Students Discuss Emotions After Controversial Election

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Tuesday night the University Student Center ballrooms transformed into an election watch party. Snowcones, popcorn, tacos, pizza and soda were abundant. Inflatable hosting mock gladiator duels and games of Twister stood in place.

Two big screens showed the results all night: one of them tuned to CNN, the other Fox News.

It was a party. But for many, the night soon deteriorated into a nightmare.

What many were expecting to see was a shoe-in victory for Hillary Clinton instead became one of the most massive upsets in U.S. election history. Clinton received 228 electoral votes, 42 less than the 270 necessary to clinch the nomination, and 62 less than the staggering 290 collected by her opponent.

By the end of the night, one thing was clear: Donald J. Trump was going to be the next president of the United States of America.

The next day, the results were discussed at another event on campus.

A post-election community conversation took place in the Poynter Corner of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library and featured Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan and Dr. Lisa Merivaki from the Department of History and Politics. It also featured staff from the Wellness Center to help ensure that the discussion maintained a safe and respectful tone. The event was sponsored by the Academic Affairs and the Student Affairs Community Response Team.

The very first question of the meeting was posed by a man who admitted that he had voted for Trump. “Did anyone actually expect him to win?” he asked.

The room fell silent.

If anybody had expected it, they didn’t speak up.

Minority students expressed concern over Trump’s presidency.

Another student told a story of a man in a truck with a Trump flag honking at African-American students in the parking garage.

For education major Taylor Singleton, who is an orientation leader on campus, the prospect of Trump as president is an unfortunate one.

“The first thing I felt was sadness. When I hear Trump speak, I don’t think he’s speaking for people like me,” said Singleton. “I know in his acceptance speech he made a really big point about unity in America and mending the bonds, but I feel like he was speaking that just to speak it. It was not for me.”

Singleton made it clear that the type of rhetoric used on the campaign trail makes certain people targets, and that is a problem.

“My mind immediately goes to my friends who are illegal immigrants, whose friends are illegal immigrants, people of color, people of the LGBT community, people who are disabled... These people are not safe in this environment,” Taylor Singleton said.

The election results weren’t just shocking. To some students, they seemed through.

“I believe 24 hours ago we were all a little safer than we are now,”

Attaining Affordable Health Care Chronicles (Part One):

Student Seeks Insurance Through Obamacare Amidst Rocky Future

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I am 25 years old and uninsured. This may be a surprising fact after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), dubbed Obamacare, signed into law in 2010. The action allowed people under the age of 26 to stay on their parents’ health care plans, among a number of other benefits.

My parents, who are divorced, couldn’t afford health care for me, and after I left home straight out of high school, the responsibility landed squarely on my shoulders.

Adulthood has a steep learning curve and climbing it without the safety net of your parents’ nest can be quite dangerous.

Imagine a tightrope over a pool of water. In that water are sharks named car insurance, utilities and electric bills. I didn’t worry about the seemingly small one named health insurance since I considered myself young and healthy.

On Wednesday, I woke to find that the presidency would be handed to Donald Trump and he would take office on Jan. 20. President-elect Trump announced a 100-day plan for when he would take office and in that plan he promised to defund the ACA.

(Update: After meeting with President Obama, Trump has since softened his determination to defund the ACA. On Nov. 11, Trump said that there are aspects of the act he would keep, according to the New York Times.)

Since implementing the ACA, the rate of uninsured Americans has dropped drastically. The first quarter of 2016, Gallup, an online analytics website, reported that only 11 percent of adult Americans are uninsured, the lowest it’s been in eight years. African and Latino Americans have experienced the sharpest decline, Gallup stated.

The day after Trump was elected, more than 100,000 people signed up for health coverage under the ACA in what seems like a response to his promise, according to the Los Angeles Times. This is the largest number of people since enrollment for this quarter, which began Nov. 1.

Republicans have long decried the ACA and vowed to repeal it. Since the election Tuesday, the party is in a good position to finally do it. But neither the party nor its new president-elect have offered an alternative measure, and they could leave up to 20 million people without health insurance.

