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At the time of print, the results of the 2020 presidential election were still unknown. Student political leaders reacted to the ongoing contest.

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By Megan Swift
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The last polls for the 2020 presidential election closed in the United States at 1 a.m. early Wednesday morning, but American voters were left with no clear decision as to whether Republican President Donald Trump would be reelected for a second term or former Democratic Vice President Joe Biden would assume the presidency.

"Your patience is commendable," Biden said in an address to the American people from Wilmington, Delaware, on election night. "We knew this was [going to] go long."

Biden expressed his campaign's confidence in winning Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Since Biden's statement, the Associated Press declared Biden the winner in Arizona, Wisconsin and Michigan. However, in an election night speech of his own, Trump expressed his confidence in winning the aforementioned states, and his intention to contest swing state votes in the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We want all voting to stop," Trump said in a press conference at the White House early Wednesday morning. "We don't want them to find any ballots at 4 o'clock in the morning and add them to the list."

Trump filed lawsuits Wednesday in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia, and said he would ask for a vote recount in Wisconsin.

Both candidates expressed confidence in winning the presidency on election night.

"We believe we're on track to win this election," Biden said in his speech. "It's not my place or

Donald Trump's place to declare who's won this election — that's the decision of the American people, but I'm optimistic about this outcome."

Trump predicted a more positive outcome for his campaign.

"We were getting ready to win this election. Frankly, we did win this election," Trump said in his address. "As far as I'm concerned, we already have won it."

Penn State student political leaders shared their reactions to Election Day and expressed opinions on what has stretched into a long contest for the White House.

Jordan Clark, the president of the Penn State College Republicans, said both Trump and Biden's election night speeches weren't "great."

"[Trump] strongly emphasized that he won the election, [but] he did not declare victory by any means," Clark (senior-telecommunications) said. "I don't think that was smart of him, that was unnecessary."

Still, Clark said there are "plenty of paths to victory" for Trump, as he believes the president will secure wins in Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

"My biggest surprises of the evening were probably Florida and Arizona," Clark said about election night. "I didn't think we would win by such a large margin [in Florida, and I] thought we'd have a better chance in Arizona. I'm still surprised that we lost Arizona, especially so quickly."

Arizona, which is typically Republican, came to the forefront of the race as one of the deciding factors of the election.

The AP and Fox News declared

Biden won Arizona, but CNN and the New York Times have yet to announce such a result.

Additionally, the Trump administration expressed it is still holding out hope for a last-minute flip to red in the state.

Clark said it's "possible" for Biden to win the election, as mail-in ballots are a "problem."

"I completely disagree with counting [votes] three days after [Election Day]," Clark said. "I don't see any logic or constitutionality [in it]."

Trump, who is outspoken regarding his stance on mail-in ballots, said in his election night speech that counting votes past Tuesday's poll closings "is a fraud on the American public" and "an embarrassment" to the country.

Clark doesn't believe "anything" will come out of the possibility of Trump's lawsuits being taken to the Supreme Court.

"Most of what we've seen has been legal," Clark said.

Avinash Bakshi, president of the Penn State College Independents, went to sleep at midnight Tuesday thinking Trump had the election "in the bag."

"The election turned out a little closer than expected," Bakshi (senior-biochemistry and molecular biology) said. He thought Biden would initially "snatch" a few more states.

Bakshi said in an internal poll the College Independents conducted with its members on Oct. 23, Biden was forecast to win with 50% of the vote, compared to Trump's 28.6%.

"During the election, people started to get a little [more] nervous," Bakshi said. "I think we all knew going into it [that] Pennsylvania was going to be the biggest... 'keystone state.' Whoever wins that state probably wins the election."

The result Bakshi "most dreaded" was a close election.

"No matter what happens in a close election, the opposite party is going to contest the results," Bakshi said. "[The election] is

going to be a long process that never ends... classic 2020."

