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## LOCAL NEWS

# Traditional voters waited to cast their ballots on Election Day

By ALEXIS BIERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Voters strolled into McLean Middle School when the doors opened at 7 a.m.

For the next hour and a half, voters trickled in to cast ballots in the general election, which includes candidates for president. Although 48 percent of registered Tarrant County voters opted to vote early, those who showed up early talked about the tradition and excitement of Election Day.

Michael Reznikoff, 67, one of the first to vote at McLean, said he purposely waited.

"I wanted to see what happened at my precinct," he said. "I wanted to see what my lines were like and what would be happening at the precinct itself."

He said he chose Democrat Hillary Clinton



PHOTO BY CHRIS GARCIA

Many election signs were placed all over Tarrant County.

over Republican Donald Trump.

"It's time for a woman to run this county," Reznikoff said.

Tradition was what brought Linda Mathis, 70, a certified notary signing agent, out on Election Day.

"People don't honor tradition enough," she said. "I do my Christmas shopping in December and my voting in November."

John Hurst, 44, also talked about the Election

Day tradition.

"My whole voting life I've always just voted on Election Day," he said. "Mostly because I've never had a problem getting in and getting out, it usually just takes five minutes getting in. All of the voting precincts I've been a part of haven't been crowded."

Paula Holcomb, a senior vice president of human resources at EECU, said she "just wanted to be apart of the excitement today."

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LINDA MATHIS  
NOTARY SIGNING AGENT

Holcomb, who described herself as over 50, said she voted straight Republican.

The early Election Day voters also noted there were no lines.

"I got to experience the fun of Election Day," said Caleb Dunn, 27. He added, "I voted for America."

## FEATURE

## Astronaut casts ballot from space

By NICOLE STRONG  
STAFF WRITER

There's a Horned Frog dad aboard the International Space Station and he voted in the 2016 election.

Shane Kimbrough, commander of Expedition 50, is the father of first-year movement science major Taylor Kimbrough.

Shane left Earth on Oct. 19 and is scheduled to return in March, said Taylor. He is currently the only American in space, reported Fox News.

Texas legislatures passed a bill in 1997 establishing procedures that allow astronauts to vote from space, according to the NASA website.

A year before the launch, astronauts select which elections they want to participate in while they are away. Six months before the election, the astronauts are sent

the Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request.

Taylor said her dad was excited to vote in the election, even though he would be away.

"I think it is awesome that my dad was able to be a part of the voting process, even though he isn't on Earth," Taylor said. "It is great that he made it a priority and is such a great role model."

Taylor also participated in the election as a first-time voter.

"I felt encouraged and valued for participating in such an important election," Taylor said. "Everyone in the building clapped for me after I voted."

Taylor said she admires her dad and all his accomplishments.

"I think it is so cool that my dad is an astronaut, and that he is able to serve the country while doing something he loves," Taylor said. "I am so proud of him because I would



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U.S. astronaut Shane Kimbrough voted in the 2016 election.

never be able to do what he does."

The election polls on Earth closed at 7 p.m.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Voters lack confidence in major candidates

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The parking lot of Trinity Chapel remained relatively sparse. No lines formed or groups of voters gathered outside the church, one of the many Tarrant County polling sites.

Those who did vote were not confident in Democratic



PHOTO BY YVONNE UMUGWANEZA

Party nominee Hillary Clinton or Republican Party nominee Donald Trump.

"My biggest issue is with getting rid of career politicians," said 48-year-old sales manager Charles Gibbs. "And the republican nominee was just not a valid leader."

Gibbs said he voted for Libertarian party nominee Gary Johnson.

For others, like 31-year-old Jennifer Norman, the choice of who to vote for was not becoming any clearer under the pressure of the running clock.

"If I had to choose right now," she pauses and inhales a sharp breath as she gathers her thoughts, "I'm just still undecided, even going into the polls."

Norman said while it is an

advantage to be able to see the political track record of a career politician, the thought of a fresh face in politics could sway her decision.

"The system is super broken," Norman said. "In some ways having someone who you're not wondering who they're in bed with and with how many they've been with is appealing too."

## CAMPUS NEWS

# Students faced challenges trying to vote absentee

By GARRETT PODELL  
STAFF WRITER

The election came to a close Tuesday night and Americans now know their 45th president.