There are also a number of provisions that the health care law provides to limit insurance companies from exploiting their customer base, like the aforementioned provision to allow young people to stay on their parents’ plan and preventing insurance companies from using the holding coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

Changes under the new Trump administration could drastically affect any benefits derived from the ACA. For students, these changes will directly impact their future job search and if they will need to interact with health insurance companies directly.

Next week, in part two of this series, I will explain my own experience with a healthcare navigator in Pinellas County. Seniors and transfer students are at an age where they could utilize the benefits of the ACA, but only if they understand more about the process. So I went to find out what they could offer and if it would be worth it.

Part Two to publish in Issue 14.
Bad dance moves typically lead to embarrassment, awkward looks and unpleasant memories. Yet for the USF St. Petersburg charity event, Miracle Dance Marathon, students on their feet equate to money raised for sick children, no matter the goofy groove.

"Dance Marathon is a movement that brings awareness to the children fighting battles by fundraising to make miracles happen for them," said Deztony Savett, a board member for Miracle Dance Marathon.

“This event brings together the community where people will dance all night for the kids that are unable to.”

The event is part of the Miracle Network, a non-profit movement that benefits over 170 Children’s hospitals across North America.

According to the organization’s website, the hours of dancing raise money for children fighting health issues such as rhabdomyosarcoma (a type of cancer), congenital heart defects and the negative effects of premature birth. Since 1991, Dance Marathon has raised over $150 million.

"By participating in this event it gives students the opportunity to make an impact in the community. They are given the chance to learn how to fundraise to create miracles for the children who are in a challenging stage of their life," Savett said.

She says that Dance Marathons give students the opportunity to help make a huge difference in a kid’s life in just a single night.

"It brings together the student body and shows just how much we can accomplish when we work together as a team," said Savett.

Next semester’s event will take place on March 2-3 in the USC ballrooms.

Last year, USFSP raised over $10,000, double the amount raised in 2014. Besides dancing from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., the event included face painting, a photo booth, inflatable basketball, balloon art and more. Children and their families attended and took part in the festivities.

At USFSP, Dance Marathon is not yet considered a student organization. Savett hopes this will change and more students can learn about and take part in the rewarding opportunity.

“We want to bring awareness and show people that we shouldn’t take what we have for granted because there are people out there that have it worse than us,” she said.

Being a student organization would mean the on-campus event would get exposure at Get on Board Day.

Ultimately we would like for this to be the biggest event USFSP has to offer. Most importantly we would love to raise enough money to be able to make hundreds of miracles happen for the children,” Savett said.

The e-board for USFSP’s Dance Marathon was recently finalized and meetings have started being held twice a month. Students interested in joining others on the dance floor to raise money for a worthy cause can go to the Facebook page “USFSP Miracle Dance Marathon” and Instagram @usfsp_mdm.
### MVSC Celebrates Its Big One

By Skyla Luckey

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The Military and Veterans Success Center (MVSC) celebrated its one-year anniversary in conjunction with Veterans Day on Nov. 11 at USF St. Petersburg. Veterans and active duty military personnel showed their support at the event.

Ben Smet, a Navy veteran and USFSP doctoral student, played “Taps” that morning in front of the USC on his trumpet as everyone paused to remember fallen soldiers.

“It is always an honor to play “Taps,”” said Smet, “[and] to remember veterans who have fought for our country and lost their lives while fighting for our freedom. Today has been extra special for me because my dad, who is a Vietnam veteran helicopter pilot, is here and he got to see me play as well as pay tribute to his Vietnam comrades.”

Later, the MVSC held a ceremony just outside the center at the Terrace building. Attendees included Congressman David Jolly, Vietnam veteran, faculty, student veterans and MVSC staff. MVSC assistant director and Retired Marines Master Sergeant Milton White led the ceremony.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Congressman Jolly gave awards and commemorative pins to Vietnam veterans. A few of the Vietnam veterans who received commemorative pins are students at USFSP. Navy veteran and Veterans Affairs Bay Pines Veterans Outreach Specialist Zamir Dean doesn’t help veterans for recognition, so when White called his name at the ceremony to give him a certificate of appreciation he disappeared and reappeared after the ceremony.

“It’s a feeling of self-worth to help,” Dean said with a humble smile. “I just want to help veterans. I didn’t ever expect something like a certificate of appreciation.”

