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## Theatre III stages “The Man Who Came to Dinner”

Theatre III Ensemble presents George S. Kaufman’s and Moss Hart’s comedy “The Man Who Came to Dinner.”

By Ariana Chow  
STAFF WRITER

Exploring the redemption of an obnoxious radio personality through unremitting satire and a sharp irony, Theatre III Ensemble is performing “The Man Who Came to Dinner” at the Thomas Moore Auditorium Nov. 3, 4, 9 and 10.

Brimming with wit and sarcasm, this play follows a famous radio host, Sheridan Whiteside, as he learns to appreciate his friends and associates. The play, which is set in the 1930s, opens with Whiteside’s visit to the home of the Stanley family, where he ends up unexpectedly confined for a month. Whiteside’s boisterous, unpleasant manner alienates himself from his companions and ultimately hurts people he cares for in the process. Through his interactions with other characters, the protagonist eventually matures and realizes the error of his ways, revealing an underlying ode to sensitivity and equality.

At first, the exaggerated contrast and irony of the character interactions may obscure a hidden theme of compassion, but there is more to this story than mere entertainment. The play stresses Whiteside’s journey to selflessness in the face of his own loss, senior Riley Melgoza said. In spite of Whiteside’s unpleasant behavior, Melgoza, who plays Whiteside, emphasizes that his character’s maturation throughout the play is inspiring.

“Whiteside and I are quite opposites, but I think deep in everyone’s hearts, they want what is best for themselves,” Melgoza said. “[This idea] is exaggerated through Whiteside. In the end, he makes the right choice, a choice for someone other than himself, and [that] really completes his transformation.”

According to drama teacher Joe Hufferd, this play was chosen based on the personalities of current students in the Theatre III Ensemble. Just as Melgoza finds an unlikely connection with Whiteside, the play was cast in the hopes of matching all of the students with characters with whom



LAUREN KIM

**DINNER DRAMA:** Seniors Riley Melgoza, Madison Broussard, Mateo Ortiz, Cameron Hueth, David Walker, junior Emily Tapia and sophomores Margaret Dean, Kylie Powers participate in a dress rehearsal for their upcoming performances.

they can relate.

“Every year I start by looking at the students I have,” Hufferd said. “I [assess] what their skill set encompasses, and then I try to fit a play to that group of students. It is a challenge, but it makes the shows fit the group [of students], and it makes casting easier too because I know there are parts that fit the kind of style that each of the students brings to the stage.”

“The Man Who Came to Dinner” allows Warriors to experience a reprieve from the constant

“Overall, [the play] says a lot about how people are not exactly what we expect them to be and how people can change.”

Brenda Tan  
senior

stress of schoolwork and lighten lagging spirits through comedic relief, said senior Brenda Tan.

“I think this is a great play,” Tan said. “It is really funny, and it manages to be comedic and [serious] at the same time. Sometimes directors try to [accomplish this], [but it] takes away from the authenticity of the show. But I feel like [the playwrights] did a good job balancing everything. Overall, it says a lot about how people are not exactly what we expect them to be and how people can change.”

Warrior Theatre III Ensemble presents...



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**FANTASTIC FOUR-UM:** Candidates Joanne Fawley, Faith Sarupa Mukherjee and Barbara Kilponen listen on as incumbent Andy Montoya fields a question from the forum audience.

# Board of Trustees election candidates answer pressing questions in public forum

The campaigners addressed topics ranging from classroom technology to academics.

By Patrick Cai and Caroline Zhu  
STAFF WRITERS

Campaigning for vacant seats, four candidates for the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) Board of Trustees responded to questions from the public in a forum Oct. 18.

The FJUHSD Board of Trustees are part of a panel that selects a Superintendent of Schools to administer and set policies within the district. Currently, two out of five board seats are available.

At the FJUHSD Candidates Forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters in North Orange County, members of the community had the opportunity to pose questions to the candidates about their campaign goals. In response, candidates spoke on their proposals for policies covering district-wide issues ranging from technology use in classrooms to standardized test performance. Candidates also addressed the effects of change in the education system on the community as a whole and offered solutions to problems FJUHSD schools face, such as lagging academic performance.

Under the California Voting Rights Act

(CVRA), the FJUHSD has been divided into five voting districts, each of which corresponds to a seat on the Board of Trustees. The CVRA ensures that the votes of ethnic minority groups are not diluted in at-large elections, allowing Trustees to accurately represent the high concentration of ethnic minority voters in specific areas of the district.

Candidates Barbara Kilponen and Joanne Fawley are running for the seat in Trustee Area Two, the geographical voting area encompassing northeast and central Fullerton, and candidates Andy Montoya and Faith Mukherjee are running for the seat in Trustee Area Three, which includes north Buena Park and south Fullerton.

This forum is a crucial step in the local political process, and raises community awareness on local issues, according to League of Women Voters President Jan Wagner.

“We pay so much attention to the elections for President and Congress, [but] we should be paying a lot more attention to our city council and our school districts’ elections,” Wagner said. “The people willing to hold these jobs are doing [the local area] a large service, getting very little in return.”

General elections for the FJUHSD Board of Trustees open Nov. 8.



New candidate Joanne Fawley is an advocate for a community that emphasizes greater communication between the administrative boards and their respective constituents. Through increased communication, the district will be able to address issues, like the 2015-16 teacher union debacle concerning the budget deficit and teacher salaries, and also provide students more opportunities, such as dual immersion programs.

Continuing her career in public service, Barbara Kilponen, the incumbent in her sector, is running for re-election. During the forum, Kilponen called for greater awareness of district projects, including the construction of FJUHSD campuses, which is funded by taxpayer money. In the future, Kilponen hopes to include the community in more administrative decisions and maintain a positive learning environment for students.



