

Hart wants to close technology gap

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Democratic presidential hopeful Gary Hart stood between a 50-year-old hand-operated printing press and a modern machine-driven press at the Cincinnati Technical College today and said he would help the nation "bridge the gap" of changing technologies.

The Colorado senator, in his second campaign swing through Cincinnati, told students in a graphics communications class at the two-year technical school that neither the Republicans nor many of the leaders in his own Democratic Party foresaw the rapid technological changes of recent years.

"That's why there are 9 million people out of work today," Hart said.

Later, in an interview with reporters, Hart made a pitch for the supporters of former Presidential candidate John Glenn of Ohio, saying that he is best to carry on the traditions that Glenn brought to the campaign.

Hart also blamed his failure to do well in industrial Great Lakes states on the unfamiliarity of voters with him and with his new ideas.

Hart said that he and Glenn both agreed that Vice President Walter Mondale, his chief rival in Tuesday's Ohio primary election, would lead the country in the wrong direction.

During his tour of the Central Parkway technical school, Hart attempted to undercut the labor support for Mondale by praising CTC programs which retrain older workers in newer technologies as well as young persons preparing for their first jobs.

But, Hart added, there are too few of such programs nationwide.

"As long as we have policies that depend in this economy on machines like that," said Hart, pointing to an old-style printing press, "and not on machines like that," he added, gesturing to the modern machine, "we are going to have 9 or 10 million people out



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Colorado Sen. Gary Hart received a tribute in the form of a silk-screened apron upon the arrival of his presidential campaign today at Cincinnati Technical College.

of work."

Hart joked easily with students during the tour and tried out several of the different machines. On a silk-screen printer, he printed a T-Shirt design with the slogan "Buckeyes for Hart" inside a map of the state.

"Now I know what I'm going to be doing after two terms in the White House—making T-Shirts in Denver," chuckled Hart.

Don Wilson, 46, of Forest Park, a student in the graphic class said he was "impressed" by Hart.

"He is more impressive than what I had pictured him to be," said Wilson, who started at CTC a year ago after his last job with an insurance investment company didn't work out.

"He's more down to earth than I expected him to be, and his ideas hit where I am," Wilson said.

His classmate, 26-year-old Gary Louderback of Western Hills, agreed. Louderback, the school's student body president, said he began retraining at CTC after being laid off from a job with a machine tool company.