

Election's over and it's time to get to work



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Schmidtke argues that now that the election has ended, it's time for politicians to get to work. "Major reform is not going to happen while politicians are campaigning," she says.

The 2016 election has ended. Hallelujah.

For the record, I'm writing this on Tuesday afternoon, so I don't know who won yet.

But I don't need to know the election results to say what I'm about to say.

Because regardless of who won, my message is this: it's time to get to work.

Every election cycle, people become fired up about politics for about ten months, and then after the winner takes office, the excitement slowly dissipates.

As a result, the average American's political life is deeply divided.

We only discuss our politics when we are arguing over who to vote for.

Then the election season rolls around again and Americans are frustrated at how little has changed.

Take for example the way parties conduct primaries.

Unfair primary elections were

a controversial issue for both Republicans and Democrats this year.

But what many people did not realize in this discussion, is that primaries have been stirring controversy for years.

Political parties are semi-private organizations that make decisions for the public, which has caused trouble in the past.

Why haven't primaries changed then?

Because people are only outraged immediately after the primaries.

No politician is going to risk shaking up party politics during election seasons, and when they actually might consider

passing legislation to change the system, the constituency has lost interest.

So if you are mad about Bernie Sanders or whoever ran for the GOP ticket losing, now is the time when you have to start putting pressure on your representatives to reform the system.

Speaking of voting, let's talk about rigged elections.

For a country that prides itself on its democracy, we seem to run into major issues every year with voting.

This year alone, one major party candidate has discussed at length the possibility of rigged elections.

Others have expressed con-

cerns over increased voter restrictions and possible voter discrimination.

These fears are not new, and are in fact as old as American democracy itself.

The same principle applies to the general election as the primary elections.

Major reform is not going to happen while politicians are campaigning.

We need to stay as passionate about voter reform in the off years and as we have been during this election.

You also need to put pressure on your representatives to do their job, even if they are not immediately up for reelection.

The Senate has been blocking Obama's Supreme Court nomination for the entire election cycle, saying that the next president should be the one to decide.

Now a group of senators is threatening to block the nominations of the next president should that president belong to the opposite party. This is unacceptable.

The Supreme Court performs a vital function for our country and we cannot let partisan divisions hinder it.

We must express to our representatives that we are still watching their actions even after the election and we want them to do their job.

This brings us to the larger issue of moving on from this divisive election.

America has focused for so long on Republicans vs Democrats that we have forgotten that Republicans and Democrats must work together to run our country.

We are in desperate need of closure and healing after all that has happened in 2016, and we can unite once again over our shared concern for this country.

We cannot continue in governmental stalemate for the next four years.

As a country, we have much we need to address and accomplish, so we need to stop fighting each other and start working with each other.

Elections are always important moments in our history, but what will matter the most is the work our lawmakers and our citizens do in the meantime.

That is what makes America great, that despite our differences, we continue to work together to run this country and create a better future.

If we lose interest or hope now, then we will find ourselves just as frustrated when the next election rolls around.

The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



One week to Thanksgiving break! Okay, a week and two days. That's one week when you round it down.



The election is over. What are we going to write about now?



The first law that Trump passes should be to make Daylight Saving Time last the entire year.

Don't take your culture for granted



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Bhakta states that she learned to appreciate her Indian culture when she came to college. "Even after I complained constantly about my mom's Indian food, I didn't realize what I was about to miss out on until I came here," she said.



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Opinion Columnist

After attending these first few months at Gustavus Adolphus College, it is evident that as a first-year, it is an entirely new experience.

This is not only me - it is for everyone who moves away from their families into a whole new situation they are not used to.

It is clear that we, as college students, must adapt to the hustle and bustle of college life.

All of our lives, we have been embraced by our loved ones, enjoying their presence as we journey through the triumphs

of life.

They have been there to take care and provide for us when we need them to.

We have been accustomed to a particular lifestyle that is acceptable to us.

However, when we get to college, this all changes.

You have nobody but yourself on this vast campus, as if you are a tiny fish thrown into the vast sea.

The lifestyle you know is put on hold to enter this new realm of college.

This can be extremely difficult and shell shocking.

