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Editor's Note

Dear reader,

It has been a privilege to create the magazine you now hold in your hands. We, the Editorial Board, asked you for your ravings, your yearnings, your rage, your confessional, your obsessive, your brutally, beautifully honest. And you rose to our challenge, exceeding our expectations as you do every year. I am truly grateful for your courage to create and to share your art. This magazine would not exist without you, reader, because *The Echo* is above all the creation of our student body, by our student body, and for our student body. My hope is that you will find some aspect of yourselves, and the world we share, within these pages. Learn from those pages that are written through unfamiliar eyes. Grow from those pages that present a reality you never thought to dig for.

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