

Debate '08 Collection

Hofstra University
Special Collections Department, University Archives



On November 19, 2007, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced that it had chosen Hofstra University for the site of the final 2008 presidential debate, to be held on October 15, 2008.



This announcement set in motion a remarkable yearlong mobilization of people and resources, the results of which provided Hofstra University students with a large variety of extraordinary learning experiences.



Many of the materials generated as a result of the tremendous efforts of the Hofstra community and its supporters, including items concerning the University's Educate '08 initiative, are housed in the Hofstra University Special Collections Department's Debate '08 Collection.

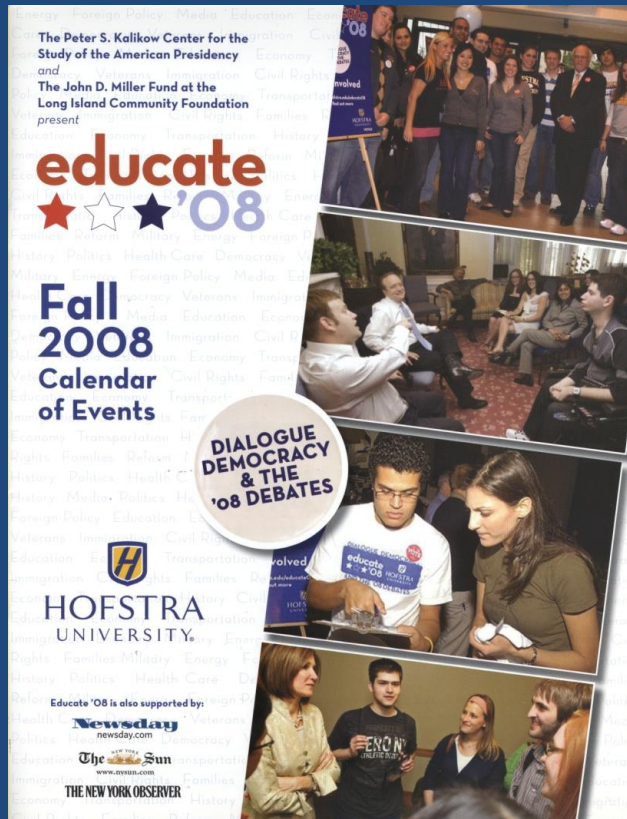


The Debate '08 Collection includes
brochures, flyers, posters,
DVDs, print material,
ephemera and memorabilia.



These materials help to document this remarkable year in the life of Hofstra University. The following are images of just some of the items in the collection.





Tuesday, September 23
3-5 p.m.

Diversity, Dialogue and Desserts Series:
Are You Broke Yet? The Wealth Gap in America

Please join Hofstra faculty, staff, and students for a provocative campus conversation on the current state of our economy and the ever-expanding wealth gap in the United States. Desserts will be served.

Location: 142 Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs

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Fall Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 24
11:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Access and Legacy: The Role of Presidential Libraries

Dr. Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Location: 246 East Library Wing (BDC), Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, Second Floor, South Campus

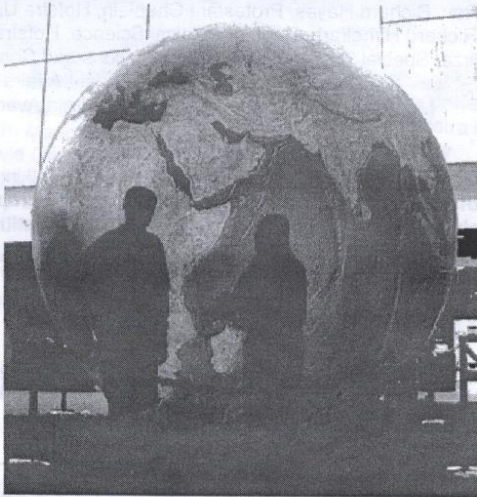
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Educate '08 calendar of events