A mathematics teacher at Ladera Vista Junior High School for over 16 years and an incumbent member of the FJUHSD Board of Trustees, Andy Montoya is a proponent of greater technological integration in the classroom. In the past, Montoya has supported the installation of Wi-Fi on all FJUHSD campuses to provide every student equal Internet access. If re-elected, he plans to incorporate technology such as Chromebooks into district-wide curricula.

Faith Sarupa Mukherjee, a newcomer to the FJUHSD Board of Trustees political process, argues for implementing classes that allow students to not only excel academically, but also develop life skills such as gardening and proper food preparation. These efforts to broaden the scope of educational curriculum would benefit not only the students involved, but also the quality of life in the surrounding community.



# Library renovation project commences

Print resources are currently being removed from shelves as the Warrior library prepares for a revamping.

By David Hou  
STAFF WRITER

To enhance student amenities, Troy administration has launched a renovation to transform the library into a more welcoming facility.

The project involves several distinct stages: expanding library hours before and after school to increase student access, reorganizing library layout and conducting groundbreaking construction to expand the library. Funds raised by the #thetroydifference campaign will support both the first and second phase, which will also include the installation of new lounge furniture and reorganization of book collections. This final phase of the project, however, still lacks appropriate funding.

Through the library upgrades, the administration aims to provide students with a more casual space to relax in and study.

According to Assistant Principal of Instructional Operations Sonje Berg, the ultimate goal of the renovations is to transform the existing facility into a learning commons similar to a student union.

“It will still be a library, but the [configuration] and the feel [of the space will be] different,” Berg said. “It will be a much more inviting and collaborative place than a traditional library. [We] envision that place into somewhere students really want to be.”

According to Berg, by reorganizing the library into a more flexible space, the renovations will also allow teachers to better utilize the library and adapt the library to their individual needs.

“[The library will be able to] be reconfigured for students to use during the day [or for] teachers to use for referencing and research projects,” Berg said. “We want [the

library] to be able to be open or sectioned off when classes are using it. Then, when classes aren’t in the [library], students [will] be able to utilize the comfortable tables and chairs and sit by themselves and read or work in study groups.”

The plan for library improvements began last year when Warrior administration began consulting community stakeholders

such as parents and students; administration discussed potential campus improvements with students in Business and Marketing classes. Surveyed students and parents strongly supported library renovations.

According to junior Simren Arya, the improvements to the library will make the facility more conducive to learning.

“Spending a lot of long hours at Troy [currently] requires hunting for a space to go, especially if you have something going

on after school,” Arya said. “[It’s] exciting hearing the library will not only have longer hours but [will] also be renovated.”

The initial phase of the project is already underway, as the library is currently testing extended student hours before and after school to gauge Warrior interest. Warrior administration will begin installing new furniture later this fall or during the spring semester in the library and other indoor areas of the campus such as the corridors of the 500 building.

However, a timeline for the final phase of the project, which will likely be most expensive due to the likelihood of heavy construction, is still uncertain due to the lack of funding. According to Berg, to help close the gap in funding, parents from both the Troy Support Organization and the Parent Teacher and Student Association are working to secure grants and funds from community stakeholders and businesses.

“Eventual construction, such as the addition of new rooms or [outside] shade structures, will be more expensive,” Berg said. “[We hope] local parents and businesses [will] support [us].”

“It will be a much more inviting and collaborative place than a traditional library.”

Sonje Berg  
Assistant Principal



# Statue of Trojan warrior replaces marquee



ASHLEY BRANSON

**WELCOMING WARRIOR:** Watching over the campus quad, the new statue of a warrior contributes to the school’s spirited atmosphere.

This warrior marks the first of a series of campus improvements intended to enrich student life.

By Michael Kao  
STAFF WRITER

Embodying school pride and spirit, a statue of a warrior now stands next to the campus quad after district maintenance completed its placement during the weekend of Oct. 15.

Warrior administration added a statue on campus at the beginning of the school year in order to replace an aging marquee. Funded by donations from the class of 2016, facilities management purchased a Greco-Roman figure of a warrior in traditional Trojan attire. Construction workers removed the marquee and began placing the statue during school hours Oct. 14.

According to Principal William Mynster, the idea of adding a statue to the campus was conceived last year amid discussions between administration and members of the class of 2016. Wishing to leave behind a meaningful gift to their school, Warrior alumni cooperated with the staff to plan

the location and orientation of the statue.

“[Administration] knew the marquee was outdated, so we had wasted space near the quad,” Mynster said. “At some point, former Assistant Principal Lance Bletscher, the class of 2016 and I came up with the idea to fill the space [with a statue]. The seniors liked [the idea], so then it was just a matter of finding the right one.”

District employees provided assistance in removing the marquee and placing the statue after it was acquired, campus facilities

tion Sonje Berg, the new statue and future construction projects will put the school’s facilities on par with those of recently built schools nearby.

“This school was built back in the sixties, so the fact that we’re getting modernized and renovated with projects like [the statue] really helps us compete with newer schools around us since we need newer facilities to better serve our students,” Berg said. “A lot of other school campuses have their mascots [prominently displayed], so having a warrior statue

just seemed like it would fit the campus.”

The addition of the statue initiates a new phase of school-wide improvements and is the first of many facility upgrades

intended to enhance student life on campus, Mynster said.

“[The statue] is an artistic interpretation of a Troy warrior, which is partly why it’s there,” Mynster said. “Beyond that, I see [the statue] as the start of something new for the school, something that will lead to our new renovations this year. There’s a ton of [projects] going on that will make this school a better place, and the statue is just the beginning.”

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William Mynster  
Principal

supervisor Rudy Garcia said.

“The construction [project] was simple and quick since we had so much support from district personnel,” Garcia said. “They helped add the pedestal and cement cap to complement the statue and place the statue to [face] the school gate so it’s visible to everybody who [enters] the campus.”

