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Iraq debate: Should we stay or should we go?

The Crow's Nest predicts the season's baseball awards
"World Can't Wait" hosts Tampa protest

by MIKE COLAPIETRO
contributing writer

On Thursday, October 5th, 153 cities nationwide held protests against the Bush Administration under the common name "World Can't Wait." More than 100 people gathered at Gaslight Park in downtown Tampa holding peace flags and signs with proclamations such as "Republic Sold," "Bush Belongs Behind Bars," and "Republic: Solid" and "Bush: Belongs Behind Bars."

The event was organized by Chad Burnside and Joan Cichon when both decided to create a "World Can't Wait" branch in Tampa. Burnside, the chief executive officer of Faithful Lending, a mortgage finance company, decided to get involved for his children, who he fears, with measures such as the Patriot Act and the newly passed detainee bill, will not enjoy common basic rights if something is not done.

"Historically, people that lose rights don't get them back without bloodshed and that's what we are trying to stop." Burnside said. "We show the people that we put power into power dissatisfied we are and give them the opportunity to change things in the right direction.

Speakers at the event collectively stressed the need for people to be proactive and not rely on others to get things done for them. Brian Moore, an Independent candidate for the Florida Senate laid blame to both the Democrat and Republican parties for the mishandling of the war, the passing of the torture bill and the lack of a national health care system. Moore said that the people need to take back control of the country.

"I am for Florida for Floridians people." Moore said. "Florida for American citizens, not for corporate interest, not for corporate dominance and not for a corporate government."

Mark Parrish handed out multicolored chalk during the event so people could express themselves on the concrete walkways which crisscross the park.

"This makes it an interactive protest," Parrish said. "Everyone can get involved."

Kat Davis, a student at St. Petersburg College and peace advocate, wrote "Fascism: Still a really bad idea" in green, red and yellow chalk. Davis said that the feels citizens have become too complacent about actions the government has been taking and is upset that more is not being done about it.

"My college campus is like a doormat," Davis said. "It feels almost taboo to speak about politics or have a strong opinion on anything."

Davis says she likes the idea of an event where people are allowed to speak their mind in a forum where their opinions are not repressed.

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The Crow's Nest asks:

"Do you think the time is right to pull out of Iraq or should we stay the course?"

by staff writer SCOTT WACHTLER

"I don't think we should stay the course, but I don't think pulling out is right either. I don't know what to do with this mess they've created."

> Brent Kempen, senior Visual Communications major

"I think we should stay the course. We are doing some good there and if we leave now, we'll send a negative message. This is part of war."

> Tiffany Johnston, 34, junior English Literature major

"I don't agree with war at all. We should leave because it's not doing anything for us except causing more problems."

> Chelsea Weaver, 18, freshman Undecided

"We should think about getting out. I don't think anything is being done there."

> Jana Richardson, 23, junior Psychology major

"I think we've done everything we can over there. We've set them up well enough. We should give them aid, but no more forces."

> Ben Guess, 21, Criminology major

"It's a deep question. I have friends in the Army who say it's time to leave. It doesn't sound like we're doing anything there."

> Mathew Emmons, 23, English major

IRAQ DEBATE

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White also predicted what will happen to the Middle East without us there. There are more of White and Company's scar tactics. Ahmadinejad may be bouncy today, but he's not going to make Israel with Arab states such as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria nearby. While and the right think that our being there helps the stability in Iraq when the opposite seems to be occurring, Iran and other rogue states will not start a traditional war. With Israel, it can't win because the United States and Israel are undoubtedly superior. They all know that. They are perfectly happy fighting this ideological war, and by staying, we are only letting them win.

WHITE'S RESPONSE:

Wachtler's attempt to rehabilitate his argument goes nowhere. To repeat, victory does not require an end to sectarian violence. It simply requires enough stability to enable the Iraqi government to sustain itself. That goal remains realistic in spite of elevated violence in the Sunni-dom­ inated regions of Iraq.

