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OBAMA



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Democrat Barack Obama defeats McCain securing presidency

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"It's been a long time coming," the president-elect said, "but tonight, because of what we did on this date, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America."

With 338 electoral votes and 52 percent of the popular vote at press time, Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States of America and the first African-American president

in U.S. history.

Polls leading up to the election suggested that Obama had a slight lead over John McCain. The lead was reflected at the beginning of the actual election results, but the numbers eventually began leaning more and more heavily towards Obama. The turning point came when Obama took Ohio, one of the most crucial battleground states. Prior to Tuesday night, no Republican had ever won the presidency without winning Ohio and that

trend continued with the senator from Arizona.

"We have come to the end of a long journey," began a prepared, but visibly emotional McCain in his concession speech. "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly. This campaign was and will remain the great honor of my life."

In his speech from Phoenix, Ariz. McCain praised Obama's campaign and congratulated his opponent on his success, despite

boos from a disappointed crowd. He, with running mate Sarah Palin behind him, went on to state that Americans must now put their political differences aside and rally behind their new president.

"I wish Godspeed to the man who was my former opponent and will be my president," McCain said. "And I call on all Americans, as I have often in this campaign, to not despair of

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Third Eye Blind to play fall concert at JCP

Students may purchase tickets for ten dollars in the UC starting today

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Associated Students have finally announced fall semester's big concert featuring Third Eye Blind. It will be an unforgettable way to spend the last Thursday night before finals, right at the Jenny Craig Pavillion. At the bargain price of \$10 for students, this Dec. 11 show is guaranteed

to be worth every penny. Starting Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m. tickets will be available at the UC Box Office. USD faculty and staff will be able to get tickets for \$20 and the general public for \$25.

Hailing from San Francisco, Third Eye Blind is one of America's premier rock groups. They released their first self-titled

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