Bakshi said he "doesn't trust" the mail-in ballot system, which is why he voted in person. Specifically, he said Pennsylvania will be "in a lot of trouble."

"I think if the election results reach the Supreme Court, I don't

think they're going to change it out right, even though [there is a] conservative majority," Bakshi said. "I think decisions will be largely on a state-by-state basis."

Clark said he doesn't think Pennsylvania will have election results until Friday, but was "very

pleased" to see voter turnout in State College. Both Clark and Jacob Klipstein, president of the Penn State College Democrats, campaigned in front of the Bryce Jordan Center polling location Tuesday.

"I'm just happy to see that everyone's seeing how important it is [to vote] in this election," Clark said. He said he received "some thumbs-up and some middle fingers" from voters at the BJC.

Klipstein (senior-political science, history and Jewish studies) said he was "really proud" of voters' decisions Tuesday.

"I think Penn State students sent a very strong message," Klipstein said. "I think they've seen the last four years of divisiveness [and] said 'this is not the country I want to live in.' They said 'no.' I think Penn State students took a great step in taking our country back."

According to unofficial general election result data from the Centre County government website, Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris won Centre County with about 51% of the vote.

Out of a total of 112,090

registered voters, 76,450 cast ballots, resulting in about 38,978 votes for the Democrats and 35,849 for the Republicans, as of midnight Thursday.

Klipstein said the mail-in ballots not yet counted in Pennsylvania will be enough for Biden to win the commonwealth's 20 electoral votes.

"I'm not going to prematurely declare a victory, but I really like the way things are turning right now," Klipstein said. "[Trump's] going to go out kicking and screaming like the little boy he is."

When he spoke about the lawsuits Trump filed and the possibility of Supreme Court involvement, Klipstein said he sees no "legal justification" for them.

"[Trump is] trying to call the integrity of our election because he isn't getting his way," Klipstein said.

"It's just him being a sore loser again and again."

Klipstein said Biden will soon win, but while the official results are pending he will remain "cautiously optimistic."

Because of the flip to blue in Wisconsin, Michigan and seemingly Arizona, Biden only needs one of the larger remaining states — Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina or Pennsylvania — to secure 270 or more electoral votes.

In order to secure a second and final term, Trump needs to keep Georgia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania red, and win either Nevada or Arizona.

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Election grant causes controversy

By Megan Swift
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The Centre County Board of Elections was awarded a grant of \$863,828.50 to offset pandemic-related election costs, which caused some local controversy.

The grant came from the Center for Tech and Civic Life on Sept. 22.

Mark Zuckerberg, the co-founder and CEO of Facebook, and his wife, Priscilla Chan, donated \$250 million to the Center for Tech and Civic Life to help county election offices prepare for the 2020 presidential election. On Oct. 13, they donated another \$100 million to the cause.

Michael Pipe, chair of the Centre County Board of Commissioners, said the grant helped with in-person voting, absentee and mail-in ballot voting, drop boxes and early voting.

“It’s been a tremendous assistance for us during this really crucial election season,” Pipe said. “I don’t know why election offices aren’t applying [for the grant].”

According to Pipe, the grant was made available to any election office throughout the United States to help “make voting safe and accessible” amid the coronavirus pandemic.

However, not all agree that the election grant was positive for Centre County.

On Sept. 25, The Pennsylvania Voters Alliance, eight Republican state House members and five other individual plaintiffs filed a lawsuit to block Centre County, Delaware County and the City of Philadelphia from accepting the

private election grant from the Centre for Tech and Civic Life.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. Middle District Court of Pennsylvania on the grounds that the private grant funding would disproportionately help Democrats in Pennsylvania, a swing state.

When asked about the lawsuit, Pipe said he would not “articulate an argument.”

“My perspective is that it’s a positive option,” Pipe said about the private election grant.

The plaintiffs argued that without state legislative approval, the grant violated the federal election law that prohibits local governments from accepting private federal election grants.

