

RAMble Online poll results

What do you think is the biggest recent accomplishment made by a woman?

Natalie Randolph, reported as nation's only female head coach of a high school varsity football team

40%

Kathryn Bigelow, first female to win Academy Award for best director for the movie "The Hurt Locker"

30%

Roslyn M. Brock, youngest female to serve as chair of the national board of directors for the NAACP

25%

Jennifer Hudson, first female to sing "One Shining Moment," after the NCAA basketball championship

5%

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Obama's promise fulfilled; Health Care Bill passed

After 14 months of diligence and labor, President Barack Obama and his administration secured a victory in its battle to provide the nation with universal health care.

Millennial history was made March 21 as the House voted 219-212 to send the Democratic sweeping health coverage reform into the hands of the country's lawmakers.

The decision came in a whirlwind of political and ethical contention. From the election of (R-Mass) Scott Brown to the Senate seat once filled by Ted Kennedy, to the rise of the radical Tea Party, Obama and his constituents toiled through many obstacles to see this landmark work of legislation come to fruition.

The Commander-in-Chief has his reasons.

The new bill would provide more than 31 million Americans health care that were not previously covered.

And although this crucial

reform totes a hefty price tag of \$947 billion, it is set to assist in diminishing the nation's deficit in coming years.

This cannot be considered universal health coverage; however, it is a start.

Putting aside politics and money, I believe the President made the best choice in focusing on the nation's most prevalent, widespread issue.

The health care crisis is a problem we all live with.

If you are not personally affected by the lack of adequate health insurance, chances are you know someone who is.

Many critics of the Obama administration would say that it is unconstitutional to force citizens to buy health insurance or suffer a penalty.

As it now stands, all 50 states require some form of liability or financial security, otherwise known as insurance, on any vehicle registered

with the DMV.

If you are an uninsured motorist you may be charged with a fine.

Why?

Because lawmakers know that it is an absolute necessity to have safe guards on an activity that nearly 60 percent of America participates in at some point in their lives.

If automobiles are considered important enough to

require safe measures, shouldn't our health be esteemed in an even greater

manner?

Perhaps equally important in passing the bill is the thought of progression on the issue. Sweeping congressional health care reform dates back to the Clinton Administration, and very little change has been made from then until now. Even if most or all of the changes are not as desirable as expected, they still represent forward movement.

We are now in the midst of a

societal evolution of the American human condition.

In a presidency which, in the eyes of many political pundits would be defined by the successful passing of the bill, Obama stifled any pressure that would potentially deter him from reaching his goal; he remained resolute in his march toward health care reform.

His unflinching dedication to a project of such massive proportions is a testament not only to his character as a leader in the face of opposition, it also speaks volumes of the sacrifices that he and his administration are willing to make to keep their promise to the American public.

A politician who tells us what he is going to do, then actually does it.

Isn't that refreshing?

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Op-Ed

Completing 2010 Census form important and could help WSSU get funds

In 2009 we helped make a change by electing Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Obama brought forth several bills and proposals to better the U.S. financially.

The health care bill, the new American Opportunity Tax Credit [which will pay for the first \$4,000 of college and help toward entire tuition in exchange for 100 hours of community service], and the textbook aid credit plan are just a few of the changes.

Although this makes excellent progression, we still need to remain cognizant of what is taking place, and we still have work to do.

One of the main tools that can bring forth change needs to be changed itself: the 2010 census.

Each decade, a census is recorded. Ten years have passed and all aspects of finance, economy, health care, education, government, etc have all changed in some way.

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds for things like: hospitals, job training centers,

schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects, and emergency services.

The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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The 2010 Census aims to count all U.S. residents — citizens and non-citizens alike. To do so, the Census Bureau: delivers a short 10-question form to every household in America, requires that you fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1, 2010. The 2010 Census has brought commotion in the black community.

On the form, one of the options for our race is "Negro."

This word has not been acceptable since the 1960s during the civil rights movement, when it was considered a racial slur. There has been no effort to change it.

It is sad that this word is still being used in 2010 to represent our race. We are

not being correctly acknowledged in one of the most important polls.

We are expected to help note significant information to be formed into a statistic for America, yet we are not being acknowledged as an African American. Instead we are still being viewed as "Negroes." Change is needed.

We should not allow this to hinder us from getting our voices heard. The recession has also initiated and effected change in the United States.

The 2010 Census can once again help us voice the reality of our economy as a whole and also assist us in the forthcoming decade. This includes Winston-Salem State University.

If you have not already completed the census form, please do so. If you live on campus, 601 S. Martin Luther King Drive is considered your permanent address, as you will be living here in April when the census is recorded.

Your completed form will help our school get additional much-needed funds.

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