Hofstra University's Center for Civic Engagement presents

Day of Dialogue VI Facing the Future TOGETHER

Wednesday, September 24, 2008



An All-Day Multi-Event Discussion
of the Issues that Face Our World



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UNIVERSITY

CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
PRESENTS

DEMOCRACY *in* PERFORMANCE



One Day
Thirteen Events
All Celebrating America's Unique History

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008
SOUTH CAMPUS, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Center for Civic Engagement event flyers

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New Opportunities at Hofstra (NOAH, The Arthur O. Eve
Higher Education Opportunity Program), Hofstra University
Cultural Center, The Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of
the American Presidency, The John D. Miller Fund at the
Long Island Community Foundation,
and Sondra and David S. Mack
present

Gloria Steinem

Gender and Race in Politics

Gloria Steinem's name is synonymous with the
advancement of women's social equality in America and
throughout the world. Her contributions include being a
member of the Beyond Racism Initiative, convening the
historic 1971 Women's Political Caucus, founding the
Coalition of Labor Union Women, serving as president of
Voters for Choice, and establishing the Ms. Foundation
for Women.



Monday, October 13, at 3 p.m.
John Cranford Adams Playhouse, South Campus

All attendees must register in advance at hofstra.edu/educate08.

Educate '08 is also supported by:

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newsday.com

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Educate '08 event flyer

The Hofstra Cultural Center and the Hofstra University Museum

present

ON THE RECORD:

A Hofstra Presidential Conference Retrospective

Thursday, September 18, 2008



Presented by the Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency
and the John D. Miller Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation.



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Educate '08 event invitation

