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Obama Delivers Health Care Speech to Students at the University of Maryland

BY JESSICA LEWIS
 Campus Editor

Restless describes the atmosphere surrounding the push for health care reform as scores of Howard students traveled to the University of Maryland (UMD) Thursday morning.

"Fired up and ready to go. Fired up and ready to go" is the chant that Howard alumnus Craig Allen remembers from the rally. Obama chanted these words to ignite the crowd and prepare them for his speech since the words have served as an inspiration for him throughout his campaign.

The key point that Allen took away from the speech is that a lot of people say things that aren't true.

Allen's point was driven home when a man in the crowd stood up and began shouting anti-Obama remarks. Obama did not flinch when the man was speaking

and continued his speech. As security grabbed the man by the collar and escorted him out, the crowd applauded.

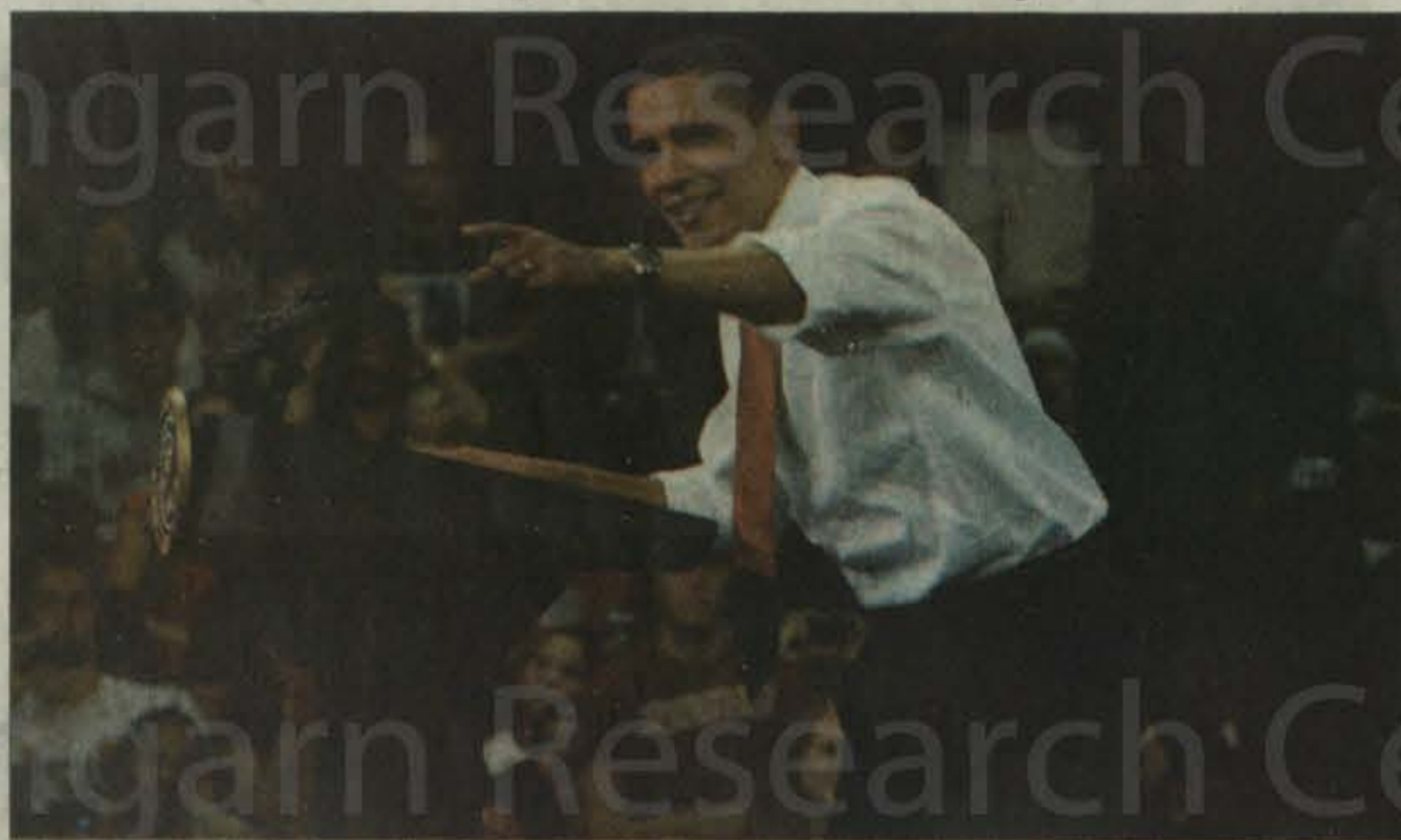
Once he left the rally, Allen was confronted by a sign that read, "Canada has the best health care in the world." He still ponders about the meaning of those words.

