

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Clinton/Gore offers change

For the past 12 years, we students have allowed the Republican administrations to mortgage our futures, running the economy into the ground, burdening us with student loan debt and threatening our individual liberties.

Another four years of George Bush would make our future bleak indeed. But there is something that we can do: vote for a change. And our generation needs to vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore in order to take control of our lives and make progress on things we really care about.

Let's look at the issues.

The economy: In 1988, Bush promised to create 30 million new jobs. But what he gave us was the slowest economic growth and the slowest job growth since the Great Depression.

The tough job market hits students hardest. Everyone has friends who have graduated recently and have not been able to find decent jobs; many have not found jobs at all.

Clinton doesn't claim to have any magic solutions, but he has a detailed plan on how to turn the economy around. His economic strategy puts people first and invests more than \$50 billion each year while cutting the deficit in half.

Choice: No one issue demonstrates the hypocrisy of the Bush/Quayle ticket more than choice. At the Republican Convention, the self-proclaimed defenders of individual liberties ratified a platform that calls for a constitutional ban on abortions.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore, on the other hand, are strongly pro-choice. They believe that individuals — not government — should be trusted to make this very difficult and personal decision for themselves.

Student loans: Cuts in education funding almost every year since 1980, combined with the tough job market, have given a one-two punch to the American Dream. Clinton offers hope. With a detailed plan for a National Service Trust Fund plan, we would not have debts looming over us, and we could make a difference in our country's future.

But beyond all the issues, the most important thing is that we get involved, educate ourselves about the issues and vote for a change. Only by showing that we care can we turn America around and lead it on the right course for the 21st century.

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just repaying it all in two years by working for two years at a reduced salary, more or less on the pattern of the Peace Corps, as teachers, police officers, working with kids in trouble, working with the elderly, working with housing programs — a whole range of public service employment. If you did that for two years, your entire financial obligation would be gone. And if we did that, we could at least make access to college universal and no one would ever have to drop out because of the money.

Q: College students seem to be able to identify with this ticket a lot more than the Bush/Quayle ticket just simply from an age standpoint and the way that you've gone after that market... MTV... those types of things that are directly targeted to college students. What do you feel that you offer the 18-to-24-year-old market that may, because of family values or whatever else, have college students and that market estranged to the Republican ticket?

A: I'm really concerned about the things that are affecting young people. And I care more about their future. And I think you know the conversation I had on the MTV interview with the guy who had AIDS. I've spent a lot of time with people with AIDS. I'm concerned about it. I want to make a difference there. I think that a lot of young people sense that I've tried to learn, I've tried to put myself in their shoes. I've tried to get a real feel for the things that are gripping their lives now, and I'm much more concerned about their future. I do not want your generation to be part of the first group of Americans to do worse than their parents. And I do not believe it has to be that way. But I think my generation owes you better than you've been getting. You know? But I see this election, in part, as an opportunity for the generation that Al Gore and I grew up in, which was the most prosperous generation of Americans in history, to create a world of opportunity for you. It's a very heavy responsibility. I really feel it in a very personal way, not only because I have a daughter but because I have had a wonderful life and I feel that I owe it to my country to provide that to people coming along behind me if I can.

Q: You brought up AIDS, what specifically would you do to handle it as a physical concern, but also as a social issue with a stigma attached to it?

A: Well, number one, I would talk about it a lot more. I think the president has got to get the country comfortable with talking about it and dealing with it. You've got to get people thinking about it. Number two, I would put one person in charge of fighting the battle against AIDS. Some one person who could cut across the bureaucratic lines of all the different agencies that deal with it. The third thing I would do is to at least implement the recommendations of these two AIDS commissions. I would fund the Ryan White Health Act at a higher level so you can do more research and treatment. And finally, I think you've got to have an aggressive, aggressive effort to change people's behavior. You've got to go into these schools, in the health education program and try to keep these kids. That's what I think we should do.

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Q: Well, Maria's [Maria Eitel Sheehan, special assistant to the president for media affairs] pushing me there and I want to make sure I get one.

A: Come on Maria. You're gonna get me fired. I've got enough problems. What is it?

Q: What do you count as your biggest triumph during your term, and what do you count as your worst mistake with regards to higher education and other issues?

A: Yeah. Well, I think clearly the biggest triumph is the changes takin' place around the world. And when you see a reunified Germany, when you see ancient enemies talking peace to each other in the Middle East — which nobody dreamed was possible — when you see the collapse of the Soviet Empire, when you see countries south of our border almost all going the democratic route, when you see the expansion of our exports sales, which means better international trade, we've got a lot to celebrate in that whole area of freedom and democracy and free markets. So that I think history will show is very important and included therein is of course, standing up against aggression in the Middle East. I mean that united the country, but much more important than that even, it sent a message to aggressors around the world... So I think you'd have to lump all of those together as what I would say are pretty good accomplishments for the first years.

I think in terms of mistake, when I went along with the Democratic tax increase back in 1990 — lot of trading, lot of bickering — I wanted to get a control on spending, on domestic discretionary spending, and the price tag for that was one tax increase and I think I made a mistake on that. So I would have to look back and say that compromise did not do what I wanted it to do, which was to stimulate this economy and get it going... I also learn if you make a mistake, you ought to admit it. That's true in real life and I think it's true even for a president.

Q: I know you probably look back on your college days with fondness. We very much appreciate your time in addressing college students today.

A: I did. I really did. You know it's funny. Here I am what — 68 — and I remember the college days very, very clearly. I remember going there right out of the service. Matter of fact, I started in October, which nobody ever did in those days just 'cause the schedules were all messed up. Barbara and I were married at the time, so I didn't have the rah rah fraternity life that some had. We talk about it a lot, and we remember our friends we made there; those friendships still last through a lifetime, a diverse lifetime. So you're addressing yourself to a very important audience in your publication and one that people — they may not know it now — but those friendships that are made there and the experiences gleaned there will last you for a lifetime. And I speak from considerable — and I think most people would concede — rather diversified experience. So good luck and thanks for giving me this opportunity.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Bush/Quayle for the future

We young Americans face an exciting future.

The former Soviet Union and its satellites are embracing the American idea that free markets produce a prosperous nation. This is opening new markets all over the world and offering young Americans more career opportunities.

George Bush has opened new markets from Warsaw to Buenos Aires. The president recently negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which will create a free trade zone across all of North America.

Bill Clinton, on the other hand, has been critical of NAFTA because he is in bed with the big labor unions.

The problem with Bill Clinton and the liberal Democrats is they would rather use the federal government to prop up old, failing industries than unleash the free market forces to create new technologies and new jobs.

Bill Clinton and his Democratic cohorts in the Congress always paint a doom-and-gloom picture. Had they been alive 100 years ago when the light bulb was invented, they would have been running around screaming that the federal government should protect the candle industry.

The Democratic Congress has been a constant obstacle to President Bush's economic agenda. Nearly every economic proposal the president has made has been killed by the Democrats in Congress.

And finally, on the issue of character and moral leadership, the presidency is too important to entrust to someone who lacks these qualities.

Two issues help illustrate this point: George Bush served this nation in World War II. Bill Clinton sat in his ivory tower at Oxford planning ways to avoid the draft. Who do you think possesses the moral authority to act as commander in chief?

President Bush has been tough on illegal drug use. But Bill Clinton recently was asked on MTV, if he had to do it again, would he inhale? He responded, "Sure, if I could." I find it abhorrent that a presidential candidate would trivialize illegal drug use. Who do you think possesses the character to lead the war on drugs?

From one young American to another, I ask for your support for President Bush this November.

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