Project ✓ote Smart



see what they
really
look like

Votesmart.org

1-888-Vote Smart



Voter's Self-Defense System

We **expose**
the candidates

voting records

issue positions

biographies

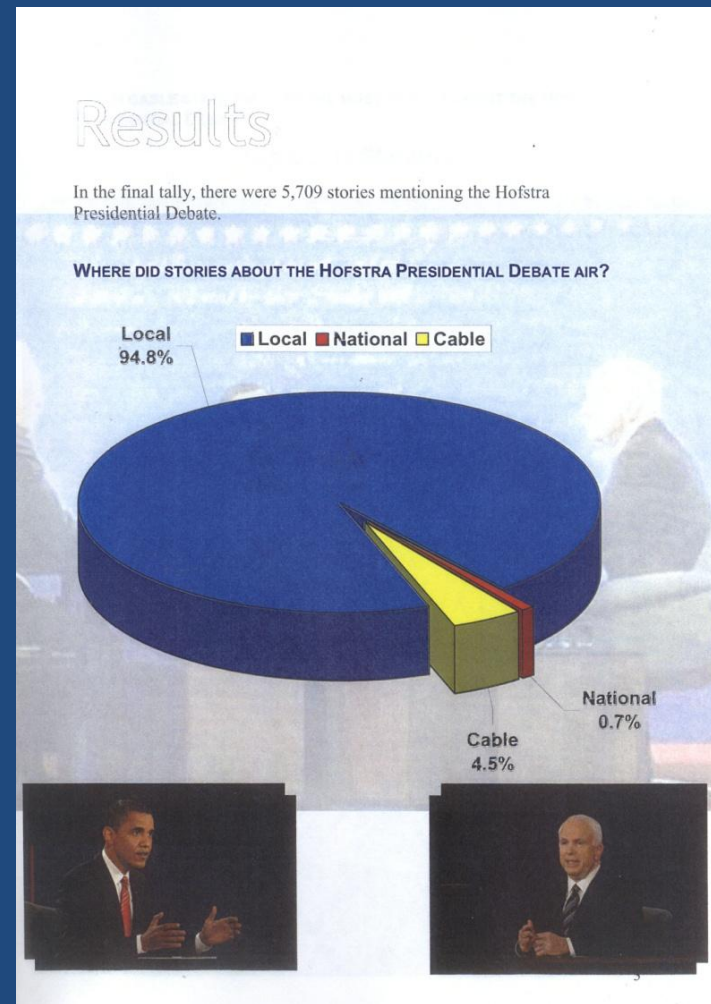
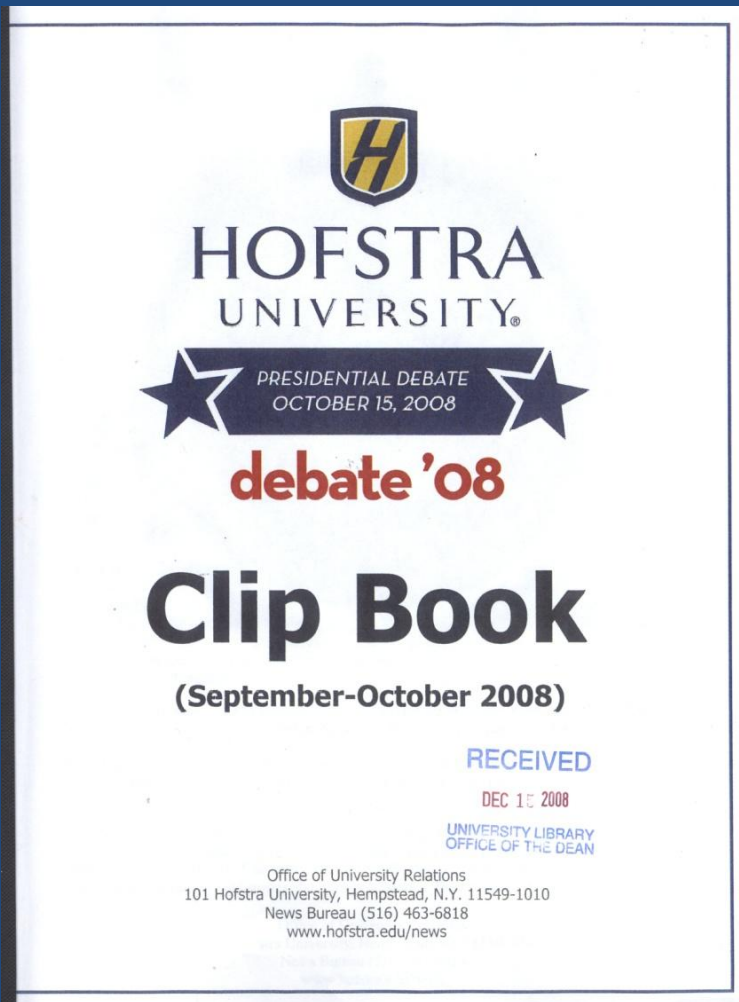
ratings

public statements

campaign finances



Project Vote Smart card



Debate '08 Clip Book



Assorted print material

debate '08



PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE
OCTOBER 15, 2008
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Stuart Rabinowitz
President of Hofstra University

and

John D. Miller '79
Chair, Hofstra University Board of Trustees

cordially invite you to attend the

Presidential Debate Viewing Party
via simulcast

Wednesday, October 15, 2008
8 p.m.

Hofstra University Club
David S. Mack Hall, North Campus

including pre- and post-debate activities

Refreshments will be served.

Please respond by October 6, 2008. • Phone: (516) 463-5284

Business Attire

All attendees must reserve in advance.
Parking will be located on South Campus with transportation provided
to the University Club. Additional transportation information to follow.