According to Assistant Principal of Instruction and Opera-

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On a seemingly normal Wednesday, the Warrior staff goes through their daily routine in anticipation for their monthly treat: staff bowling night! James Kirkpatrick’s fun idea brought to life, the staff bowling league is a perfect opportunity for the teachers and administration alike to put aside their school work for the night to have a blast and bowl some strikes with close friends.

By Jenny Tran, STAFF WRITER  
Photos by Jeanette De La Torre-Duran, PHOTO



Cheers and shouts erupt as the sound of falling pins echoes through the alley. Shoelaces tight and ball in hand, James Kirkpatrick and the rest of the staff are busy, not grading papers, but throwing strikes on their monthly Wednesday staff bowling night.

Kirkpatrick first raised the idea of bowling as a chance to build a sense of camaraderie among the staff. Away from their heavy workload, our hardworking staff transforms into a spirited group of friends enjoying each other’s company without a single worry in the world. Competing in teams for awards such as Best Bowler or Best Team Record, teachers are dressed in their striking, personalized team uniforms to show their team spirit. But with punny team names such as Livin’

On the Spare and Split Happens, it is clear that the six teams are in it more for the fun than the competition.

“Most of us stink at bowling,” Kirkpatrick chuckled. “It’s more for fun and laughs than anything else.”

An all-staff event, this bowling league provides an opportunity for teachers to unwind and take their minds off the endless stacks of papers on their desks. It seems that teachers are always stuck in their classrooms hard at work, rarely getting a chance to interact with the rest of the staff.

“Everyone is just so busy,” Kirkpatrick said. “Because of that, teachers need an outlet once in a while, so bowling is a chance for us to just sit down, reconnect and knock down the most pins as possible.”

Captain of the Dead Sea Souls, a clever name drawn from the ancient scrolls, Gabrielle Hufferd recalls seeing an uplifting new side to her colleagues. Though it is

a competition, the players getting the fullest experience of the bowling league are not the ones going home with trophies; they are the ones having the most fun.

“It’s been a long time since the staff as a whole has had the chance to go out, let our hair down and just laugh really hard,” Hufferd said. “The best part [of this bowling league] is that we get to make fun of each other.”

When the players are a mix of close friends and new members, the bowling experience turns into an occasion for fooling around, good-natured teasing and lots of laughs. Waiting for her turn on the bench, Hufferd recounts Michael Hinman’s unique posture as she steps up to the lane, preparing to throw the ball right

down the center.

“I think my favorite part [of bowling nights] is Mrs. Hinman’s sumo-wrestler-like squat,” Hufferd said. “She has the most interesting style when she throws the ball. It’s hilarious.”

“Mrs. Hufferd talks a lot of smack, that one,” Hinman jokingly responded. “I just do a pre-bowl squat to prevent myself from falling.”

Students may think Troy teachers are fun in the classroom, but that is downright tame compared to the bowling nights. Sometimes teachers, just like students, need a little break from the pressure of school. In such a friendly and easygoing atmosphere, the staff can get some well-deserved relaxation and continue to make many more unforgettable memories together.

“People have really taken it to heart,” Kirkpatrick said. “I’m thankful that people are taking time to do this. When I’m there and I hear people laughing, it’s just music to my ears.”

**JERSEY TWINS:** Looking striking in their matching personalized team uniforms, Michael Hinman and Gabrielle Hufferd proudly represent their team.

<p><b>TEAM SPIRIT:</b> The staff is split into six unique teams, each with their own snazzy style.</p>	<div><h3>Scrubs</h3><p>Captain: M. Thomas</p><p>D. St. Clair G. Madrid D. Madrid T. Donnelly K. Goodman J. Redmond S. Menna C. Nguyen K. Grant</p></div>	<div><h3>Livin' on a Spare</h3><p>Captain: D. Evans</p><p>A. Evans C. Osborne S. Osborne S. Saleen L. Avila C. Avila J. Morck D. Morck J. Romero</p></div>	<div><h3>SPLIT HAPPENS</h3><p>Captain: M. Fox</p><p>J. Kirkpatrick K. Chavez S. Velarde S. Blake T. Mosig D. Adamoski M. Soto W. Fritz J. Cowgill J. Hill K. Koci</p></div>	<div><h3>The Zumba Girls</h3><p>Captain: C. Kirkpatrick</p><p>J. Heuerman M. Williams S. Cogswell D. Martinez S. Rosner B. Lowry C. Owens M. Durado S. Floerke A. Wilson</p></div>	<div><h3>The Dead Sea Souls</h3><p>Captain: G. Hufferd</p><p>J. Hufferd G. Dixon N. Harper M. Hinman J. Lewis A. Eisenman P. Rodriguez</p></div>
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STAFF EDITORIAL

# School safety requires more attention

The recent earthquake and lockdown drills have brought the importance of campus safety to light. In previous years, an off-site shooting and bomb threat put lives on campus at risk, and the rising numbers of school shootings in the U.S. have become a major concern. Despite these scares, the doors on campus remain unlocked, and many students fail to grasp the potential danger that emergency situations entail. To ensure a safer campus, Warriors should change their attitudes toward drills, and administration should tighten its current safety regulations.

In order to face any unexpected threats, students and faculty need to take drills more seriously. The main goal of preparing for an emergency at school is to get everyone to safety as quickly and efficiently as possible, which is only achievable if students and teachers share an attentive attitude during drills. Current-

ly, students often take emergency drills as opportunities to socialize and check their phones rather than to learn the routine that may potentially save their lives. Furthermore, some teachers continue to lecture or teach through drills. As role models, instructors need to act appropriately during drills if students are expected to do the same. By acting appropriately during drills, students and teachers can be safer during actual emergencies.

