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SAT Scandal Unwinds

By Michael Malinski
Co-Editor in Chief

College Board, an organization which administers the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), has been under fire for possibly recycling a 10-month-old test that was released internationally.

Many students claim that the International October 2017 SAT in Asia was given for American students in August with reused questions and prompts.

College Board responded against these allegations and remarked: "If we determine students have gained an unfair ad-

vantage, we will take appropriate actions, including cancelling test scores and, in some cases, prohibiting them from taking another College Board assessment." However, the association did not



comment reports that suggested a security breach. Currently, the United States District Court in Florida has a class-action lawsuit as it

states that the College Board failed its "duty by recycling old exam questions, including those that have been publicly disseminated prior to the SAT exam." It also asks for attorney fees to be paid by the College Board and any financial based awards to be determined at trial.

The August exam score releases started on September 7, but not all scores were posted. Company spokeswoman Jaslee Carayol said the remaining scores will be analyzed as standard procedure. No additional comments were given from the College Board concerning the

John McCain: American Patriot

By Noah Devine
Web Editor

John McCain was an American Senator, Congressman, Naval officer, prisoner of war, Republican Nominee in the Presidential election, and most importantly, beloved family man and cherished friend.

John McCain held these titles, but he was much more to the people in his life and to the American public.

He was a man who stood for reaching across party lines and putting the good of America and the world before the success of his personal political aspirations or those of his political party.

As a naval aviator, he was shot down and captured during operation Rolling Thunder over Hanoi, Vietnam, in 1967. He would endure torture and isolation, as a prisoner of war, at what became known as the

"Hanoi Hilton", until his return to the United States in 1973.

He returned home and was able to continue his life and focus on service to his country. After retiring from the Navy in 1981, he quickly knew public service was his next calling. He ran and won the Congressional race for Arizona's first district in 1983.

Just four years later, McCain was elected as a Senator of Arizona. He would retain this office until his death on August 25th, 2018.

During his time as Senator and a Representative, some of his most remembered accomplishments included: McCain-Feingold Act (a campaign finance reform), restoring diplomatic relations with Vietnam, and associations with a bipartisan "Gang of 14", which played a major role in alleviating a crisis over judicial nominations.

One of McCain's last acts as

Senator before his death showed as more about his character than any other action he had taken in his 30 years of service.

On July 28, 2017, he cast the decisive vote against the Republicans' "skinny repeal" of the Affordable Care Act, a health reform legislation intended to extend coverage to millions of uninsured Americans. This vote demonstrated how throughout McCain's entire life he put duty to country and duty to his principles above all else. Many Americans viewed McCain as a once in a generation leader that demanded the ideals of democracy, compromise, selflessness, and patriotism from fellow elected officials.

Senator McCain - after a long and hard-fought battle with brain cancer - was laid to rest at the United States Naval Academy Cemetery, next to his Naval Academy classmate and lifelong friend Admiral Charles R. Larson.

Metal Stairs Added in Millikan



PHOTO BY NICHOLAS RAMOS

Millikan's 800 building underwent minor change over the summer, intended to make the stairs safer. Metal plates were added in order to prevent students from slipping when the stairs are wet as they have in previous years.

12 Angry Jurors Takes the Stage

By Chloe Pullman
Sports Editor

The fall play this year will be "12 Angry Jurors."

The play is based off of the film by Reginald Rose. It is centered on a murder case in which the 12 jurors must come to a conclusion whether the guilty verdict is in fact true. All of the jurors are very much polar opposites from each other.

With constant fighting and disagreement between all twelve of the jurors, it makes

for an unpredictable outcome.

Each of the 12 jurors possess unique personalities and backgrounds: a refugee from Europe, a loud and flashy department store worker, a naïve juror who finds it hard to speak up, amongst many more battling characters.

With all of these vastly different personalities, conflicts that arise between the characters will make for quality entertainment.

Show dates will be on Nov. 15 at 7pm, Nov. 16 at 7pm, and Nov. 17 at 1:30 and 7pm in the Millikan auditorium.

Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Andrea Prado
News Editor

Hurricane Florence Closes in on Southeast Coast

A total of 33 deaths were confirmed in the Carolinas as Hurricane Florence closed in the Carolinas on September 13. As of September 16, Florence was weakened to a post-tropical cyclone. Florence is still expected to produce heavy and excessive rainfall over the Carolinas.

World Leaders Bid Farewell to Former UN Secretary-General

Kofi Annan, former United Nations secretary-general and first African American to head the UN, passed away on August 18 at the age of 80 due to a brief illness. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 for having revitalized the UN and given priority to human rights. Annan was laid to rest on September 13 in his home country of Ghana in West Africa.

India Court Decriminalizes Gay Sex

The court of India has decriminalized a law banning consensual gay sex on September 6, a ban that has been established since the colonial era. The law was first established during British rule, and had a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The decision to repeal the law was a major victory for India's LGBT supporters, activists, and the community.

Alerts Issued as Super Typhoon Nears Philippines

Super Typhoon Mangkut made landfall on Luzon Island in the Philippines with wind speeds up to 180 miles per hour, making it equivalent to a Category 5 hurricane. As of September 17, at least two people were killed in southern China, and at least 66 people in the Philippines. Mangkut downgraded to a tropical depression and is expected to move to the Guangxi province.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 19	HOMECOMING CARNIVAL; VARISTY FOOTBALL VS WILSON @ MILLIKAN
NOVEMBER 14	PTSA MEETING
NOVEMBER 16	MINIMUM GREEN DAY; DISMISSAL AT 12:40
NOVEMBER 19-23	THANKSGIVING BREAK

Is High School Really a Free Education?

By Emma Sharman
Copy Editor

It is a well-known concept that students attending any college or university are likely to experience having to pay a small fortune for their education by having to purchase textbooks or pay for classes. Many college students also find themselves graduating from school, with a great deal of debt.

However, regardless of the fact that high school is generally free to attend, making it a far less notorious money pit, it has a tendency to rack up in costs.

Regardless of whether student buys their own materials or parents

pay for them, the money spent on supplies tends to amount quickly.

This year alone it was strongly encouraged that students taking Intermediate Algebra should come to school with their own graphing calculators. These calculators cost \$100 minimum and at most they cost upwards of \$150.

While it could be argued that this is a small price to pay for a tool that could potentially last you a lifetime, for a student in high school, that is a large sum of money to pay for a calculator.

That's not even to mention all the spiritwear and uniforms that generally need to be purchased in order to avoid dress code penalties.

Personally, I spent over \$200 on uniform pants alone this year, as a sophomore in high school, which implies that I have two additional years to repeatedly spend such a sum.

Of course, a student must have plenty of spiral notebooks, binders, and writing utensils, which may end up in the depths of a student's disorganized backpack.

I spent upwards of \$120 on new school supplies this year, not including my calculator, my backpack, or anything I chose to reuse. Backpacks can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$80 depending on the manufacturer, popularity, and quality.

Something few people are

aware of, however, is that Millikan is required to offer school supplies free-of-cost to students who need help financially; which can significantly reduce the amount of money spent on things like notebooks and writing utensils.

Despite this, for high school students expenses have a grueling tendency to pile up much quicker than one may suspect.

None of this is to say that being a high school student is more expensive than being a college student, because of course high school students don't usually have to pay to take classes, which is by far the most expensive part of being a college student.

Ap World's Historic Change

By Michael Malinski
Co-Editor-in-Chief

AP World History is making a historic change in its curriculum as College Board announced last summer that AP World History, which covers history from 8000 BCE to present day, would cut more than half of its content and now start at 1450 C.E.

Due to frequent complaints from teachers and students, College Board reported that the course will be separated in two, composing of AP World History: Modern, which covers the time periods of 1200 CE to present day, and AP World History: Ancient, covering from 8000 BCE to 1200 CE.

"My main concern about the Modern course, is that it will not cover the main religions," Mr. Mulvehill claims. "The religions heavily influenced the foundations of our world today, and the possible omission of it is disappointing."

However, he also includes that, "I believe the present AP World teachers have the passion and love for their subject, and would do anything to provide a balanced, intricate understanding for their students."

