

# Brown speaks for support on campus

by Tricia Ciaravino

Democratic presidential candidate Jerry Brown, fresh off a surprise victory in Tuesday's Colorado Primary, held a public forum on campus between Artemus Ham Hall and Judy Bayley Theater Wednesday.

Brown said he believes every American has the right to an education. He expressed concern about students and the financial cuts, and disbelief that there isn't enough money for education.

"When it was high time for pay raises they found the money. Why can't they do it for student loans, the environment and health care?" he asked.

He said a college provision had been suggested but wasn't passed because "the banking lobby didn't like it."

Brown was governor of California for eight years, after Ronald Reagan.

"After Reagan, my job was to clean up things, which we did," he said.

Brown said taxes went down and jobs went up after he came into control. More women were appointed to top-notch jobs than any other period. His ad-

ministration was the first to pass a bill which provided pregnancy benefits and the first to pass a bill for the wellness program.

"California became a window on the future," he said. "That's the record I run on now."

Brown also said he refused to have nuclear power plants built in California until the government proved it safe, which it hasn't yet. He also said he is opposed to other states shipping their nuclear waste to Nevada.

"Those of you who have nuclear waste you keep it right there with you.

"I want to see America not as a backshder (in protecting the environment) but as a leader. As president, I'm willing to protect the ozone and rainforests," he added.

Brown said he will attempt to better the health care system. He used Canada's socialized medicine as a good example and cited our medical industry as a bad example.

"In my presidency, I'll ration on need not on greed," he

added.

Foreign policy should encompass world-wide problems not strategic missiles, he said. He asked members of the crowd to suggest who we should bomb next. Several answers were shouted out.

"We spend \$50 billion on strategic nuclear missiles and no one can agree to who it goes to. Take it out of defense and put it in our future," Brown said.

He also said he believes every American should have the right to a living wage. He blamed the problem on our political system and said it's time to hand the power back to the people. He criticized the "incumbent politicians" who only want to be re-elected and so campaign to the people but answer to those with money.

"(They) do absolutely nothing for the American people," he said. "We want a campaign of people such as yourselves. Take America back.

"We the people," Brown said, referring to his campaign slogan. "Those (words) are the sacred beginning of the constitution."



photo by Wray Halterman

Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown will be on campus Wednesday. Brown will conduct a press conference at Flashlite Plaza at noon with Richard Segerblom, chair of the Democratic Party of Nevada, and Paul Yates, chair of the Democratic Party of Clark County.

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next president."

"A lot of politicians talk, but look at their records," Brown, now wearing a culinary jacket, explained to the crowd. "Look at Bill Clinton. Arkansas is a right-to-work state."

Brown said the other candidates are part of the "presidential 'Gong Show.'" He asked strikers to raise their hands if they had never given \$1,000 to a candidate. Almost every hand went up. "Real politicians don't talk to people like you," he said.

And that is why, Brown said, "This candidacy is about you."

Brown arrived at the campus a little after 11 a.m. for what turned out to be a cozy press conference with local and national media. He was late because he was talking with Rev. Jesse Jackson on a cellular phone in a natural gas-powered car.

Before starting the conference, one of his campaign officials announced he "needs sugar." (Brown likes Diet Coke.)

Brown said his Colorado primary victory shows that new people are voting for him. "We're attracting a group of people who feel they've been ripped off," he added.

Brown said his victory was actually a landslide, because, unlike Clinton or Massachusetts' Paul Tsongas, Brown had very little media coverage or funding for his race. His message is to "take America back from the elite."

"Bill Clinton is a candidate of the the insiders, the (Democratic) party is decrepit," he told reporters in a small room located in Artemus Ham Hall.

People laughed at his 800 number, which he repeated several times, but Brown said over 100,000 people called it.

The suggestion of a much-discussed tax break for the weary middle class, he said, is the hip thing to do. "Where are the people who wanted to lower the capital gains tax in 1986?" he asked.

Brown said he would revitalize financial aid for

college students by supporting more scholarships and the national service corp where students could work for their grants.

He didn't blink when asked how such a plan would be paid for. "We'd pay for it the same way we would pay for the savings and loan bailout. Money is there if you feel it's valuable."

If he's considered less of a dark horse and more of a front runner, will Brown wonder about where the money will come from?

"If it rains tomorrow, I'm gonna wear a raincoat," he answered. His motto is ad aspra per aspera—"to the stars through the thorns."

"All right," Brown said, signaling an end to his conference. "It's starting to run down hill."

It was almost noon, time for his press conference at the flashlight. A crowd had gathered on the stairs in preparation. Brown walked around the area, shaking hands and signing autographs. On his way to the

Carlson Education Building for a cup of coffee, he chatted with students about his campaign and their schooling.

Finally, it was noon and time to start all over again.

Brown said he was concerned about education and the toll President Bush's financial aid cuts would have on students.

The crowd cheered in agreement when he brought up environmental issues. He cited work he had done as governor of California to keep the environment safe. He shouted that Nevadans should not have to suffer with everyone else's nuclear waste.

"Those of you who have nuclear waste you keep it right there with you," Brown said.

After about a half hour Brown ended the conference to interview with the local networks.

At almost 2 p.m. he began getting ready to broadcast to 15 different states, by satellite, at Channel 3, KVBC. This way, he is able to get his message across without

rigorous touring.

Phone calls had to be made before the broadcast. Where was a private phone and his personal phone book? His campaign assistants ran around like chickens with their heads cut off. Others took him coffee. His manager checked and double-checked his props.

3,2,1—ON THE AIR. Brown was asked questions from broadcasters in Tennessee, Michigan, Colorado, Louisiana and Florida. There were reception problems with the first six phone calls. In between calls, he was instructed to adjust his tie and put on stage-make up. He also chatted with UNLV broadcast journalism students who were allowed to watch the show.

It's the end of his day in Las Vegas and he's on his way to the airport. Once on the plane he'll finally be able to eat some lunch (he hasn't eaten since 3 a.m.) and catch some zzzz's.

And tomorrow starts a new day.

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