More importantly, the lack of concern during drills means students and teachers will not be familiar with the proper procedures, leading to a greater chance of injury during an actual emergency. For instance, lockdown drills train students and faculty to respond to on-site intrusions more efficiently because they involve practicing small, but critical steps such as stacking chairs behind doors and turning off the lights. Such actions may seem insignificant, but if a violent assailant were to actually come on campus, the difference between

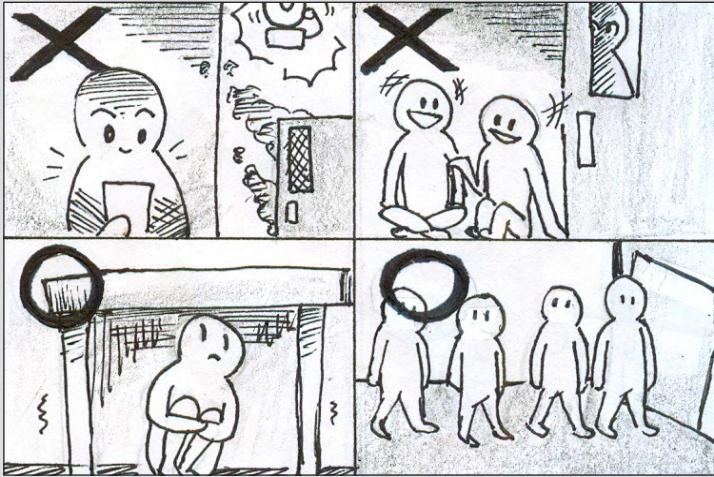
having the lights on or off may save lives. In short, if drills are not well rehearsed, students will panic easily and make hazardous situations even more chaotic.

Moreover, administrators can do much more to create a safer environment by considering several factors on campus that remain troubling. During the day, multiple gates and doors throughout the campus remain unlocked, meaning anyone, with or without harmful intentions, can enter anonymously. Currently, administration requires outsiders to explain the purpose of their visit. Even so, strangers are often seen on campus without visiting passes. If unapproved visitors are able to roam about our campus without checking in with the office, potential dangers may go unnoticed. Furthermore, most faculty members do not wear their IDs, and in the event of an emergency, students must be able to identify teachers and campus supervisors if they need help. Continuing to enforce current safety regulations and further securing the school

environment will help prevent potential threats to our campus and make sure the student body as a whole is safe and accounted for.

Students and faculty can create a safer environment by showing more concern during drills and by maintaining safety regulations. Though our school harbors a positive learning environment, one aspect students and teachers can cooperatively enhance is emergency preparedness.

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# Election 2016

Take a look at the results of our mock presidential election and our thoughts on the current election cycle.

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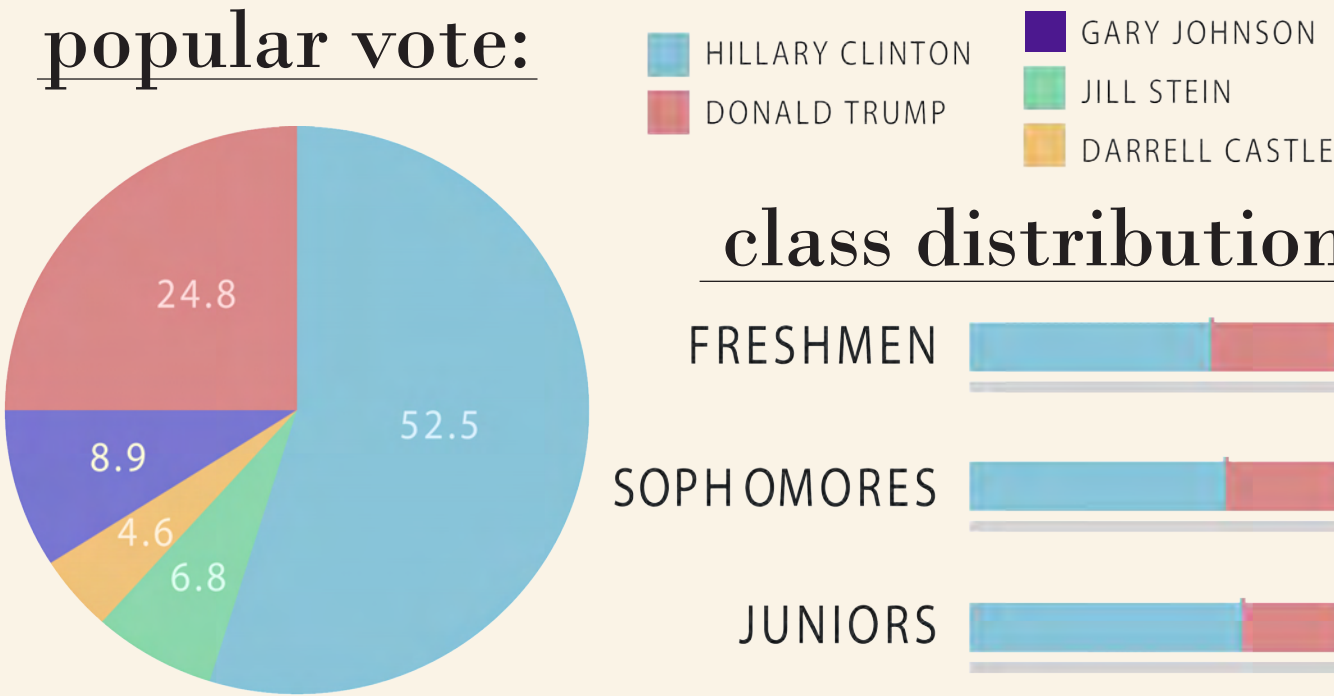
From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, Warriors had the opportunity to vote for their future U.S. president in the 2016 Oracle Elections. Students participated through Google Forms and received “I Voted” stickers to wear on campus. Among the five candidates Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Jill Stein and Darrell Castle, students had to consider whose political ideals they most agreed with. Our school polls show Hillary Clinton has taken the lead, but the question remains: who will be elected as the next United States President on Election Day?

