



ELECTION NIGHT UPSET

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THE UPSET

On Tuesday, November 8, Donald Trump (R) was successful at amassing more Electoral College votes than Hillary Clinton (D), making him the president-elect of the United States of America. The past 17 months have been awash in media coverage of his campaign. Now the narratives must pivot and cover both the country's reaction to and acceptance of the new president and Trump's own transition into becoming one of the most powerful people in the world. Trump defined his campaign by his slogan, "Make America Great Again." But what does that mean, exactly? Well, for Trump, that means a government that is very involved in its people's lives - which is surprising, seeing as he is a member of the Republican Party who have prided themselves on small government policies since the Johnson era.

Perhaps the most notable and extreme of his policies is the building of the 1,900 mile long wall along the Mexico border, which, if he is unable to "get Mexico to pay for it" will cost taxpayers an estimated 25 billion dollars. This, along with Trump's ban of all Muslims entering the country, were formative to his campaign. Whether or not he accomplishes these goals, which the New York Times cites as one of the primary reasons why Trump garnered all the votes that he did, will be an issue that the media will have to monitor closely.

A man is only as strong as the team behind him. In Trump's case, that means his cabinet and advisors, a group of people hand-picked to guide the president on domestic policy disputes and give him counsel on foreign affairs. Their jobs will matter more than anything this time around, seeing as Trump has no political experience prior to his election campaign. In that spirit, he selected Mike Pence, our current lame-duck governor, as his Vice President back in July. Leader of Trump's "transition team" from campaign to administration, it seems as though he will have more control of day-to-day business in the White House than Trump, a nod

to the Bush-Cheney relationship that was on display in the early 2000s.

Pence made national headlines in 2015 after signing a bill that would allow businesses in Indiana to discriminate against the LGBTQ community in the name of their religious liberties. After Trump admitted to being in favor of transgender bathrooms last week, it became clear that there is a difference of opinion between the two men, something that did not seem to exist as readily during their campaign.

Chief Strategist and Senior Counsel, one of the most important positions in the White House, will be filled by Steve Bannon, the chairman of Breitbart News, an alt-right news source. Like



Trump, he too has received his share of sexual assault allegations, in addition to domestic abuse charges from his now ex-wife. Described by the Huffington Post as a "white national", this was, once again, a controversial choice on the part of the Trump administration.

Additionally, Rudy Giuliani and Chris Christie are both on the shortlist for Attorney General; Dr. Ben Carson, a staunch proponent of the creationist movement, is currently the top choice for Secretary of Education; and Sarah Palin might be making her return to politics - she's currently being vetted for the position of Secretary of the Interior, the office that protects and manages all federal land and wildlife. Reince

Priebus, Chair of the Republican National Committee, has been named Chief of Staff.

Trump will take the Oath of Office on January 20, 2017, officially making him the 45th President of the United States of America.

THE UNEXPECTED LOSS

Despite the outcome of the election, almost all national polls predicted that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton would be the victor on that fateful Tuesday night. As we now know, they were all wrong. As the night turned to morning, it quickly became clear that America was not going to see another Clinton take office in 2017. In a move that dismayed and saddened the public, Ms. Clinton chose not to make a speech Tuesday night, instead sending campaign chair John Podesta out to address the crowd, who kept up hope by insisting that "all votes hadn't been counted."

For Clinton supporters this maintained some hope - for Trump supporters, not so much. Former Trump campaign manager turned CNN correspondent Corey Lewandowski called for Clinton to concede that very night. Reality became clear once Trump took the stage that night, claiming that Ms. Clinton had already called to concede. Donald J. Trump had become president-elect Trump.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ms. Clinton gave her speech, which was directed especially towards not only her supporters but to young women and children in general. During her speech that prompted many to shed tears, Clinton said, "I still believe in America and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future. Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead."

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She said, specifically to young people, that “I’ve had successes and I’ve had setbacks. Sometimes, really painful ones. Many of you are at the beginning of your professional public and political careers. You will have successes and setbacks, too. This loss hurts, but please never stop believing that fighting for what’s right is worth it.” And to women in general? Ms. Clinton says that although women have not “broken that glass ceiling yet,” the time will come, and this fight for equality is not in vain. Supporters, as well as Mr. Trump, have called Ms. Clinton “gracious and strong.” Although she apologized to her supporters during her concession for not winning, she calls for a peaceful transfer of power.

