

# Outside the bubble: Jobs, Palin, Gadhafi

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Steve Jobs died from pancreatic cancer. Revolutionaries are cementing their control of Libya. Former Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin has decided not to jump into the political ring for the Republican Presidential nomination, and primaries are fast approaching.

Steve Jobs, cofounder and former CEO of Apple Inc., died on Oct. 5 after complications from his long battle with pancreatic cancer. Jobs resigned as the CEO of Apple in August, leaving Chief Operating Officer Timothy Cook in charge of the international electronics superpower.

In 2004, Jobs announced that he had undergone a successful operation to remove a pancreatic tumor, reassuring the public that his form of cancer was not

the more dangerous form. Rumors concerning Jobs' health surfaced in 2006 at the Apple Computer Worldwide Developer Conference, where his keynote speech was criticized for its unusual blandness and his appearance was described as "gaunt and haggard." Jobs took a six-month leave of absence from the company in 2008, citing a "hormone imbalance" that required treatment.

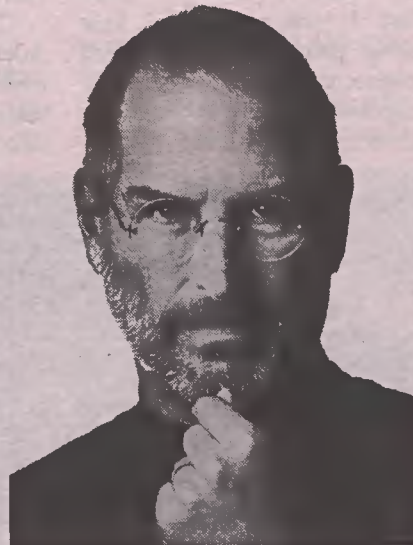
During this leave, Jobs underwent a liver transplant. In a message to employees of Apple, Jobs said, "I have always said if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know. Unfortunately, that day has come." Steve Jobs first revolutionized the computer industry with the development of the Macintosh in 1984, the

first successful execution of a personal computer with a graphical user interface (GUI).

After an extended leave of absence, he rejoined Apple and developed the brand further with the introduction of the iPod in 2001, transforming the music industry. Jobs' impact on the world of technology continued with Apple's release of the iPhone in 2007 and the iPad in 2010, both of which significantly changed the way people think about communication and music.

President Obama commented on Jobs' death, saying that he was "brave enough to think differently, bold enough to believe he could change the world, and talented enough to do it."

Also on Oct. 5, Sarah Palin announced that she would not run for president. Palin cited



Steve Jobs Courtesy of Apple

reasons including her desire to support other presidential candidates and her wish to focus on her family. Still vying for the Republican presidential

nomination is Herman Cain, a businessman with a platform strongly based on economic solutions. His poll numbers continue to rise while opponent Rick Perry, governor of Texas, took a sharp drop in ratings. Frontrunner Mitt Romney maintains a lead in the polls.

Moammar Gadhafi, the former Libyan dictator, was captured and executed by rebel forces in his hometown of Sirte on October 20th. The former dictator had been battling rebel forces since the revolution in Libya began 7 months ago.

After Sirte, one of Gadhafi's final strongholds, was overrun around 8 a.m. rebel forces were able to capture Gadhafi's fleeing convoy and, allegedly, found him in a drainpipe. A rebel wearing a Yankee baseball cap killed Gadhafi soon after his capture. The fate of his son and ally, Seif al-Islam, is still unknown.

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School student, has dedicated a great deal of her high school life to service and leadership, her experience ranging from Beta Club, DECA, and Student Council to the Cary Teen Council and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Simha says that she ran for the senator position because of NCSSM's immense school spirit, stating, "I really just want to make sure everyone's experience here at NCSSM is as good as I want my own to be." Simha's goals for the year include requesting discounts for NCSSM students at Ninth Street

shopping venues and eateries, as well as joining the SG Programming Committee to ensure that student programs, like Prom, are planned and executed effectively.

Corey Su is a varsity soccer player and is from Providence High School in Charlotte. Su is a member of Future Business Leaders of America and Asian Cultures Club at NCSSM, and says, "I ran for SG because I want to be a medium for the student body and the faculty."

While Su doesn't have any personal goals as a senator this year, he is currently an avid supporter of two SG-

wide initiatives: radical Super Study changes and Student Government collaboration between NCSSM and other members of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST).

Natalie Ung of Patton High School is a member of Korean Club, Asian Cultures Club, and StudMuffin (the baking club) at NCSSM. As a musician, Ung plays the guitar and piano.

"I want to help make SMath a better place, like my fellow senators," Ung stated. Ung hopes to make some serious

changes to Super Study this year, as well as serving on the Programming Committee, stating, "I love planning events and getting people together."

"I want to make life easier for the student body," says Yu Wang, formerly an East Chapel Hill High student. Wang, active in Math and Science Clubs and Speech and Debate throughout high school, claims to have no direct personal goals for SG this year.

"I just want to be an active member of the NCSSM community," Wang

continued. He invites his fellow students to provide him with feedback about the school and their hopes for its further modification.

"The junior senators have already been off to a promising start, tackling projects such as Junior Class T-shirts and uniform grading policies in the humanities department. They're a great group and all have tremendous potential to serve the Class of 2013," said SG President Krupal Amin. "I'm really looking forward to working with them and I can't wait to see all the things we accomplish together this year."

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NCSSM] are coming of age."

Students not involved in Spectrum also opposed the proposed ban. An anonymous student commented, "I don't support it because I feel like it is none of the government's business. In fact, I don't believe the government should be involved in marriage at all. Marriage is a religious institution, in my opinion."

Not all students completely oppose the legislation.

Senior Jeremy Reece said, "I'd say overall I'm a little for [same-sex marriage], but a little against it. For it being that people should have the right to marry, but against it because it defies what the traditional marriage definition means. I may have bias as a Christian, but regardless I still say the original definition of marriage was

between a man and a woman."

Pride, an annual statewide LGBT festival and parade, covered Duke's East Campus and the surrounding neighborhood in rainbows on Sept. 24,

2011.

When asked how the upcoming referendum affected the mood of Pride, Kissinger said, "Pride was a little more somber this year than last

year, but it was also a lot more hopeful. I guess the rain was symbolic. It started raining on the parade, but then the sun came out afterward, which was a symbol of hope. You

could definitely tell from the atmosphere that May was a very important date for everyone."

Spectrum's large attendance at Pride showed that in addition to encouraging people to vote against the amendment, the organization will go about business as usual.

The club is planning several events in conjunction with iNSIDEoUT, a youth-led organization that networks various GSAs in the Triangle.

Bo Warren, who is an iNSIDEoUT board member, said, "[iNSIDEoUT] organizes a lot of inner-school stuff like the Halloween dance party that's coming up on the 21st."

"Spectrum's going to work with iNSIDEoUT since they are so influential and much larger than Spectrum. They have an adult representative who can hire lawyers and get all the kinks worked out and kind of clear it with the state," said Warren.



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Mae Davis, Olivia Truax, Wynter Wolff, and Chris Bobbe march in the Durham Pride Parade