One does not know what to expect because they have never experienced anything like it.

It was not until I reached college that I appreciated a lot from my home life, which was based on an Indian Culture.

This is the aspect of my life that I miss the most.

Now that I am attending college, I understand the melancholy feeling of leaving behind a culture that has so much meaning.

It has a wonderful, positive significance that I believe a student does not realize until they leave.

This certainly happened to me.

Because I come from an Indian background, my mom would often make food such as *biryani* or *curry*.

During the time, I would often complain about not getting to eat American food.

As horrible as it sounds, I was tired of eating my own native cuisines.

It did not seem appealing to

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me at the time.

Little did I know that I would be craving her cooking as soon as I got to college.

It did not make sense to me until now.

To be honest, I would do anything to take those days back where I would be sitting in the kitchen eating *puri pani*.

This is because it was everything I was used to, and even though I did not realize it at the time, I did love my mom's cooking.

Instead, I wanted to fit in

with whatever I perceived as the norm, and eat whatever my friends were eating.

Even after I complained constantly about my mom's Indian food, I didn't realize what I was about to miss out on until I came here.

I did not feel guilty about what I thought or how I was acting.

After coming here, I knew how much I was missing out on when it came to my culture.

It all made sense to me when my mother yelled at me to embrace where I came from.

I now understand why she told me to quit whining.

She wanted me to be proud of where I come from.

It was evident how right she was, considering I would be homesick without my mom's food.

This brings me to my point about how students, should be appreciative of their cultures.

Although I did love that type of food, it was evident I was missing the spiciness and zest that was a part of the Indian food.

When I was home, I took for granted many aspects of my culture.

They should not be ashamed of their ethnicity.

It is a colorful aspect that is apart of who they are.

It's imperative that a person sticks to their valuable culture because they will not know the importance of it until it is gone.

Many students have an epiphany moment like this when they come to college.

They feel nostalgic about what they left behind.

However, it doesn't have to be that way.

Students should still express who they are when they come to college.

It does not have to stop or be halted.

A person's cultural identity should not be left at home.

They must know that they can continue to celebrate, practice, or cook food from whichever culture they are from.

I was definitely able to do that this past weekend when I celebrated *Diwali* with my friends with Indian food and garnishing the table with candles.

It is occurrences like these that allow an individual is able to fully appreciate their culture, and not take it for granted.

Disregarding public concern is dangerous



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Evans argues that Trump received many of his votes because people couldn't vote for Clinton. "A large number of people could never see themselves voting for Clinton, the establishment she represents, and the heedless debating methods of her supporters," he said.



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It was foretold that the election on Tuesday would be one of the most crucial events in American history.

While the future will decide the validity of that statement, I would like to argue that election day was far from that, and that quite frankly, it won't ever get close.

The most critical questions were left unanswered during the entire election procedure by

a process that was faulty since the get-go.

The American people have, time after time, had to accept the obscure, new reality that they've been put in.

The Democrats were unable to prepare for business after Obama, and the Republican party didn't realize the tornado that is Donald Trump until it was too late.

That is the major reason Hillary Clinton lost this election, rather than Donald Trump winning it.

The managerial incompetence of both parties leaves me astonished, as any other candidate with a decently clean political background, solid oratory skills, some liberal ideas and a cautious mindset would have swept this election. Bernie Sanders came close.

While he emphasized his social-democratic vision during the primaries, something tells me that he would have toned down that rhetoric and realized what compromises would be necessary in order to seize the votes of people who voted against Clinton.

This is key. A large number of people could never see them-

selves voting for Clinton, the establishment she represents, and the heedless debating methods of her supporters.

Throughout the entire election period non-Hillary voters and Trump supporters have been sneered at and ridiculed.

They have been referred to as "uneducated", and while that might be true in an academic sense, there is, and should never be, any reason for such contempt towards an entire social class to be accepted.

People decide who they vote for with a variety of different reasons, and referring to it as being uneducated if voting for Trump only stirs on the social divide.

Drawing associations between any person's academic background and their choice in presidential candidate is, to use a word often uttered by people performing this behavior, bigotry.

The strategy of hoping that people you've dismissed as stupid and racist will vote for your candidate is one I will never understand.