PRESIDENT STUART RABINOWITZ
PROVOST HERMAN A. BERLINER
and the
HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

cordially invite you to attend a

DINNER

in honor of the

**PRESIDENTIAL
CONFERENCE DIRECTORS**

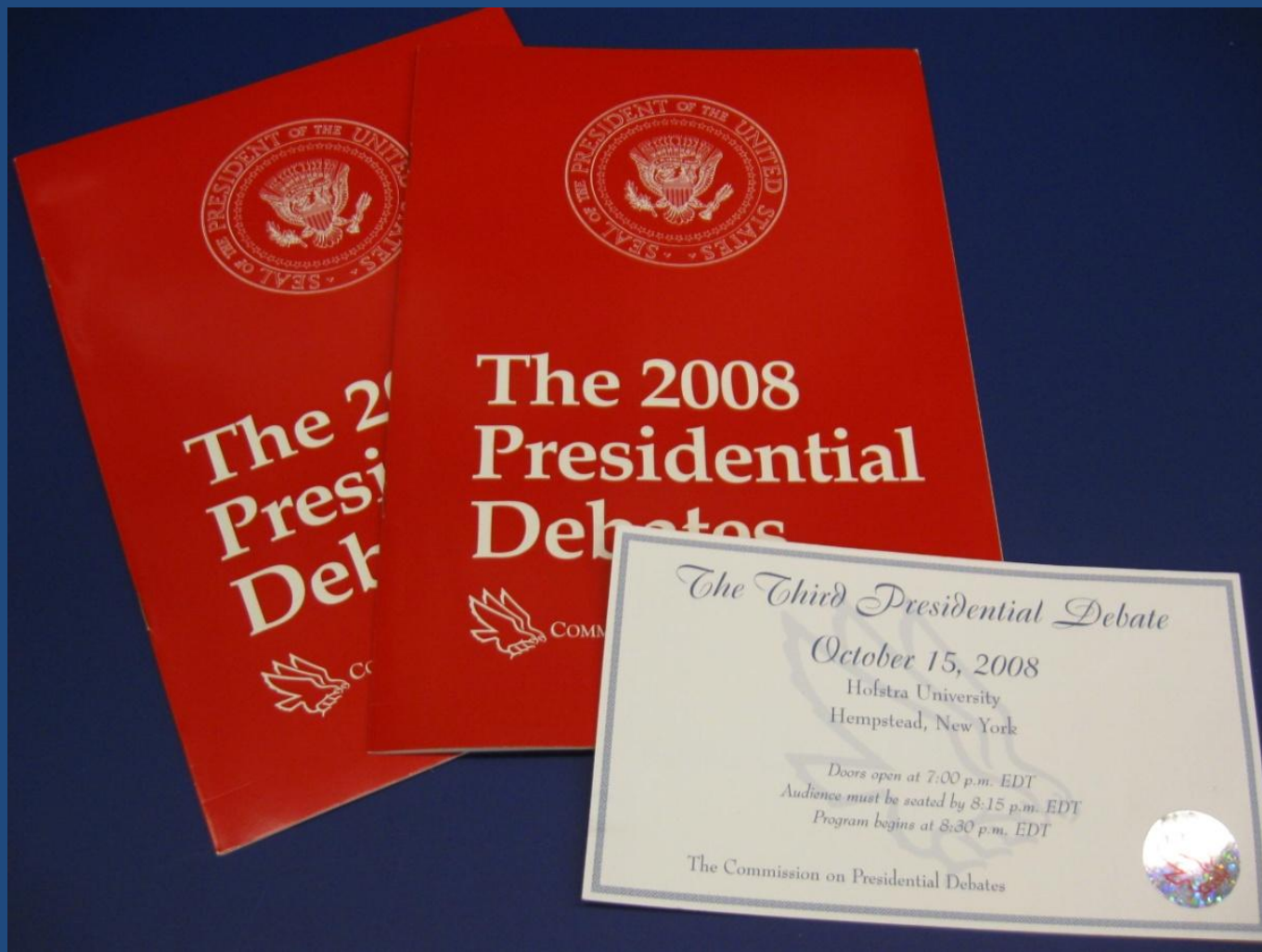
Thursday, September 18, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Hofstra University Club
David S. Mack Hall
North Campus

