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Two celebrations erupted along Route 1 last night after Obama was elected the country's next president.

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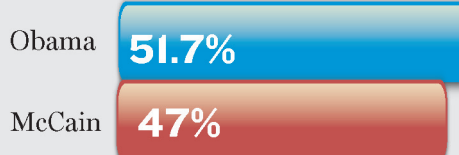
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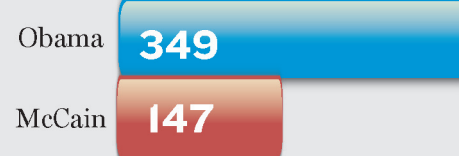
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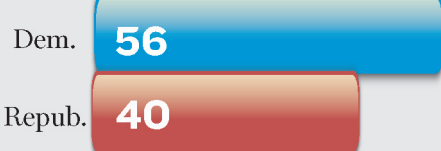


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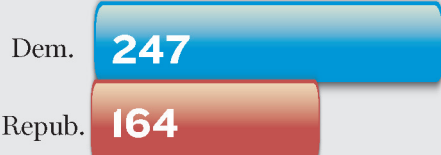


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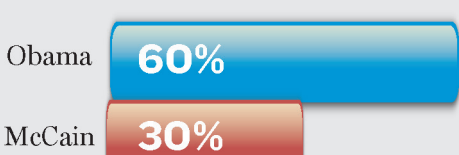
Balance of Power, Senate



Balance of Power, House



MARYLAND RESULTS



CAMPUS RESULTS

More than 2,000 people voted at Stamp Student Union and Ritchie Coliseum

* All statistics in today's edition of The Diamondback were accurate as of 3:30 a.m. Thus, some results were undecided.

YES, HE DID

ELECTION 2008

Obama becomes the nation's first black president

By DERBY COX
Staff writer

Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States last night, becoming the first black man to hold the position and prompting cheers across the campus.

The announcement capped a festive night that saw Obama jump out to an early electoral lead and claim victory by about 11 p.m.

At election parties around the campus, students cheered when Obama won a state and booed when Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) won one. After Obama's victory, students flooded Route 1, chanting in support of Obama. Others crowded McKeldin Mall and jumped in the Omicron Delta Kappa fountain in celebration.

"I think that it's a really great

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For black students, a historic journey

By KYLE GOON
Staff writer

Last night, as more than 100 students in Nyumburu Cultural Center collectively held their breath, history was made.

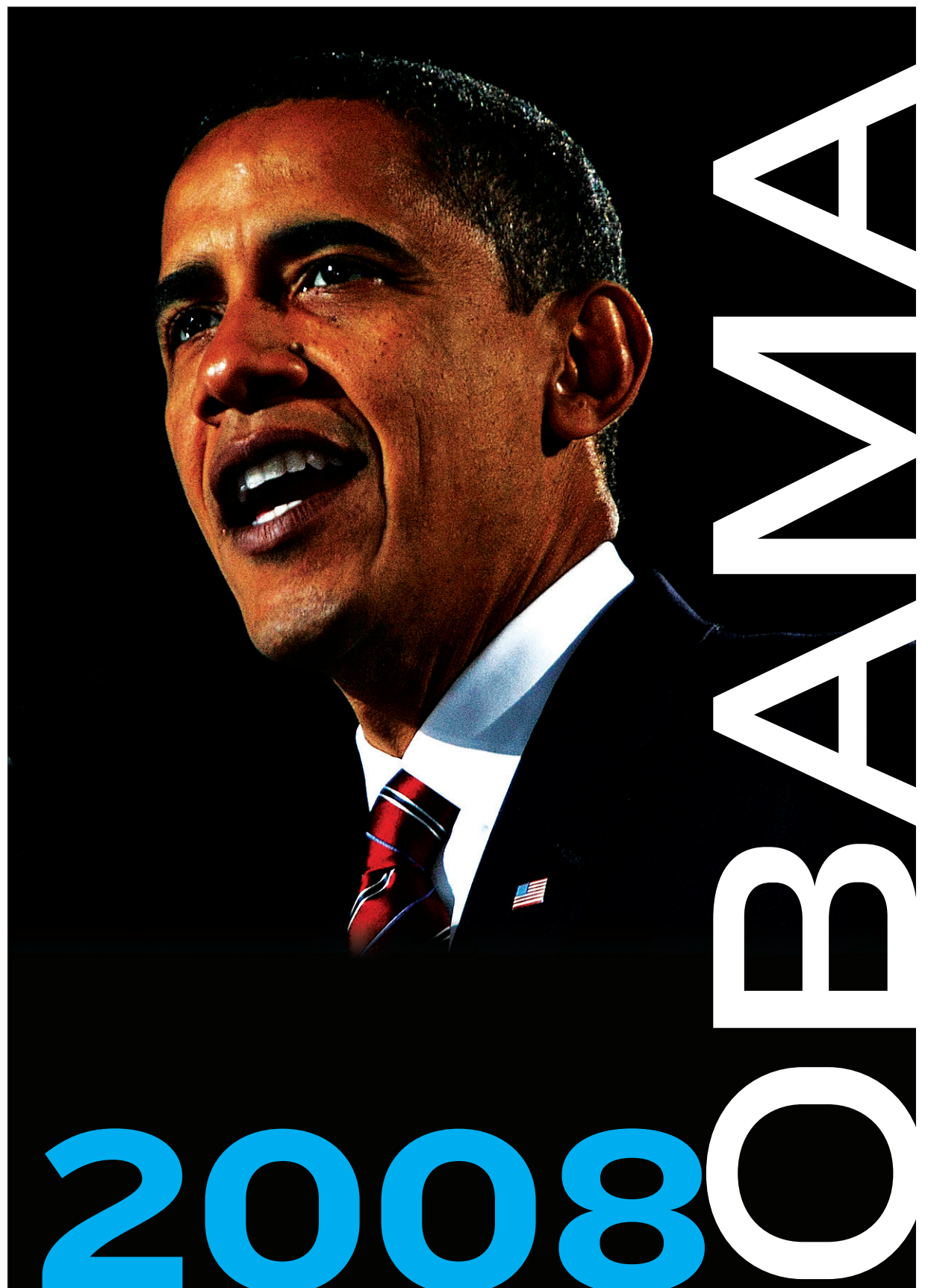
"Three... Two... One..." students counted while watching CNN projections seconds before 11 p.m.