After sticking his foot in his mouth by calling the Iraq War "doomed to failure," Wachtler covers by including the broader war against Islamic rad­i calism.

If the constitutional republic in Iraq lasts for another 200 years, allied in the war against Islamic radicalism for that span of time, will Wachtler consider the Iraq War a loss because Islamic radicals continue to kill innocent people? If so, Wachtler has lost perspective.

CROW'S CORRECTION

In last week's story about voter registration, the Crow's Nest reported that 47 percent of 18 to 24-year-old registered voters voted in the 2004 presidential election. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 47 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds voted in the election. Also, the Census Bureau has corrected the figures from the 2000 Bush-Gore election rather than the 2004 election, as was reported.

The Crow's Nest amends the rough draft of Scott Wachtler's story on the Neighbor­ hood News Bureau. The final, edited version is available on The Crow's Nest website at http://www.crowsnest.com/index.phpндекс/10/17/06. We apologize for the errors in last week's edition.
Students Salsa, mingle, and learn about Latin culture

by SANDRA ESTENGER
staff writer

Students are spicing up their lives with a little Latin flair as they participate in a six week Salsa dancing class one hour per week. Offered for both beginner and intermediate students in the Campus Activities Center every Monday beginning at 7 p.m., the course teaches students the footwork and patterns of a variety of dances from the Rumba to the Merengue. But that’s not all — they’re learning rhythm, too.

Dance instructor Leonardo Gandulfo has been dancing since he was a child, and has traveled the world studying and learning about Latin dances. During the early 1980s he joined a group known as Latin Revelations in Mexico City which aimed to spread Salsa dancing, which was increasingly popular at the time.

Gandulfo has an extensive background in numerous Latin dances and even taught ballroom dance in St. Petersburg, but his campus class focuses primarily on the Salsa.

“I teach something different every week,” Gandulfo said. “I concentrate more on Salsa because that is what everybody wants to learn.”

As students learn to Salsa they have the opportunity to meet new people while having a lot of fun. As the weeks progress students achieve a new level of confidence in themselves and in their ability to dance well.

“The goal of this class is to give students a good impression of the Latin culture to the American community,” Gandulfo explained.

Nicole Appicello, a senior at USF St. Petersburg, is in her fifth week of Gandulfo’s beginner-level class and says her appreciation for the Latin culture has grown.

“I’ve never really been interested in the Latin culture before,” Appicello explained. “This class makes you want to learn more about it. It’s really fun.”

USF students can participate in this six week course for $60 and non-students for $65. The average size of the class is about 15 people, allowing Gandulfo to give each student his individual attention throughout the class. While the room is filled with an intense energy, Gandulfo encourages his students to take their time when practicing the footwork.

“Everything in life is about rhythm,” he said.

Gandulfo’s enthusiastic perspective and passion for Latin dance is both inspiring and motivational for his students.

“Before I took this class I had no rhythm and now I do,” Appicello said. “The other day I went dancing at Ceviche and I was like ‘look at me everybody’.”

Students taking part in Salsa lessons on campus are turning plenty of heads. The intermediate class was asked to perform at the Hispanic Heritage Festival at the Salvador Dalí Museum in downtown St. Petersburg on October 14.

As Gandulfo approaches his second year of teaching at USF St. Petersburg, he is optimistic about the class and the many benefits it presents to students.

“When you dance you become part of the creation of the artist,” he said. “You discover another person inside of yourself.”

Salsa Dancing
Salsa dancing classes with Leo Gandulfo are held every Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center, Call Mama Rumba dance studio at (727) 417-7819 for class rates.

Waterfront improvements swimming

by BRUCE KITCHENS
staff writer

The Waterfront Office at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg has seen a significant turnaround from previous years, now offering many activities and services to the USF community.

A scant two years ago, the pool saw little use and sailboats sat in need of repair.

“We were struggling to find consistency in our programs,” said Jim Stull, Student Life’s coordinator of waterfront programs.