Only the Modern course will be provided next year throughout the nation, as the Ancient course must "confirm the support of colleges and the interest of high schools" according to the College Board.

Tip Top Service

By Hannah Torres
Co-Editor-in-Chief

My least favorite part about going out to dinner is receiving the bill at the very end. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way, but a small urge of guilt begins to fester within my stomach when it's time to calculate the tip. Believe me, if you have never experienced this before, it's more stressful than it sounds.

I thought the act of tipping was a normal behavior exhibited around the world. Tips are such a big part of the American culture in terms of the service industry. This is especially true in restaurants in the United States where the majority of waiters are paid below the minimum wage, with tips acting as financial compensation. This al-

lows employers to avoid higher taxes and it is up to the people to supplement the waiter's income.

Wow, was I wrong in terms of how "normal" this philosophy is. Giving away money at your free will is very much a North American thing to do.

Tipping in Europe is virtually nonexistent. The normal 15% custom in the States is lowered to a mere 5%-10% in European countries, as most waiters are paid a full hourly wage. As American travel expert, Rick Steves, likes to advise his followers, "If your bucks talk at home, muzzle them on your travels."

This shift in culture is difficult for many American travelers to grasp. Some affordable restaurants in Europe won't ask for a tip at all, while on the other hand

some tour guides will be very forward in asking their clients for a tip at the end of a day's tour. There are two extremes in Europe that many travel enthusiasts have a difficult time understanding.

A popular tradition in European countries is to include a "service charge" at the bottom of your bill, whether it be at a restaurant or hotel. It's similar to an involuntary tip included in your total. I've been to restaurants where the service was horrific and seeing that service charge on the receipt left a taste in my mouth that was much worse than the food.

At the same time, I'm not comfortable with the idea of a service charge. The concept that someone else decides when they should be rewarded is rather absurd in my mind. If I feel as though I have

received adequate service (I'm not asking for anything outstanding), then I will gladly tip someone for their hard work. However, the last thing I want is for someone else to tell me how I should feel.

When I was first introduced to the European tipping system, I felt as though Americans were rather wasteful or excessive in terms of how frequently we tip others for their services. I've seen a sense of entitlement grow among workers in America who feel as though they should be tipped. At one point should someone just do their job?

Tipping will always be a custom in society. No matter where you are in the world, money talks. Really think before you "reward" someone for the service they have provided you with. It's your money. Give it away how you see fit.

U.S.A. vs. U.K; Clash of the Colleges

By Nicholas DeLuca
Editorial Editor

Attending college has been thrown in our faces as long as we've been a part of the education system. Even though college is completely voluntary, students see it fit to attend so we can open doors to new opportunities and work a high paying job.

According to *The Times Higher Education*, more than half of the top 200 universities are located in either the U.S.A. or the U.K.

Although, both of these countries hold their students to a standard of higher level education, they present many differences in their structures and paths to a degree. Before you knock the idea of U.K. colleges, consider the

benefits they offer that American colleges are unable to provide.

To begin, American colleges typically take a longer time to obtain a certain degree in comparison to most British colleges. In America, it takes an average of four years to earn a Bachelor's degree, a minimum of two more years for a Masters degree, and five to seven additional years for a PHD.

In the U.K. it takes three years to earn a Bachelor's degree, one additional year for a Master's Degree, and three more years for a PHD.

In Britain, you're able to obtain a PHD and you still might be able to escape with your youth, unlike America, where the average PHD diploma recipient is 33 years old, according to CBS news.

Homework in American col-

leges consists of weekly assignments and reading, which make up your overall grade or will be used on assessments. In the U.K., classes are more lecture based and your overall grade is based entirely on the final exam. Although



the extra assignments that come with American colleges seem like a hassle in the moment, it gives your grade a little bit more of a

cushion rather than putting all the pressure on a single grade.

One of the most significant differences between these universities is the cost. In America, the average cost of tuition is \$35,000, and that does not include room and board, meals, books, etc. In the U.K. the maximum cost of tuition is 3000£ for British students, which would be equivalent to \$3858. International students are required to pay anywhere from \$5,144 to \$23,150, depending on the university. For any family that feels they can't afford these staggering costs, sending your child to study abroad may be a more affordable option.

