Space skills useful

By Thomas J. Spisak

The benefits of the space program can be seen in the technology it developed but in the uses and perceptions of those technologies, astronaut Russell L. Schweickart '56 asserted, and is not a new

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includes satellites and satellite-borne earth resources surveys as direct benefits of the space program. "We are only beginning the prac
tical use of the potential of the new environment [space]," he stated.

The cost of an overseas telephone call has been more than halved due to communications satellites, he said. India's use of a communications satellite to beam educational television into remote villages was a benefit of space technology, Schweickart added.

LANDSAT surveys of earth resources have been used to pinpoint solutions to problems as diverse as land use in the Sahel and mosquito control in Louisiana, according to Schweickart.

"Although the start-up costs are tremendous, the on-going user costs turn out to be very low," he said. "The Space Shuttle's capability to revisit stations makes very large in-place space systems possible. A very large, powerful orbiting antenna would make the Dick Tracy wrist radio practical," he added.

Astronaut Russell L. Schweickart '56 explained the benefits of the space program.

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for seven years, is based on race. Evans asserted, and is not a class struggle as some analysts have maintained. Evans attributed the struggle to "differing interpretations of history" and "different religious heritages."

Although the title of the talk was "Report on Ireland: Some of My Best Friends Are Terrorists," Evans spent little time talking about his terrorist friends, saying simply that they were very nice people. "People who can get up on a pillar and rant and rave and shout the hell out of you... are very charming and friendly in person."

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