In the 37-page complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief filed by the plaintiffs, the U.S. Constitution’s Election Clause and Supremacy Clause, the National Voters Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act were cited as the federal election laws that prohibited the acceptance of the grant.

“The plaintiffs are injured by [the Center for Tech and Civic Life]’s private federal election grants because they are targeted to counties and cities with progressive voter patterns,” the plaintiffs said in the document. “The government favoring a demographic group in elections is just as injurious to voters as the government disfavoring a demographic group.”

On Oct. 21, in a recent update to the lawsuit, U.S. Middle District Court Judge Matthew Brann ruled in favor of Centre County, Delaware County and the City of



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A grant awarded to the Centre County Board of Elections helped fund a secure ballot drop box outside of the HUB-Robeson Center for mail-in ballots.

Philadelphia, therefore invalidating the plaintiffs’ claims.

The temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction that the plaintiffs requested would have prohibited the use of close to \$13 million in grants by the three areas in Pennsylvania.

Brann found that the money was used for nonpartisan reasons in all three areas and wasn’t used to increase voter turnout — therefore, the county’s use of the grant money was legal.

“The implication that increased voter turnout is inherently beneficial to progressive candidates is dubious at best,” Brann wrote in his ruling.

Specifically in Centre County, the grant helped fund secure ballot drop boxes and a satellite election office at Penn State’s Bryce Jordan Center, Pipe said.

Pipe explained that the Centre County Board of Elections worked with Penn State University to install a secure ballot drop box on the Pollock Road side of the HUB-Robeson Center.

“The cost and installation, security cameras [and] the team of people that would be picking up [the ballots are] all paid for by the grant,” Pipe said. “In essence, the grant allows us to have more accessibility, more security [and] more safety for students to

vote for this upcoming election... many things we’re purchasing through the grant will be available for future elections, such as drop boxes.”

Pipe said the grant also helped Centre County purchase equipment to open and scan ballots on Election Day in a “timely manner.”

“Safety protocols we put in place throughout the county have been put in place and paid for by the grant,” Pipe said. “It offsets... costs and further saves taxpayers money in that regard.”

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Students, professors weigh in on media bias

By Kyle Hutchinson
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In such a politically polarizing time, news media and journalists have received both praise for hard-hitting stories and criticism for perceived bias and lack of neutrality.

Many public polls show an overall lack of trust in news media, with claims that journalists push their own agendas forward, mislead the public and are too partisan.

Curt Chandler, an associate teaching professor in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, said for journalists to regain some of the public’s trust, they have to be active in the open for people to observe.

“It is up to journalists to be out in the community where people can see us and get a sense of what we do,” Chandler said. “I think part of it is that we need to be very aware of how people see us,

and how that process looks like, and that they understand what we are trying to accomplish.”

Chandler said a lot of the responsibility to people’s negative attitudes toward news media and journalism falls on national leaders who spread disinformation.

“I think it would make a big difference if our national leadership wasn’t making stuff up at an unprecedented scale and trying to muddy the waters all of the time,” Chandler said. “I don’t think of myself as a very political person, but I am very sensitive to where people get information from when they try to feed it to me.”

Chandler said finding reliable information from news is vital

to electing politicians, and that news media plays a huge role in that process.

“It’s important that you can find information that you can trust, so that as a citizen I can vote for politicians that will do the right thing,”

Curt Chandler
Associate Teaching Professor

I think the real problem lies in fear mongering,” Gianatassio (sophomore-advertising and public relations) said. “Almost all news sources write articles to catch attention more than actually inform the general

public of the facts.”

Gianatassio said that the media can also feel quite overwhelming at times.

“I have a hard time knowing which [sources] to trust,” Gianatassio said. “I also feel overwhelmed by the influx of information we have access to now because of technology.”

Gianatassio said that it is hard to see the news media and journalism winning back some of the public’s trust at the moment.