"The fact that some people cannot afford to live is ridiculous," Allen said.

He was not alone in his presence at UMD. More than 60 students from HU attended the rally wearing purple shirts with the slogan, "Any Other Options?"

This is the second event of the "Any Other Options?" campaign. They held a rally on Tuesday and plan to take their issues to the White House next Wednesday.

Howard students in the audience led many chants that the crowd chimed in on, such as "Yes We Can."



President Obama delivered a speech to thousands of students at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Zelena Williams - Photo Editor



A sheet of paper contains hundreds of names of friends and family members of HU students killed by gun violence.

Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Students Address Gun Violence at Campus Rallies Across the Nation

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
 Staff Writer

In a combined effort, students from Howard University and Spelman College will march against gun violence under the direction of the "Do You Care?" campaign today.

At 6:45 p.m., students will meet at the flagpole to canvass LeDroit Park and the surrounding neighborhoods of Howard to garner community support in the fight to end unregulated gun violence.

At 2:30 p.m., Spelman College students will march around the neighborhoods surrounding Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta with the same purpose and direction.

Mr. Howard University 2008-2009 Melech Thomas brought the campaign to these college campuses after his work with Father Michael Pflager of St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago over the summer.

"We realized that we have to come to a national conclusion for the problem," Thomas said.

Upon that realization, Thomas brought the fight to How-

ard University, branching off of Jocelyn Jones of St. Sabina's "Do You Care?" campaign to provide a national solution for gun violence.

Spelman College became involved after the death of Spelman sophomore Jasmine Lynn on the campus of Clark-Atlanta University. Students from the campus reached out to Thomas hoping to find a solution to common problems.

Since the inception of the campaign at Howard, Thomas has collected over 2,000 names and addresses from supportive students. The names will be used to address letters to the White House in an effort to "promote safe neighborhoods as well as local, state and federal legislation that push for common-sense application of the Second Amendment rights," according to hand-outs distributed by Thomas.

The purpose of the campaign is to advocate for a permanent reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Act Ban of 1994, a White House National Summit on Gun Violence and for a national agency to collect, track and disseminate youth gun data.

To spread the word about the campaign, Thomas set up a table in the bottom of the

Armour J. Blackburn Center to collect the names of the Howard community's loved ones that were killed by gun violence.

"The sad reality of it is after 24-hours of collecting signatures, we have already gone through a 68-ft paper roll," Thomas said. "There may be some students that have not been affected, but we are a part of America and the global community."

Thomas went on to say that if one is harmed or lost, then everyone in the community is affected.

He said a desire for peace, justice and safety for all human life will drive students to the rally today.

Anna Summer, a freshman international business major and campaign volunteer coordinator said, "I just hope that if nothing else, we open America's eyes to a situation that must be fixed."

The campaign is expected to extend beyond the campuses of Howard and Spelman with abundant news presence at the rally, such as CNN and *The Hilltop*. Supporters also include Reverend Jeremiah Wright, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Minister Louis Farrakhan and other notable names.

HU Implements Long Awaited Recycling Program

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
 Staff Writer

After a year of delayed promises, Howard University will implement a university-wide recycling plan today.

At noon, a kick-off program will be held at the flagpole to initiate the plan.

"I am glad that we are going to be recycling because I grew up recycling. I am happy Howard finally got on board," said Kimberly Jacobs, senior print journalism major.

The 48th administration of HUSA made it a priority to pressure the university to implement a recycling plan in light of students' desires and the College Sustainability Report Card. However, the university was slow to act on the plan. As a consequence, the plan will come to fruition under the 49th administration almost a year later.

"I feel that it is not too late to start recycling, I just started myself," said Aswah Crowder, senior broadcast journalism major. "For people that do not recycle, this will open their eyes to go green and later create a greener society."

For the past two years, Howard University has received an "F" on the Green Report Card largely due to the lack of a visible recycling plan or progress. The Report Card for 2010 will be released in three weeks and Jacobs said it will put Howard University back at the forefront.

"It will put Howard University where it needs to be in terms of global issues," she said.

Jacobs also said she hopes recycling will become a habit among students.

Before a final date of

Sept. 1 was set for the plan, student groups were formed to advocate for a recycling program. The Green Bison club held a march last year in hopes of demonstrating the students' desire to have a program, and recycling was one of the demands of the Sept. 4 protest.

With an actual program on the table, students are able to see the end results of their campaigning and efforts.

HUSA Vice-President Jerome Joseph said, "I am very excited and elated that the University finally took action on what they stated they would do."