**voter turnout:**  
851 out of 2679 students

**=31.8%**

**grade distribution:**

24.3% of votes freshmen	25.3% of votes sophomores	27.3% of votes juniors	23.1% of votes seniors
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9th:	50%	26%	11%	8%	5%
10th:	54%	25%	9%	5%	7%
11th:	57%	22%	10%	4%	7%
12th:	57%	27%	6%	5%	7%

## issues and trends

### the debates

The debates, which are crucial to undecided voters determining whom to vote for, were laughing stocks as the candidates exhibited improper etiquette. Though personal attacks are not new to politics, this election has especially featured smear campaigns. During the first debate, Trump and Clinton ignored the moderator and cross talked over ten times, displaying unprofessional behavior unbecoming of presidential candidates. Furthermore, the off-topic comments skew the debate’s focus and disservice voters. Digressing from politics to personal matters, Trump brought up Bill Clinton’s affairs during the second debate despite the fact that his mistresses are irrelevant to Hillary Clinton’s ability to be a president. Candidates should discuss the questions at hand, not any topic of their choice. The final debate featured especially crude language with Trump calling Clinton a “nasty woman” and undocumented immigrants “bad hombres.” The improper behavior that persisted in all three of the debates accurately reflects the unpleasant campaign trail that preceded them.

TRUMP ON HILLARY

“ROTTEN” “LOW ENERGY” “CROOKED”

“PRESUMPTUOUS” “RECKLESS” “RACIST”

HILLARY ON TRUMP

IRAQ WAR

TRUMP

FORMERLY PRO

9-11-2002

NOW CON

2-13-2016

GAY MARRIAGE

CLINTON

FORMERLY CON

1-11-2000

NOW PRO

3-18-2013

### the lies

The inconsistent policies of both candidates exhibit both strategic pandering and foolish faux pas. Regardless, it confuses voters as unstable opinions cause difficulty in determining what a candidate’s stance is. Understandably, as a politician goes through his or her career, his or her opinions evolve. However, denying that he or she held a certain opinion demonstrates irresponsibility. For example, Trump supported the Iraq War but later rebutted claims that he did. Nevertheless, changing an unpopular opinion may be a move to gain more supporters, but for career politicians like Clinton, it is crucial to their careers, so they pander, or appeal to the general public. Over time, Clinton went from opposing gay marriage to being an ally of the community. However, Trump is not a politician, so his flip flops are mistakes or last minute efforts to gain more voters. His support of the LGBT community seems fabricated considering he advocates the First Amendment Defense Act which would allow employers to fire LGBT workers. Whether or not they are ploys to gain more supporters, the changing policies may mislead voters.

### the media

As a source of campaign coverage, Social media played a critical role in this election by allowing the younger generation to be engaged. Even the candidates took to social media to campaign. Constant tweets, Instagram posts and Facebook statuses introduced a new level of interaction between candidates and citizens. Trump even went as far as to sponsor a nationwide filter on Snapchat that said “Donald J. Trump vs. Crooked Hillary,” whereas Clinton had regional geofilters featuring her slogan “Stronger Together” for her rallies. Furthermore, unconventional news sources served as an accessible informational platform. The debates, political commentary and individual rallies were available online using Facebook’s live stream feature and later posted to Youtube, allowing people to watch from virtually anywhere. Because content is readily available, more people are able to gain access and participate. This election cycle demonstrates a previously unseen use of social media in campaigning, showing very effective results, with millions of people engaged.





# what we learned these past few months

## No.1

### the importance of education

Many of the unfavorable outcomes of this election, such as Trump's unanticipated rise as a political candidate, were caused by American voters' failure to make informed decisions. Instead of voting based on empty promises such as Trump's wall along the Mexican border, individuals should educate themselves on government policies in order to avoid voting for politicians with a persuasive personality but no qualifications to run our nation. After being nominated as the Republican candidate, even Trump asserted, "We won with the poorly educated, I love the poorly educated." proving that he is dependent upon the support of those simply drawn to his outrageous nature. As the voters of the next generation, we should strive to better understand the electoral process and work to verify our political beliefs through the use of reliable sources. Our future votes are momentous in determining what lies ahead, so it is never too early to inform ourselves about politics.

## No.2

### the limitations of funding

According to the Public Broadcasting Service, House of Representatives candidates who were in the top 94 percent of campaign spenders won the 2014 congressional election midterm. Consequently, in past elections, campaign funding has been considered essential for political candidates. However, the 2016 election season challenged this premise. In fact, according to the New York Times, Jeb Bush and Ted Cruz had spent nearly \$150 million each when they dropped out of the race, yet Trump had spent less than 50 percent of that amount and still won the nomination. It seems that this election has emphasized the use of social media as a cost-effective substitute for typical means of campaigning such as television ads and bumper stickers. In future elections, it would not be surprising to see social media advertisements slowly start to overtake these more conventional means as the preferred method of campaigning.

