

Political correctness debated

"To PC or not PC" tonight in Erie Hall

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University. He is earning a national reputation as one of the most visible supporters of the Political Correctness movement. Since 1962 he has had over 80 printed publications in such sources as the *Critical Quarterly* and the *Critical Inquiry*.

Dr. Fish has also conducted over 40 lectures at various universities around the country such as the University of California, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton University.

Dr. Fish feels that the PC movement is necessary to make up for years of oppression and

repression experienced by racial minorities, women, and homosexuals.

Dean Baldwin, associate professor of English at Behrend, said, "students should be aware of this (political correctness) issue, it has had considerable influence on many campuses, including Penn State."

Due to affirmative action, feminism, immigration, and the extension of full political rights to minorities Political Correctness has become an increasing debate in the changing American society. Last spring the Penn State system adopted a cultural diversity program

required for all incoming freshmen.

D'Souza, as well as other critics, believes that the whole purpose of American higher education is being threatened. He asks, "If education cannot help to separate truth from falsehood, beauty from vulgarity, right from wrong, then what can it teach us?"

"It (political correctness) is not just an educational or academic issue," said Baldwin. "It's a question of how does America see itself. It affects the heritage we learn and pass on to our children and grandchildren."

Racial forum challenges views

Affirmative action, diversity debated

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people." Several people pointed out that the National Society of Black Engineers is open to everyone, not just blacks. It was felt by much of the participants in the forum that whites did not join black clubs for the same reason blacks did not join white clubs -- they felt uncomfortable.

"If you look in our constitution anybody who wants (to) can join NSBE, but people see black and it's immediately feared," said one unidentified student.

Many people who spoke in the nearly full lecture hall showed strong support for the National Society of Black Engineers. Representation of black and white people was nearly equal. Behrend roughly has a 20 percent black

population. Overall, the Penn State system is about 8-10 percent black.

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- Tom Strunk, Third semester, history major

Some students also expressed concern on the issue of cultural diversity programs. Tom Strunk went as far as to say, "Significant work should not be replaced by black work that is not as qualified." While many at the forum, both white and minority

students, felt diversity courses were valuable, some questioned the merit of requiring them.

"I'm proud of my Polish history. For the university to come to you collectively and say you must take a Polish history course is the same as making me take an African history course," said John Mack, a fifth semester history major.

Many at the forum felt Afro-American history was largely ignored and that should be required to help people learn more about Afro-American culture.

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World

United Nations -- Ozone levels could drop by 3 percent during the next decade, leading to a 10 percent rise in skin cancer, a United Nations scientific panel said Tuesday. "We do believe that human activities are the cause of the ozone loss," they said, highlighting the use of CFC's (or chlorofluorocarbons). The researchers found that ozone depletion was occurring all across the northern and southern hemispheres in the spring and summer, which had never been seen before.

Wiesbaden, Germany -- Jesse Turner enjoyed his first full day of freedom Tuesday after nearly five years' captivity in Lebanon. He was sent to Wiesbaden's U.S. military hospital, but will have to wait another day to see his Lebanese wife and the 4-year-old daughter he has never seen yet.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia -- Yugoslav's defense minister, Gen. Veljko Kadijevic, rejected European Community peace proposals as leading to "catastrophe" and accused Germany of plotting the breakup of this Balkan country on Tuesday. Kadijevic also demanded a wider mobilization in regions that want to stay in the federation.

Nation

Los Angeles -- A man who had a weapons arsenal in his home and was reported to have been plotting to assassinate President Bush was arrested Sunday. Thomas Ward may have been plotting to kill Bush during the Nov. 4 dedication ceremonies of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Public Affairs Center. "We are in the infancy of the investigation, but it does not appear he was connected with any subversive or militant groups," said Vince France, Ventura County sheriff's Cmdr.

Detroit -- A third-quarter loss of \$1.6 billion was reported Tuesday by the world's two biggest automakers. The losses of General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., when added to the expected loss by Chrysler Corp., are likely to total about \$2 billion. Unless the automakers can show a turnaround in the final quarter of the year, 1991 will be the worst year financially in Big Three history.

Washington -- A plate used to print the face of \$100 bills was reported missing Tuesday. "I am ... concerned with the loss of the plate that would enable counterfeiters to print 32 perfect counterfeits of the face of \$100 bills at a time," said Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill. An investigation into security at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been asked for by the congressman.

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