“I would think [the media would] need to start writing stories for the people and not for the corporations, organizations and lobby groups that fund them,” Gianatassio said.

Shreya Venkatraman said the media is not focused on addressing important issues, unless it is a hot topic at the moment.

“I think that journalists tend to write about whatever is popular instead of what is important,” Venkatraman (sophomore-marketing) said.

Venkatraman said that individual journalists need to stay more impartial when writing stories, especially ones prone to partisanship.

“Although each journalist has their own point of view that they try not to show in their writing, a lot of the time, especially in politics, it can come across,” Venkatraman said. “They definitely don’t treat each person or issue the same.”

Venkatraman said that by sticking to facts, media outlets can improve in the eyes of the public.

Bijan Boroumand said he sees journalism as vital to communities.

“It is incredibly important to maintain a healthy society,” Boroumand (junior-computer science) said. “As long as it is truly journalism, fact-checking and removing bias in reporting, then it can only benefit and educate people in current affairs.”

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How organizations mobilize student voters

By Noor Al-Ahmad
The Daily Collegian

Maintaining student political engagement during the coronavirus pandemic has presented unique challenges to on-campus organizations.

As groups worked to organize events, they were forced to rely on digital campaigning to reach voters.

Still, the question of how effective online communication is relative to traditional in-person campaigning remains.

Penn State’s Center for Character, Conscience and Public Purpose works to develop students’ sense of civic engagement and ethical leadership.

Tim Balliett, who is the center’s first director, said he had been coordinating with PSU Votes to encourage students across the university’s commonwealth campuses to take part in

the general election.

The center’s advisory group has also worked with different on-campus organizations, including Penn State’s Black Caucus, the University Park Undergraduate Association and the College Democrats, Balliett said.

Previously published data from WhoWhatWhy, a non-profit organization based in New York City, indicates that in the absence of a coronavirus pandemic, Penn State ranks 15th out of 76 universities across the U.S. with a 55.7% voter turnout in the University Park campus.

Across Centre County, 111,408 voters have registered to vote as of Oct. 19. The margin between Republicans and Democrats rests at 2,456 in favor of Democratic voters, according to the Pennsylvania Department of State.

Relative to Election Day in 2016, voting registration was

down by 11,933 as of Oct. 20.

Since working with the Centre County elections office, Balliett said he’s concerned about the results he’s observed.

Balliett said the center had not worked with underrepresented groups as much as he would have liked to, and said voter registration rates among students in Centre County have gone down.

At-Large UPUA Rep. Noah Robertson said he believes widespread feelings of frustration and political stress pushed student voters to the polls.

The UPUA-affiliated organization has tried to balance its digital engagement approach on social media with its more traditional approaches to voter campaigning, with UPUA members tabling daily, according to Robertson (junior-communication arts and sciences and philosophy).

“It’s hard to say what’s effective,” Robertson said. “We now have a new kind of definition of expectation for efficacy.”

are starting to realize... the depth to which they’re underrepresented,” she said. “I think that has impassioned most of them.”

Vice President of the Penn State College Republicans Morgan Watt said the organization has primarily relied on virtual means to spread its message on voting.

Despite using social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter and dedicating 20 hours weekly to answering questions on voting and registration, Watt (sophomore-animal science) expressed concern surrounding the impact of digital campaigning.

“I am confident that the American people are also growing tired of social media as an alternative for in-person campaigning,” Watt said via email. “While it may be the best way to reach people during the pandemic, I worry that it is not as effective as in-person strategies.”

Jacob Klipstein, the president of the College Democrats, said his organization found success in its “Lit drop” event. He added this was more effective than the organization’s efforts to reach students by posting content online.



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Studnt political organizations worked to increase voter registration leading up to and on Election Day,

Despite the obstacles the pandemic might pose on student voters, Robertson said he hopes to see students request their absentee ballots before Oct. 27 or choose to vote early at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Jaden Fields works closely with Equality Votes at Penn State, a campaign by the Feminist Majority Foundation committed to empowering feminist students. Fields said she was worried about some of the university’s policies regarding on-campus voting.