Some students at TCU, however, aren't thrilled with their candidate options or absentee voting.

"I couldn't vote because I didn't know much about the absentee ballot process," said

Kendra Hall, a California native and sophomore strategic communication and French double major.

Although she didn't cast a ballot, she knows the candidate for whom she would have voted.

"I would vote for the candidate that I think is the better of two evils," Hall said. "Either way, people are going to be upset, so I would vote for someone who would make less people upset."

Hall wasn't the only student who was hindered by the absentee voting process.

"I probably should have voted, but I would have had to absentee vote being from Florida," sophomore biology major Ally Coyne said. "I can't just go somewhere to vote, and I'm pretty busy."

However, Coyne wasn't enthused about either candidate.

"I'm in ROTC and going to be in the Army, and I have to serve whoever is president, but I'm not a fan of either one," Coyne said. "Honestly, every time I start leaning toward a candidate, I get reminded of their bad characteristics."

Even though some students were held back by absentee voting, there were out-of-state students who voted.

"I voted against a certain one because it's the lesser of two evils, and that's how many people are voting in this election," Alabama native and first-year Spanish major Dylan Fullilove said.

Many students share the opinion that their choices are not ideal.

"This election has been very difficult because we don't have the best options, and I would

have to say that I was probably voting against what I believe to be a person with a different set of ideals than what I'm used to," senior applied geoscience major Matthew English said. "I hope this election is an outlier and that we get back to talking about the policies and issues, or that the election leads to a possible reform in the whole election process."

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# How did th

By LAURA BELPER

## Donald

**E**ntrepreneur-turned-TV personality-turned-presidential candidate Donald Trump began his career in his father's real estate development company Elizabeth Trump & Son, which he later would rename Trump Organization.

Gradually, Trump acquired and built dozens of properties including Trump Tower and multiple casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Year after year Trump experienced business successes and failures.

Successes include the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Trump Tower, 40 Wall Street, Trump Place, "The Apprentice" and the Trump International Tower in Chicago.



The real estate developer was not always successful. Trump's first brush with bankruptcy was in 1991 over The Trump Taj Mahal. Four bankruptcies followed until his most recent bankruptcy, Trump Entertainment Resorts, in 2009.

In 1996, Trump bought and became executive producer of the Miss Universe, Miss USA and Teen USA pageants.

He then launched his famous show "The Apprentice" in 2004.

His fame was solidified in 2007 when he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In 2011, the billionaire began brushing with politics when he announced he would not be running for president. The following year, he called the authenticity of President Barack Obama's birth certificate into question.

Two years later, Trump spoke at the Conservative Action Conference, where he said the country is a "total and complete mess."

On June 1, 2015, Trump said that he would make a major announcement June 16. The announcement, of course, was that he'd be running for president.

After Trump made controversial statements regarding immigration, NBCUniversal decided not to air the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants after commenting, "Due to the recent derogatory statements by Donald Trump regarding immigrants, NBCUniversal is ending its business relationship with Mr. Trump."

Trump's controversial comments continued after he went on a Twitter rant criticizing Megyn Kelly and Fox News. He said he was unfairly treated during the first Republican primary debate.

Growing national concern over the Republican candidate's comments were further felt on Dec. 7, 2015 when Trump called for a "complete shutdown of all Muslims entering the U.S. until the country's representatives could figure out what was going on."

Trump received good news on May 26, when he secured enough delegates to earn the Republican Party nomination.

Following his nomination on July 16, Trump named Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate. On Oct. 1 The New York Times reported that Trump declared a \$916 million loss in 1995, which could have allowed him to legally avoid paying federal income taxes for years.

Six days later, unaired footage of Trump discussing women in a controversial way during a taping for "Access Hollywood" surfaced.

Trump's non-traditional approach and controversial statements have cemented him as one the most unique presidential candidates.



## Hillary

# How did they get here?

DIO STAFF WRITER

## and Trump

**F**ormer Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has made a name for herself as one of the most powerful women in the country.

She first became immersed in politics in 1964 when she worked on Republican candidate Barry Goldwater's campaign.

Four years later, Clinton switched to the Democratic Party and campaigned for Eugene McCarthy. Clinton attended Yale Law School where she met Bill Clinton in 1971.