Dean visits the MVSC every Wednesday from 1:45-4:30 p.m. and offers support and information to active duty military, reservists and veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma and combat-related trauma.

White says that the MVSC’s achievements have made him proud to be part of the organization, but acknowledges that there is still work to be done.

“I am truly excited about the growth we have seen on this campus, which is small. But the fact that we’re actually able to manage things and get people to pay attention to what we need on this campus is phenomenal,” said White. “As this continues, I see more and more things happening for the center itself.”

White expressed his gratitude for VA work study employees who are all veterans and USFSP students that help with the organization’s center. He has full faith that when a veteran who is new to the campus walks into the MVSC and requests help filling their VA educational benefits or has a question about their benefits that one of his staff members can answer. White and his staff would like to welcome anyone who qualifies to take advantage of the center. The MVSC recently upgraded its computers for veterans to use for studying and applying for benefits.

### “Before the Flood” Brings in Big Wave of Knowledge

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At the beginning of “Before the Flood,” Leonardo DiCaprio recalls a painting that hung over his crib during his childhood: Hieronymus Bosch’s “The Garden of Earthly Delights.” The infamous triptych has three panels: on the far left it depicts the first humans in paradise, in the center it shows humans overindulging in various sins, and in the far right a descent into hell. By the end of the film, DiCaprio has convinced that we are in the center panel, just waiting for the inevitable. Director Fisher Stevens, who has also directed films like “Crazy Love” in addition to producing the award-winning documentary “The Cove,” is responsible for the film.

He follows Leonardo DiCaprio’s journey as a newly appointed U.N. Messenger of Peace to understand one of the most significant problems of our time: climate change. DiCaprio has been a substantial voice in the fight against climate change for the last several years, and this documentary serves as an extension of that voice across the world. The film allows us to speak with scientists about the dilemmas that our planet is facing, while upholding a certain level of eloquence exhibited by its message. Its message is bolstered by the undeniable star power exhibited throughout the documentary.

The now Oscar winner is accompanied in the film by the likes of such notables as John Kerry, Elon Musk, Pope Francis and even the president himself, Barack Obama. But while celebrity and sound technical filmmaking are certainly excellent conduits for a great documentary, what really fuels this project is the message. This is a film that believes in its message. There is no fear mongering or sensationalism here. This film is a mixture of pessimism and optimism about the world’s greatest threat.

“Before the Flood” is both a step up from its predecessors such as the Oscar-winning “An Inconvenient Truth.” It manages to tell a story that is factually supported and yet accessible to a wide-reaching audience that is uninterested in climate change but is interested in the power of the voice of Leonardo DiCaprio. It is a powerful and important document with the potential to affect a lot of people. It is a significant step from its predecessors such as “An Inconvenient Truth.” And while it’s not pulling out quite the same level as “Racing Extinction,” which came out in 2015, it is a close second within this niche.

This is a film that everyone should watch. You can do so this Wednesday, Nov. 16 on the Harbor Lawn at 7 p.m.
Food brings people together. Britanina Warren, the president of USFSP Cook Masters, said people love to talk about food just as much as they love to cook and eat.

The idea of Cook Masters originated in spring 2016 with a Facebook post on the USFSP The Know It All’s Guide to Knowing It. All that asked students if they would be interested in a cooking club. The post accumulated 30 likes and 15 comments and Cook Masters was born.

The initial planning started in late spring, and by the time school started in August, Cook Masters became an official club.

Cook Masters currently has approximately 100 members who attend the club’s biweekly meetings. The gatherings consist of discussions, workshops and live demonstrations.

One of the club’s most recent workshops focused on making galaxy donuts. During this workshop, students met inside of RHO and learned how to make Instagrammable donuts.

Warren said that since the creation of Cook Masters, members have received numerous opportunities to train with local chefs.

Outside of the 100 people that signed up at Get on Board Day, not many students know about the club. To get the word out about Cook Masters, the e-board decided to host an event for people to learn more about it.

Maranda Douglas, the club’s secretary, is obsessed with Food Network’s “Chopped” and dreamed of hosting a student edition. Warren liked the idea and wanted to go all out for the event.

