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The ski jumping competition was one of several events at this year's Snowbowl.

## Former Senator Visits St. Lawrence Campus

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Columnist

On a cold and icy night, former Senator Max Cleland came to St. Lawrence to speak about why we should still care about politics, even though the election has been over for months. Molly Ryan, '05, gave a warm introductory speech for the former Senator, speaking of their meeting during her semester in Washington at American University, his service during the Vietnam War, his term in President Carter's cabinet and his six years in the United States Senate.

After Molly's introduction, Senator Cleland, clad in a navy blue St. Lawrence sweatshirt, spoke of the hearty welcome he had received on campus. Earlier in the day, he had taken a tour of campus, where his visit to the chapel and subsequent talk with Kathleen Buckley left a good impression. Just prior to his lecture, Senator Cleland ate dinner with the St. Lawrence Democrats and the St. Lawrence Republicans, the two groups responsible for bringing the former Senator to campus.

Senator Cleland then began to speak of himself, and his own experiences in politics. He spoke of attending college in the 1960s as an English major, and watching the people around him trying to change the world. He feels that this country has "gone backwards" since the idealism of the 1960s, and he stressed how real the threat of nuclear war was on a daily basis. His experiences in the Vietnam War lead him to disagree with the way the war in Iraq and the War on Terror have been handled. Senator Cleland spoke passionately about the lives of the soldiers, and is upset that there is no easy way out of Iraq. He is concerned

about the message we, as Americans, sent the world when "we occupied the oil fields first, fired the army, and let the people free, then pretended we were there for elections." He even went so far as to compare the contemporary United States to colonial Britain as an occupying force. He discussed the use of the term "Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)" by the Administration, saying that "in Georgia, we call that a homemade bomb." He asked the audience what it means when a government is fighting a war against a country which can fight back with nothing stronger than homemade bombs.

Senator Cleland went on to condemn the Bush Administration for its treatment of the deficit, and quoted the Secretary of the Treasury as saying that deficits don't matter, "look at Ronald Regan." However, as the former Senator pointed out, after Regan's presidency, the deficit was not a trillion dollars, and the job market was improving. President Bush on the other hand is increasing the deficit at the rate of a trillion dollars every two years, and the economy is not improving. The value of the American dollar has dropped 30% in four years as compared to the Euro, and yet the government continues to spend money on a foreign war.

Once Senator Cleland finished his opening speech, he opened the floor to questions from the audience. Jamey Maswick asked about Zell Miller and how he has changed since becoming a Senator. Senator Cleland responded by discussing the differences between being a governor and a senator. He talked of Republic  
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## Panel Examines Womens' Rights Policies

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Columnist

This past Monday night, there was a panel in the Winston Room regarding what the Bush Administration's policies mean for women. The panel was sponsored by the Women's Resource Center (WRC), and included Dr. Margaret Kent Bass, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, and professor from the English department, Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, a representative from Planned Parenthood of New York, Chaplain Kathleen Buckley, Dr. Judith DeGroat, from the History department, Dr. Patrice LeClerc, from the Sociology department, Dr. Valerie Lehr, of the Gender Studies department, and Dr. Archana Venkatesan of the Religious Studies Department.

The Panel began with a short introduction by Emily Burns, '05. After Emily's speech, the panelists introduced themselves, beginning with Dr. Bass. Dr. Bass began by speak-

ing about Condoleezza Rice, and her role in the Bush Administration. Dr. Bass stated that although it one can argue that President Bush has a multicultural cabinet, she fails to understand how any woman conscious of class and color support the Bush Administration. The lack of consideration for minority women in the Bush Administration angers her, especially when one considers that it is minority women who are affected most by the policies regarding reproductive rights. According to Dr. Bass, historically, minority women have been denied access to healthcare and other social services, while simultaneously undergoing forced sterilization in many cases. Although Condoleezza Rice claims to be representative of the lower class minority women, in reality, she has focused on personal gain rather than the plight of minority women.

Next up was Ruth Ellen Blodgett. She began by explain-

ing the United States' historical role in funding family planning around the world. However, during Regan's administration, a global gag rule was instated which denied money to any Non-Governmental Organization that either performed or provided information about abortion. President Clinton rescinded the ruling, although President Bush reinstated it a mere two days into office. Ms. Blodgett went on to discuss the issue of family planning, and stated that abortion issues are merely a smoke screen for the bigger issue of family planning. She spoke of the issues of putting religious values into federal law, such as denying teenagers access to information about safe sex in favor of abstinence only programs. She talked of blatant lies in abstinence-only curricula, and worried that these lies will increase rates of sexually transmitted infections and teen pregnancy.

Kathleen Buckley, our school  
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## Trustee Named to Hall of Distinction

Dan Leonidas  
Columnist

The Council for Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) has named St. Lawrence University Trustee Jo Ann Campbell '86 to its 2005 Independent Sector Alumni Hall of Distinction.

The Hall of Distinction, which the CICU created in 2000, recognizes graduates of independent colleges and universities in New York State who have contributed to both the state and the country through their careers and civic service.

This year, all 12 inductees to the Hall of Distinction are non-natives of New York who came to the state to pursue their

higher educations and have made it their home at some point after graduation.

Campbell, originally from Prescott, Ontario, is currently vice president and chief financial officer for Kodak Health Imaging in Rochester, N.Y.

During Campbell's senior year at St. Lawrence, General Electric (GE) recruited her for its executive financial management program. She worked for GE for most of the last 20 years, and her job took her all over the world.

"I moved 14 times in 20 years, living everywhere from Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to Canada, India, Brazil and Belgium, and I loved every minute of experiencing various cul-

tures," Campbell said.

Recently, Campbell was given the opportunity to come back to New York State to work for Kodak Health Imaging. She said she believes that working for a company that contributes to the improvement of health care around the world allows her to have a positive impact on many people's lives.

Campbell added that she thinks Kodak's current attempts to build financial strengths will play a major role in improving New York State's economy.

As a St. Lawrence student, Campbell majored in economics. She was captain of the women's ice hockey team for three years.  
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