In 1974, Clinton moved to Fayetteville where she would work in several positions at the University of Arkansas. She and Bill Clinton married in 1975.

She and Bill later moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where she would become a partner at the Rose Law Firm. Soon afterward, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Bill Clinton was elected governor of Arkansas, making her the First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1981. He was re-elected in 1983 and she had her second shift as First Lady until 1992.

While Clinton maintained her position as first lady of Arkansas, she continued her work at Rose Law Firm and was eventually appointed to head the Arkansas Education Standards Committee by her husband.

In 1993, Hillary took another First Lady role when her husband was elected president. He appointed her to the Task Force on National Health Care Reform in the same year.

In 1994, Clinton received the Living Legacy Award from the Women's International Center. This award recognized her work for women and children.

The next year, Clinton delivered a speech at the United Nations' Fourth World Conference in Beijing, discussing women's rights.

In 2000, Hillary ran and won a seat in the U.S. Senate, representing New York. She won a second term in 2006.

Hoping to be the first female president, Clinton ran for president in 2008. She won more delegates than any women ever.

In June of the same year, Clinton stopped her campaign and endorsed Barack Obama as the Democratic nominee, eventually serving as Secretary of State under his presidency from 2009 to 2013.

As Secretary, she managed the State Department's 60,000 employees. An attack on the diplomatic annex in Benghazi in 2012 resulted in lengthy Congressional hearings for Clinton.

Near the beginning of 2013, Clinton resigned as Secretary of State.

In March 2015, Clinton's use of a personal email server to conduct state department business was first reported in the New York Times. The FBI conducted an investigation and found that Clinton used several personal devices and several email servers as Secretary. After the initial investigation, the FBI found insufficient evidence to indict Clinton and did not recommend criminal charges.

In 2015, Clinton officially announced a second run at the White House, and in July 2016, she accepted the nomination of the party in her bid to become the first woman president of the United States.



# Clinton

## FAITH

# Brite Divinity School hosts Election Day service at Robert Carr Chapel

By COLE POLLEY  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday morning, TCU's Robert Carr Chapel held a church service focused on the presidential election.

Hosted by TCU Brite Divinity School, the service was led by guest pastor Scott Mayer, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

With election night looming, a crowd of about 50 gathered to listen to Mayer's message, and the election was certainly in the forefront of the discussion.

Mayer said he realized the importance of preaching on the TCU campus on this crucial day for America.

"I think to be preaching in a divinity school that is committed to social justice on Election Day definitely had special significance to me," Mayer said.

Mayer also added that many parts of the service were pertinent to the election, even the hymns that were sung.

"A couple of our hymns were very appropriate for the day, as well as our prayers," Mayer said. "I didn't ignore the reality of what is going on today at all...I think this election process has pretty much magnified what we need to deal with in the world going forward."

Attendees smiled and exchanged greetings at the

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**Scott Mayer**  
BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

conclusion of the service as they filed out of the chapel.

"It's nice to be able to come here and have that fellowship on such a nerve-racking day," attendee James Thomas said. "Tensions are high but this adds a solid element to the day for me."

In addition to the fellowship, Thomas also said he enjoyed the fact that he could relate to the ongoing political situation on Election Day.

"It's important to keep in mind how our faith relates to the election," Thomas said. "Otherwise it's easy to get lost in everything that's going on, so it was cool to be able to hear something relatable today."



PHOTO BY COLE POLLEY

A service Robert Carr Chapel was held focusing on the presidential election.

## Voter said her faith caused her to avoid participating in the presidential election

By CHINA PERKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Not casting a ballot in the election Tuesday is how some people are dealing with unfavorable presidential candidates.

Few voters showed up to the Trinity Chapel in Fort Worth around lunchtime.

As voters slowly arrived to cast their ballots, a group of women held their weekly Bible study in the church as well.

The group of women varied in their selections

for the presidential candidate. One woman said she voted for third party candidate Gary Johnson while the others mentioned they voted for major party candidates.

Some based their decision on whether to vote around their faith.

Karen Dennis, a member of the women's Bible study at the church, said she did not vote in this election.

"I can't personally feel good about voting for either candidate," Dennis said. "I know

that God is in control of it no matter how it ends up, so I'm letting God take the reigns and not making the decision myself."

The 31-year-old said this was the first time she did not participate in a general election since she registered at the age of 18.