“Chopped” is a cooking competition on Food Network that hosts chefs of all stripes to compete to win the $10,000 price. The show features three courses and after each round a chef is chopped. Cook Masters tweaked the formula a little bit. Chopped Student Edition would feature a four-course meal and no students would be chopped from the competition.

As the event came closer, Cook Masters helped train the competitors in different workshops so they would feel prepared.

“We wanted to make sure that all of our contestants felt comfortable, so we included in the application that people competing would get proper training,” said Warren.

Sodexo, the club’s adviser, held one of these workshops to teach the students how to properly use various knives. One workshop hosted by a local company, Savory Spice Shop focused on the use of a variety of exotic spices.

Aside from training the student chefs, Warren also had to find sponsors, judges and cooking equipment for the event.

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The variety of foods included a chicken dish and rice, honey cinnamon salmon with raisin rice and tofu with a side salad.

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Mark Lombardi-Nelson acted as the host during the Chopped competition. Nelson turned up the heat in the appetizer round by taking five minutes off of the clock, leaving contestants with just 15 minutes to create a meal featuring ramen.

Kamia Davis competed in this round and judges told her that her presentation was beautiful.

Makenzie Burrows and Celina Dorie also participated.

In the entrée round, competitors were told their secret ingredients were raisins and parsley. Makenzie Burrows, Brian Richter and Celina Dorie had 30 minutes to create their final products.

The judges offered both criticism and advice: “Good ensemble, you hit it just right,” and “Be careful with your peppers.”
dessert. With 20 minutes on the clock Stanart, Davis and Richter created their final dish. Following the final tasting of the fried French toast, beignets and fried bread pudding it was time to announce the winners.

Cook Masters awarded the winners William and Sonoma gift baskets, a William Dean’s Chocolate gift box and a student showcase in the Reef. Lindsey Martin won the amuse-bouche round, Brian Richter won the dessert and Celine Dorie won both the appetizer and entree rounds.

Dorie felt ecstatic to have won two of the four categories. “Before the judging I thought I did terrible, I thought I burned a few things,” she said. “I’m astounded.”

Dorie has not been a longtime chef. “I’m just my grandma’s taste tester in the kitchen, she says I’m a bad cook,” she said.

Warren says that the huge turnout surprised her. “I think it went fantastic, I’m so happy so many students came out,” she said.

Brian Richter has been working on making difficult tasks in the kitchen easier for the average at home chef for a year and a half now. His Instagram account, The Simple Cook, features entrees and desserts that Richter has made on his own. Here are two of his recipes that students can try to make themselves.

**Asian Marinated Chicken Thighs over Basmati Rice**

3 boneless skinless chicken thighs
2 tablespoons ponzu
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon five spice powder
1 cup basmati rice
2 cups water
1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Place thighs, ponzu, soy sauce, and five spice powder in a plastic zip lock. Marinate for 6-12 hours.
2. Bring water in a medium sauce pan. Add basmati rice and salt, cook covered on “low” heat for 18 minutes.
3. Remove chicken thighs from bag and sauté for 4 minutes per side on medium-high heat in a sauté pan.
4. Dice chicken and serve around a mound of rice.

**Peanut Butter Banana Quesadillas**

1 tortilla
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1 banana
1 teaspoon honey
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1. Spread peanut butter on tortilla.
2. Slice banana to desired thickness and place on top of peanut butter.
3. Drizzle honey over the bananas and sprinkle cinnamon evenly over the tortilla.
4. Fold tortilla in half and sear on a sauté pan on medium-high heat or in a panini press.
Turn Your Post Election Anger Into Positivity

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Today I woke up, and I’m still with her. “Her” is not a pronoun belonging exclusively to Hillary Rodham Clinton. “Her” is all of us. I’m with her: the single mom raising her kids on minimum wage and government assistance. She’s doing the best she can, although condemned for taking “handouts.” I’m with her: the chronically ill 55-year-old woman who depends on Obamacare to help pay for eight prescriptions each month. Without them, she will die hopelessly and painfully. Private health insurance is not an option for her. I’m with her: the young woman fearing becoming intimate with someone again due to her bruised past. She can’t look in the mirror without reliving that night. I’m with her: the 8-year-old who has decided she wants to be a CEO and wear a suit like daddy’s when she grows up. She has yet to be tarnished by the sexism that the matrarchal generations preceding her have felt to their core.