Fields (junior-political science) said Equality Votes had been reaching out to underrepresented groups, including members of the LGBTQ+ community in addition to racial and ethnic minorities.

“Underrepresented groups

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Poll workers promote democracy

By Christina Baker
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As millions of Americans cast their ballots Tuesday, they were met and observed by operatives from political parties who worked to guard the voting process. Political parties are restricted from campaigning in a polling place, but they are allowed to hire poll watchers or observers to observe the process and place volunteers — known as poll greeters — outside the polling place to greet and inform voters. In this year's election, the pandemic prevented poll watchers and poll greeters from reaching large numbers of voters, but many still hoped to further the civic process.

Betsy Whitman, a supervisor for Patton Township who always works as a poll greeter in her local precinct, said poll greeting is important to her because she knows the impact that elected officials have on people's lives and wants to encourage voting. "I'm a cheerleader for the Democratic party," Whitman said. "I'm also a cheerleader for the voting process."

Margaret Bigham, a poll greeter for the Centre County Republican Party, said she was told to promote local candidates rather than presidential candidates when passing out literature and interacting with voters.

Ava Bosco, executive director for the Centre County Democratic Committee, said

poll greeters should try to create a "positive environment for voters."

"They can play music, they could hand out food or drinks or candy," Bosco said. "It's just an informal way of trying to make Election Day a bit more fun."

According to Dan Trevino, a Democrat who has been a poll greeter in the past, poll greeters are sometimes accompanied by local candidates hoping to make an impression on voters.

Poll greeters' other job is to watch for any problems in the process, Bosco said, although the volunteers interviewed for this story said they rarely encounter any issues.

Greeters are instructed to keep an eye out for "long lines and angry voters," Whitman said. If a problem arises, they are instructed to notify their party, which will become involved if needed.

Each poll greeter has their own approach, Bosco said, which can vary from election to election.

Ann Greeley, a Democrat who has worked as a poll greeter multiple times this election season, said she knows many voters don't want to be bothered, so she tries to keep her interactions short.

Trevino, who always works at his own precinct, said he's volunteered for about 15 years and likes to talk to people he knows and interact with the public.

Trevino and Whitman both said they try to be friendly with the Republican poll greeters, and Trevino said he always avoids



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An "I voted" sticker is displayed outside of the Bryce Jordan Center on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The BJC served as a polling location for the presidential election.

mentioning the election when making small talk with them.

Whitman said she receives more questions from voters during primary elections, and in general elections, many voters' questions are about ballot initiatives rather than candidates.

Poll watchers tend to have fewer interactions with voters, according to Whitman, but many interactions with poll workers and the judge of elections, an elected or appointed official who runs the polling place in their district.

A poll watcher's main concern, according to Bosco, is voter protection — making sure voters aren't being intimidated or suppressed.

As Bigham put it, a poll watcher's job is "making sure that there's no hanky panky going on."

Poll watchers can be paid, but Bosco and Bigham said all poll watchers in Centre County are volunteers.

Poll watchers in Pennsylvania are required to go through training, which is provided by their party, and obtain a certificate to ensure they know the correct procedures.

According to Bigham, whose daughter served as a poll watcher on Tuesday, and Greeley, who completed the training to be a poll watcher but decided to be a greeter instead, both parties administered their poll watcher

training process through a few Zoom sessions.

Whitman, who has previously served as a poll watcher, said poll watchers in Centre County usually don't catch many procedural violations, and none of what she's observed has been malicious.

Once, Whitman said a judge accompanied several voters into their booths and she had to correct him. Another time, a candidate entered the polling place and started passing out doughnuts to voters.

"That's patently illegal," Whitman said, adding she "felt very intimidated" confronting him.

