Presidential candidate’s wife speaks at Poly

Hillary Clinton emphasizes husband’s education plan

By Brad Hamilton
Staff Writer

Hillary Rodham Clinton told an audience of about 100 supporters at Vista Grande restaurant Friday to think about their future and the future of their children when they vote in this year’s elections.

In her speech, she briefly outlined the political platform of her husband Bill Clinton, a Democratic presidential candidate. Clinton said her husband will implement a new economic system which will put people ahead of money.

He will support investor tax credit to allow businesses to install new equipment in the workplace and to produce new jobs. He will eliminate tax advantages that reward those who pick up and move their business out of the country. Moreover, he will emphasize job training in order to help workers gain skills to demand and exceed wages that others demand in other countries.

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Hillary Clinton emphasized her husband’s education plan which Clinton said have been “placed on a shell” by the Bush administration.

One goal is to place Americans at the top of the world in math and science by the year 2000.

Clinton’s education plan also includes providing loans to those needing assistance which can be paid back through community service. Serving as a police officer, a teacher’s assistant or child care worker would serve as repayment.

In addition, Clinton’s husband wants to establish an apprenticeship program in high schools for kids to improve their marketability if they choose not to attend college.

“The trade really take advantage of the good, hard working young people who we have,” Clinton said as she gazed at the podium. “We could help them (become much better skilled through the national apprenticeship program for anyone who wants to understand the value of work and be a real contributor.”

“We believe that the education of a future generation of America is not only good for them but essential to our country and its people,” Clinton continued.

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Baker tours ET, says every student will get degree

By Mary Kay Duffy
Staff Writer

President Warren Baker delivered promising news to the engineering technology faculty members after touring their department Friday.

In a private meeting with the faculty, Baker told them that every student in the department will graduate with an ET degree, according to Department Head Kim Davis.

They were also told that no tenured or tenure-track faculty will be laid off for fall quarter. Baker did not say what will happen after then.

“The question still remains who would teach the ET courses if the faculty aren’t around after fall,” Davis said. However, he was pleased with the news.

“We’ve gained a major breakthrough from Baker.”

The ET students agreed, although they still plan to continue protesting the proposed phase-out.

“We’re on (to continue protesting) for Monday,” said John Luna, president of the American Society of Engineering Technologists. “The decision is not over yet.”

During the meeting, Davis presented Baker with some alternatives to cutting the ET curriculum. He suggested meeting ET programs, including all students and faculty, into complementary engineering departments.

Davis said that Baker “just glanced at the proposal,” but he said he would look it over in depth later.

“There is no question of the value of our department,” Davis said. “We do see technology and engineering working together.”

The faculty members said that Baker seemed impressed with the students during the tour. “He stressed it over and over,” professor Fred Friedman said. “They really did a fantastic job.”

During the hour-long tour, students showed lab work, typical homework assignments and senior projects.

Baker listened intently and asked questions throughout the tour.

The presentations emphasized the correlation between the course work and the work graduates do in the industry.

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Cal Poly is one of the safest campuses in the CSU, but Public Safety says that’s no reason to let down your guard.

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17 tourists die when bus drives into ravine

VITORIA, Spain (AP) — A bus carrying tourists from Lisbon to Paris careened off a road in northern Spain on Saturday, killing 17 people and injuring 31 others, authorities said. A survivor said the driver had fallen asleep.

The bus, carrying 46 passengers, plowed through a safety barrier and into a ravine outside the northern Spanish town of Vitoria, police said. The dead, including a 5-year-old girl, were Portuguese, one of them a Portuguese-born French citizen.

Of the injured, 17 remained hospitalized late Saturday. Police said one New Zealander, two French nationals and two Portuguese-born French citizen.

Portuguese news agency Lusa quoted a survivor as saying the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. She said she had suggested he allow the co-driver to take over.

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WASHINGON (AP) — In the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots, the blows that struck Rodney King are reverberating in courthouses throughout the nation. A judge in Washington state has postponed the trial of a former police officer accused of brutality. The other is that it will make courts more sensitive to bias against minorities.

