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Jack of all trades



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A row of jack o' lanterns lines a table at a Halloween-themed event sponsored by the 2010 Class Council the Straight last Saturday night.

300 More Stephen Colbert Tickets Available

About 300 more tickets will go on sale for Stephen Colbert tomorrow. 150 tickets for each show (at 7 and 9 p.m.) will be available to the general public at the Straight Ticket Office and must be picked up in person.

They will be \$25 for Cornell students and \$30 for the general public.

3,000 tickets for Colbert's first show at 7 p.m. sold out within 15 minutes of going on sale last month. A second show was then announced for 9 p.m., which also sold out.

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C.U. Students Gamble With Rules

By SAM CROSS
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While many Cornell students gamble on campus as a leisure activity, the University Administration does not necessarily see gambling as a serious issue.

Although the Cornell University Campus Code of Conduct does not mention the words "gamble" or "gambling" at all, Joshua Tabak '09, resident advisor in Bauer Hall, explained that

this does not mean gambling is legal at Cornell, but simply that it is not a major issue.

"Although gambling is strictly prohibited in residential buildings, the University's Code of Conduct does not explicitly say anything about gambling on campus," Tabak said. "If gambling became a serious problem for the University, then the administration would be able to find a section of the Code, like ethical conduct, to support any actions taken to prohibit gambling.

The University does not see gambling as a major issue on campus."

Mary Elizabeth Grant, judicial administrator at Cornell, said "The Judiciary Administration has never had an individual referred for gambling," furthering Tabak's claims of the unimportance of gambling.

Gambling on campus primarily takes the form of poker. Some gambling activities that involve charitable causes are allowed on campus. The Cornell Poker Club, for instance, holds poker competitions to raise money for charity. The club is able to host such events because it sponsors charities, and the winners play for non-cash prizes.

Justin Yee '08, president of Cornell Poker Club said, "The club has two main functions. The club's first purpose is to establish a listserv to help all the poker players on Cornell's campus to contact each other and learn about various events. The second function is to help charities run tournaments. At these events, each player pays a mandatory donation, and the winners receive prizes from the charities."

Regardless of the rules on gam-

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Raising the stakes | Students play cards late at night in their apartment last Sunday.

'Minesweeper' to Aid Soldiers

Students hope unmanned vehicle will identify landmines

By NATHAN SERMONIS
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Recognizing the deadly humanitarian crisis posed by landmines throughout the world — indiscriminately killing upwards of 20,000 people every year, according to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) — Cornell engineering students are developing a new machine to aid in mine removal projects around the globe.

Starting last fall, a team of students in the College of Engineering began designing an autonomous robotic vehicle — the Cornell Minesweeper — that can detect and mark underground landmines. Their vision for the vehicle is to create an inexpensive, entirely unmanned detector that can independently scour dangerous areas, identifying mines that often kill mine removal personnel. This would effectively reduce unnecessary casualties in the removal process.

"The concept of removing the man from the mine is

good ... the deminer is frequently, unfortunately, the subject of an accident," said Noel Mulliner, technology coordinator for the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

The team, led by project leader Vikas Reddy '08, came together to undertake the design challenge because of shared interests in finding a solution to the tragic landmine dilemma.

"These were laid years ago

to kill soldiers; now they're killing innocent civilians," Reddy said.

Often the remnants of conflicts long since resolved, active landmines litter much of the world in more than 75 countries according to the ICBL. This problem poses a threat to people by killing and maiming them, to economies by putting good land out of commission and to environ-

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Danger zone | It is hoped that the Cornell Minesweeper will identify landmines such as the one that blew up this military Humvee.

At Forum, Clinton Talks Health Care

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WASHINGTON D.C. — The 46.3 million Americans without health insurance coverage, coupled with the recent failure of Congress to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program has made health care one of the biggest domestic priorities in the U.S., according to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.).

Last Thursday, Clinton spoke at The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation's Barbara Johnson Conference Center as part of a series of talks entitled "The Presidential Candidate Forums." The topic of her speech was her stance on health care for the upcoming 2008 presidential election.

The forums, organized by the Federation of American Hospitals and Families USA, are designed to provoke an in-depth discussion of both Republican and Democratic candidates' health care plans.

The discussion, moderated by Susan Dentzer from The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, also featured Julie Rovner from National Public Radio, Tim Johnson from ABC News and Laura Meckler from The Wall Street Journal as part of a panel asking Clinton questions regarding her plans for health care reform and financing.

Dentzer posed the first question: "Do you believe all Americans should have health insurance coverage? And if so, and if you're elected president, how will you move

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