However, these types of incidents are the "exception," according to Whitman. Both Whitman and Bigham said they expected poll watchers' jobs this year to be fairly similar to previous elections.

The major difference this election, according to Bigham, was that Republican poll watchers were paying close attention to voters with mail-in ballots.

Lately, Bigham said, "a lot of people have received mail-in ballots that they did not request," and Republican poll watchers made sure those ballots are properly destroyed.

Another job poll watchers have, Whitman said, is to keep a list of voters from their party and mark them off as they vote.

Periodically, the poll watcher will send the list to their party, and volunteers from the party will call any voters who haven't voted yet.

This year, Bosco said, the Centre County Democratic Party had fewer volunteers for both poll watching and poll greeting because of the pandemic.

Trevino didn't volunteer this year because his age puts him at a higher risk for complications from the coronavirus. Greeley decided to be a poll greeter rather than a poll watcher, because poll greeters can work outdoors.

However, Bigham said the Centre County Republican Party received more volunteers for poll watching this election, which she attributed to the presidential candidates — President Donald Trump notably encouraged his supporters to be poll watchers at the first presidential debate.

Whitman said she would not have felt comfortable volunteering if she had to be inside, but because she worked outside, she thought it was worth it.

"The number of people who say to you, 'Thank you for doing this,' that is one of the most rewarding things," Whitman said. "I get a lot of joy out of feeling like I'm educating people."

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Poll worker Liz Fowler directs Emma Doyle (sophomore-corporate innovations and entrepreneurship) to her voter entrance at the Bryce Jordan Center on Election Day.

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Students emphasize local elections

By Jeremiah Hassel
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Much of the focus of the 2020 general election has been on the presidential and congressional candidates, leaving many to care less about the local candidates on the ballot.

According to Dustin Zerby, local elections are an integral, but often overlooked, facet of the United States general election.

“The people who are influencing you most are the local candidates — the state candidates — the people who are passing laws that directly impact your neighborhood, directly impact your borough, your city,” Zerby (junior-history and political science) said.

“Unfortunately, I believe [that] in the United States, we do not value local state elections as much as we should.”

Letitia Obiero, a volunteer with NextGen America, echoed this sentiment.

“Local elections still impact [students], probably more than national elections,” Obiero (sophomore-economics) said. “I don’t really think [students are] taking local elections seriously.”

Obiero worries that not many college students will vote in the 2020 general election.

For many college students like Brendan Conroy, the 2020 general election is the first election they can vote in.

Conry (freshman-communications) said he believes elections are important for college students, especially those who just came of age to vote.

“We are allowed the privilege and freedom to vote and make our own decisions for us,” Conroy said. “Once you have that freedom, you can use those choices to better off everyone around you [and] in the country.”

Conroy voted by mail-in ballot this year.

The location of voter registration differed for students. Some chose to vote in their hometown district, whereas others chose to change their voter registration to State College.

According to both Obiera and Lucas Khowaylo, the importance of the location of voter registration depends on the priorities of the voter.

“I think you should vote where you have the most knowledge of the people running locally,” Khowaylo (freshman-marketing) said.

The 2020 general election was Khowaylo’s first time voting. He returned home to cast his ballot.

For out-of-state students, registering to vote in State College allows their votes to count toward the outcome of Pennsylvania, which has historically been considered a swing state.

Khowaylo expressed regret for voting in his home state as opposed to Pennsylvania for that reason.

“I wanted to vote in Pennsylvania because it’s more of a swing state and it actually means something,” Khowaylo said.

Obiera expressed similar sentiments about the unique position of swing states. She stressed the importance of voting where the greatest impact could be made.

Many students like Zerby, Courtney Pagonis and Jordan Kahny agree that voting is integral, especially in the college demographic.

“I think that [students] should [vote] because they can practice their right to vote and have a say in policy at the local election levels,” Pagonis (sophomore-business) said.

Zerby echoed this sentiment.