The same behavior is found within European politics as well, and the anti-establishment

retaliation is just as strong there.

Swedish political party "Sverigedemokraterna", referred by themselves as "the only real opposition party" within the current 8-party system that Sweden supports, could reach lone majority by their next general election.

The ways of Donald Trump might be unpleasant, but beneath the disagreeable behavior lies a grave concern for the future of this country.

Germany, France, and Great Britain, with Brexit being their poster headline this past summer, are experiencing similar trends.

It isn't necessarily nationalistic, conservative or anti-immigration beliefs that generate these responses, although that seems to be the common consensus.

Instead, anxiety is growing in the western populations as governments seems to disregard

their core duties of sustaining food, shelter and freedom.

Electing Hillary Clinton, maintaining the status quo and denying the concerns of large amounts of people is one I believe many voters objected to.

So here we are now, with a divided America, a divided European Union, and with a people that is lacking hope and is too afraid to express their true opinion when pollsters come knocking.

To you who are confounded and horrified by the outcome of the election, step down from the pedestal you are on and realize that denial contributes to the creation of these dangerous politicians.

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It is perfectly fine to acknowledge and share the worries of a candidate you dislike without supporting their way of solving them.

BENEATH THE CROWN



What is a great challenge you've faced?

"I'd say getting up and doing the whole college thing. I was never a person that applied myself too hard in high school. I kind of breezed by and got my A's then I went to college and realized that it wasn't going to quite work that way anymore. I thought 'I'm going to have to up my game!' This isn't something that everyone considers a challenge or serious malady either, but I have ADHD. It makes it tough to sit down and study, or get stuff accomplished or focus in class. So trying to get over that, and getting up and ending up where I am today, is probably one of the toughest kicks in the butt I've ever had to give myself."



Michael Spear

Cameron MacDonald

What is an accomplishment you're proud of?

"I would say that I'm a Computer Science major and I had never touched that side of computers in my life before. I got to work on the Tim Walz campaign, and just being the guy who walks in, and everyone turns to and says 'Please help fix this,' or 'We need

you to update this' and having the skillset to be a line of support to a lot of people is really cool. I feel like now I really have something to offer. It's a lot of little things I'm proud of."

What is your advice to someone facing a challenge?

"Perspective is an important thing.

Look at today, and think about what you're struggling with today. Look at the course of your entire life; think of yourself in five or ten years. Think 'Am I really going to be affected by the little stuff that happens today?' Once you realize that, and realize that it all gets better and that you can really power through it if you need to, you can finally get on to tackling the big stuff.

It's all about prioritizing, and you can only do it as best you can."

Beneath The Crown was created by Nick Theisen ('15). It is inspired by Humans of New York (HONY) and aims to bring the community of Gustavus Adolphus College closer together by providing the perspectives of the many different people who live and work at the school.

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Comic



Katelyn Holman



Cameron MacDonald

St. Thomas too much for the Gusties

The Tommies wins 40-6 in Gusties' final home game



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Junior Karim Ortiz hurdles a Tommie defender as he rumbles up the middle. The Tommies won 40-6 but had their worst offensive performance against the Gusties since 2013. The Gusties now fall to 4-5 overall (2-5 MIAC) and travel to Carleton on Saturday for their final game of the season.

Michael O'Neil
Staff Writer

The Gustie football team took to Hollingsworth Field for the last time of the 2016 season last Saturday against the fourth-ranked St. Thomas Tommies. St. Thomas' high-powered offense and superior size proved too much for the Black and Gold, as St. Thomas won 40-6. The last time Gustavus defeated St. Thomas was in 2007.

The Gusties have been battling injuries all year long, but managed to allow the fewest points against the Tommie offense since 2013, when they lost by a slim eight-point margin, 20-12.

The Gusties actually won the time of possession battle by over 10 minutes, but had trouble finding the endzone to put points on the board. The St. Thomas offense was quick and efficient, scoring touchdowns on four of their first five drives. The Gustie defense couldn't

slow down the Tommie's pass game, which was led by senior Quarterback Alex Fenske, who threw for 326 yards and four touchdowns.

"We didn't get a ton accomplished out there in terms of points and yards but I really love how the guys competed."