Changes began when Stull took over the program in February 2005. He looked at the personnel positions and got approval from Human Resources to redefine the positions of senior clerk and dock master.

“We didn’t need a secretary, we needed people to develop the Waterfront,” Stull said.

Salaries and benefits were raised to competitive levels leading to the hiring of Terresa Prestocki as aquatic programs coordinator and Zac Oppenheim as Waterfront programs coordinator. Prestocki runs the activities around the pool and Oppenheim maintains the sailboat fleet and teaches sailing.

Following the personnel changes, student government approved funding to replace outdated computers and duplicated desks and tables.

Now the Waterfront offers many activities to students and the community.

When students moved into the new dorms this fall, a “Drive-In Movie” night was held at the pool.

Food and a keg of beer were provided to the new residents as they floated on inner tubes and watched the man-eating star of the movie “Juno.”

Ongoing activities include water volleyball, water aerobics and sailing classes. Sailboats and kayaks are available to students and the community.

“We’re pretty busy, ‘lap swimming’ is our most popular activity,” Erica Alm, assistant office manager, said.

Regina Macdonald is a lifeguard and teaches swimming and water aerobics.

“I have about five regulars at the water aerobics class,” Macdonald said.

Betty and Bernard Resener have been auditing classes, including geography and marine biology, for eight or nine years. Betty had open heart surgery a few years ago and her doctor suggested water aerobics for exercise.

“The staff is very good, very friendly,” Betty said.

The heated pool has lanes for lap swimming and remains open all year. The pool is also available for rental.

Water volleyball is held at the pool from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Basic sailing classes are offered throughout the year for those with no sailing experience. Sailboats are available for checkout to current members of the USF community and alumni who meet certain basic safety standards. Rent use hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kayaks are available to use in the harbor and for off-campus use. A seat, paddle and life jacket are provided.

Upcoming events include scuba lessons and a lifeguard class.

Scuba lessons begin Oct. 19 and both basic and advanced open water lessons are offered. Classes combine classroom participation with Professional Corporation dive center. The lifeguard classes are from Oct. 17 through Oct. 27.

The fee is $200, but students may sign up up to two guests.

Student suggests a welcome. The Waterfront office is located on the third floor of the Union.

The Waterfront office is also planning a movie night in March. The movies to be shown include “Jaws” and “Juno.”
The sailing teams practice Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. The teams are part of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association and compete against other colleges and university teams all over the United States.

The USF sailing teams are open to full-time undergraduates. These teams compete against other colleges and consist of both women’s and co-ed sailing teams. No experience is required to join the teams but all students must be in good academic standing.

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Minnesota Twins (321 Batting Average, 34 Home Runs, 130 RBIs Batted In)
2. Derek Jeter, New York Yankees (343, 149 HR, 97 RBIs)
3. Jermaine Dye, Chicago White Sox (315, 64 HR, 120 RBIs)

Forgive Marcoen for playing in the baseball equivalent of Siberia. If he were in Boston or New York, everyone would be aware of his existence. Regardless, hand him the AL MVP trophy because he is flat out the best player you probably never heard of. His production is undeniable and he led his team into the playoffs - required criteria for any MVP candidate.

Al MVP
1. Justin Morneau

Ice Bulls split two-game set with Crimson Tide

by Mike Maharrey, contributing writer

The University of South Florida Ice Bulls traveled to Alabama and split a weekend series with the Crimson Tide on Oct. 6-7. The Bulls lost the first game 7-2 on Friday night. USF bounced back to win the second game 8-5 on Saturday.

With the win, the Ice Bulls improved their season record to 4-1. The Ice Bulls compete as a Division III team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. 26 games are scheduled for the 2006-2007 season. Home games are played at the Ice Sports Forum in Brandon and away games are scheduled in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

The Ice Bulls have a tradition of community involvement and logged over 300 hours of community service in 2005 with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Metropolitan Ministries, St. Jude's Hospital and the Boy Scouts.