R.S.V.P. on or before September 15
Hofstra Cultural Center
(516) 463-5669

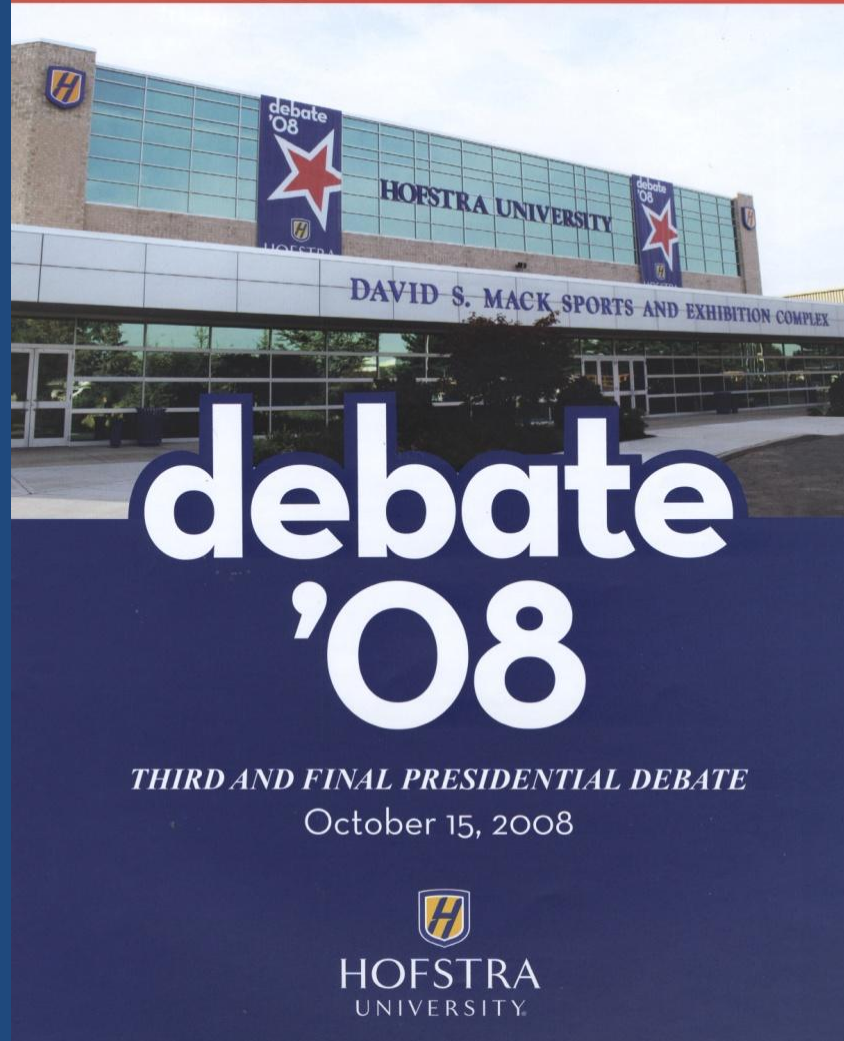
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**Invitations to Presidential Debate Viewing Party
and Presidential Conference Directors Dinner**



Information booklets and a debate ticket

COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES



Official Debate '08 publication

Sign from Special Collections Department's debate exhibition



Obama-Biden campaign sign



McCain-Palin campaign sign

A portrait of John McCain, an older man with a balding head, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is a blurred green field.

John McCain has a remarkable record of leadership and experience that embodies his unwavering commitment to service.