Furthermore, American universities provide classes outside the students' major and your se-

lections may vary. U.K colleges act as an umbrella and students take classes only related to their field of study. In cases where the student feels they might have picked the wrong major, taking a different class may spark an interest in a new field. For this reason, American colleges provide more of an advantage to their students, when it comes to the decision of what to major in.

As the advantages present themselves, the ideal college situation would be combining American university type classes and American type homework, with U.K university length and cost.

Don't knock down the idea of studying abroad long term before considering the advantages given by each system of higher education.

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The Spookiest Spectacle

By Sara Steichen
Feature Editor

To many, Halloween kicks off fun Fall festivities, and a lot of thrill seekers are looking for the best way to celebrate.

Halloween festivals such as Knott's Scary Farm, Six Flag's Fright Fest, Universal Studio's Halloween Horror Nights, and Queen Mary's Dark Harbor are some places that thrill seekers love to turn to. However, the question stands: which Halloween festival is best?

Well the answer inevitably gets complicated. It all depends on which factor means the most to you.

If you are busy prepping your costumes and shopping for candy, then you may look for a festival that has the widest selection of nights to choose from. In that case, Halloween Horror Nights is for you, operating from September 14 to November 3 from 7pm until 2am. If you are saving your pennies for the holiday season, the most inexpensive ticket may be what appeals to you. Dark

Harbor (open from September 27 through November 2, in which hours vary) wins this bout with a ticket price of only 29 dollars.

Beware! That is only the most basic package, and they may try to entice you to pay more once you are inside to upgrade. In that case, Knott's Scary Farm has the next cheapest with only 37 dollars for an all access ticket.



Jashon Jackson, a PEACE senior, has attended both Knott's Scary Farm and Dark Harbor, and enjoyed Knott's Scary Farm the most.

He states, "I preferred Knott's Scary Farm... Dark Harbor is cheaper but you will have to end up paying for some

add-on things inside the park."

If you don't want to waste time in SoCal traffic, then the distance of each festival could be very valuable to you. Queen Mary's Dark Harbor is the closest (to Millikan), being only 13 miles away.

Last, and most importantly, the thrill. If you want to have plenty of options on activities, then Horror Nights is for you. Holding a staggering nine mazes, five scare zones, and one show.

Knott's Scary Farm is also a close second, carrying nine mazes, four scare zones, and three shows (only one show per night, so Horror Nights has the most activities per night).

Alyssa Romero, a QUEST senior, has been to all four festivals and states, "When it comes to getting scared, Halloween Horror Nights wins by a landslide. The park is filled with classic film monsters we all know and love, creating an incredibly eerie atmosphere".

All together, you can't make a wrong decision, it all depends on what you value the most. Just get out there and celebrate the season!

Meet Mrs. Pircher

By Paris Blanco
Asst. Editor

Starting this year, journalism has welcomed a new member to its family, Mrs. Pircher.

Pircher began her career in journalism in high school where she wrote for the school newspaper. She received her Undergraduate Degree in Journalism from the DePaul University in Chicago. Later on, she worked as an editor for a website in LA for two years.

She states that, "I'm pretty into all things news (the radio is very rarely on in my car, for example) and have always been interested into the craft of a news story."

As for Pircher's teaching career, she began with a contract at the University of Thailand teaching English as a Second Language. After moving back to the U.S Pircher earned her teaching credential while earning her Masters in Education from Chapman University.

According to Pircher, "I have been teaching in the English Department for Long Beach since 2012 and felt like my dreams came true when I got a job at Millikan High."

She began at Millikan when last year she was asked if she would be interested to teach a journalism class. According to her she was "dying to teach a journalism class and was over-the-moon excited".

Overall, Pircher's favorite part of teaching is hearing her students' thoughts. "When I

learn a way a student approaches a question or a social issue, I'm easily excited about that as any other part of teaching."

As for how she hopes to improve the Corydon, Pircher is striving to make the newspaper more digital. Although she believes that the physical newspaper is very important, she also thinks that, "Especially for young people, reading the newspaper is not important for them. In order for us to reach our reader base we need to figure out how to reach them and that way is digitally."