Later that week, during a meeting with donors, Clinton blamed FBI Director James Comey for her loss. He claimed there was more evidence that warranted reopening her private server email case, only to say days later that once again, Clinton would not be investigated. In that period of time, many people had already voted - which may be why Clinton places blame on Comey, in addition to the fact that this only

reminded people of the scandal that has plagued her campaign from the start and prevented her from ending her campaign on an optimistic note.

As for the future? Many have claimed that Ms. Clinton’s political career will now be over and have described her concession speech as painful. But, as one voter can attest, she is not wallowing up by herself. While out walking with her daughter in the woods, one supporter ran into Secretary Clinton and her husband. According to the supporter, she looked happy and was friendly.

So, maybe her political career is over. But what we know for certain is that “nasty women” do not give up. Clinton, the wide, deafening crack that she left in the toughest of all glass ceilings, and Democrats in general are sure to stick around.

In this time that is scary for many, we at *The Tower* would like to remind our readers:

Love
trumps
hate.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

ABBY MYERS - REPORTER

Regardless of your political views, there are sure to be a lot of changes in the federal and local governments following this election. Even though many Adams students were not eligible to vote in this election, it will certainly be one of the most important in our lives. Although the main focus is on the election of Donald Trump for president, many other elections took place on November 8th that are much closer to home. While Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were busy campaigning across the nation, other candidates were campaigning across Indiana for coveted political positions. In addition to the presidency, intense races took place for governor, the senate, congress, and even SBCSC school board trustees.

One of the major races in Indiana was the governor's race. Republican and current Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb and Democrat and former Indiana Speaker of the House John Gregg faced off for the highest position in the state government, previously held by now Vice President-elect Mike Pence. In the end, Republican Eric Holcomb won the office and has appointed Suzanne Crouch to be his Lieutenant Governor. The race was close with 51% of the vote going to Holcomb and 45% going to Gregg statewide. St. Joseph County in particular went to John Gregg, who won 52% of the county's vote.

Another election that occurred last Tuesday was one of two of Indiana's senate seats. Republican Todd Young, who previously served as the representative for Indiana's 9th district, and Democrat and former Indiana governor Evan Bayh were the major challengers for the senate seat. Despite heavy campaign ads, Young defeated Bayh for the position and will join senate next January and represent Indiana alongside Democrat Joe Donnelly. Young's seat had recently become available after the retirement of Republican Senator Dan Coats. Young garnered 52% of the vote; 42% of the electorate went for Bayh. In our county, however, Bayh won with 51% of the vote.

The congressional election for Indiana's 2nd district, which contains the majority of north-central Indiana, including St. Joseph County, proved to be heavily critical and controversial. The candidates for this position included in-

cumbent Republican Jackie Walorski, Democrat Lynn Coleman, and Libertarian Ron Cenkush. The most controversy surrounding this election came from the public debate scandal initiated by Lynn Coleman who believed that Walorski was not willing to represent and debate in front of the bulk of the district. However, Walorski and Coleman were able to compromise with a public debate over a Wabash radio station. Despite the controversy, Jackie Walorski was able to pull off yet another victory for the representative position over Lynn Coleman, who had gained significant support in the more urban areas of the district. Walorski won by a landslide with 60% of the vote over Coleman who had 37%.

Probably the most significant to students here at John Adams High School was the election of several SBCSC School Board Trustees. Of the 12 positions on the school board, 3 of them were up for grabs in the election on November 8th. The majority of the positions, 10 to be exact, represent specific districts within South Bend while the remaining 2 "at-large" positions represent the South Bend area as a whole. Of these, both at-large positions and the representative from South Bend's 3rd district were contested in the 2016 election. Incumbents Maritza Robles and John Anella won both of the at-large positions with 20% and 19% of the vote respectively. In addition, challenger Leslie Wesley defeated incumbent Bill Sniadecki to win the 3rd district trustee position. The election was extremely close with only 46 votes separating the two. All of the newly elected board members hope to bring a much needed change to the school corporation and believe that a new Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Spells will help to make these changes. Hopefully, this election will prove to be beneficial for all Adams students.