Officials finally kill X-ray laser weapon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The X-ray laser, the death ray of research and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment, has finally been made. The X-rays, powered by hydrogen bomb explosions in space, were envisioned by their promoters as the ultimate weapon against a Soviet missile attack. But now the X-ray laser weapon ever was produced, nor was its feasibility ever established.

The on-scene project began heading toward extinction in the late 1980s.

Pullout of troops leaves L.A. citizens feeling wary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Riot-scarred neighborhoods were peaceful but tense Sunday following the withdrawal of 4,000 Marines and regular Army soldiers.

The pullout, and fear that 10,000 National Guard troops will soon follow, left some residents concerned the city's undermined and demoralized Police Department would be hard-pressed to keep the peace.

"The police force is understaffed to begin with. Even though things are starting to settle down, we feel there's a lot of tension out there," said Ricki Schermerhorn of the group Mothers of All Colors Unite.

"We want to keep our city safe. We're all in this together," Ms. Schermerhorn said.

A police spokesman said there were no reports of violence or major crime Sunday, but he said officers have reported an increase in sniper fire since the riot.

Police Chief Pino estimated officers and troops have drawn sniper fire on 20 or more occasions, although he had no official statistics on such incidents.

"That meeting included no Asian Americans," he said.

Group critiques status of Asians' civil rights

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Asian Americans still face widespread prejudice and barriers to equal opportunity but aren't part of the nation's program to civil rights, activists said.

After the Los Angeles riots — in which many businesses owned by Korean Americans were destroyed — President Bush met with black and Hispanic leaders but not Asian Americans.

"That meeting included no Asian Americans," he said.
Ariana Huffington visits SLO to help husband's campaign

By Cynthia Nelson
Staff Writer

After writing five books, three of which made the best-seller list, Ariana Stasinopoulos Huffington is helping her husband, Michael, with his Republican campaign for Congress.

She spoke about her books and campaigning efforts during an interview Thursday.

Huffington began her writing career when she studied in Cambridge after moving from her native city of Athens, Greece. She said she did not want to write, but was encouraged to do so after speaking on women's rights in England.

She completed her first book, "The Female Warrior," which she said was difficult because she was not confident in her writing. The book later became a best-seller.

"After that, I knew I would stay a writer," Huffington said.

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SLO Nightwriters to hold fiction contest

By Romina Vitols
Staff Writer

If you like to write, it might be worth your time to enter SLO Nightwriters' short story contest.

Each year, the Nightwriters hold a 500-word maximum writing contest. Cash prizes ranging from $50 to $200 are awarded to the top three entries, and the winner's piece will be published by SLO Nightwriters.

But, according to contest organizer Lynette Hamel, there is a catch -- each entry must begin with the same sentence.

Here is last year's starter sentence: "The deal with a sweet opium." She said people, especially nationally, need to set priorities on education, she said. Recognizing the problems with education is to recognize the problems with the economy.

Michael Huffington plans to reduce the deficit by revamping the country's welfare system and making it into a transitional program, she said. That way people will not be able to living off welfare a way of life. She said people need to feel that they can take care of themselves.

SLO Nightwriters, said the group was established in 1989 to provide marketing and development support for professional and amateur writers in the area.

Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and are open to the public.

During each meeting, a guest speaker addresses some aspect of writing, Powell said, such as publishing or screenwriting.

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Albert Camus on capital punishment

By Don Lazere

Albert Camus on capital punishment heats debate over capital punishment. Robert Alton Harris, I reach for have been converted into abolitionists after reading this rationale for capital punishment the contrary, he asserted, in the ledger the human flaws in that ul­

timate information would be useless in that society bears some share of responsibility for breeding criminals. Criminals are not great by virtue of an absolute power, usurping an absolute power, usurping the power of God to determine who shall live and who shall die. Camus believed the death penalty is a blasphemy against the individual as against society; thus society bears some share of responsibility for breeding criminals. Most executed criminals have grown up in poverty and have been abused since childhood. Alcohol and drugs frequently contribute to their crime. Deadly weapons are purchased or obtained from slum housing or selling criminals the ability to purchase or obtain.

