

Concession stands

An exclusive guide to this week's concession speeches

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In the past two weeks, we've seen two major primary elections take place—and major political controversy follow. In Iowa, a whopping five candidates gave victory speeches, and more followed in New Hampshire. The Capstone has exclusively acquired the concession speeches from several candidates. Without further ado, here they are, exclusively unedited and in their entirety.

Marco Rubio (R-FL) (from Iowa, 2.1.16): "In my time running for an endorsement by the Republican party of these great United States of America, I learned a few lessons. Number one—humility. I'm humbled by how little the other GOP candidates think of a person with even a hint of non-Anglican ethnicity. I expected a little of that, but really? I'm shocked Donald didn't try to deport me when we spoke together in Arizona. Second, I learned the lesson of happiness—happiness that even third place would have been enough for me. You might've even seen a victory speech from me if I finished third, wouldn't that be the top? Third, I learned that I can exploit my parents' immigrant status so that GOP voters feel as if they're supporting a minority without really having to do anything like that in their real life."

Hillary Clinton (D-NY) (from Iowa, 2.1.16): "After thoughtful consideration and long talks with trusted friends and family, I have decided to withdraw my name from consideration for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States and throw my hat into the ring for the GOP nomination. Listen, Republican voter from Kansas—you and I, we're closer than you think. Remember what you said the other night to your bar buddies about the Iraq War being 'sad-but-oh-so-necessary?' I'm on your side!

In addition, can someone email me as to whether it's okay to have two running mates? Neither of the Koch brothers want to step down."

Ted Cruz (R-TX) (from Iowa, 2.1.16): "Are you guys serious? I mean, what is it about me that nobody wanted to vote for? Is it my face—seemingly in a constant state of either having indigestion or having to run to the toilet? There is literally no reason not to support me. For the ladies, I refused to support the Violence Against Women Act. You're welcome women, now you guys get to stay equal to the other sex. If that passed, where would the Violence Against Men Act be? In closing, let me just say that God already told me I was going to lose tonight, so nice try voters, but I'm always one step ahead."

Bernie Sanders (D-VT) (from New Hampshire, 2.9.16): "The 1% has the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motley feudal ties that bound voters to their 'natural superiors,' and has left no other nexus remaining between man and man other than naked self-interest. It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of chivalrous enthusiasm, of philistine sentimentalism in the icy water of egotistical calculation. It has resolved personal worth into exchange value, has set up that single, unconscionable freedom—free trade. The 1% has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into his paid wage laborers. The 1% has torn away from the family its sentimental veil, and has reduced the family relation to a mere money relation. 99% of the the country, unite!"

Donald Trump (R) (from New Hampshire, 2.9.16): "I propose building a wall around this state."

Valentine's Day Tips

GET "DEATHLY ILL"

Love is not the only thing in the air this time of year. Since you're a young problem-solver, why not use the annual Westmont plague to your advantage? "Contract" the illness, pretend you're more sick than you appear, and wait. Your person of interest will have to acknowledge your seemingly serious illness, when bam! You "heal" faster than Lazarus, showing off covetable qualities like

MAKE A NAZARITE VOW

Not only will you prove your holiness, it'll surely grab their attention when you've stopped cutting your hair & have special dietary restrictions! Also consider displaying your faithfulness to God and to your love by other forms of self-torture such as flaying or walking over hot coals. Rule of thumb: if it worked in the Middle Ages, it ought to work somewhere with medieval courting practices.

COMPLETELY IGNORE THEM

As specified in the "Dating Guide for New Students" last semester, this has been proven to be the most effective way of attracting that special someone's attention. It may seem counter-intuitive, but 95% of all Westmont relationships have begun with both participants ignoring the other completely until the last semester of senior year. So start averting eye contact! You're well on your way to a full-blown proposal.

Because our God is a merciful one, this Valentine's Day has fallen over a four-day weekend. So you may be asking yourself why The Capstone, of all places, would sell out and run an article about a commercial, greeting-card holiday meant to reinforce typical romantic norms. Especially if Westmont won't even be in session for said "holiday." However, over the past week, The Capstone has received various anonymous pleas for relationship advice. As a benevolent and peace-making gesture to the student body (and due to the sheer volume of requests), we have decided to publish our top five answers for the most common question we've gotten: how do I get the person I'm interested in to notice me?

THROW SOMETHING SHARP AT THEM

This particular tactic never seems to fail. Whether it's a pen or a glass object, your person-of-interest will almost ask you out* after you hurl something at their face. (*At Westmont, "Why the \$@%& did you throw something at me?" is typically indicative of an invitation to begin courting. Also, in deference to the romantic practices of St. (Jane) Austen, the word "courting" ought to replace the term "dating").

PRETEND TO BE SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT

If the person you find attractive says, "jump," your reply should be "how high?" Find out what kind of person they're into, and become that person—literally. For example, if your person of interest is into Ryan Gosling, consider investing in a replica of his jacket from "The Driver," smoldering blankly whether or not a camera is pointed at you, and plastic surgery to make you into Ryan Gosling.

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