On day one in a new world where Donald J. Trump is president-elect of the United States of America, I felt disheartened. It all fell gray. There was no color. The hope I had carried throughout the greater part of this year and last had betrayed me. For several hours, I was void of emotion. Moments later, I was flooded with despair. I became hardened, argumentative and so mind-numbingly frustrated that I could not imagine how countless others had such intensely polarized feelings.

How could we celebrate a man so intuitively hateful and narrate that as a success? It is so terrifyingly easy to be angry. It’s a temporarily comforting emotion. It is easy to be angry at those who cannot hear you, at those who cannot see past their paycheck, at those who are so consumed in propagated misinformation, that they are past the point of reasoning with. We ask, how can we not cry about their brothers and sisters?

The feeling of satisfaction that being angry provides is a disenchanted group in a moving forward is an action propped up in the chaos, the one that echoes hate. Strength can be found in the ability to listen to other people. Strength can be found in the ability to change in times of hopelessness exemplifies capabilities many aren’t even aware they possess.

Finding a voice in encompassing chaos proving challenging, and at times, without prevail. Out of all of the voices of the clues amidst the chaos, the one that Trump’s hate is impatient. Strength can be found in the ability to listen to other people, really hear them and realize that externally driven opinions exist.

In the 48-hour digestive period after the results were announced, I came to the decision that, for the most part, people are doing the best that they can. For many of the 59,937,338 Americans that voted for the inexperienced, unqualified, unfavored candidate, I have to believe that they were doing so because they felt it was right.

I have a theory that delving deep into the theoretical reasons behind inexplicable decisions made by those we don’t agree with is more cathartic for the searcher than actually finding those results we are searching for. Oftentimes, what you are looking for in those hypothetical dumpster divers is never found.

The feeling of necessity to understand how someone could disagree with you on a subject so unfathomable to you is a human response. There is a sensation of guarded despair that demands to be pacified with answers. Battling with dialogue and plans for palpable action more powerful than money and louder than cries in the street is an inescapable defense. Receptive arguments bring about reform. Being skillfully powerful does not imply compliance. Just as being aggressivel and aimlessly rebellious does not invoke immediate, or even eventual, understanding from the opposition.

Such an approach is not to look at becoming acceptable to the corruption. It is, however, enabling any salvagable positivity to prevail. It is possible to be rebellious without being destructive. It is possible to illustrate grace, decency and loveliness, without losing vigor and fortitude. Go out and be good.

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PLEASE RECYCLE
Over 1,000 people gathered at Demens Landing near campus to march in protest against President-elect Donald Trump.

Protest leaders called the St. Petersburg Police Department before they began at 6:30 p.m., Sunday Nov. 13. Then marched across Beach Drive and up First Avenue N. toward Williams Park.

The group announced before demonstrating that violence was not welcome and that the police would help protect and guide the protesters.

Student Mariah Joy (pictured below, left), a sophomore english major, attended the protest with her friend Erika Tubens (pictured below, right), a junior criminology major.

Joy wasn’t surprised by Trump’s win. Many of her family members voted Republican, she said.

“I’m here in solidarity for my friends. I want them to know that I support them,” Joy said. “I’m also here for the people who voted for Trump. I want them to know that I don’t agree with what they stand for.”

Joy and Tubens recorded their experience on Facebook live.

“I’m receiving a lot of hate in my feed,” Tubens said, checking her phone. “A lot of people aren’t happy to see the protest.”

For the past five days protests have been held throughout the United States. Cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Cincinnati have protested in peace. So far the only incident of violence occurred in Portland, Oregon where 71 protesters were arrested, according to the Oregonian.

These protests come at a divisive time. USF Tampa released an email urging students to remain civil after a report of vandalism on campus. Racist graffiti was scrawled in dry-erase across a wall that threatened violence if Clinton won. No suspects have been identified.

Another protest was scheduled on Facebook for 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Enigma, a bar on Central Avenue. The protest supports the LGBT community and has 212 people registered as going and 568 as interested at the time of this report.