Congressional Districts



THANKSGIVING DINNER

HUNTER MELANSON - REPORTER

Amidst all of the election chaos, you may have forgotten that Thanksgiving is only one week away. That's right, one week! Now if you celebrate Thanksgiving, I'm sure you are ecstatic about this. Spending time with the family, NFL football, and my favorite- eating until your heart's content, are great ways to relax on a holiday. With all of the food people eat on Thanksgiving, it seems like nobody really asks one important question. What actually is in all of the food we eat at Thanksgiving dinner? Just for fun, I will break down a typical Thanksgiving meal piece by piece. For those who don't know, a classic Thanksgiving dinner consists of, but is not limited to, the following: turkey, mashed potatoes, corn bread, cranberry sauce, bread stuffing, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

Turkey (8 oz.)

Calories- 386; Fat- 11g; Carbs- 0 g

Mashed Potatoes (1 cup)

Calories- 360; Fat- 7g; Carbs- 34g

Corn Bread (1oz.)

Calories- 100; Fat- 5g; Carbs- 13g

Cranberry Sauce (1/4 c)

Calories- 110; Fat- 0g; Carbs- 28g

Bread Stuffing (1/2 c)

Calories- 150; Fat- 6g; Carbs- 21g

Marshmallow Sweet Potatoes (1/2 c)

Calories- 210; Fat- 9g; Carbs- 30g

Pumpkin Pie (1/8 of a 9 in. diameter pie)

Calories- 316; Fat- 14g; Carbs- 40g

Obviously, much of this will vary depending on the portions you take, but now you have a ballpark estimate. With all this being said, it is perfectly fine to splurge on delicious food for one day. After all, Thanksgiving only comes once a year.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SYDNEY GRANLUND - REPORTER

John Adams' girls cross country team has had an overwhelming and largely unrecognized amount of success this season. The Lady Eagles placed second, only to Penn, in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC), as well as at sectionals. Additionally, they contributed five runners to the all-NIC team. The girls also won the City meet and brought home the Caston Invitational title at the beginning of their season. More recently, the girls became the only JA team this fall to compete in a semi-state competition. As if this feat was not impressive enough, their qualification for semi-state was the first in eleven years, making this season a historical one that should not be overlooked.

These successes, however did not come easily to the girls. Assistant Coach Byers witnessed their commitment firsthand. "The girls have worked extremely hard over the past 20 weeks in order to get where they are," he said. "It takes a lot of dedication and determination to wake up at 6 AM all summer and to balance the workload of the classroom and athletics once school starts." Head Coach Rivera added, "They started believing in themselves and their teammates by pushing each other all season." Rivera also mentioned that a new strategy also played a part in their triumph: "They have started running in a pack and as a result they have improved their time every meet." A hunger for winning and the work ethic to make winning possible set these girls up to earn a place at the semi-state competition for the first time in over a decade.

Coach Rivera and Coach Byers both remember the girls' primary goal from the beginning of the season was to make it out of regionals. Although the Lady Eagles faced adversities along the way, Coach Byers recalls it becoming "quite clear that the goal for semi-state was very achievable" after winning the City Meet. Winning key meets such as Caston and City not only helped improve their standings, but it also "helped build upon the confidence that is needed to perform on such a competitive stage [such as semi-state]," according to Coach Byers.

The girls placed 12th at semi-state on October 22, ending their extraordinary season surpassing their original season's goals. The girls were also recognized for qualifying for semi-state by the superintendent and school board on November 7 where they were acknowledged for the hard work they've put in over the past several months. Although they hoped to send at least an individual to state, the season should certainly still be considered a success as they ended an eleven-year-long drought and created a firm foundation that can be built upon for the coming years. Coach Byers pointed out the bright future ahead of the team, especially considering how young it is. "Of our sectional roster of 12 girls, 10 will be coming back next year," Coach Byers said. "These girls know how strong they are and what they are capable of, and have nothing but good things ahead of them," he continued. The JA girls cross country team created a name for themselves this season, and the possibilities next season are endless. Congratulations Lady Eagles!