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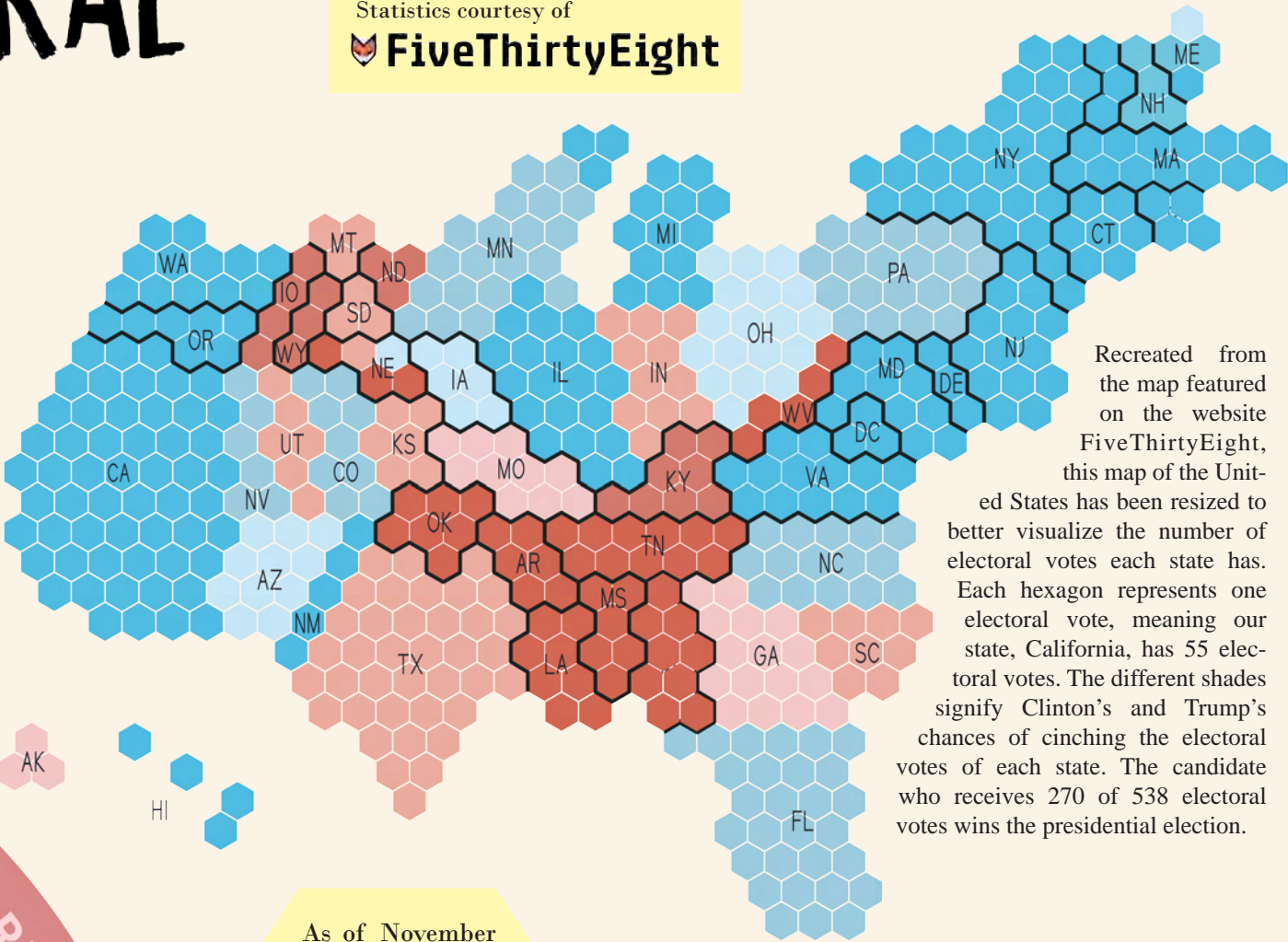
### public persona appears to trump all

Candidates should know their audience as much as the audience should know their candidates. Notably, Clinton admitted in a Humans of New York interview that she often comes off as unemotional; an attribute that hurts her appeal with voters because she appears unrelatable. As a result, Clinton focused a great deal of her campaign on humanizing herself. For example, her team attempted to attract young voters by posting romantic pictures of her and husband Bill Clinton and wishing students a "happy first day of school" on Snapchat. Similarly, Trump targeted his campaigns to Americans dissatisfied with the current political system. Empowered by his ability to "understand their problems" and his bold slogan "Make America Great Again," Trump's supportive audience essentially allowed him to rise to where he is today. Overall, this election proves that personality and audience awareness is just as, if not more important than, the candidates' stances on political policies.

# ELECTORAL COLLEGE MAP

Presidential Election  
November 8, 2016

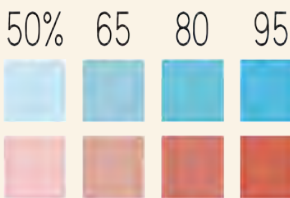
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**FiveThirtyEight**



Recreated from the map featured on the website FiveThirtyEight, this map of the United States has been resized to better visualize the number of electoral votes each state has. Each hexagon represents one electoral vote, meaning our state, California, has 55 electoral votes. The different shades signify Clinton's and Trump's chances of cinching the electoral votes of each state. The candidate who receives 270 of 538 electoral votes wins the presidential election.

As of November 3, the swing states to watch out for coming Monday include Nevada, Arizona, Iowa, Ohio, North Carolina and Florida.

KEY CLINTON'S CHANCES TRUMP'S CHANCES



ONE ELECTORAL VOTE

## VP Vignette



### MEET THE VICE PRESIDENTS:

Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Mike Pence are running alongside Clinton and Trump, respectively



REPUBLICAN



Read our review on Amazon Music Unlimited, the company's latest attempt to keep up with rivals Apple Music and Spotify. Despite the appealing price point, the platform may not give you much bang for your buck.

It's not unreasonable to assume that most people love music. Honestly, what's not to like? It's a simple medium that's great at communicating deep, profound emotions while also providing easy-going, lightweight entertainment. But the rising cost of music has discouraged many people from purchasing massive amounts of songs at a time. In an attempt to eliminate this issue, platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music

have begun to allow people to legally stream millions of songs for free. And now, the e-commerce king Amazon has decided to take a stab at the multi-billion dollar industry with Amazon Music Unlimited, an on-demand competitor of the aforementioned services. “But why?” you might ask. Spotify and Apple Music are so far ahead in the industry, and Amazon Prime Music—the company’s previous attempt at streaming—utterly failed. Realizing its need to differentiate itself from its plethora of adversaries, Amazon offers a lower price and integration with its voice-controlled Echo device. However, what’s not so clear is whether these features are worth coughing up the money for a subscription. Of course, to the penniless student, a slightly lower subscription cost can be a big deal, and Amazon Music Unlimited’s cheapness is its primary selling point.

Its base price is more affordable than competitors' premium options, and Echo owners pay even less for a subscription at \$3.99 a month. But there's a built-in "gotcha." The lower cost is available only to Prime members, who already pay \$99 a year. Without membership, the service is \$9.99, just like Spotify or Apple Music.