In a university-wide e-mail, Associate Vice President of Administrative Services Michael Harris said the university-wide recycling program will be visible in the buildings on the Main campus, East and West campuses and all dormitories.

"It is important to note, our new recycling program places Howard University in line with President Obama's aggressive philosophy on sustainable living by preserving and protecting the environment and its natural resources. Here at Howard University, we are committed to recycling all we can in an effort to reduce the University's carbon footprint," Harris wrote.

The plan also puts Howard in line with D.C. regulations, more specifically the D.C. Solid Waste Management and Multi-material Act of 1988.

Harris said that the program will be implemented gradually over the next few weeks and will consist of recycle bins to collect paper, cans, plastics and glass will be deployed at strategic locations on all three campuses.

Risk of Swine Flu Decreases This Season

Howard University is taking steps to prevent the spread of the seasonal novel Influenza A virus

BY MAQUITA EATON
Contributing Writer

Howard University was affected by the H1N1 virus last spring. With the return of the school year and the steady number of cases, the university is taking precautionary measures to decrease the risk of more infections among students.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) signaled that a global pandemic of novel influenza A (H1N1) was underway. This action was a reflection of the spread of the H1N1 virus, not the severity of illness caused by the virus.

At the time, more than 70 countries had reported cases of H1N1 infection, and there were ongoing community level outbreaks in multiple parts of the world.

The CDC continued to report that, although the influenza activity was decreasing, the virus was still affecting some areas with intense activity.

Those areas of intense activity have been identified as Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee, according to the CDC.

Despite the figures, students have noted the increase in sneezes and sniffles. Junior film major Kristen Iverson is apprehensive about the possible impact of the flu on Howard's campus.

"I have not heard of anyone that has it here, but that doesn't mean much," Iverson said. "I remember towards the end of last semester there was something about a student having it and fully recovering."

On May 3, Howard announced that a student was infected with the swine flu through university-wide e-mails.

This semester, Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs Charles Gibbs issued another university-wide e-mail asking that students take precautionary measures to decrease and prevent the spread of flu-like symptoms.

"We are taking steps to prevent the spread of seasonal or H1N1 flu here at Howard University. To date, the overwhelming majority of cases of new Influenza A (H1N1) viral infection occurring in the U.S. have been uncomplicated illnesses of limited duration," Gibbs wrote.

According to Dr. Evelyn Treakle-Moore, the director at Howard University's Student Health Center, the health center has no documented cases of Swine

Flu. "However, we have had two students who tested positive for Influenza A," Treakle-Moore said. "These students may or may not have swine flu, as positive tests for Influenza A must be sent for confirmatory testing for the H1N1 virus."

Treakle-Moore said Howard University does have a plan for the influenza season. Representatives of the Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, the Office of the Provost, the Office of Communications, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and the Office of General Counsel all came together to make this plan.

"[The plan] includes campus education/communication, infection surveillance, preventive measures and treatment recommendations," Treakle-Moore said.

The plan will be available for students on Howard's Web site soon, according to Treakle-Moore.

The CDC suggests the following to fight the virus' spread: covering one's mouth and nose with a tissue when one sneezes or coughs and disposing of it, wash one's hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoid touching one's mouth, nose and eyes and also drink plenty clear fluids to avoid being dehydrated.

In about three weeks, the vaccine for the H1N1 will be available, said Treakle-Moore.

"The Student Health Center is attempting to get the vaccine and will notify you if/when it comes in. You will need only one dose of this vaccine," Treakle-Moore said.



Zelena Williams - Photo Editor

It took one student, Kris Owens, to take a stand and inspire hundreds to unite in front of the Administration building.

Owens Stands up, Fights Back

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE
Staff Writer

More than 300 students stood protesting outside of the Administration building on Friday, Sept. 4, due to the frustrations of one student: Kristopher Owens.

It started with a simple text message.

After growing tired of the numerous problems he and his friends experienced regarding the Administration building, Owens began a movement that grew to include students and staff.

"It wasn't so much of me being the leader of the protest, more so me being a student. I was tired and fed up with the same reoccurring problems we were facing at HU," Owens said.

As a child, Owens was taught to remain true to what he believes in. Although his father died last year, his influence and words of resilience continue to impact Owens and was a factor in his decision to stand up that Friday.

The protest did not just spear from Owens being an upset student, but as a man, he felt it was only necessary he took a stand.

"I may have initiated the protest, but this was a joint ef-

fort along with HUSA and a few friends of mine," he said. "I was happy with the turnout but it isn't over. There is still a lot that needs to be done."