—Coach Haugen

Sophomore Jordan Kahlow led the Gusties' defense with 8 tackles, and Senior Tanner Jensen added an interception.

On the offensive side, two quarterbacks traded off at the helm. Freshman Christian Haffner got the start and went 3-8 for 32 yards and two interceptions, while adding in 20 rushing yards on 17 attempts.

Sophomore Sam Archer also got a piece of the action and went 5-13 for 50 yards. Senior

Running Back Luke Martinez had a milestone game as he passed the 1,000 yards rushing mark for his career, with 41 yards on 17 rushes.

"I love the way our guys competed and I think that's the biggest thing. They [St. Thomas] are who they are in terms of how good they are. We had some serious setbacks, offensive line during the week with injuries and guys came in there on such sort notice against one of the top defenses in the country. We didn't get a ton accomplished out there in terms of points and yards but I really love how the guys competed," Head Coach Peter Haugen said.

One bright spot for the Gusties was their efficiency and success on special teams. Junior Kicker Brendan Boche provided Gustavus' only points on the day with two 34-yard field goals. His first field goal put the Gusties on the board with 5:01 left in the second quarter and made the score 19-3, and his second was with 8:33 to go in the game, when the deficit was already

insurmountable.

Junior Punter Casey Decker also had a great game, punting the ball six times for a total of 235 yards. He averaged 39.2 yards per punt, and had a season-long 57-yard punt that forced the St. Thomas offense to start inside their own 20-yard line.

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—Coach Haugen

Decker's leg strength ranks third in the MIAC and his performance against the Tommies earned him MIAC Football Special Teams Athlete-of-the-Week Honors.

This loss moves the Gusties to 4-5 overall and 2-5 in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference, while the Tommies remain at the top of the MIAC with a perfect record of 9-0. This was the last home game for senior Gustie football players, and Coach Haugen reflected fondly on their work ethic.

"I'm very proud of the senior group, they've really dedicated themselves to this program over the last four years," Haugen said.

"We've got Minnesota kids, guys from Mexico, and all over the country, so we're thankful for everyone one of them and their contributions to this program and the influence they've had on our younger players."

The Gusties will graduate 16 seniors this year and their contributions to the program and the Gustavus community are much appreciated. The Gusties look to wrap up the regular season with a win this weekend in Northfield, MN as they take on Carleton College who is 1-8 on the year. The game is at 1 p.m.

Cross Country gets ready for regional race



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Senior Thomas Knobbe led the Gusties with a fourth place finish in the MIAC Championship on Oct. 29. Senior Evan Jones followed close behind, finishing sixth. The Gustie Men came in third at the MIAC Championships, their best finish in 24 years. The Women finished 11th but look to improve in the regionals on Nov. 14.

Tanner Sparrow Sports & Fitness Editor

Men and Women's Cross Country have done a lot of running this fall, but their toughest race still lies ahead of them: their postseason run.

The Men's team is coming off an impressive season that culminated with a third place finish out of 11 teams at the MIAC Championships on Oct. 29. As a team the Black and Gold scored 77 points with a total team time of 2:13:30, giving them an average time of 26:42.

The third place finish is the best for the Gustie men since the 1992 team got third 24 years ago. Saint Olaf and Saint John's finished first and second, respectively.

"I was pleased with third place because we went out and

competed hard," Head Coach Dale Bahr said. "Obviously we were looking to be top-two, but we don't have control of what other teams do."

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—Coach Dale Bahr

Senior Thomas Knobbe led the Gusties with an 8k time of 26:16.2, which was good enough for a fourth place finish in a field of 208.

Senior Evan Jones was right behind Knobbe for a 26:18.8 sixth place finish. Senior Carston Dammann finished thirteenth, and Sophomore Alex Wischnack crossed the finish line ten seconds later to take 13th and 22nd place, respectively.

Knobbe, Jones and Dammann all earned All-Conference awards for their efforts. Wischnack took home an All-Conference Honorable Mention himself.

"Anytime you can get three guys to make All-Conference, it's pretty impressive," Bahr said. "I have to take my hat off, these guys have worked pretty hard. They're not done and they have more to prove. We bounced back after not racing well the last two meets and today we raced well."