So, essentially, the "lesser" price point is meaningless to anyone without Amazon Prime or an Echo. And honestly, Music Unlimited doesn't offer enough to rank higher than its competitors. Sure, Amazon offers some idiosyncratic features like automatically downloading suggested music. But frankly, it's easy to see this quickly becoming annoying, as it may take up unnecessary space on your phone. Either way, people who have tried both Spotify and Music Unlimited report that Spotify's music-discovery tools are light years ahead.

Without an economic edge or in-

novative platform, Music Unlimited's only advantage seems to be its integration with Echo devices. Owners can use the Alexa voice assistant to find the latest song from any artist, play music based on a requested mood or time period and even find songs from snippets of lyrics. However, there's a fatal flaw: the service is available on only that specific device, which means that unless you're listening to music only at home, the Echo isn't really an option either (and \$179 is a high premium to pay for the Echo device in the first place).

It seems like there's not much going for Amazon here, but the fact is that it's good to have another deep-pocketed competitor in the streaming industry to keep it from becoming a two-horse race between Spotify and Apple Music. But if Amazon doesn't offer anything more, Music Unlimited will likely just become another contender for last place.

## How they rank ▾


The infographic displays three logos: Spotify at the top, Apple in the middle, and Amazon at the bottom. Each logo is accompanied by a red ribbon seal indicating its rank. Spotify is ranked 1st, Apple is ranked 2nd, and Amazon is ranked 3rd. The background is a light gray gradient.



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(sound quality)

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We all know that Troy has its own culture. It’s almost like we speak our own secret, nerdy language—it’s not uncommon for someone to hear sayings like “that test wrecked me” or “what did you get on that quiz?” during any given passing period. Read our column on some of the most iconic phrases overheard at Troy.

By Katie Nguyen  
STAFF WRITER

My siblings said that they wouldn’t miss Troy when they graduated, but I most certainly will. When I first entered, I wasn’t expecting all semblance of normalcy to go flying out the window—but it did. Although many Troy students refer to their lives as a hot mess, my experience on campus has been unparalleled due to my unforgettable teachers, the quirky bonds I have made and the metamorphosis that I have gone through.

*“Everything off your desks; it’s quiz time!”*  
-Math teacher

You can’t deny it—Troy has some of the most interesting teachers in the district, from the crazy scientists to the eccentric historians. Although the workload that they assign may be daunting at times, our teachers only want us to succeed. Many of our instructors go above and beyond to ensure that we understand the concepts, even if that means becoming active contributors to our Facebook groups. And perhaps some of that willingness to help stems from our own ability to act with responsibility: it’s mutual respect. In brief, try to appreciate your teachers’ quirks, because you won’t find mentors like them anywhere else.

*“Maybe I’ll take my textbook to Homecoming...”*  
-A student in biology class

That line pretty much sums up the social awkwardness of your typical Troy student. We don’t speak in person; we message each other over Facebook

**“I’M ONLY  
HERE FOR THE  
MEMES”**  
-Sophomore after  
the PSAT

about homework. We don’t use cushions as pillows; we use our textbooks. Oh, and heaven forbid we date anything other than carbon. In summary, we may not have what others call a busy social calendar. However, this lack of social skills has made my Troy experience much more interesting. One day I might meet a stranger, discuss sodium channels with him or her, and become close friends by the next day. Trust me, that only happens at Troy. You might end up in a trash can if you try that anywhere else. In fact, it isn’t hard to test new bonds by cracking terrible jokes. To demonstrate: I can only make bad science jokes because all the good ones argon. Laughing yet? Yes, Troy has lowered my level of sociability, but here it isn’t hard to create a little chemistry with my friends.

*“Don’t worry! One day you’ll break out of your cocoon as a beautiful butterfly and fly away!”*  
-A Troy graduate

No matter how discouraged I may become at times, I’m still waiting for the day when I can finally spread my wings. Troy is truly the cocoon that shapes us as we grow and develop; however, it’s still up to us to see how high we can fly. Yes, there are many other high schools out there—easier ones, I’m sure—but I could never leave the teachers and students that make Troy such a welcoming environment.

**TROY**

**“IS THERE  
A CURVE?”**  
-Junior after a math test

**“HOLY  
SHIM SHAM”**  
-History teacher



# WHAT ARE YOU thankful FOR?

With the holiday season almost upon us, focus on what’s important. Here, Warriors present a few things that they’re grateful for.

Compiled by Brandon Ann & Dominique Pillos, EDITORS-IN-CHIEF and cartoons by Hanmin Ko, CARTOON EDITOR

My experiences at  
Troy High School  
(Yes, really!)

Megan Alfajora  
senior

sleep

coffee

community

good  
books

My friends and family  
who continue to sup-  
port me, even on my  
worst days

Ashini Panchal  
junior

Being able to attend  
Troy—not many have  
the chance to even at-  
tempt to get in.

Darren Huang  
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california  
weather

life

Patience, intelligent,  
hard-working  
teachers

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# Volleyball spikes down Coyotes 3-0 to cap off undefeated season

Warrior girls volleyball (10-0-0, 14-8-0) dominated Buena Park Oct. 24.

By Vincent Kang  
STAFF WRITER

Cementing its ninth consecutive undisputed league championship, the Warrior volleyball team (10-0-0, 24-8-0) trounced the

Buena Park Coyotes in its final Freeway League match 3-0 Oct. 25.

While both teams played aggressively from the start, the Warriors claimed the upper hand as captain Zoe Wang hammered two consecutive spikes into the Coyote defense to kickstart a 9-5 scoring run. The teamwork between seniors Grace Defalco

and Brianna Georgopoulos in the front court provided a reliable backbone for the Warriors, as their bold blocks and clever dinks contributed to a 25-14 victory at the end of the first set.