Owens was one of many student leaders who met with President Sidney A. Ribeau in the days following the protest. He, along with HUSA and other student leaders, came up with a list of demands to which Ribeau released a response in *The Hilltop* on Sept. 9.

"I don't agree with all of the president's answers. I guess he answered to the best of his ability, but I don't think that I am behind his answers 100 percent," Owens said. "What we may know to be true, may not be true. Don't get me wrong, President Ribeau has done a good job, but there is still a lot to be done."

Owens managed to bring students from all classifications and fields of study together to take a stand. While some stood up because they personally experienced problems with the Administration Building, others merely wanted to support the movement.

"I myself have been through so much trouble since I have returned to school. I do not have half of the problems many students

voiced their opinions about, but I feel I needed to be out there to support my Howard family," said Joshua Williams, a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

"I don't feel as though just because I don't have any problems that I shouldn't participate because you never know what could happen."

Howard is not the only university having administration issues. Sophomore broadcast journalism major at Hampton University, Ashley Strawbridge, believes changes concerning the Hampton administration need to be made as well.

"One of the biggest issues on a daily basis is that offices do not answer the phone when it is important. The administration is stuck in the ancient times. Also, there is no open door policy for the president," Strawbridge said.

Whether Strawbridge decides to take a stand as Owens did or not, they both agree that improvements at both HU and Hampton are imperative.

Though the protest may be over, Owens assures that he will still do everything in his power to make sure this university is left in better shape than when he arrived.

School of 'C' Begins Campaign for Legacy

BY MARY GODIE
Contributing Writer

A capital campaign for a new John H. Johnson School of Communications building is underway this year with the planning of new events.

The School of 'C' Legacy Campaign is the latest addition to the Capital Campaign that has been going on for the past three years.

According to Communications Dean Jannette Dates, President Sidney A. Ribeau told her to take action.

"We are moving forward with aggressiveness to continue the Capital Campaign that was started a few years ago to raise money for a new building to house the John H. Johnson School of Communications. This is just a new phase," Dates said.

The first event is a reception that will take place from Sept. 23 to 26, the same time as the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference. The guest list includes Howard alumni, private organizations and sponsors of the campaign. Mark Morial, president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, and Howard alumna Michelle Miller, CBS News correspondent, will be co-hosting the event intended to acquire campaign support.

Other receptions will take place during the week of Homecoming and in the springtime. The spring reception is to honor Tom Brokaw, NBC News special

correspondent. Brokaw, who has been on the Communications Board of Directors for more than 14 years, is stepping down this year.

In late April, the 4th Annual Global Visionaries Leadership Luncheon is scheduled to take place. Although this is not the first Leadership Luncheon, its impact on the Legacy Campaign is expected to exceed past levels.

Each year, one guest is honored at the luncheon. In the past, Shelia Johnson, cofounder of BET Networks; Michelle Norris of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered"; and Susan Taylor, former editor-in-chief of *Essence Magazine*, were all honored guests. This year's honoree has not been named yet, but the name will be recognizable, according to Dates.

The events are not the only method Dates is employing to raise funds. Dates said that she has met with numerous corporations and alumni.

The School of Communications Student Council has also been active in these efforts, according to Dates.

"I know for the past couple of years we've been campaigning for a new building," said Candace Smith, student council vice president. "It's the responsibility of the dean to go out and speak with different companies. It's all about raising money."

Dates compared the new initiative to the one of the past few years. She says it's not different; now it's just mustering up the energy.

You Know You Go to Howard When... The Bison Album



Bree Gant - Staff Photographer

You know you go to Howard when a Victoria's Secret trunk show draws more people than a health care reform rally.



Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

You know you go to Howard when you have to ask who's paying attention in this photograph.



Olayun Sodunke - Staff Photographer

You know you go to Howard when parking is scarce and tickets, boots and tow-trucks are plenty.

Lab Technician Arrested for Death of Yale Student

BY LE'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

A Yale University laboratory technician was arrested early Thursday and charged in the murder of Yale graduate student Annie M. Le. Her body was found stuffed in the wall of an off-campus medical research building, the New Haven, Conn. police announced during a press conference.

Raymond Clark III, 24, was taken into custody around 8:10 a.m. at a Super 8 Motel in Cromwell, Conn. Police had been waiting outside of the motel where Clark checked in shortly after being released from custody Wednesday following police questioning and the submission to DNA testing.

Hours after his arrest, Clark appeared in court and did not enter a plea. He is being held on \$3 million bond. New Haven Police Chief James Lewis said in a

statement, but he would not provide details of what prompted Clark's arrest or whether DNA linked Clark to Le's murder.

