

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Word Of The Week:

**labrose** - (adj.) thick-lipped

"Hey, how did things go with that girl last night?" "Oh man, we had a great time; let's just say she's labrose...oh and her lips are plump too."

# A vote for Colbert is vote for America

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"I shall seek the office of the President of the United States," Stephen Colbert announced Tuesday, Oct. 16th on Jon Stewart's Comedy Central show, "The Daily Show", as red, white and blue balloons fell around him.

It's no surprise that Colbert, with his over-the-top blowhard-egotist act, would make jokes about wanting to end up in the Oval Office. He's been talking about it for weeks on shows like Larry King Live and even in a New York Times op-ed column. But here's the shocker: After Tuesday night's show, people are starting to get the idea that he might not be kidding.

Moments later, when Colbert's own show aired, he reiterated that



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Stephen Colbert announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart Oct 16.

he was indeed going to seek the position in the Oval Office. Though more recently, as was assumed by many people to begin with, this statement was just another ploy for the political satirist.

"It's a fake run. I read it on CNN the other night. Even if he were to run, I wouldn't vote for him," says freshman student Brock Taylor. "The character portrayed on his show is the one running, not the actual Stephen Colbert."

Even Colbert has mentioned before that the character on his show is differently portrayed from his home life and reality character. But, what if he were to take this run seriously? He's already stated that he would definitely run in at least one state. "I, Stephen Colbert, am running for President in South Carolina." When asked by former co-star, Stewart, whether he would run in the rest of the country, Colbert had this to say, "Hold on, Mount Rushme. I didn't even say I'm running yet; I mean, should I?" Once his show aired, however, he "officially" announced that his campaign had begun.

In fact, South Carolina's only statewide media outlet, ETV has extended an offer to Colbert to formally begin his campaign on its air.

This affords him the important opportunity to reach his Palmetto State neighbors in one fell swoop. Many—including South Carolina's major political parties—are on the edge as to whether the announcement should be taken seriously. "If Stephen fulfills the requirements met in our delegates' election plan and he actively campaigns in South Carolina, we welcome him to compete," said Joe Werner, executive director of the South Carolina Democratic Party, in an interview with CNET News.com.

Things are becoming difficult for Colbert, as he has yet to decide which party he will run for. On Larry King Live, Colbert said, "I'd let the people decide what party I belong in, Larry. I don't dictate the people's actions." But party regulations prevent Colbert from attempting to run on both the Democratic and Republican tickets. "It's in our rules somewhere that you can't be on two ballots," Werner explained. "He'd have to pick one party."

If Colbert does plan on running as a joke, he could be in for a rude awakening. Many online polls show that he actually has the favor of many college students nationwide. He could make it into the ballots as a primary, but Colbert has yet to comment on such an incident, were it to occur.

Colbert cited his reasons for running only in South Carolina on Tim Russert's Meet the Press.

"Because I believe that it's the greatest state of the union, I believe there are things that—I believe I can make a difference there. I think it is time to focus on South Carolina. Florida tried to jump South Carolina's primary date for both the Republicans and the Democrats. I want to put the focus back on South Carolina. I want it to be a permanent thing. I don't want Iowa and New Hampshire to be the only people in the United States who get to control who is a bellwether state. And if Iowa and New Hampshire don't like that, they can take some of that Iowa corn and stick it right up their Dixville Notch."

Colbert's humor has given him a large amount of fans who faithfully watch his show every night. Other presidential candidates tend to not be as big of fans.

South Carolina GOP chairman Katon Dawson told *The New York Post* yesterday that rather than run for the presidency, Colbert should "take the \$35,000 and buy a sports car and get a girlfriend." "One vote is taking a vote away from somebody else, but will [Colbert's impact] be substantial? No," says the chairman. "Will there be a big protest vote? No."

According to the *New York Times*, candidate Hillary Clinton said, "To paraphrase Stephen Colbert, that great philosopher, this administration doesn't make decisions based on facts, it makes facts based on decisions."



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As a president, the only thing our prospective leader would fear is a one ton grizzly bear, drooling at his back.

Thompson, Clinton again won with 46 percent, Thompson at 34 percent.

The most surprising part of these polls is the support that Colbert received amongst college-aged students: the popular host received more support among voters aged 18-29 than both Thompson and Giuliani in the first poll.

Colbert's counterpart, Jon Stewart, received less support than Colbert among voters, with only 8 percent saying that they would vote for him if he were on the ballot. However, even Stuart outperformed CBS host Katie Couric - 62 percent of voters would take the comedian over Couric.

Colbert's support with college kids has occasionally translated to students at Behrend.

"Colbert will definitely get votes," says Colbert fan Seth Berry. "Tons of people joined his group on Facebook."

