

# BROADSIDE

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## VOTING CENTRAL

**Do**

**HAVE** proper (and current) identification with you. As stated by the Virginia State Board of Elections, the following forms of identification are acceptable:

1. A current and valid photo ID (for example, a driver's license)
2. A current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that shows name and address
3. Another government document that shows name and address (for example, a voter card).

**FAMILIARIZE** yourself with the candidates and the issues aside from the presidential race. The poll officers cannot explain the issues to you.

**ALLOW** yourself enough time to vote. Expect a wait time in line.

**Polling Location for Students**  
**Registered at Campus Address:**  
**W.T. Woodson High School**  
**9525 Main Street**  
**Fairfax, VA 22031**

**Polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Get there by using:**  
**Voter Vans, Cue Bus, Carpool**

**MasonVotes.gmu.edu**  
**\*up-to-the moment election information**  
**\*live blogs**  
**\*video**

**Free with Your "I Voted Sticker"**  
**\*Starbucks tall coffee**  
**\*Krispy Kreme doughnut**  
**\*Scoop of Ben & Jerry's ice cream**  
**\*Mason Votes "I Voted '08" button**

**For more information on where to vote visit:**  
<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/PublicMain.aspx>

**Do Not**

**DO NOT** wear or carry any campaign materials with you. **DO NOT** wear shirts or buttons, do not carry signs, etc. Campaign materials are **NOT** allowed within 40 feet of the entrance to the polling locations.

**DO NOT** forget what time the polls close. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. statewide.

**DO NOT** forget about the Mason Votes Vans! Two vans will be shuttling students to Woodson High School. These vans will travel in a continuous loop from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. They will pick students up behind Enterprise Hall, in front of the Sandy Creek Parking Deck.



## Sexual Assault Update

### Victim Recants Initial Story

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Broadside Reporter

The female student who filed a police report on Saturday, Oct. 18 claiming she was sexually assaulted by two black males, one with a handgun, near the loading dock of Student Union Building II, recanted her story on Sunday, Oct. 26 in an interview with University Police.

Assistant Chief of Police, Major George Ginovsky, would not comment about any disciplinary action. He said she was referred to the Dean of Students office, and that there was no decision on a criminal charge yet. The Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President of University Life, Pamela Patterson, did not respond before deadline.

Ginovsky had some advice for students who might file a false police report in the future. "Don't do it; it's a serious crime in Virginia," said Ginovsky. He added that students who would file a false police report stand the chance of being criminally prosecuted.

Due to the fact that the victim remains anonymous, Broadside could not reach the victim for comment.

Connie Kirkland, director of Sexual Assault Services, could not comment on this specific case, but did give possible reasons for why victims of sexual assault would recant their initial stories.

"Some people make a report to the police or to the school about the sexual assault that happened to them and then after an investigation begins, sometimes they feel too much pressure to continue because it's difficult to talk about the very specific details of what happens to you during a sexual assault," said Kirkland. "And remember that if a report is made within just a few days after the incident happened, it's still fresh in the person's mind."

Another reason is because "They have talked with their family members who have suggested it's not the right thing to do, so they just say it didn't happen to get out of it," said Kirkland.

"Sometimes it's just the person, herself or himself, feels that it's not going to end where they want it to," said Kirkland. "They know that the chances of getting an arrest or getting a conviction at a trial are very difficult and so they just choose to get out of the system all together. And sometimes instead of saying 'I don't want to go any further,' they say it didn't happen."

Kirkland also stated that sometimes people do lie about being sexually assaulted.

"I just wanted to make it clear that it's not always a lie when somebody says it didn't happen," said Kirkland. "Sometimes that feels like that's the easiest way to get out of the criminal justice system."

## Hillary Clinton Comes to Mason

### Campaigns for Barack Obama Two Days Before Election



Hillary Clinton spoke to a crowd of students in North Plaza, telling people to support Barack Obama, and to vote on Nov. 4.

**SONYA HUDSON**  
News Editor

Senator Hillary Clinton, D-NY, was in North Plaza Sunday evening, two days before Election Day, campaigning for Barack Obama.

President of George Mason University's Students for Barack Obama Greg Thompson introduced Senator Clinton. "She is truly an example of what change can happen when you have a strong and intelligent leader," said Thompson. Clinton, prepared to encourage Virginia to vote for Barack Obama on November 4, entered the stage to U2's song "Beautiful Day" and a roaring crowd.

"Are you ready to elect Barack Obama for president? Well so am I," said Clinton.

"Virginia, there is a chance for you to be on the winning side in this election," said Clinton. "After eight long years, we are

just two days from the finish line, and now is the time to close the deal for Barack Obama."

Clinton noted that President George Bush and Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., share the same Republican philosophy, deterring voters from McCain.

"George Bush has practiced what John McCain has preached," said Clinton.

Clinton promised help for Americans if Obama becomes president.

"We can help Americans losing their homes, by making sure that the Republicans lose the White House," said Clinton.

Clinton encouraged the crowd to vote, promising that individuals' votes can make a difference and Virginia, as a state, can make a difference.

Clinton told the audience to remind those people voting for the Republican ticket, "Fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me"

Clinton reminded Obama supporters, "It took a Democratic president to clean up the last President Bush and it will take a Democratic president to clean up after this President Bush."

Clinton encouraged all of those voters who supported her to vote for Obama.

Beckman Matthews was one of the students on stage behind Senator Clinton. "I was a Hillary Clinton supporter, but now I'm with the Clintons for Obama," said Matthews, a sophomore majoring in art history. Though Matthews loved Clinton's speech, he is proud to have already voted.

"Barack Obama must be our next president and Joe Biden must be our next vice president," said Clinton. "No Way, No How, No McCain, No Palin."

"[Clinton's speech] was motivating," said freshman Charles Bailey, a music



A person holds up a sign during the rally for Barack Obama.

performance major. "I don't think it will change anybody's vote, but it makes people want to go to the polls to vote."

"I thought it was a solid speech. It's cool that she came to Mason," said senior Joe Hinrichs, a public administration major.

Bailey agreed, "It was cool to see her in person."



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