Lewis said in a statement that he would not rule out additional charges. "It is important to note that this is not about urban crime, university crime, domestic crime but an issue of workplace violence, which is becoming a growing concern around the country," he said.

Authorities compared DNA taken from Clark's hair, fingernails, and saliva with more than 250 pieces of evidence collected at the crime scene and from Clark's Middletown, Conn. apartment. His red Ford Mustang was also seized for evidence earlier this week.

Le, 24, was last seen on Sept. 8 while entering the lab about 10 blocks from the main campus. Video footage never captured her leaving the building.

On Sunday, her body was found in the basement wall of the

building where she worked as a medical researcher on the same day she had planned to get married.

The cause of Le's death was "traumatic asphyxia" caused by "neck compression," a spokeswoman for the medical examiner, Dr. H. Wayne Carver II, said.

Clark reportedly failed a lie detector test administered to him by New Haven authorities. Computer records from Yale suggested he was the last person to see Le.

Officials say that swipe cards Le and Clark used to move through different areas of the buildings showed they were in the same room shortly after 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 8. Clark swiped into the area where she was found strangled five days later, a law enforcement spokesperson added.

There is no reported relationship outside of the office. According to *The New York Daily News*, detectives are using Clark's reported criticism of Le for her handling

of lab mice the two worked with as a possible motive.

In e-mails to have criticized Le for not following the protocol for tending the mice as part of her lab's ongoing experiments. Le is said to have responded by promising to keep to the protocols.

Michelle Mabson, junior biology major and anthropology minor, has been a part of many science laboratory sessions since her arrival at Howard, and understands the fear one may have while working alone in a lab at night.

"It's scary to think that someone would have malicious thoughts," Mabson said, regarding the murder of Le.

"I have known the biology lab technician since my freshman year and as much help as he's given, I have never felt unsafe in a lab. I have not yet been alone in a lab, but I could imagine how someone who is there at night by them-

selves would feel unsafe."

Shortly after the arrest, Yale University president, Richard C. Levin, released a statement to the Yale community.

"It is frightening that a member of our own community might have committed this terrible crime. But we must not let this incident shatter our trust in one another," he said.

"This incident could have happened in any city, in any university, or in any workplace. It says more about the dark side of the human soul than it does about the extent of security measures"

He added that he will continue to educate the community about Yale's "zero tolerance policy for violent, threatening, and abusive behavior."

Clark's next court date is Oct. 6.

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Debate Continues Over Health Care in America

Politicians and citizens alike wonder where the United States' health care system is headed, and if it will ever recover

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

President Obama's eagerness for health care reform has re-sparked what has been a concern for U.S. citizens for quite a while: the future of the health care system.

The insurance program, Medicare, that mainly provides insurance coverage to U.S. citizens who are 65 years of age or older, is once again in discussion, but to many, the reasons why are not surprising.

Medicare was first signed into action in 1965 by, then-president, Lyndon B. Johnson. At the time, few were able to predict the impact that baby boomers, people born between 1946 and 1964, would have on the strength of this system.

There was a reported 78 million babies born within this time frame, most of which are currently over the age of 50 and, according to a press release from the American Hospital Association, "The over-65 population will nearly triple between 1980 and 2030." This release also estimates that by 2030, more than 37 million will be facing more than one chronic condition.

This includes arthritis, asthma and diabetes. Ideally, six out of 10 people over the age of 65 will need medical attention for sicknesses more often.

As a result, the costs associated with medical visits will increase, directly impacting Medicare costs. This may explain the concern many people have in regards to Medicare.

Medicare offers hospital insurance, health insurance and other additional benefits such as the Pre-

scription Drug plan, which allows Medicare beneficiaries to gain prescription drug coverage.

With more than 40 million U.S. citizens already enrolled in the Medicare program, a sustainable public health care system is even more of a concern.

Medicare accounts for 13 percent of the federal budget, but the focus for many is in regards to streamlining a process for Medicare's growing cost.

According to Michael Steele, Republican National Committee (RNC) chairman, this is what many politicians have been feuding about: what to do about a supposedly "bankrupting Medicare system."