"Not voting was a hard decision to come to," Dennis said.

One of Dennis' major reasons for choosing not to vote was that she could not decide "the lesser of the two evils."

Dennis said

whomever is elected will have major issues to face when taking office. She doesn't know where the future of the United States is headed but she said she will rely on her faith to understand it.

"I'm not sure where the country is going, but we are all seeing a lot of what is wrong with the country that we weren't necessarily seeing before," Dennis said. "I have hope that God will lead whichever candidate to be very active and make our country great again."

## FEATURE

# International voter emphasizes election outcome importance

By **TAMERA HYATTE**  
STAFF WRITER

As the nation went to the polls on Election Day, one TCU international student wanted voters to remember that the results matter to the world.

"Obviously, the presidential role is very important for international students, because we are studying in the U.S.," said Ginny Ho, an international student from Vietnam studying nutrition science and communication. "I think the leader of this country will affect many policies regarding how international studies can be treated or how we can

find jobs in the U.S."

Ho said if she were allowed to vote she would have selected Democrat Hillary Clinton because there has never been a U.S. woman president.

"I think she could provide a new perspective because she understands how to be a leader in a patriarchal society," Ho said.

Ho also said Clinton is educated on foreign policy issues and would help improve international relations.

"She encourages trading and she seems like a diplomat," said Ho. "She seems like one who will develop friendly relationships with different countries

and will embrace globalization."

Ho said she likes the U.S. democratic process, in which U.S. citizens are given the freedom to express their vote compared to Vietnam.

"In Vietnam, the citizens don't have a lot of access to the governmental election," Ho said. "Everything is voted within the government itself and the citizen's vote doesn't have much more weight unlike the U.S. which is more of a democracy and every citizen knows the importance of their vote and one vote can make a difference."



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## NEWS

# Voters consider alternative candidates

By **MEAGAN THOMPSON**  
STAFF WRITER

A problem voiced during the process leading up to the election has been the feeling of lack of options regarding candidates.

Voters having problems with both candidates has led to the consideration of third party voting.

During five primaries "just more than half [of Republicans] say they'd be satisfied with Trump as the nominee against Hillary Clinton, but about four in 10 say they'd seriously consider a third-party candidate," according to ABCNews.

But today is Election Day, and Trump is on the ballot as the GOP candidate, which means it's time for those Republicans who were considering third party candidates to face the music.

Among the few who were at Trinity Chapel this morning were dissatisfied voters Lauren Bennett and Sarah Stone.

Bennett, a 37-year-old part-time copywriter and stay-at-home mom,



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Voters have considered voting for Gary Johnson, Evan McMullin and Jill Stein.

voted early this year.

When asked who she would vote for, Bennett gave a long sigh. "I voted for Donald Trump," she said through gritted teeth.

Bennett did not vote for Trump in the primary and "in this election I

considered [voting third party], and I felt like I would be taking a vote away from someone who has more of a capacity to win," she said.

Bennett's husband shares in her frustration with the candidates, she said. "My husband said 'I voted, and

now I feel like I need to take a shower.'"

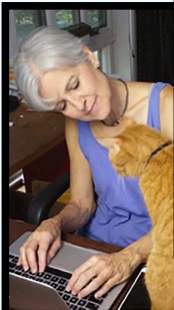
Stone has not voted yet, but says she will make the leap to a third-party candidate.

"I strongly considered third-party candidates," said Stone, "I'm probably going to vote for Gary Johnson."

# ELECTION DAY TRENDS

## A look of some popular tweets from Election Day

BY PARIS JONES



**Dr. Belinda Setters**  
@BelindaSetters

In #pantsuit & white blouse to vote for @HillaryClinton w/ memories of #suffragettes! A little emotional. Let's get in Formation! @Beyonce

7:07 AM - 8 Nov 2016



**josh groban** ✓  
@joshgroban

The expression on this trump cake being wheeled into trump tower is everything I needed tonight. Yes. Good.

5:00 PM - 8 Nov 2016

**Dr. Jill Stein** ✓  
@DrJillStein

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2:25 PM - 7 Nov 2016



**Kevin O'Neill** ✓  
@KevinBuffalo

I'm voting for Regina George, because she got hit by that bus.

9:58 AM - 8 Nov 2016



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me watching florida

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