

President Clinton, local political figures speak at Obama rally in Harrisburg

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Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick's words were a reminder drumming through Harrisburg's John Harris High School gym.

"It's time for action," he said.

The job is not done till Barack Obama is president of the United States.

He added, "polls don't vote, people do."

Hartwick was one of the many public figures to speak at an Obama rally on Wednesday, Oct. 29, featuring keynote speaker President Bill Clinton.

Students of Penn State Harrisburg met outside the Capital Union Building to abscond on a bus expedition to John Harris High. The journey took the group through scores of row houses in the Harrisburg suburbs. These were the homes of the lower middle class, and they all had Obama ornaments in their yard.

The bus arrived at the event at 11 a.m. to a crowd of patrons waiting to get inside. The group was able to get right due to VIP access. Once inside the crowd was packed like sardines, the Harrisburg High School band

kept the crowd entertained with school spirit.

About two hours later the first speaker appeared on stage. Linda Thompson, president of Harrisburg city council, ignited the room.

She introduced the crowded gymnasium to "Bill the Bus Driver," the answer to mass media sensation "Joe the Plumber." Bill narrowly escaped the poor house when he left his former company, Priority Transit for Capitol Transit just months before it went belly up.

The next speaker was Harrisburg Mayor Steven Reed who very discreetly stated that President Clinton had just landed at Harrisburg International Airport.

Reverend Gaylord Thompson led the gathering in prayer, and then came Hartwick before, finally, President Clinton emerged with Congressman Tim Holden. Holden introduced President Clinton as the greatest president in his lifetime.

The crowd was electrified as the former president began to speak. Clinton spoke enthusiastically about Barack Obama and left no doubts as to whom he is endorsing for president. Clinton said the next president is being hired to perform two main jobs,



Photo courtesy of LORI RICARD

President Bill Clinton was the keynote speaker at John Harris High School.

to restore our economy and re-establish the United States' standing in the world.

President Clinton spoke flat out about the policies, "Barack Obama's policies are better."

He spoke about Obama's education policy, which will ensure that every person in the United States will have the means to attend college if they are willing to do either

community or military service.

According to Clinton, Obama understands the philosophy that America works from the bottom up. He pointed out the two decisions that the presidential candidates have already made. First, picking a vice president, "he knocked that one out of the park," said Clinton.

Second, he pointed out that both candidates deserve credit

for curving off the financial crisis but there are no doubts that Obama understood the crisis and what needed to be done, better than his opponent.

According to Clinton, Obama understands the philosophy that America works from the bottom up. He even used the words of President George W. Bush: "You are hiring the decider and chief;" choose wisely.

IAA hosts Middle East panel discussion

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On Monday, Oct. 27, the International Affairs Association (IAA) of Penn State Harrisburg held a Middle East panel discussion in the Gallery Lounge. Four international military officers, who are currently attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., spoke about issues confronting their nation and the Middle Eastern region.

All of the officers who were in attendance were from countries in the Middle East. The officers who participated included: Colonel Tareq Mubarak from Bahrain, Brigadier General Anwar Ayasah from Jordan, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Abdullah from Kuwait and Colonel Naif Al Taimni from Saudi Arabia.

The officers spoke about issues

such as terrorism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and cultural differences.

At the end of the panel discussion the audience was allowed to ask questions relevant to what the officers had discussed in their speeches. Many great questions were asked and the officers even stayed after the discussion was over to meet one-on-one with anyone who wanted to converse about any lingering thoughts.

Many Penn State Harrisburg students and faculty showed up to participate in this unique experience with the international officers from the war college.

IAA would like to publically thank the officers from the U.S. Army War College and all those who attending the event.

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Google's Gmail attempts to prevent drunk e-mailing

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Google's Gmail engineers recently launched a new emailing feature to prevent drunk emailing. Gmail engineer Jon Perlow announced the release of his new feature on Monday, Oct. 6.

Mail Goggles, a twist on the term "Beer Goggles," asks five simple math questions to ensure the sender is not intoxicated before sending the email. This optional feature, when enabled, activates by default Friday and Saturday evenings from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Times and days can be changed in Gmail settings,

however, to provide this electronic breathalyzer on Wasted Wednesdays and Thirsty Thursdays as well.

By default, the difficulty of the math questions is set at level one, which provides 60 seconds to answer questions like "89 - 28 = ?" and "47 + 13 = ?" For the math whiz, level five asks harder questions like "44 / 4 = ?" and "814 - 192 = ?" which also must be solved in 60 seconds.

Perlow created Mail Goggles to prevent users from sending messages they later regret, he said. "Sometimes I send messages I shouldn't send. Like...the time I sent that late night email to my ex-girlfriend that we should get back together," he said in his Gmail blog.

"Awesome," said Nory Torivo, a PSH senior, when she heard about Mail Goggles. Torivo said she often receives drunk emails that make her mad.

Desiree Cummings, Matthias Cory and Hurley Jacques, all seniors at PSH, said they wouldn't add it to their email accounts.

"I mean everything I say," Jacques said when questioned if he ever sent a drunk email he later regretted.

So for those drink away their bad grades and then regretfully email their professors, Google may have just solved your problem.

Will "Text Goggles" be next?