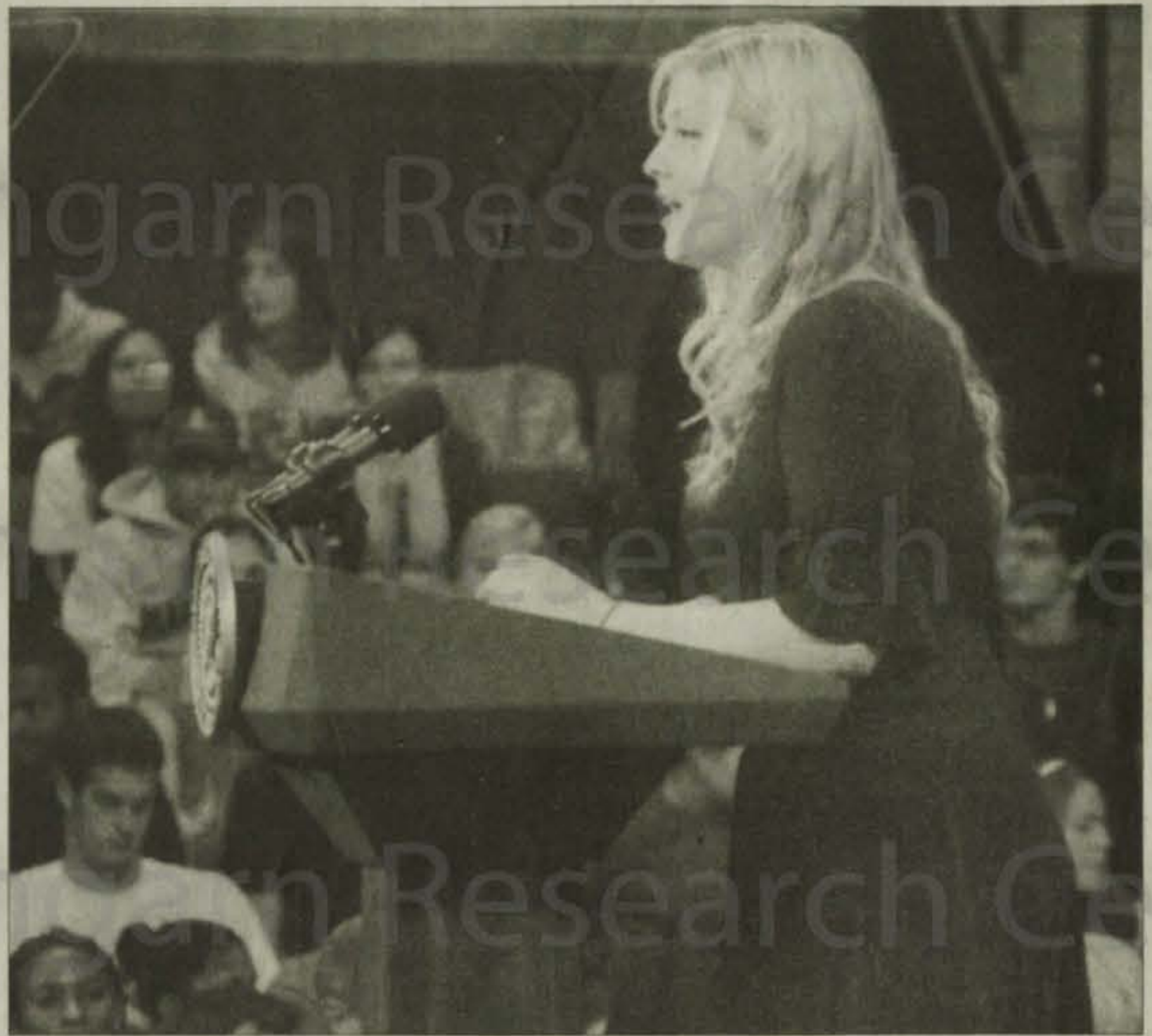
Nichole Bestman, a junior international business major, said that seeing her great-aunt go through the Medicare system before passing has given her a supportive perspective of Medicare.

"Being at an old age, seeing that you don't work — that's what Medicare is intended for, to help you when you retire. Because Medicare was put in place to do that, it should do just that," Bestman said.

President Obama has been keeping major attention on his Health care Plan, hoping to ease the tension of the topic.

Thursday, Obama spoke at a health care rally at the University of Maryland where thousands of people were reported to be in attendance, most being students. It's reported that he is scheduled to appear on at least five major TV talk shows within the next week.

Last Wednesday, President Obama presented his health care reform plan to a joint session of Congress. In his speech to the



At President Obama's rally at the University of Maryland, Rachel Penn, a University of Maryland student, spoke about her concerns with securing health care because she is a cancer survivor.

joint session of Congress and at the UMD rally, he touched on a new way of obtaining reasonable priced insurance, a marketplace where people and small businesses can compare plans.

Within the released written version of his health care plan, it was said that he would continue to build and improve the Medicare

system as well. "The plan will extend new protections for Medicare beneficiaries that improve quality, coordinate care, and reduce beneficiary and program costs. These protections will extend the life of the Medicare trust fund to pay for care for future generations."

