

Albright: redefined

JOHN R. ROBICHAUX
guest writer

Recently, US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright received confirmation of rumors that her family descent was not Catholic, as she believed growing up, but Jewish. About the time her name became popular in world news, *The Washington Post* reported that her parents were actually of Semitic descent. This affirmed the rumors.

Albright, no stranger to change, was raised in four different countries and speaks five languages. Such an identifying change, however, did take the first female Secretary of State by surprise. The world has been her easel since her appointment to the position. Every national newspaper runs several articles on her work every week. In addition to her powerful place in the world ring, people everywhere watch carefully the highest-ranked woman in US history.

Her every move is analyzed and it is important that she react with great care. "[This is] a good opportunity for constructive relationships to be built," says religious studies professor John Stoneburner. Albright's work with the Middle East has produced better relations between Middle East leaders and the US, but now she must deal with the area on a very personal level.

One of the most identifying qualities of an individual is his/her religion or lack thereof. Such a change could be traumatic. Albright has handled it with her usual composure.

Since Vatican II in the early sixties, the Catholic church has encouraged its members to work with people of other faiths, learning all they can about their doctrine and traditions. For Albright, this now rings more true than ever.

Her grandparents were among the at least six million Jews who died in concentration camps during the Jewish Holocaust of 1933-45 under Nazi Germany. Her parents converted to the Catholic faith growing up and tried to hide their Jewish roots from their children by never telling them the truth about their heritage.

Jessie White is a Quaker student at Guilford who sympathizes: "If you are feeling unsafe, you have to decide what risks are acceptable for your individual situation."

Alit Bedik, a Jewish student took a different tack in commenting, "Being Jewish is very important to my family. We never try to hide it because we consider every person equal, no matter what faith."

In the end, Albright's parents felt the risk was too great to tell even their own children.



the photographer's opinion

How would a discovery, such as Madeline Albright's, affect you?

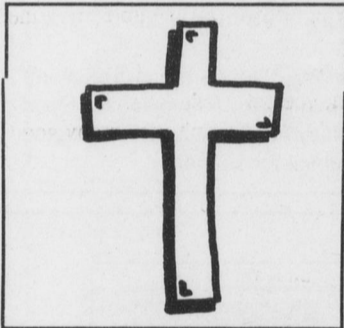


Gwyneth Cliver
Sophomore
"I think how a person identifies themselves is more important and not a label that someone else puts on you."

Jessica Robertson
First-Year
"I don't think it changes who you are or that your religion is who you are. She is still the same person."



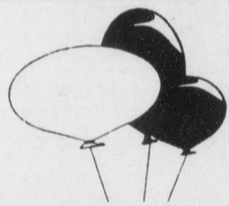
Chris Shattuck
Sophomore
"I'd really be surprised. It would take time to get over the initial shock, but it wouldn't really change me."



Quote of the Week

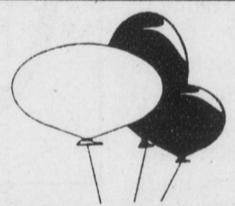
Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

—John F. Kennedy



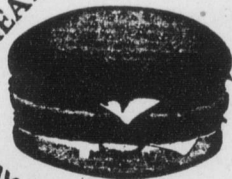
DOLLEY'S

Restaurant & Tavern



TUESDAYS @12AM:
FREE TACO BAR (ALL YOU CAN EAT)

NOW HIRING
WAIT STAFF
GREAT P/T, F/T WORK!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:
KARAOKE



QUAKER VILLAGE
BESIDE QUAKER CINEMA
292-8833

DAILY FOOD AND BEVERAGE SPECIALS!
GREAT Fun!
GREAT FOOD!



THURSDAY NIGHTS:
COLLEGE NIGHT!

Night Owl Special



Buy ONE appetizer
and get a SECOND
one FREE.

(of equal or lesser value)

Monday- Saturday: 10 p-1:30am
Sunday: 10pm - 2am

Dine-in Coupon