In the classroom, Mrs. Pircher is eager to see how the Corydon runs. "I'm excited to see that works and what doesn't."

When asked what journalism means to her she says that it means freedom. Pircher says, "I feel thankful to live in a country where journalism and free speech is respected and utilized, usually no matter the impact. Although I've found myself frustrated with certain news organizations or journalists at times, I truly believe that without journalism there is no democracy."

It is of her strong belief that through journalism people's voices can be heard.

When asked about one of her important quotes, Mrs. Pircher says, "It's okay not to know, but it is not okay to try."

Feel free to come by room 328 to meet her, or to submit letters and suggestions regarding the newspaper.

White House Tells All

By Hannah Torres
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On September 5, as the work day was winding down, an anonymous Opinion Editorial (Op-Ed) essay was published on the New York Times' website. This struck the nation, being that anonymous Op-Ed pieces have only been published by the New York Times only a handful of times.

The author of the piece identifies themselves as a "senior official of the Trump Administration" who claims themselves to be apart of a group of senior officials within the administration. They have developed their own faction that has been deliberately working against the President's agenda and "his worst inclinations."

The author clarifies that this group of individuals is not part of the "popular 'resistance' of the left." They wish to see the administration succeed in the end and believe that some policies that have already been implemented

have improved the country as a whole. So you may be asking yourself, 'Why work against President Trump's orders if his political agenda is enhancing America?'

To the author, the answer is quite obvious. They feel as though it is the duty of the administration to preserve the nation's republic, as President Trump poses as a direct threat to this liberty.

Later in the article, the official criticizes the media for portraying numerous White House aides as villains. However, it is because of their actions that many "poor decisions made by the President" have not seen the light of day beyond the White House.

According to the New York Times Op-Ed editor, James Dao, by Friday, September 7 nearly 23,000 readers had submitted questions pertaining to the essay. Dao selected a handful of inquiries to answer on the website's bulletin board.

Readers exclaimed at the timing of the article and how it's publication may have acted as a distraction from

the Kavanaugh hearings.

Brett Kavanaugh is President Trump's nomination for the Supreme Court's 114th justice. He is a D.C. native that and has spent the majority of his professional career working in public office. The context of his hearings is evolving by the minute.

Dao responded to this by explaining that there was no reason to wait to publish the piece considering the Kavanaugh trials would not reach a verdict for another week.

The same day the article was published, President Trump did not let a moment go to waste, immediately criticizing the publication.

He described the author's work as "really a disgrace" and "gutless." Later, the President tweeted questioning whether the author of the article was even real.

According to CNN, officials within the West Wing are working to identify the author of the Op-Ed based on key terminology used throughout the article. No concrete leads have been identified.

Measure E Updates

By Andrea Prado
News Editor

Since its approval by the SLBUSD Board of Education in 2016, the Measure E ballot measure has been in full swing this past summer.

Measure E is a 1.5 billion dollar program that focuses on providing air conditioning and heating systems to approximately 50 school campuses across the district.

The program work also includes updated electric

cal, plumbing, and security where it is needed on campus.



At Millikan, construction for a new 1000 building has begun this summer, and it is expected to be fully completed by the summer of 2020. The school will also be getting an all-weather track and sports field to meet CIF reg-

ulations. By summer 2019, Millikan will have a new 400 meter synthetic running track, as well as the installation of a new long jump, high jump, and triple jump. Pole vault runways and a new scoreboard will also be installed.

In addition to a new building and all-weather running track, Millikan has other pending renovations that will break ground in the next few years.

Projects include new pools and a new natatorium, both which are expected to be under construction in the next four years.

Make Choices Count at the College and Career Center

By Dayquan Moeller
Copy Editor

After thirteen years of guaranteed education, life after high school can seem daunting to many students.

Luckily, it is not a transition you have to make alone, as there are many resources available on campus.

One such resource is the College and Career Center, located in room 323.

There, you can find a number of assets from free printing, work permits, and help with college applications. In addition, staff is available to answer ques-

tions you may have about post-high school plans, such as how to apply for a college or how to find scholarship opportunities.

"Our goal," says college and career specialist Yvette Aguirre, "is to promote access for all students and to prevent them from feeling like they can't ask questions."

