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## Obama Now In White House

*Mason Students Of All Political Affiliations Comment On Historic Inauguration*

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Students from George Mason University—Republican, Democrat and Independent alike—joined an estimated 1.8 million onlookers lining the National Mall and parade route on Tuesday to celebrate the inauguration of the country's 44th president, Barack Obama.

Many without official tickets from their congressmen came early—some as early as 12 a.m. the previous night—to capture a “good spot” on the Mall.

Those closest to the Capitol crammed the area between the National Gallery of Art West Building and the Air and Space Museum.

Ravi Udeshi, a junior government and international politics major who was in Washington, D.C. for the inauguration, shared his opinion of his troubles.

“I spent five hours on the Metro, three hours walking around and only one hour actually watching the ceremony and speech,” said Udeshi, “But was it worth it? You betcha.”

Other students who stayed in the warmth watched the historic moment on television. Hundreds of Mason students, as well as faculty and staff, filled the Johnson Center Atrium to watch CNN's coverage of the ceremony on a large screen.

While many students who watched the events support President Obama's policies and are happy for the new change in the White House, others are apprehensive of the new President.

Some hope that his message during the campaign follows through and does not stop after his speech.

“I think that even though I didn't vote for Obama that he will take this country to another level,” said senior nursing major Theresa Carbone.

President Obama takes the office with many issues affecting the country, including the failing economy and the war in Iraq.

Carbone, sharing the view of many Mason students and Americans, hopes these problems are alleviated.

“As long as he can help our country get out of this hard economic time, I think he'll have the support of the entire country, no matter how anyone feels about him,” said Carbone.

Other students hope Obama will pay special attention to issues, like foreign policy.

“Well, I think that if he does what he says he will, like cutting taxes and cutting programs, he will be a great president domestically,” said Chris Leotta. “I only worry that he will not be militant enough.”

Some students who watched the Inauguration have simpler hopes for the President and his administration, like



PHOTO BY RANDY JURICK

**President Barack Obama spoke on his economic policy at the Center For the Arts.**



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**Lenny Meai, Arniba Corba, and Marta Zelaya take a break to watch the speech.**

sophomore audio and visual technology student, Ashley Simpson.

“As long as the government doesn't ban my art work or haul me off to jail, I don't care what they do,” said Simpson.



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**Students and faculty filled the Johnson Center Atrium to watch Obama take the oath of office.**



PHOTO BY JAMILEY RODER

**One of the largest crowds ever in Washington, D.C. gathered to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama.**

## Vaughan Injured

*Senior To Miss At Least One Week*

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With a little over two minutes left in regulation and George Mason University down by three points, Vaughan suffered an accidental blow to the forehead from Northeastern University forward Eugene Spates. Play was stopped after senior forward Darryl Monroe was called for a foul as players battled for the rebound. Before Northeastern center Nkem Ojougboh shot his second free throw, Vaughan collapsed on the court.

The delay lasted more than 15 minutes as Vaughan was taken out in a stretcher to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for evaluation. Northeastern team doctor Dr. Glen Ross said Vaughan was semi-conscious when he left the arena.

Mason's Sports Information Director Richard Coco said tests showed that Vaughan had a concussion, but the CT scan was clear. Vaughan was released later that night and on Thursday visited a Fairfax hospital for reevaluation.

According to a Mason Intercollegiate Athletics media release, team physician Dr. Frank Petrone said that Vaughan was alert, comfortable, well-oriented, and very responsive.

“John will follow a regular progression of rehabilitation over the next five to seven days,” Petrone stated. “He'll be evaluated daily by the training staff and every two to three days by the medical staff.”

Prior to the injury, Vaughan led Mason with 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including five three-pointers. That raises his scoring average to 11.6 points per game and is one point shy of the team leading scorer, sophomore Cam Long.

Vaughan also leads the team in long-distance shooting with 33 three-pointers this season. Vaughan, the team's



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**Senior John Vaughan suffered a concussion in Mason's game against Northeastern, where Mason lost 58-57.**

defensive specialist, ranks second on the team in blocks and steals.

The top defense in the Colonial Athletic Association will be without Vaughan's services in a rivalry matchup against the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams. Vaughan will be missing his first game since Feb. 20, 2007.

Since the team expects to be without Vaughan for at least one week, head coach Jim Larranaga will look to find the replacement in the starting lineup. Mason struggled to contain Northeastern guard Matt Janning in their 58-57 loss, but the team faced a

greater challenge when they met the CAA leading scorer Eric Maynor in Richmond. Vaughan's defensive assignment would usually be to go up against the opponent's most dangerous offensive back-court player.

With Vaughan absent from the clash of two titans, Maynor scored 28 points on 9-of-17 shooting. Without their star defensive player in Vaughan, Mason allowed their opponents to score more than 70 points for only the third time this season.

For a player who has gone through adversity throughout his career, Vaughan will be asked to fight through it one more time.

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