

# Our State of the Union

## Citizens voice their concerns to President Obama's recent national address

"I didn't watch it because I felt that the things he talked about weren't going to change. He isn't a good president and my opinions aren't going to change."

-Pearson

"Same thing, just a bunch of promises."

-Shawn

"The president really cares about the country. I was really interested in the energy and education proposals. I believe the speech was to make us more unified. He also is try-

ing to bring the political parties together. With Republicans repealing the healthcare reform, I believe this is a strategic move for the president."

-David

"I saw how some of the people were looking at him, very impatiently. I didn't watch much because even the president didn't look interested."

-Pierre Littlejohn

"I like the call for bipartisan unity. I like their focus on education and the need for an

alignment with technology and education. It was just too long. I didn't see much passion either. I liked the face that he said he was willing to go back and fix whatever problems that occurred in the past."

-James E. Mitchell

"This makes no sense. That's what I remember him saying very clearly."

-Rodney McCrowre

"I don't watch things like that. It's too long and I don't think the President ever does what he says in his speeches. You see how the health care thing went."

-Jesse King

"It sounded pretty much to me like a repeat of what he said two years ago. [But] He had some good points about education and teachers..."

-Karen Andrews,  
Department of Communication

"I like the idea about the permanent 4-year tax credit"

-Brittany Lawrence,

"I like when he said he was willing to work to improve the health-care bill, but he wouldn't go back to two years ago when people with pre-existing conditions couldn't get coverage."

-Sandra Richards, Gear Up Staff

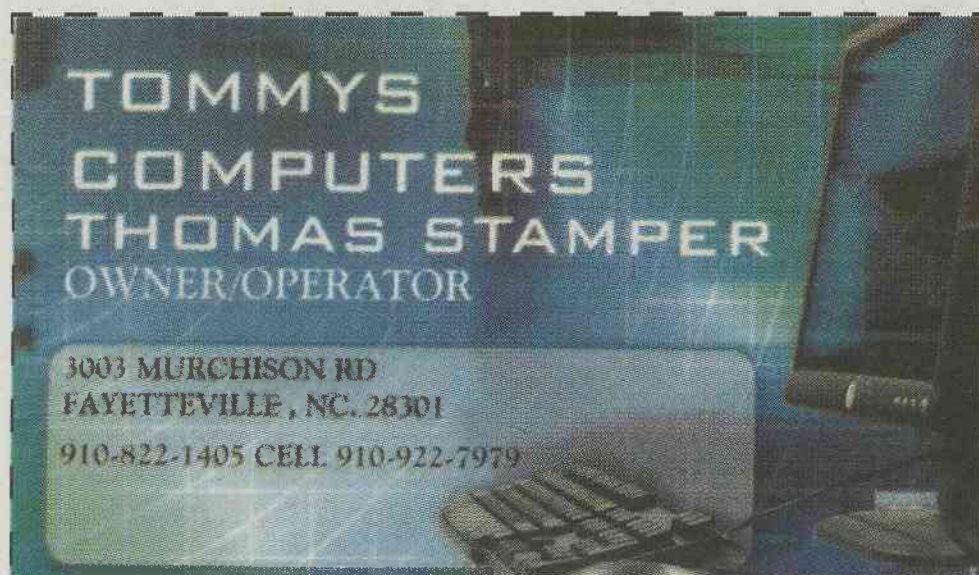
"I didn't watch it. I didn't know about it."

-Keisha Towson

"I was very glad he brought up the economic situation and how we need to start creating jobs. I'm glad he gave kudos to North Carolina"

-Veronica Jones,  
Mayoral Candidate Spring Lake

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