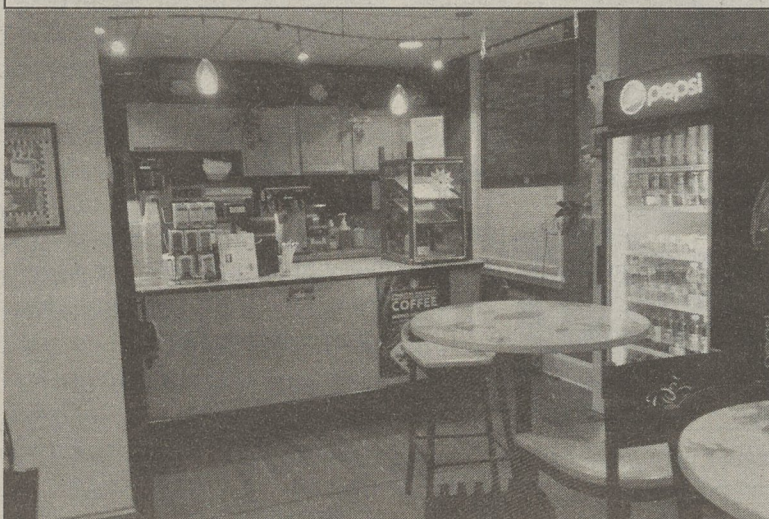


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A view of the inside of Café Java, which closed its doors on January 11th for the remainder of the Spring semester.

Café Java Closes for Semester

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Due to budget cuts at Penn State Mont Alto, the campus coffee shop, Café Java, has been shut down for the rest of the spring semester. Traffic at the café was down, and it was simply not generating enough revenue to sustain its costs. Many students and faculty were disappointed to hear that Café Java was closing down because the campus did not have the funding to keep it open.

Due to the closing, the students that held positions at Café Java were forced to either find jobs elsewhere or go back to working full time at the Mill. In an interview for the Fourth Wall, Housing Direc-

tor Elizabeth Kearns stated that students will have the opportunity to pick up hours at the Mill. The number of staff in the Mill is based on the number of overall students at Mont Alto, and the Housing and Food program bases their number of students on the number of meal plans purchased. Because there weren't enough students attending the Mont Alto campus, some budget cuts had to be made. "Each person has a meal plan, not as many meal plans means not as many students on campus so there isn't a need for so much staff," stated Kearns.

All hope is not lost, however, the Housing and Food program is trying to incorporate Café Java products into the

Obama Sworn in for Second Term

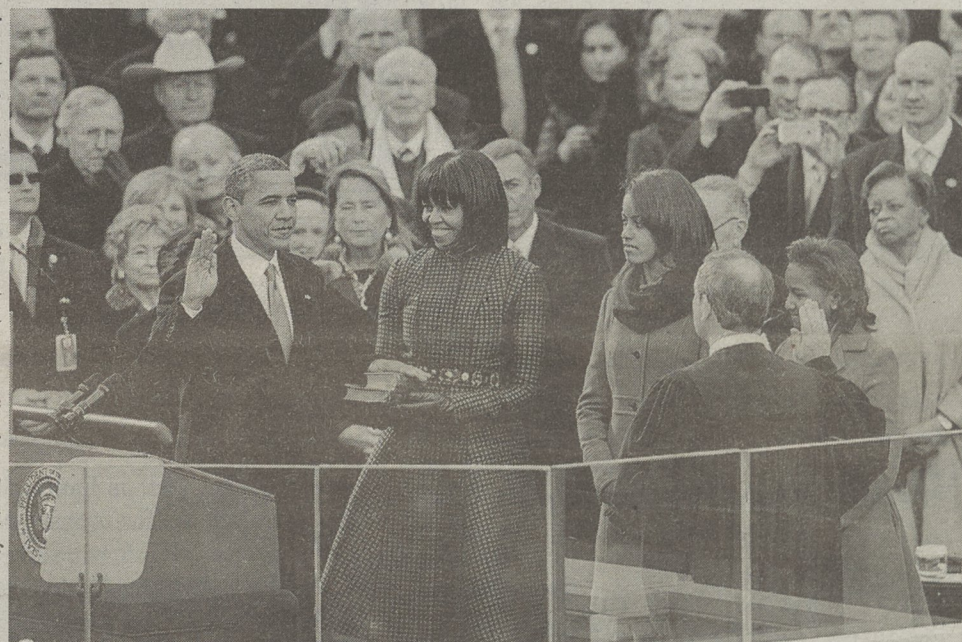
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On January, 21st 2013, the United States witnessed the fifty-seventh Presidential Inauguration, with the swearing in of President Barack Obama for his second term. An estimated 1 million people braved the cold January weather to see the president take the oath of office for his second time. The inaugural parade featured floats and vehicles representing nearly sixty different groups. The president and first lady Michelle Obama left the comfort of their motorcade to walk the last few blocks of the parade to the white house, as is tradition. In President

Obama's inaugural address, he focused on difficult issues faced by Americans and issues that lawmakers need to address and find solutions for over the next four years. During his eighteen-minute speech, President Obama stated "We must make the hard choices to reduce the cost of health care and the size of our deficit. But

we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future". President Obama repeatedly used the phrases "...our people...", "our future", and "...we the people..."

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President Obama takes the Oath of Office for the second time.

mill by serving Starbucks coffee and milkshakes on certain days. Drinks from the espresso machine will not be available at the Mill due to the machine being costly and difficult to move. When more students begin attending Mont Alto's campus the Café will be reopened. Housing is waiting for things to change to reopen the café. Café Java was clearly a perk for many Mont Alto students, and visiting it even became routine to some. Michelle Chobor, a Café Java

regular, had this to say, "I'm sad that I don't have my morning everyday Starbucks to wake me up before my class. I am not looking forward to not being able to have my milkshakes and frappuccinos when the weather gets warmer."

Café Java was a way to get that extra caffeine pick-me up during the day, and just a relaxing place to hang out with friends or do some studying for classes while sipping cof-

fee. It seems very clear that Café Java will undoubtedly be missed and the students of Mont Alto will be discouraged to know that their little place of coffee and comfort will not be returning this semester.