For many, there is no question whether or not the costs per-

taining to Medicare will increase. The question is what Congress and the Obama administration will do in order to ensure that the U.S. uninsured number, 46 million and the U.S. deficit, \$490 billion, doesn't increase and that those who are soon to be in the Medicare system are taken care of.

The French Bid Adieu to the Beloved Kiss

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Paris is known as the city of lights and the city of love, a place where kissing is generally one of the most standard aspects of greeting someone and one of the most familiar aspects of French culture.

Now, however, "la bise" as the native French commonly refer to it, has been threatened due to global fears around the H1N1 Influenza, or Swine Flu.

Since its introduction in early 2009, the Swine Flu has infected 277,607 globally. In the past nine months, there have been 3,205 confirmed deaths as a direct result of

contraction of the disease. Despite a reported 35,000 cases in France, an overwhelmingly low number of people have died as a result: three.

With official publicity campaigns informing citizens about the virus and directives that dissuade against close encounters, France has been on alert.

As the flu season begins, many schools and companies are not taking any chances. Some fear the kisses could make the pandemic, or at least illness, worse.

More sanitary practices have been adopted in the country. In one French town, for example, "bise boxes" have been set up in schools

as a playful alternative. Students slip heart shaped greetings into "bise boxes" before they're exchanged in class. These small but significant changes have already affected the lives of some. However, the national government is not calling for a ban.

Because these precautionary methods are still known as recommendations, French citizens are still free to do whatever their personal preference may be.

No official legislation has been proposed to the French government regarding the phenomenon.

Junior biology major, Jelani Shabazz, agrees with the French's

decision to cut down on the kisses. "That's real. I don't blame them. People have to take more precautions. That's the only way that we can stop the spread of [swine flu]," he said.

Another focus of the French government, like others, is to encourage citizens to cough into their sleeves or tissue rather than their hands, and to wash their hands frequently.

Swine Flu is airborne and primarily treated through coughing or sneezing, but hand washing is generally recommended to protect against other germs such as those found in the common cold.

With all the efforts to restrict

the spread via contact, some French do not think this is the end for such a common tradition as kissing.

"The French are traditionally rebellious souls; they don't like to be told what to do," said one Frenchman to CNN on the topic.

The French will take precautions, but they don't view this as a permanent thing.

Similarly, French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, has announced that it and nine other countries including the United States and Britain, will make 10 percent of their Swine Flu vaccine eligible to other nations that may need it. France will donate nine million Swine Flu vaccine doses, of its 94 million total.

FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread belief that "swine flu" is spread through the consumption of pork products.

Where's the funny? Research has shown that "swine flu" is not spread through the consumption of pork products, and is instead an airborne disease that has been carried from country to country - continent to continent.

- Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation & World Editor

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Collegiates Show More Passion Than Pros

BY STEPHEN KNOX
Contributing Writer

For some, September is a gloomy month. Summer ends, vacation time is over and school resumes after a three month break. One event, however, seems to brighten the mood of sports fans all across the country -- the beginning of football season.

Opening weekend of football season has become so celebrated that both the NFL and the NCAA air their first games on prime time television. The 2009 Super Bowl was the second highest rated event in the history of TV. Although the NFL is the professional league, there are some that prefer the collegiate game.

One of those people is senior sports management major Thomas Woods. "In college, the players play harder," Woods said. "For one, they understand that if they get to the NFL their contracts aren't guaranteed. So they're playing not just for their school, but to make sure they can get the highest signing bonus possible if they get to the NFL."

Junior Kolen Hatchett also appreciates the intensity of college games, but notices a difference in fan involvement. "The fans are much more educated," Hatchett said. "Not only do they know more about their own team, but they also hate the opposing team."

Senior radio production major Jahi Whitehead does not hold a preference in either form of football. "I just love the game," Whitehead said. "Each league has its own strengths. I like to watch college, because I can watch some of my friends play. Honestly, on Saturday I like college better,

on Sunday I like pro."

While being unbiased, Whitehead also has a few suggestions for the improvement of both games. "We definitely need a playoff in college football to decide the National Champion," Whitehead said. "Professional football players need to stop being so consumed with money and try to enjoy the game more."

There are still plenty of people who believe professionals play the best brand of football. Senior broadcast journalism major Jason Clark is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, and loves to watch professional football.

"The pros are where it's at, they are some of the best athletes in the world," Clark said. "Plus there are way too many teams in college football. I don't know how you are supposed to rank over 100 teams when most of them don't even play each other."

Clark also believes the level of competition in college is not as good as the NFL. "In college football, there are so many blowout games because only certain teams are really good," Clark said. "All 32 teams in the NFL have talent so on any given Sunday anyone can win."

