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predicting that the time of John F. Kennedy's generation and liberalization will arrive in the '90s. That period should continue until the generation who "cut their teeth in Reaganism" matures.

According to Schlesinger, the cycle is self-generating and independent. He noted that it doesn't even correlate with economic cycles. Shift from one period to another occurs because a particular course may solve many

problems but can't meet new ones and because "the longer people stay in government, the more likely they are to make mistakes," Schlesinger said.

Schlesinger explained that people turn toward public concerns when they tire of the materialism and hedonism promoted by periods of private interest. Neglected problems also add up, causing people to look for solutions as well as meaning in life. This leads to emphasis on the public good over private interest and a more active government. People eventually want a rest from strong government, however, which leads once again to the promotion of private interests.

"Each is a good half, but an impossible whole -- they must combine," Schlesinger said of the two periods.

Growing Liberalism

"The cycle did not call for a liberal victory (in the presidential election) in 1988 -- it called for a change in the '90s," Schlesinger said, but he claimed that he could "recognize the symptoms of change." He pointed out that Michael Dukakis had done better in the election than the two previous Democratic candidates. He also noted several of Reagan's reversals, including his change from referring to the Soviet Union the "evil empire" to signing a treaty with them and his increasing concern for human rights.

Schlesinger also pointed to a backlash against big business, growing interest in the environment, and a recent *Rolling Stone* poll that reported Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy as the most admired people as signs that "the tide is turning."

President Bush's "kinder, gentler America" is a reflection of these changes, Schlesinger said. In addition to supporting minimum wage, day care,

has questioned materialism and declared that "any definition of success must include serving others."

Unlike Reagan, who said government was the problem, Bush realizes that government is here to stay and it should be for public service, not private gain.

"This is hardly a declaration of liberalism," Schlesinger said, "but Bush is a conservative of a different stripe from those who served under Reagan."

Batteries Not Included

Schlesinger questioned Bush's belief that private volunteerism, his "Thousand Points of Light," is enough to strengthen the free market. He said charitable organizations don't think so and look to the government for providing the peoples' needs. "We have a thousand points of light, but alas, batteries are not included," he said.

"Will the free market give the next generation a chance?" Schlesinger asked. He questioned whether it can solve problems like the nation's aging infrastructure, environmental concerns, the growing gap between the rich and poor, drugs, AIDS, crime, Wall Street scandals and the savings and loan crisis. Problems such as these, he said, call on the resources of the government.

Home-Grown Perestroika

Schlesinger stressed America's need to regain economic independence. "In eight years we've gone from the largest creditor nation to the largest debtor nation . . . Never before has America been so at the mercy of foreign investors." He mentioned the foreign buyout of American property and manufacturing and warned that "if this national fire sale goes on, one expects to hear that the Japanese have bought Pearl Harbor."

"We may need our own home-grown version of perestroika," Schlesinger said, referring to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of economic reform. To achieve economic independence, he said, we must stop consuming more than we produce and be more productive. He compared the savings rate of two percent of the gross national product in the '80s to the seven percent rate in the '70s as evidence for these needs.

Students Present Research At Edinboro Psychology Conference

Three Behrend students gave research presentations at the 17th annual Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 22.

The conference featured 48 presentations by students from 14 colleges and universities. Behrend is one of the founders of the conference.

According to Dr. Carl Kallgren, associate professor of psychology at Behrend, students' work must be approved by their school's faculty and a review board before being presented to the conference. Kallgren chaired a session on social/clinical psychology.

Ellen Goldberg presented her research on "Others' Ratings of Suicidal Clients as a Function of Clients' Age and Race" in the Clinical Psychology session. Goldberg's experiment tested the hypothesis that there are biases

against elderly and minority suicidal clients as opposed to young and Caucasian clients. She found no bias against minority patients but discovered that older suicidal patients were perceived to have significantly less potential for happiness or solving their problems and their suicides were seen as slightly more allowable.

Goldberg will attend graduate school at Clark University, which Kallgren described as "one of the best schools for clinical psychology."

During the session on Animal Studies, science major Meeta Pancholi presented a paper entitled "The Cat as a Model for Human Vision." Pancholi explored the great similarities between human and cat visual systems and the possibility of using the cat as a comprehensive model for human vision.

Kenneth Regalla presented his research on "Beliefs in God and the Metaphysical" during the

Grief, Death and Religion session. Regalla hypothesized

that beliefs in the metaphysical "phenomena" of ESP, ghosts and extra-terrestrial beings were related to one another and to belief in God. He also hypothesized that older students and science majors would have weaker beliefs in metaphysical phenomena and God than younger and non-science majors. He found that those who believed in God tended to believe in ghosts, but had no tendency to believe or disbelieve in ESP or extra-terrestrials. Additionally, students' beliefs in all the metaphysical phenomena were related to one another. Science majors did not express weaker beliefs than non-science majors, but older students did tend to be more skeptical than the younger

Tempus On Sale

Tempus, Behrend's literary magazine will remain on sale today beginning at noon outside of the library.

Tempus contains a variety of selected works of fiction, poetry and essays submitted by Behrend students.

The cost of the annual magazine is \$2.00.

Awards Convocation



Joann Gelwicks presented the Benjamin A. Lane Outstanding Service Award to Marge Wizikowski, RUB Desk manager, last Sunday at Behrend's 28th annual Honors and Awards Ceremony. Over 250 awards and scholarships were presented to Behrend faculty, staff and students during the ceremony in Erie Hall. (photo by Marybeth Zawistoski)

Behrend First In Blood Drive

Penn State-Behrend's Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha chapters were out for blood when they led students, faculty and staff in the battle to win the Erie Blood Bank's 1988-89 Greater Erie Collegiate Blood Drive Competition. And their efforts paid off.

Penn State-Behrend topped the total-donations list and received the winner's trophy from Kathy Crippen of the Erie Blood Bank during ceremonies on Thursday, April 6 in the Glennhill Farmhouse. The award presentation and the drive in the Winter Garden on April 5 and 6 coincided with Behrend's Wellness Awareness Week.

Together, Erie's four colleges collected 348 units of blood during the competition. Of those units, 5 percent came from Penn State-Behrend, 3.8 percent from Gannon and 3.6 percent from Mercyhurst. Villa Maria the winner of the competition for the past two years, came in at 3.3 percent.

Jim Taylor, treasurer of Behrend's TKE chapter, and Patty McMahon, nurse practitioner and member of the Health Advisory Board, accepted the trophy for the college.



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