Despite all of the Gustie Men's accomplishments, they weren't

even close to satisfied.

"I think taking third place today is going to put a little sour taste in our mouth to come back at regions and run even better. I'm excited to see what happens," Bahr said.

"We raced okay, but I think there is a whole lot more that this team can do. Hopefully we will build up confidence in our training to get ready for regionals."

—Coach Dale Bahr

The Women's team, meanwhile, still has a lot to improve on, placing 11th out of 12 teams at the MIAC Championship.

As a team the Black and Gold

scored 259 points with a total team time of 2:05:12, good for an average time of 25:03.

Junior Sadie Novak-Klug crossed the finish line first for the Gusties with a 19th place finish in a field of 248. Her 6k time of 23:51.3 was good enough for an All-Conference Honorable Mention.

"Sadie ran a really tough race. She started out a little conservative, and then the middle part of the race she really started moving up," Bahr said.

Senior Steph Welke finished next for the Gusties with a finish of 23:51.3, good enough for 69th.

"We raced okay, but I think there is a whole lot more that this team can do," Bahr said. "Hopefully we will build up confidence in our training to get ready for regionals," Bahr said.

Both the men and women head to the NCAA Regionals in Northfield on Friday, Nov. 12.

Volleyball sets sail for NCAA Tournament

The two-year MIAC Playoff Champions take on Wartburg in round one



The Gusties defeated Bethel 3-1 to win the MIAC Playoff Championship in a rematch of last year's game. The Gusties now turn their focus to the NCAA regionals, hosted in St. Paul, MN.

Tanner Sparrow
Sports & Fitness Editor

Gustavus Volleyball has done it again, in eerily similar fashion. The Gusties are MIAC playoff champions after downing the Bethel Royals in a rematch of last year's MIAC Championship.

The Gusties trailed 17-14 in the first set but were able to rally back with six straight points. They held on to the lead and won 25-23.

The second set was a close one. No team ever led by more than four until the final kill, which gave the Gusties the 25-20 victory.

The Gusties smelled blood and gained an early 5-1 lead in set three, but the Royals battled back for a 25-21 Victory.

A 9-4 Royals lead in the fourth set made the large black and gold crowd nervous, but a 15-9 Run to by the Gusties to take a 19-18 lead quelled some of the discomfort. The Royals refused to die though, scoring and holding off three Gustavus set points until Sophomore Lauren Hanson sealed the championship with the final kill.

"It was one of those nights where we embraced our imperfections and really just grinded through it," Head Coach Rachelle Sherden said.

The Royals, who the Gusties defeated in the regular season, were a big test for the Gusties.

"We focus on being ourselves no matter what team we are playing, so we are going to go into playoffs with that mentality."

—Lauren Hanson

"Bethel is such a tough team offensively and defensively, they have so many threats and they really kept us on our toes on our serve receive. That is usually our foundation and we struggled there tonight. We were able to outlast some of those long rallies and came away with the win," Sherden said.

Hanson led the team with 18 kills, Sophomore Brittany Luethmers tallied 19 digs, and

Sophomore MIAC Player-of-the-Year Nora Holtan recorded 44 assists in the win.

The Gusties now shift their focus to the NCAA playoffs, where the No. 3 seeded Gusties will take on No. 6 seeded Wartburg College (IA) in the first round of the regional tournament in St. Paul at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11.

The two teams met earlier in the season at the Loras College Tournament on Sept. 10. Despite losing the first two sets 25-27 and 20-25, he Gusties fired back with three straight set wins, 25-20, 25-21 and 15-10 to beat the Knights.

The Knights are hot off a regular season and playoff title in the Iowa Athletic Conference and should be a good match for the Gusties.

The Gusties are more concerned about their play than their opponents though.

"We focus on being ourselves no matter what team we are playing, so we are going to go into playoffs with that mentality," said Hanson.

If the Gusties win, they'll take on the winner of the match between Cal Lutheran and Concordia-Wisconsin on Nov. 12.



The NCAA D3 Volleyball bracket offers a glimpse of the road ahead for the Gusties through regionals and quarterfinals.