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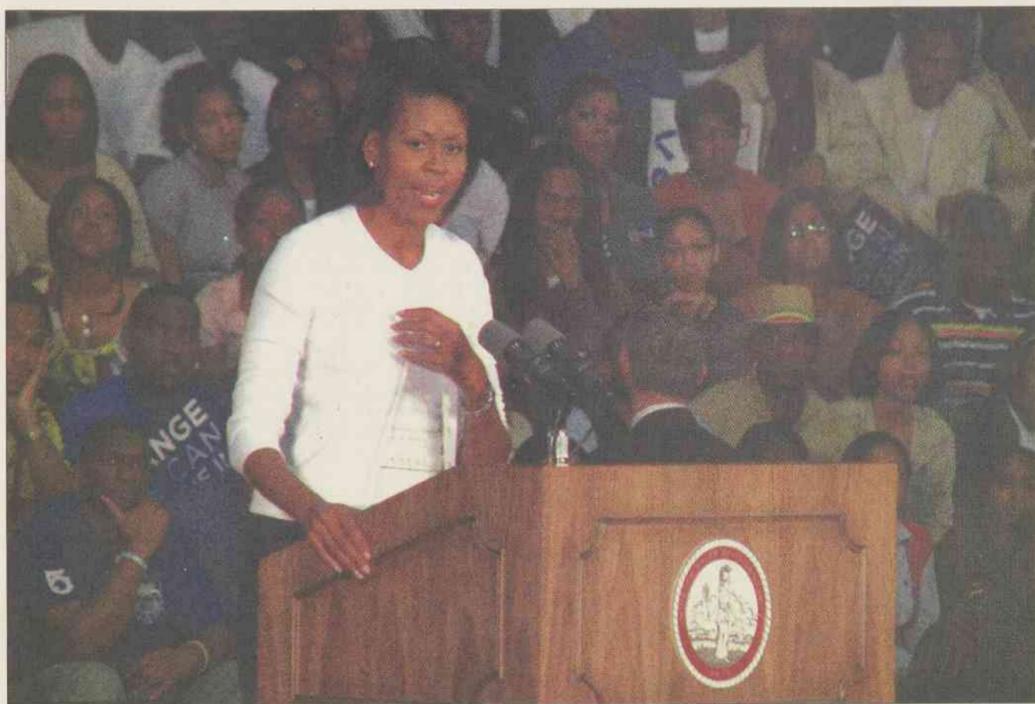


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Michelle Obama, wife of presidential hopeful Barack Obama, came to Winston-Salem State to speak on April 8.

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As Michelle Obama walked onto the floor of the C.E. Gaines Center, the crowd stood with signs waving, voices cheering and cell phones recording. "Fire it up, ready to go," chanted the crowd.

Nearly 2,000 people packed in to the Gaines Center at Winston-Salem State to hear the wife of Democratic Presidential hopeful Barack Obama speak at Winston-Salem State on April 8.

Obama spoke to the audience about a wide-range of issues, including healthcare, war, and education during her hour-long speech. Much of her speech

was spent connecting the figurative 'rising bar' that her husband has experienced during his campaign to the rising bar for what she called "regular folk."

"We were told to settle down because Barack was supposed to win in South Carolina. We won every county in the state but two," she said. "We've moved into Super Tuesday and we were supposed to be done."

"Regular folks are finding they are struggling to reach an ever-moving bar," she said. "Folks don't mind getting up early to go to work. They just want to know if the bar will be still. They want to know if they get sick they won't go bankrupt."

Obama said that the American people were ready for a change

Obama said that she and her husband could identify with the concerns of college students because they just recently paid off their student loans.

"Imagine a president just a few years out of paying off (college) debt," Obama said.

"I heard about that Dick Cheney relationship and I was like, 'Maybe he can help,'" she joked, "But then he was broke." Obama also talked about

bringing people together instead of dividing them.

"We need a fundamentally different type of leadership than I've seen in my lifetime," Obama said. "And the only person in this race that has a chance of putting this country together is Barack Obama."

The speech was attended by community members and politicians, as well as students. Lines began forming around noon, two and a half hours before the speech was to begin, and several hundred people were turned away. Officials estimate that 2,000 were in attendance.

Nearly 20 students volunteered and

helped transform the Gaines center from a gym to a political arena.

Valencia Thomas, a junior, was one of those volunteer. She said that she



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Students show support for Obama.

wished more people could have been able to get in.

"I thought it was great, I'd rather have too many people than not enough."

Junior Stanley Johnson also volunteered and he encouraged others to be involved with Obama's campaign.

"This is our movement," he said. "This is young students our age, and we have to be the ones leading it."

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-Michelle Obama

Respass voted SGA President

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The 2008-09 Student Government Association election results are in, and junior Harold T. Respass was elected SGA President; students also decided that future Campus Activity Board Presidents must be elected.

Theodis Chunn was elected Mr. Winston-Salem State, and Latoya N. Perry was voted Miss WSSU.

Respass defeated his opponent junior Derwin Montgomery. Respass claimed 73 percent of the vote.

The Charlotte native said that he's excited about the win and is looking forward to becoming president next fall.

"I'm very excited," said Respass. "The SGA got a lot accomplished this year and I look forward to working with the students next year towards things like keeping tuition low."

In other results, Whitney McCoy won Vice-President of Internal Affairs by default. Asa Mack was elected VP of External Affairs.

Justin D. Freeman was elected Secretary of Treasury, and Dao Vang and Quentin R. Jones were elected to Secretary

of Judicial Affairs and Secretary of Commuter Student Affairs by default. Marlena J. Baxter was elected Executive Secretary.

The presidential race had the highest percentage of voters among the SGA Executive Board positions with 866 students voting out of a total of 5,209 (16.63 percent).

A look at the number of voters suggest that the longer students attend school, the less likely they are to vote in student elections.

Nearly 71 percent of students voted that the entire student body should elect the CAB president. The SGA brought up the issue at a Student Senate meeting last fall, and it was placed on the ballot this year.

Dale Williams, Student Activities Director at WSSU, said she disagreed with the students' decision.

"If the reasoning for voting on CAB president is based on student funding," Williams said. "Then it opens up the door for students to vote for other student-funded organizations."

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Clinton's '08 honesty gap

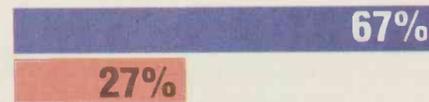
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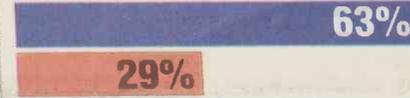
Yes, applies to candidate

No, does not apply

John McCain



Barack Obama



Hillary Clinton



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The News Argus Poll

Current Question at thenewsargus.com
Do you think WSSU should allow coed cohabitation in its dorms?

Red-Yes
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