Bowie, Md. resident Federico Lindo has been watching football for many years. "I definitely enjoy the professional game the most," Lindo said. "I like the fact there is a business aspect incorporated with the actual game."

Lindo has also noticed the evolution of the game of football. "There are less injuries in football than there used to be," Lindo said. "The way they've improved the health of the players has been great."



Ocho Cinco, formerly known as Chad Johnson before he had his name changed, helps contribute to the belief that professional athletes lose their passion for the game after their collegiate careers.

SPORTS THROWBACK PHOTO



Hank Aaron, who some still refer to as the "Home Run King" of Major League Baseball, broke through barriers that opened doors for black athletes who followed his accomplishments. Aaron still holds the records for most runs batted in (2,297), the most career extra base hits (1,477) and most career total bases (6,856).

Sports Trivia!

What former Cincinnati Red was suspended from baseball for gambling on games?

Answer:

Pete Rose

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

September 18, 1946

Joe Louis KOs Tami Mauriello in one round for the heavyweight boxing title

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Numerous Outbursts Show Lack of Etiquette

Raise your hand if you have a question or comment. Think before you speak. Wait your turn. These are lessons we have all learned by the age of six; lessons that Joe Wilson, Lil' Mama and Kanye West all forgot.

We don't really have to discuss Kanye West's outburst at the Video Music Awards (VMAs). We know just how outrageous his actions were. We know he was wrong, and after watching his interview with Jay Leno, it seems that he also knows he was wrong.

Rapper Lil' Mama has also been discussed heavily since the VMAs. Her unsolicited appearance during the finale performance has made her the butt of many "butting-in" jokes. We know that she's from New York, as are performers Alicia Keys and Jay-Z, and maybe she was feeling the New York pride in the air, but that doesn't mean that it's okay for her to climb on stage during a rehearsed performance and try to look like she belonged there. She probably realized that when Jay-Z looked at

her like she was crazy and walked right past her during the performance.

Representative Joe Wilson couldn't contain himself either. During President Obama's healthcare address to Congress, Wilson shouted "You lie!" when President Obama said that illegal immigrants wouldn't

Our View:
These things are disrespectful and this is starting to get out of hand.

be insured under the new healthcare plan.

According to former President Jimmy Carter, and other critics, this was an act of racism. It's a tough one to call, but would a white president have had this same problem?

Racist or not, this was completely unacceptable. There are House rules that prohibit this type of behavior, but more so, people, -- especially fellow politicians

-- should have the common decency to keep outbursts out of these settings.

We've watched a few well-known figures speak and behave more freely in the last week than we are accustomed to seeing. With Serena Williams erupting at the U.S. Open, Michael Jordan airing it all out at the NBA Hall of Fame ceremony, and now these class acts, it seems that people have truly forgotten how to behave.

This is a serious etiquette problem. It's one thing to get upset at an official during a game or let off years worth of steam during an acceptance speech, but it's another to take a microphone out of someone's hand during their acceptance speech to tell the world why this recipient was not the most qualified, or to interrupt the PRESIDENT during an address and accuse him of LYING while he's trying to clear up rumors. That's just too far.

We live in a country where we're granted freedom of speech, but we don't need to exercise all of our rights all of the time.

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- Barack Obama

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Sunday September 20, 2009
Call to Chapel 11:00am
Monday September 21, 2009
 Join us as we attend "The Miseducation of the Black Greek" Hosted by the Office of Student Activities and the National Pan-Hellenic Council
7p Cramton Auditorium
Tuesday September 22, 2009
 "The New Face of the Black Woman: A Discussion of Health Disparities"
7:20p Blackburn Forum
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Wednesday September 23, 2009
 "Beauty on a Budget"
7:20p Blackburn Forum
 Attire: Business Casual
Thursday September 24, 2009
 Informational
7:20p Truth Hall Lounge
 Attire: Business
Friday September 25, 2009
 Open Mic Night
7:20p Drew Hall Lounge
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Saturday September 26, 2009
 Community Service at KIPP LEAP Academy
8:30am-12p
 Attire: Casual

The John H. Johnson School of Communications Student Council Presents...
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Cramton Auditorium 11:00am
The Hidden Dollar: Effecting Change Through Economic Stability
Monday, September 21, 2009
Blackburn Digital Auditorium 7:00pm
Reach: Extending Ourselves to Provide for Others
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
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Crème de la Crème: Exuding Proper Etiquette in the Realm of Academia
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Blackburn Ballroom 7:00pm
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Thursday, September 24, 2009
Burr Gym 7:00pm
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Friday, September 25, 2009
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