual will not get the job done."

Gray pointed out that the U.S. is falling behind because of the inability to tend to business in our own backyard before we try to clean up someone elses.

"They made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyards I have not kept," Gray said, quoting Solomon from the Bible.

Addressing the issue of education Gray said we are not keeping pace with the technological needs that our future will demand to be competitive in the international market place.

Gray said that, although the Congress recognizes the problems with education, fewer dollars will be available for grants and loans while education costs will continue to rise.

"We have to change priorities at the

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In memoriam

Nathan Lee Gaudin
Capital Times Editor

The Penn State Harrisburg community is mourning the lost of Jean H. Kresge, 61, who died Oct. 14 in the Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital following an illness of several months.

Kresge was the health services coordinator at PSH where she was employed for 18 years.

She joined the PSH staff in 1971 as a nurse, and in 1984, she became coordinator.

She was responsible for spearheading PSH's health fair, according to Peg O'Hara, Director of Student Affairs.

O'Hara said the idea of a health fair was born when Kresge began bringing groups onto campus at different times to conduct health tests. Later, the groups would come at the same time, and the health fair became an annual fixture at PSH.

"She did it on a shoe string," O'Hara said. "She didn't get any extra money in her budget until last year when some of her Mason friends made donations."

Last May, Kresge received the College Service Award for her service contributions to PSH.

Kresge's primary concern at PSH was the students, said Lois Cochran, a secretary in the student activities office.

Cochran, who often ate lunch with Kresge, said that Kresge sometimes interrupted her meal to help students.

Cochran said that when she joined the PSH staff 11 years ago, Kresge befriended her.

"She was the very first one to invite me lunch when I first came," she said. "We became lunch buddies, and we had been lunching ever since."

Cochran added that the two women



Jean H. Kresge 1928-1989

were friends as well as lunch buddies.

While Kresge enjoyed shopping and eating in fine restaurants, her favorite past time was being with her grandchildren, Cochran said.

"Every Monday morning, after she had had her grandchildren over for the weekend, her face just lit up," she said.

Kresge earned her R.N. degree from Westmoreland County Hospital, Greensburg. She was employed at Wilkes Barre General Hospital before coming to PSH.

She was the widow of Kenneth S. Kresge.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine L. Wagner, a son, Kenneth G. Wagner, and her mother, Helen P. Gordon, all of Harrisburg; a brother, John H. Gordon Jr., Charleston, S.C.; and two granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jean Kresge Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Development Office, Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, Pa. 17057.

Stolen auto found Police have no suspects

Derrick Stokes
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Campus police Sunday morning recovered a student's car taken for a joyride the night before.

The "unlawful use of (the) vehicle," owned by Charles Larry, of the 200 block of W. Main St., Middletown, occured sometime after midnight at 949 A Kirtland Avenue, Meade Heights, according to Officer John Lescisko. He said Larry's \$130 brown leather jacket was also stolen.

Larry said he was at a party at the Kirtland Avenue address where his jacket was stolen. The keys to his car was in the pockets of his jacket.

There was about 75 people at the party, Larry said, "and nobody saw anything."

Police found the car parked in front of the Coffee House at approximately 7 a.m. The keys to the automobile were found Monday.

"The car took some abuse," said Larry, an Environmental Engineering Technology major.

He said the perpetrator(s) were making "doughnuts" -- circular skid marks -- in the grass. The car's mudflaps were missing, the windshield was cracked, and the turn signal was damaged.

"My (car) insurance might not cover it," he said. "There were signs of a forced entry."

Items taken from the car include jumper cables, telephone wire and a portable heater. All but the portable heater were recovered.

His leather jacket was found in the men's room of the library yesterday.

Larry credited the return of his jacket to the reward signs he posted on campus bulletin boards. He is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

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