Camus was not, however, a bleeding heart abiding the individual's innocence. The notion of preserving individuality in societies, and hence individual responsibility, is part of the modern individualism that permits criminals to take the first step toward de-evaluating violence — advancing by Frane­

cois Mitterand in abolishing the death penalty when he took office as minister of France in 1981, with no subsequent in­

crease in that country's crime rate.

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Camus and abolitionists are not, as often charged, indifferent to victims and their survivors. Nothing can bring the victims back to life, but abolitionists suggest that the high costs of the legal process proceeding execution, as well as the proceeds from imprisoned criminals' labor, could be redirected toward com­

passionating survivors. There are alternatives be­

tween executions and laws that permit release of dangerous criminals; certainly, arguments of the death penalty need not join with advocates in insisting in closing the outrageous loopholes that allow unregenerate killers to go free.

As Camus concluded, "We know enough to say that this or that major criminal deserves hard labor for life. But we don't know enough to say that he should be shorn of his future...Forbid­

ning a man's execution would amount to proclaiming publicly that society and the State are not absolute values, that nothing authorizes them to legislate definitively or to bring about the irreversible..."

Don Lazere is a professor of English at Cal Poly and author of The Unique Creations of Albert Camus, published by Yale University Press.
Two southpaws pitch dominant games in doubleheader sweep over San Bernardino

By Gregory Rieber

With their backs to the fences, the No. 3-ranked Cal Poly Mustangs swept two games from Cal State San Bernardino to take the title of the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

The two victories enabled Cal Poly to win the CCAA for the second consecutive year and the third out of the last four years.

Cal Poly will start preparing for next weekend's Western Regionals of the Division II NCAA College World Series. It will be announced sometime today where the regionals are going to be played and who will be participating. "The fun begins now," said Cal Poly Head Coach Steve McFarland.

"I told the guys that they should not agonize anymore. They accomplished something great. It's an honor to play in the regionals. They have worked really hard this year and they deserve to be where they are right now.

Cal Poly finishes the regular season with an overall record of 35-16 and 20-10 in the CCAA. The Coyotes finish the regular season at the bottom of the CCAA with a 7-23 record.

In the first game, Cal Poly gave starting pitcher Paul Souza plenty of breathing room with some explosive offense to win, 6-3.

In what is becoming a common occurrence in the CCAA, Cal Poly pitcher Eric Hill had yet another dominating performance in the second game to help Cal Poly win, 5-2.

"We played a lot better tonight," McFarland said, referring to Friday's 6-4 loss.

"We eliminated some frustrations and played solid baseball." In the first game, Cal Poly got an early

Offense stalls as Mustangs come up short at regionals

By Neil Pascale

After an inspiring start, the Cal Poly Mustangs exited the NCAA Division II Western Regionals due to a sputtering offense.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 13 in the nation, bowed out after being shut-out for 14 consecutive innings.

Poly lost Sunday to the top-ranked Cal State Bakersfield Roadrunners, 3-5, in a game that determined who would advance to the regional finals.

Bakersfield's Kristine Karr blanked Poly for seven innings, getting five strikeouts and one walk.

Poly's starting pitcher Julie Rome went all the way for the Mustangs. Rome, entering the regionals with a 23-4 record, gave up two earned runs. The Roadrunners scored all their runs in a three-run third inning.

On Saturday, the Mustangs beat Portland State, 3-2, in the regional's opening contest.

Poly, however, then went into its offensive drought as they lost to Cal State Hayward, 1-0.

Bakersfield advanced to the regional finals against Hayward, who went into Sunday's game undefeated. Hayward had downed the Roadrunners, 3-2, in their opener.

Viewing flashes from the present, past

By Neil Pascale

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In the ninth inning, San Ber-

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failed by only a matter of three

runs.

San Bernardino scored two

runs off Souza and one run off

relief pitcher Chad Fanning, who

soured Souza in the ninth in-
nning with no outs.

Souza, who came into the

game with a 6.2 record in the

CCAA and a 2.98 ERA, gave up

only three hits and struck out

four players in eight innings of

work.