Senior Lexie Caraveo led the charge in the second set with several aces as the Warriors rolled to an early 8-2 advantage. The Coyotes attempted to claw their way

back into the game and closed the deficit 10-7, but two critical blocks from Defalco kept the Lady Warriors in control. The backcourt's exceptional passing allowed the front court to launch several attacks over the net, leading to a 25-13 win for the Warriors.

The third set was no different as the team once again stormed to a 4-1 lead. Junior Taylor Perez countered the opposing attacks with forceful blocks and sparked the offense to life. With the Coyotes committing a number of errors, it was junior Scarlett Alexander who added the finishing touches to the Warrior victory, firing off a string of spikes to wrap up the match 3-0.

The victory against Buena Park was just one of many that contributed to the team's confidence in maintaining an undefeated season, coach Maggie Paxton said.

"Out of our last four games, we have gone to five sets in three of them," Paxton said. "But our season has been going well. When we were 9-0 we clinched [the] league because we were undefeated and nobody else was."

Throughout the season, versatility in their offense was a potent weapon that the athletes utilized to breeze past their league opponents, Paxton said.

"Our serving is one of the toughest parts of our game, so strong serves is one thing we like to come out with," Paxton said. "We also work on running a fast offense, which is hard to defend against. Also, we try to mix up our hits as far as what type of offense we are running."

Aiming to further solidify their fundamentals, the Warriors have adopted a new training regimen to improve on individual components of their game, Paxton said.

"When we are practicing, we try to do a lot of drills that are goal-specific," Paxton said. "We are breaking [the aspects of volleyball] down and trying to work specifically on small things to hopefully help us in the future."

Although skill and athletic ability were crucial to success, improving teamwork among athletes played a major role in the team's ability to continue its winning streak, Paxton said.

"The team has great passing in the backcourt between Ashley Ahn and Lexie Caraveo," Paxton said. "They have both been alternating playing the libero and they are a very crucial part of our improvement. The team in general has a very good relationship with each other and a great camaraderie. I think that has gone a long way."



JEANETTE DE LA TORRE-DURAN

**SERVE'S UP:** Boldly leaping into attack position, junior Warrior prepares to drive a powerful shot past her opponents.



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# SEASON SUM-UP

Celebrate with Warrior athletics as teams wrap up the fall season and begin their California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) tournaments.

Compiled by Hannah Ro & Austin Shin, **SPORTS EDITORS**, articles by Joshua Kim, **STAFF WRITER** and photos by Lauren Kim & Ashley Branson, **PHOTO**

## Football

In a blowout 41-6 victory over the Sonora Raiders, the Warrior football team (7-2-0, 3-1-0) showed off the exceptional playmaking ability that characterized their dominant season. Throughout the year, junior Josiah Norwood demonstrated his versatility by accurately connecting with his receivers and dashing past defenders, leading the team to several double-digit victories. A seasoned backfield complemented Norwood's commanding playstyle, with juniors Skyler Taylor and Cole Thomas providing a consistent source of yardage. As strong contenders for CIF qualifiers, the team will continue to build upon its offensive prowess in a bid to clinch a championship title. The Warriors will face off against the Buena Park Coyotes for the Freeway League championship title Nov. 4.



**RALLY UP:** Keeping her eyes glued on the ball, freshman Erin Bhan prepares to return a teammate's shot during practice.



**TAG TEAM TOUCHDOWN:** Senior Brett Ferguson sprints toward the redzone, closely followed by his teammate junior Josiah Norwood.



**THE LAST STRETCH:** Dashing to the finish line at Tri-City Park, sophomore Drew Meyers maintains a steady pace throughout the scenic course.

Maintaining an undefeated Freeway League record and a near-flawless season, the Warrior girls golf team (9-0-0, 16-3-0) is a force to be reckoned with. Headed by co-captains Beth Lillie and Kamryn Garcia, the Lady Warriors have consistently dominated opponents and were major contenders in distinguished tournaments. Playing a major role in the team's success were rookie stars, who have far exceeded expectations by outshooting more experienced adversaries. This adept group of golfers comprises a competitive program that has easily outshined its rivals, no matter how formidable. Carrying its sweeping momentum into postseason tournaments, the team took first place at the CIF-SS Eastern Division Team Championship Oct. 31.

## Girls Golf

## Cross Country

Altering practices in anticipation of faster competition in CIF, the Warrior cross country teams have ramped up the intensity of their workouts in order to increase speed. By tapering down the number of miles that runners are required to run per week from 60 to 45, the team puts less of an emphasis on stamina and endurance. Now, athletes perform high-intensity staggered ladder runs that build leg strength and explosive power to ensure they reach their peak performance level come Nov. 11. These practices have helped newcomers acclimate to demanding three-mile courses. Watch these up-and-coming Warriors as they set their sights on securing CIF preliminary victories.

The abrupt resignation of its head coach failed to deter the Warrior girls tennis team (10-0-0, 17-2-0) from notching multiple victories over skillful rivals during its 22nd undefeated season run. The team adopted a more aggressive playstyle upon transitioning into Division 1 in order to contend with competitive opponents, and their strategy has been extremely effective so far. Persevering through their difficulties, the athletes have blossomed into relentless competitors under the watchful eye of coach Wendie Mahan. Determined to succeed and unwavering in its efforts, the team intends to make a statement by snatching a CIF championship victory.

## Girls Tennis

## Boys Water Polo

The Warrior boys water polo team (7-0-0, 13-8-0) has focused on developing camaraderie among teammates to counteract the challenges of not having a home pool. Without an easily accessible practice location, the team has been plagued by commuting difficulties as they have had to travel to the Fullerton College pool. In an effort to overcome this hurdle, newly implemented team lunches have effectively unified all athletes, strengthening synergy and allowing the teammates to bond outside of their limited practice time. Empowered by these developments and emerging victorious in the Freeway League, the team hopes to make a splash at CIF.