"BREAKING NEWS: BARACK OBAMA ELECTED PRESIDENT," the screen read.

Instantly, the room erupted with screams, as leaping students embraced one another, laughing and crying.

Black and other minority and multiracial students who watched the election results last night celebrated President-elect Barack Obama's (D) historic victory. Many students said they thought they would never see a black man become president and were exceptionally proud for the country that Obama, the nation's first biracial candidate, won

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Barack Obama (D) was elected president last night, winning substantially more electoral votes than Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). Obama made history as the nation's first black president. PHOTO BY JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

State slots referendum passes

Anti-slots advocates vow to continue fight SEE STORY | PAGE 2

By KEVIN ROBILLARD
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BALTIMORE – Ending years of struggle in Annapolis, the state's voters yesterday approved the legalization of slot machines as a way to fund education in the state.

While Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) didn't mention the slots referendum's success at a Democratic Party celebration in Baltimore last night, earlier in the day he said slots were badly needed to help fix the state's big budget deficits.



Balloons drop on President-elect Barack Obama (D) supporters at the Maryland Democratic Party's victory celebration in Baltimore. ADAM FRIED/THE DIAMONDBACK

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Registration errors disrupt voting

Turnout doubles at Stamp, Ritchie compared with primaries

By ALLISON STICE
Staff writer

Lines to vote at the Stamp Student Union averaged about an hour throughout the day yesterday, and most voters breezed through Ritchie Coliseum in minutes.

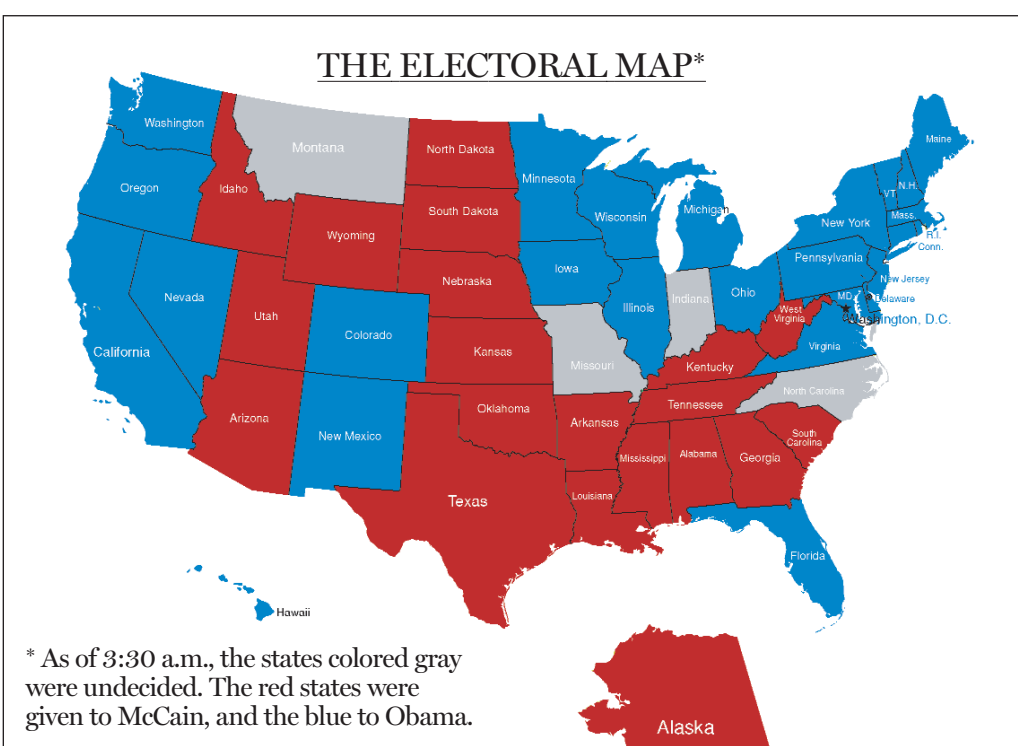
But for some, waiting at all

was in vain: Their names or address changes never showed up on voter lists, forcing them to vote provisionally or not at all.

Prince George's County was unable to process all the voter registration forms it received before the state's deadline because of the sheer volume of registrations, said election

board spokeswoman Deneen Banks. Although the board spent the next two days filing the rest of the applications that missed the cut-off, students reported widespread problems with missing voter information, which many had filed through university

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER:



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