The Facebook group, titled "1,000,000 Strong for Steven T. Colbert", boasts more than 950,000 members. The group's description mentions that "It's taken Obama's 1,000,000 Strong Group more than nine months to get 381,000 members. We beat it in less than five days!" The group also claims that it is the fastest growing group in the history of Facebook.

The group also offers links to register to vote. The page reads, "If you are not yet registered to vote, and are 18(or will be before the election), then register now."

The group gained 50,000 members in six hours on Oct 25. The group is expected to gain well over the million expected members this week.

One member of this group is probably Behrend student Craig Huegel, who quickly identifies himself as a Colbert fan as well. "I was watching the show where he announced it, and I didn't think it was that serious," Huegel recalls. "I mean, I would rather see him run seriously in all the states, go for everything."

One thing students tend to agree on is that people are not likely to "waste" their votes on Colbert. Many actually see him as a person who could change the White House. One thing is for certain, Colbert



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Clinton, above, has outperformed Colbert in online polls as a potential.

## We Own the Night disappoints audiences

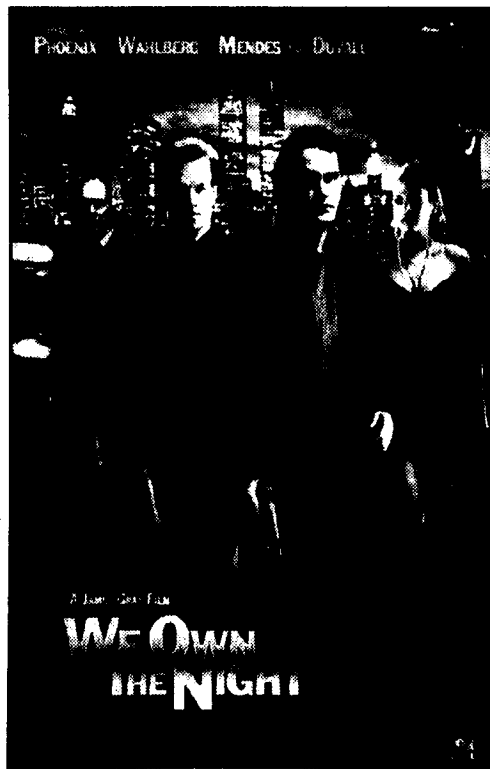
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*We Own the Night*, a "cops and gangsters" tale, is the new drama movie starring Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix, Eva Mendes, and Robert Duvall, which Phoenix and Wahlberg also helped to produce.

With this talented cast of actors one would assume that the movie was going to be a hit and as presumed anticipation was high. But the opening box office sales otherwise proved differently. It's first weekend sales only totaled \$11 million, a major disappointment for director James Gray, also director of *The Yards* whom Wahlberg and Phoenix starred in as well.

*We Own the Night* takes its title from the slogan of the New York Police Department's street crime unit in the 80's. Bobby Green (Phoenix) and Joseph Grusinsky (Wahlberg) are two brothers who are on opposite sides of the law. Grusinsky has followed their father's footsteps to become a police officer Green, who wants nothing to do with them, and is manager of a popular nightclub where he changes his name to cover up his ties with the police, and lives amongst the rich and the criminals.

Joseph tries to convince his brother to rat out the drug bosses he knows, while Bobby wanders through the beginning of the movie trying to make



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Movie poster for the disappointing, "We Own the Night". Buy these online at eBay.

viewers with the idea that it's better to side with the criminals who, no matter how many times you bring them down, will just continue to commit crimes than to do what is morally right.

Phoenix and Wahlberg add tremendously to the strong points of the movie and without them the film would be unworthy of seeing.

up his mind. Bobby's motivation for siding with his father and brother seems only to be motivated by guilt: if he doesn't side with them he can continue to party, do drugs, hang out with his beautiful girlfriend (Mendes). Another conern are the Russians who own the club and have no idea his relations with the police department and if they did he would be shot instantly.

When the two brothers' worlds finally collide, Bobby might be too late in his decision.

The movie plays out well with a few scenes that tend to be over-exaggerated and unrealistic, such as the extreme ease that it takes to break out of a New York City prison, also the lack of security and protection for the members of the police department. Although when the slow and drawn-out rising action scenes finally reach the climax the special effects and fight scenes are quite entertaining.

Although the ending doesn't give as much closure that most people prefer, it does leave its audience with a core lesson. That is, "demands and obligations of brotherly love."

However, the movie leaves

## Top 15 Horror Movies

1. The Exorcist
2. Psycho
3. The Shining
4. Texas Chainsaw Massacre
5. Amityville Horror
6. Rosemary's Baby
7. Shaun of the Dead
8. Dawn of the Dead
9. The Thing
10. The Omen
11. Army of Darkness
12. Carrie
13. Children of the Corn
14. Idle Hands
15. The Birds