No Tax Increases

Reform Health Care

Reduce Gas Prices

Improve America's Economy

Fight Islamic Extremism

End Wasteful Spending

Address Climate Change

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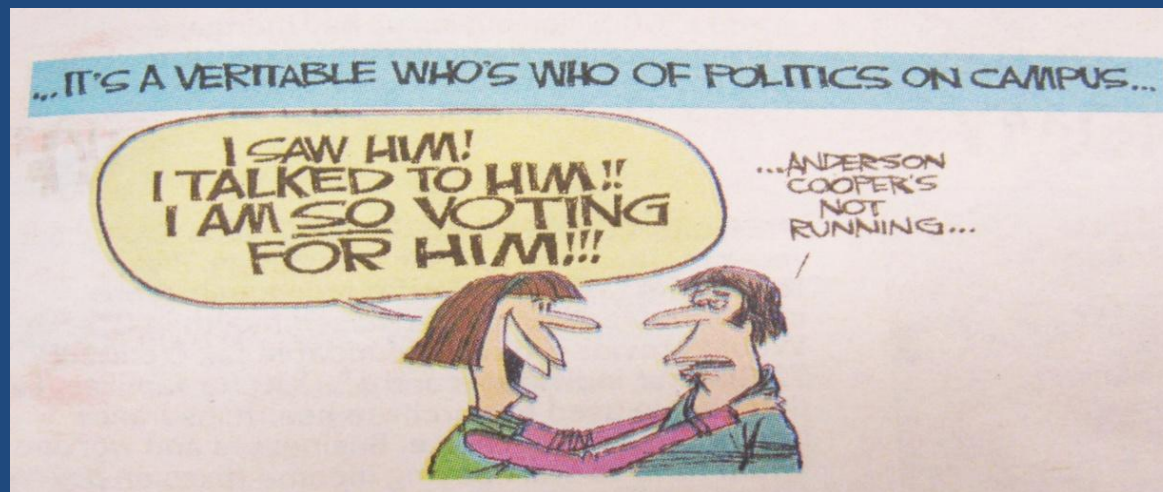
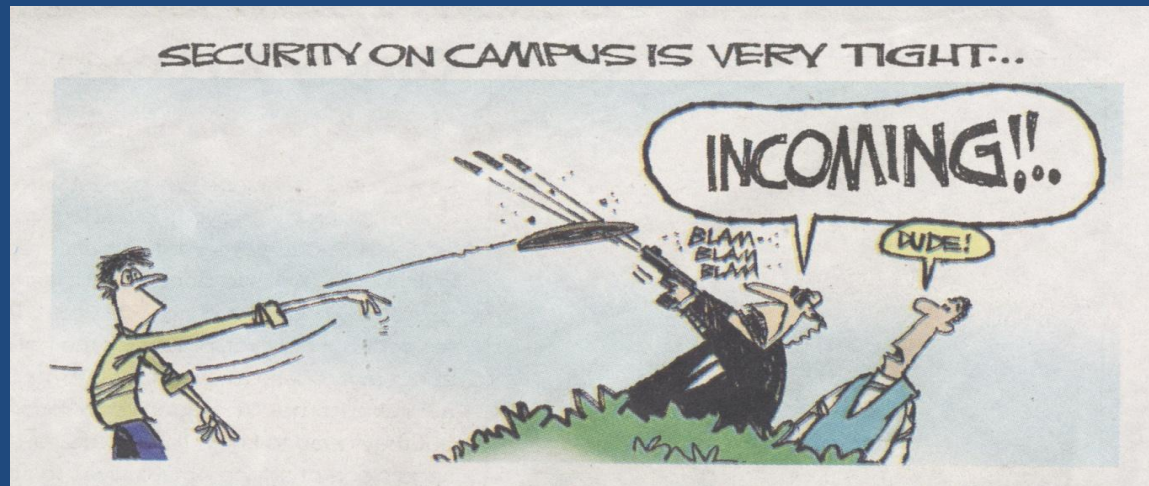
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COUNTRY FIRST

John McCain “Country First” postcard



Issues of *Newsday* featuring coverage of the debate



Walt Handelsman political cartoons, *Newsday*

THE CHRONICLE

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October 16, 2008

No news in debate is good for Obama

By Samuel Rubinfeld

SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Despite the torrent of media outlets at the University for the final presidential debate, little news was made during the debate itself, benefiting Barack Obama, who was already in the lead.