If you are unsure if college is the path you want to take, the center still welcomes you to seek guidance. "College is just one option, there are a lot of different opportunities out there," Aguirre states.

The College and Career Center is can be found in room 323 A, and is open everyday from 7:30 to 3:30.

SAT Aims to Spook in October

By Julian Murillo
Web Editor

The SAT strikes again, with test scheduled for both October 6th and October 10th, some of the last SAT dates for class of 2019.

More options to take the College-Board mandated exam will be available in late November this year for incoming juniors.

If you are planning to apply to the college deadlines due in November, The November scores will not be available for submital for most UC and Cal State applications, however they may be used for a handful of private

and Ivy League schools whose applications are due in early 2019.

Information for college application deadlines and nationwide SAT testing days are available on the College Board website.

Once College Board delivers your scores, you must then pay a fee to deliver this score to your selected college.

If you hope to improve on your score, link your College Board account with Khan Academy for a personal course in order to master content you may have struggled with on your SAT or PSAT. Good luck to all hoping to get your dream score!

A Team United, Rising as One

By Nichloas DeLucca
Editorial Editor

After a historic season, Millikan football looks to return with another successful year. Led by second year coach Justin Utupo, the team built a strong reputation last season by defeating Lakewood for the first time since 2001 and won their first playoff game in 31 years.

Millikan will rush into the season as a force to be reckoned with and will no longer hold the title of underdog. The Varsity team started their 2018 season with a 7-3 victory over Carson and a 28-20 win over Gahr in non-conference play.

Conner Lentz, an MBA junior and cornerback claims, "We've been working hard since June. Our goal is to get a ring this year and we're going to play as one."

The phrase "Rise as one,"

which has been implemented by coach Utupo, has constituted itself around the mentality of the team, promoting a sense of unity.

From the offensive lineman blocking for the quarterback to the safeties keeping defenders out of the end zone, the team has proved they can win games and are now a threat for the Moore league title.

Qeanu Caldwell-Campbell, an M.I.T. Junior and starting quarterback, has already broken the school record for the most touchdowns in an astounding 14 games. The young star continues to prove his worth as he serves as a team captain and leader.

Caldwell-Campbell expresses his gratitude by stating, "It feels good to break the record but most of all, I'm glad to be a part of Millikan football history. I wouldn't have broken that record without my teammates. They push me to be the best every-

day and I thank them for that."

When the team faced Aquinas on Aug 31, they honored coaching legend Dave Radford by wearing "DR" stickers on the back of their helmets.

The team played hard but fell short of a victory, with a final score of 21-10.

Looking to bounce back, MBA senior and linebacker Jaylen Jefferson states, "We're a brotherhood and we're going to play like one," acting as a vocal leader. The team dove into Moore League play with an away-game against Poly, losing 46-15.

The team looks to continue winning more games and add to Millikan football history with a championship ring, a goal in which is coming closer and closer in sight.

More games mean more opportunities for Millikan athletes. Keep the game up Rams.

Varsity Girls Volleyball



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAGE SALICE

Millikan's Varsity Girls Volleyball team member Mina Barajas shows off her hard-earned skills during their match against Compton on Thursday, September 13th.

Marching Band is Back, and with a new beat

By Elizabeth Dodd
Copy Editor

After a long summer break and practicing in band camp for three weeks, marching band is back and ready to show you what they got.

The students in marching band work very hard at perfecting their music anywhere from seven

to 10 hours a week, which include during and after school practices.

Since they spend so much time together, they are a close group. COMPASS freshman, Audrey Broughton says, "Everyone is really nice and accepting, no one is ever really left out, it's like a big family."

Even though the student body mainly sees them during

football games or at rallies, they are most excited for competition season to show off what they have learned to their friends and family.

Millikan Football has always been a strong force. Striving to win and succeed. This season will be filled with more wins, more learning opportunities and more fun at football games cheering alongside our Millikan Rams.

Cross Country Races Towards a Great Season

By Paris Blanco
Asst. Editor

Like many other sports at Millikan, Cross Country is striving to make this 2018 fall season a great one.

