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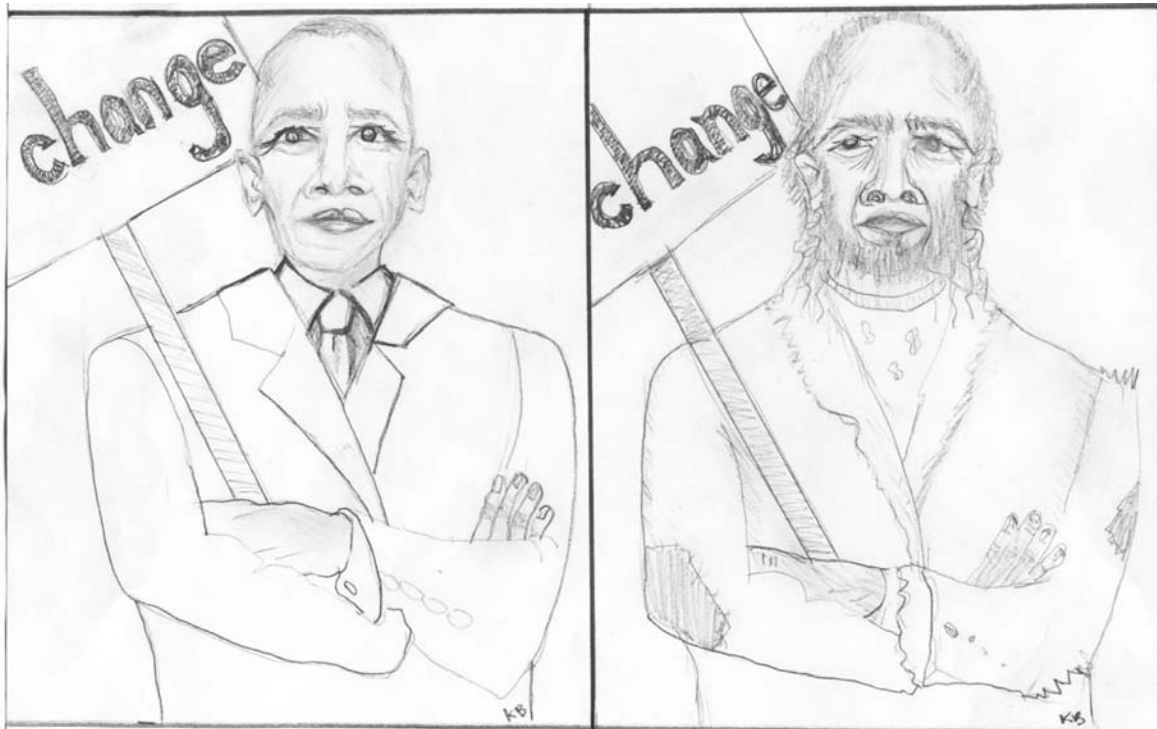
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## OPINION

# Hillary Rodham Clinton, so much for girl power

By MANIKA CASTERLINE  
*Opinions editor*

Hillary Rodham Clinton has been the gold standard of a woman in politics for the majority of my 22 years.

Clinton is a role model in many respects because of her tenacity, but, also has her fair share of critics. In fact, you either love her or hate her, according to a Time piece done in 2006 that speculated whether or not the junior senator from New York would run for the highest office in all the land. Sen. Clinton put that question to rest when she officially kicked off her candidacy on Jan. 20, 2007.

During the election of 2008, Hillary was the early favorite to win the presidency of the United States. But, instead the candidacy of Barack Obama electrified the electorate of the Democratic party.

This, of course, led to the implosion

of the "Clintonian" political machine that was erected during her husband, Bill Clinton's presidency.

On the campaign trail in New Hampshire, a tearful Clinton said, "Some people think elections are a game. They think it's like who's up and who's down. It's about our country. It's about our kid's futures. And it's really about all of us. Some of us put ourselves out there and do this against some pretty difficult odds."

Now Hillary Clinton's life has been marked with extremely public battles from taking an active role in shaping health care policy as First Lady, to standing by her man despite his infidelity.

Clinton has always faced stereotypical challenges in a vast amount of narratives and vanquished that which she was up against and she is used to being a trailblazer. Clinton was the first student commence-

ment speaker at her graduation from Wellesley College, and was the first female partner at the Rose law firm, including being named as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America twice. Clinton is the only former first lady go on to become a U.S senator and in total there are currently only 14 female senators in Congress.

Clinton's run for executive office aside, the only other woman to run was Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 for Vice President on the Walter Mondale ticket. The presidency has been the occupation that has evaded Clinton though and she has stated that she has no intention of running in 2016, which means that she has not broken the ultimate glass ceiling for women.

Clinton, who currently serves as Secretary of State, which is the highest ranking position in the Obama cabinet, has come under fire from columnists for being a political

adversary, not an advocate. Unlike her Bosnian sniper fire incident, this seismic shift of personality is a real tangible point of contention.

As the most powerful woman in the free world, Hillary's voice has been silenced, not utilized.

Clinton said, "I believe in delegating power. I'm not one of these people that feels like I have to have my face in the front of the newspaper or on the T.V every moment of the day. I would be irresponsible and negligent were I to say 'no' to everything must come to me. Maybe that is a woman's thing. Maybe I'm totally secure and feel absolutely no need to go running around for people to know what I'm doing. It's just the way I am."

Clinton has largely been marginalized to take a back seat rather than the spotlight that she is so accustomed to. Perhaps muzzling her message accounts for her favorability being at 62 percent while the

President's is at 56 percent, according to a recent Gallup poll. The new found popularity however does not necessarily equate to political capital for a woman who now spends the majority of her time in the enclave of the situation room.

"My goal is to be a very positive force to implement the kind of changes that the President and I believe are in the best interest of our country. But, that doesn't mean it all has to be me, me me all the time. I like lifting people up," Clinton said. Hillary has always been the champion for women everywhere even famously declaring that women's rights are human rights.

If anything, what the evolution of Hillary Rodham Clinton has taught us as women is contrary to what we have made her to be the figurehead of. That she as a woman found her refuge in shadows of powerful men, first with Bill, now with Barack. It

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# You have to be quick to get the classes you want

**EDITOR'S NOTE** – This is a letter from the Ohlone administration advising students to act quickly to get the classes you want, now that budget problems have forced a reduction in class offerings.

By JIM WRIGHT  
VP of Academic Affairs  
and  
RON TRAVENICK  
VP of Student Services

In all our courses and programs at Ohlone College, our faculty helps students build their critical

thinking skills and become more self-directed in their learning and in life. The current budget crisis in California is providing you with an unwelcome, but real-world situation that is giving you the opportunity to practice your critical thinking skills. The task is to get your classes for the spring 2010 se-

mester and eventually achieve your longer-term education goals.

Community colleges receive state funding based on student enrollment. Because of the budget crisis, the state is cutting the number of students they will pay us for. Thus, colleges are being forced to serve fewer students, principally

by reducing the number of class sections offered.

In the spring 2010 semester, we will have 10 percent less classes than spring 2009. We also know that we will have a much higher demand for classes because of the higher unemployment rate and the

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## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

### What is your favorite thing about autumn?



**Derek Ryan**  
FILM & VIDEO PRODUCTION  
"The snow up in Tahoe."



**Ty Trung**  
BUSINESS  
"Chilling by the fire with girls."



**Brittany Fargo**  
INTERIOR DESIGN  
"The rain."



**Crystal Lopez**  
EDUCATION  
"The color of of the leaves."



**Sarah Liu**  
UNDECIDED  
"It rains more."