Look for game results on The Crow's Nest website. Further team information and the 2006-2007 Ice Bulls schedule can be found at www.icebulls.org.
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THE WAR IN IRAQ

Should we stay OR should we go?

SCOTT WACHTLER:

Once again, the Bush administration is revisiting their mission in Iraq. For the longest time Bush's trite sound-bite was, "When they stand up, we'll stand down." According to a recent Washington Post story, the Iraq military is 300,000 strong. The problem is, the violence has gotten so far out of hand that those numbers are not strong enough anymore. The line in the sand has been moved again and we STILL can not allow them to stand up. Where is all this violence coming from? Maybe another one of Bush's cowboy quotes ticked people off: "We've got our own over there so we don't have to fight them here" [insert know-it-all smirk and snicker].

I'm not suggesting we duke it out in the USA, but if you were an Iraqi or a citizen of a country labeled as one of the Axis of Evil, how would you take such a statement? Even if you weren't a radical you'd soon start thinking like one. It's like saying, "We've got our own over there so we don't have to fight them here." You wouldn't grout those people as liberators. Perhaps THAT'S why we have the level of violence we now have in Iraq.

BRYAN W. WHITE:

Wachtler barely addresses the rationale behind future Iraq policy, instead firing foreign policy blanks by criticizing President Bush through a variety of techniques. Future strategy in Iraq is not about Bush, and need not mention Bush. Rather than addressing the many charges that miss the central point, I will focus on the chosen topic.

Wachtler's argument dismantles two dubious assumptions: first, that 300,000 troops cannot quell the violence in Iraq second, that the war is "doomed to fail.

Wachtler opposes sending more troops, since Iraq supposedly cannot be pacified using 300,000 troops. Coalition forces need not utterly quell the violence for victory to result. A stable unified government may arrest sectarian violence over time, and sectarian violence, rather than hatred of the United States, characterizes most of the unrest in Iraq.

Wachtler thinks the war cannot be won, even though the level of violence in Iraq is far less than the other wars he mentions. Vietnam was lost for lack of will, not lack of ability, and the millions who died after the U.S. pull-out there should not be forgotten.

Wachtler's willingness to settle for defeat would set the stage for a disastrous future if it were policy. The failure of a unified Iraq dramatically increases the chance that Iraq's oil fields would fall under the control of the radical Iranian government, which would then go on and try to control the flow of oil.

The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better. The sooner we get out of Iraq the better.

Wachtler's arguments are wrong, and serve as no basis for a policy of military withdrawal from Iraq.

WACHTLER'S RESPONSE:

Bryan White and others of his ilk would like you to think that history is a series of neatly arranged causes and effects that produce clear black and white results. That's not the way things work in the real world. White accuses me of not addressing the issue, but what he and others fail to see is that you can't talk about what to do inside a vacuum. The issues I brought up all feed into the complicated issue of why we need to reevaluate the war.

The fact is that violence in Iraq is getting worse, and unless we want to borrow Saddam's rack and the thumb screws, the combined forces are not going to be enough.

If the level of violence in Iraq is so much less than in other wars, where are the results? When can we expect to see them?

Like the war on drugs, the war on terrorism is another never-ending war that can not be won because it is a war against an amorphic idea. Other wars had faces, actions and COUNTRIES to oppose with this war we have an idea. You fight ideas with words.

White rips a page from the Republican "don't look here, look HERED" play-book where he states that 61 percent of Iraqis feel the overthrow of Hussein was worth it. Nobody ever denied that Hussein was a bad man. White's misdirection denies the 'Washington Post story showing 71 percent of Iraqis want the government to ask foreign forces to leave. Should that be ignored? Do we say to the Iraqi citizens, "I'm sorry, when we want you to practice Democracy, we'll give you purple ink for your thumb so that you can write them for the FOX News cameras; until then, STFU!"

the debate continues...

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