The athletes have been preparing all summer for their season, which consists of 14 meets.

QUEST sophomore Sean Whipp states that, "We run around 40 miles a week. During a week, we have hard days where we do a lot of fast intervals on the track, followed by

recovery days where we run slower to help us regain strength."

Whipp also adds, "Our team has a lot of great runners this year, and I'm looking forward to a great season."

Aside from training for this season, the cross-country coaches have also put a lot of effort into preparing their athletes.

Varsity and Frosh/Soph girls are led by Coach Angie. Varsity and Frosh/Sophomore boys are led by Coach Melissa. As for JV girls and boys, they have a new coach, Coach Ramirez.

The coaches as a whole state that, "This year's expectation is to be able to race/toe the line more confidently. We have a very talented group, now it's about focusing on our overall teamwork, and dedication to finish strong."

According to PEACE sophomore Gabriella Roman, "Our coaches have really helped us out because they give us advice and they are very supportive."

With this tight knit team of coaches and hardworking runners, Millikan Cross Country will continue to sprint into the season.

Prepping for a Splash this Season

By Emma Sharman
Copy Editor

The Millikan Boys Water Polo team is training rigorously for their upcoming games, seeing as this year's season began in late August/early September. A Junior Varsity team member (who wishes for his identity to remain undisclosed) predicts a good season this year, particularly for the Varsity team. "Varsity is a stable team; they're very strong. I think they're going to do pretty well this year," he remarks, "I rarely miss games, but I unfortunately wasn't able to go to our most recent one. According to my

teammates, we played pretty well."

All members put in effort to keep their performance at its best during the school year. "We have morning practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:20," he says of the JV team, "We work really hard to refine our skills in areas that might be lacking. We do a lot of drilling."

Over summer break, however, the team must make a collective effort to stay in shape so that they can get right back into the swing of things when the season starts. "We receive a packet full of mandatory fitness activities to do every day over summer," the team player

explains, "It usually consists of things like 'Bounce a water-polo-sized ball against a wall for a minimum of 15 minutes a day' which helps maintain our coordination."

Despite hard work and focus that comes with having water polo practice early in the morning, the water polo team looks forward to showing off their skills in their upcoming games.

With this effort comes great reward. With more games ahead Millikan water-polo athletes continue to score.

Boy's waterpolo may be tough, but our Millikan knows, to just keep on swimming into success.

"Just Do It"

By Chloe Pullman
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Colin Kaepernick, former NFL quarterback, has just partnered with Nike as the new face of their campaign.

The ad shows Kaepernick's face close to the camera, with the words, "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything", written across his face.

Since the ad was released on Sept. 3, there has been controversy that has backfired in the face of the beloved Nike brand. This may turn up to be their most controversial campaign yet.

Already, loyal customers, protesters and well known faces such as John Rich, have been burning their Nike shoes and protesting the face of the 30th anniversary of the "Just Do It" slogan.

There is past evidence of popular brands engag-

ing in political action and not having the best result.

For instance, the Pepsi campaign with Kendall Jenner. The ad featured a black lives matter movement with police blocking their path when Kendall Jenner hands them a pepsi to open their path up again.

When the commercial was released there were many complaints and the company apologized stating, "clearly we missed the mark and apologize."

With this sort of negative talk centered around Pepsi, Nike must have known the tricky situation they were getting into with their new political campaign.

So now, with receiving love and hate from both ends, either supporters of the campaign or former supporters who are ashamed to even be seen wearing Nike: Did Nike make this decision for better or for worse?

Reverence to Radford

By Noah Devine
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Millikan football has chosen to honor head coach and longtime Millikan community leader Dave Radford with a helmet decal this season.

Radford passed away last November after a life of selflessness as a Millikan coach and mentor to young coaches like current head coach Justin Utupo.

He was a Moore League

coach for 39 years. Last year Millikan hosted and won its first playoff game since Radford's era in the 1980s.

According to 562.org Co-Editor, Mike Guardabascio "He was a huge mentor for me during my first year as a head coach," said Utupo. "Just because he's not with us physically, we still feel his presence at every practice, film session, workout, and game."

Millikan football is shaping up and as we play we remember Dave Radford.