John McCain, whose campaign has been in the same tailspin the stock market has found itself in, needed a big night to regain some momentum. Despite a valiant effort—it was his best performance out of the three debates—he didn't have the night he needed.

The candidates sat at a round-table for 90 minutes, where they traded direct blows for the

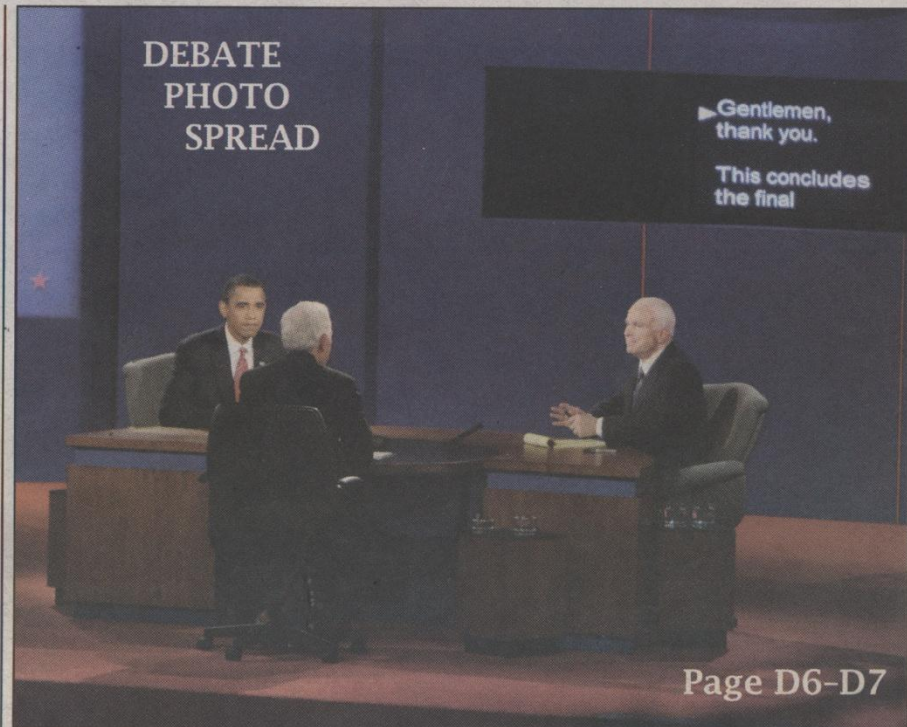
Ohio named Joe.

Early in the debate, Schieffer offered McCain the opportunity to ask Obama a question, which McCain declined. "I would like to mention that a couple days ago Senator Obama was out in Ohio and he had an encounter with a guy who's a plumber, his name is Joe Wurzelbacher," McCain said. Wurzelbacher was mentioned by his first name or as "Joe the plumber" about 25 times by the candidates, taking

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what was initially an interesting human side to a substantive issue, and making it into a joke. With every mention, the laughs in the media room would get louder.

The parody became a running



Rondolf Moreno/The Chronicle

Hofstra *CHRONICLE*
featuring coverage of the debate



Glasses and mugs
(including specially-ordered Schott Zwiesel
glasses used by the candidates on stage)



Hofstra University 50th anniversary commemorative gold coins, one of which was tossed to determine the first presidential candidate questioned



Windbreaker, t-shirt and a chef's jacket



Parking permit and lanyard



Assorted buttons and pins



DVDs: TV packages and Debate '08 Clip Reel

We Got It!



"I am absolutely delighted that the Commission has chosen to return to Hofstra University for one of America's most important political events. ... It was an extraordinary experience for our students and faculty in 2008 and allowed our community to witness, firsthand, the democratic process."

— President Stuart Rabinowitz

Coming soon...materials from Debate 2012