"I think the key to the game

was that we were able to get an

early lead," McFarland said. "We

took advantage of it to us. That’s by far the best

match (Davis) played all year."

Marc Oliver won the first set,

6-1, but then Davis’ Mark

Amott beat Jeff McCann, 6-1,

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education because of the cutbacks," she said. In her speech, Clinton explained how education has suffered because of the lack of funding for resources in addition to the increased amount of money allocated for non-educational services. "What Bill proposes doing is increasing that federal share (for education), back to what it was in 1980," she said. Little did Clinton know these words of educational reform were broadcast over an audio system offered because of the lack of funding. From page 1

...back to what it was 1980," she said. Close to 40 demonstrators lined the sidewalk to see Clinton on her way out. As she left, Clinton stopped briefly to speak with the demonstrators again and was given two T-shirts. Initially, Luna approached Clinton and presented her with an ET T-shirt. Then home economics major Kimberly McNutt spoke briefly with Clinton and handed her a home economics T-shirt. Clinton responded to the students with gratitude and stressed the need for active voting to make a change. "It is just so important, not just for individual students but for a country, that we put education first and I hope that we can do that, but we cannot do it if people do not vote," she said. During the breakfast, three ET majors sat inside, waiting for a chance to question Clinton on her husband’s educational goals. "Being that their campaign platform includes education... we came today to voice our concerns about the changing education in the state of California," said Gregory Thompson, an ET senior sitting inside the restaurant. "But unfortunately, there wasn’t enough time." Moria Bordan, a graduating senior in ET, was able to speak with Clinton and present her with an ET packet. It contained a personal letter, an ET fact sheet, a memo from the ET department head to Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Kools outlining other options, a memo from the En- courage Council and clips from Mustang Daily. ASI President-elect Kristin Burnett was in attendance and complimented the ET and home ec students on their organized and effective showing. "I think that (the demonstration) is both respectful and wise of them, because they are keeping it at the forefront of everybody’s attention," she said. Neill Clark, a member of the ET faculty, was on hand to watch his students in action. "We’ve been demonstrating very vociferously," he said. "Many of my students signed on this quarter to learn about electronics, but it turns out they are learning, I think, some far more important lessons."
CLINTON

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*Another essential issue Clinton said her husband shows eagerness to take on is health care, an issue he would pay immediate attention to should he be elected. His plans for improving health care include steps such as controlling costs, reforming insurance practices and providing better access for primary and preventive health care. "We are so penny-wise and dollar-foolish when it comes to health care. I think what America needs is leadership that is not just problem-solvers, but we are builders. We are people who want to build a new vision."

Clinton said prenatal care, which costs up to $1,000, should be covered by health care insurance. "We have to get people to believe again that we can make a difference. If we carry that message, there is no doubt in my mind, we will not only have a new president, we will have a new beginning that can give America some of its greatest days it has ever had," she said before receiving a standing ovation."

Clint said she would have told students the same thing as she told the fund-raiser audience if time would have allowed for her speech. "I think the message of economic hope and employment and education opportunity is a message not just for young people," Clinton said in between shaking hands after her speech. "It is a message for all Americans." Robert Kohut, vice president of Academic Affairs, said Cal Poly was fortunate to have Clinton on campus because it will bring attention to the campus and the community, and it shows they count. Kohut said he attended the fund-raiser to show general support for the election process, and to try and represent the university in national politics. Kristin Burnett, ASI president-elect, also attended the fund-raiser. "This is an excellent opportunity to share with students my perception of what a presidential campaign looks like," she said.

Burnett hopes Clinton will take student ideas back to Arkansas. Bill Clinton is governor of Arkansas. Immediately after her speech, Hillary Clinton was rushed off so she could keep on her schedule. From San Luis Obispo she went to South Central Low Angeles and spoke to community leaders. From L.A. she went to Sacramento, and from Sacramento she went to San Francisco in a single day. Alec Kohut, a member of Young Democrats at Cal Poly, said the students should not feel snubbed by Clinton because she did not speak with them. "I am into politics, and I understand her schedule," Kohut said. "You don’t see Barbara Bush coming near SLO. At least it’s on (Clinton’s) mind.”

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