“I think going out and voting is a fundamental right in the United States and you should and must exercise it,” Zerby said.

And Kahny furthered this.

“Every local election is important. Every vote counts and it’s important in every aspect,” Kahny said.

Kahny also expressed the importance of learning about each candidate to make informed decisions.

He voted for the first time this year with a mail-in ballot.

“You should make your own opinion,” Kahny said.

“You should get your own information and make your own decision. I think that’s really important and it seems to not be happening.”

Zerby stressed that information about candidates is readily available should voters make the effort to search for it. Many candidates have their own website with updated lists of their policies.

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Some students think local elections can impact students more than national elections.

ARPM addresses ballot issues

By Lilly Riddle
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Since August, residents of Pugh Centre Apartments in downtown State College have had to make the trek to the State College Post Office every time they receive mail — but on Sept. 9, Associated Realty Property Management sent out an email to the building’s occupants that beginning Oct. 3, their mail would be returned to senders.

The email, which stated that this change was due to Pugh Centre being classified as a dormitory by the United States Postal Service, added that while ARPM “argue[s] the case” with Pennsylvania Congressman Fred Keller, they recommend tenants “have all packages delivered by UPS and/or FedEx” in the meantime.

This policy presented a number of logistical, medical and financial difficulties for affected residents, including an inability to receive mail-in ballots ahead of November’s general election.

Tenants’ mail was sent to the Fraser Street office in the first place due to a dispute between ARPM and the USPS over classifications of the property management company’s buildings.

According wwto section 631.62 of the most recent edition of the United States Postal Operations Manual, for buildings classified as dormitories or residence halls, “whether located on or off campus, and regardless of private ownership... either the school or building owner is responsible for the final delivery of student mail.” Furthermore, for these kinds of buildings, post office staff aren’t responsible for actually delivering the mail.

In other words, for these kinds of buildings — which don’t need to be affiliated with Penn State to be classified as dorms — mail is delivered in bulk to a designated representative of the school or property, who then distributes it to residents.

For some mixed-use or non-dormitory buildings that are classified as residence halls, this wouldn’t present a problem.

Kelly Mroz, the director of Student Legal Services at Penn State, works to connect the university’s Office of Government and Community Relations with landlords to gather information about the issue. She said “for a lot of the fancy, new [buildings] that have front desks, concierge staff and stuff” when mail is dropped off, that complex will place it into individual mailboxes. But other buildings, like Pugh Centre, don’t have staff on site all day to sort through bulk deliveries.



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Some residents of Pugh Centre Apartments experienced difficulties with receiving mail due to a misclassification by the USPS.

So when Pugh Centre gets classified by the USPS as a dormitory or residence hall, the fate of tenants’ packages gets thrown into question.

“And that’s where it really starts to create problems for students,” Mroz said, “because then either they have to get a post office box or they don’t get mail.”

But there’s more to it than just having someone at the front desk 24/7 — she said it’s also an issue of liability and equity.

Because buildings like Pugh Centre have tried to minimize housing costs for students by using a less expensive model, they don’t have the staff or time to sort through everyone’s mail, according to Mroz.

Mroz estimates that “at least” 2,500 tenants are currently affected by these classifications. Individual disputes can be looked at on a case-by-case basis, but Mroz said case law “gives quite a bit of discretion to the postal service.”

“I think there’s some real issues of equity and accessibility here,” Mroz said.

“If you can afford to live in a nicer property, more expensive property, you’re able to pay for this service. And if you’re trying to find something less expensive, maybe you don’t get this service... and you can’t afford a post office box.”

Even for residents where mail is being delivered, large quantities of packages can delay delivery times — which presents a problem when students are expecting time-sensitive items, like medications, bills and mail-in ballots.

But this isn’t a new issue — Mroz said Student Legal Services has been receiving complaints of this nature from students for years.

Kristen Holzwarth, an ARPM property manager, said the first instance she could recall was in 2012, when residents of Cliffside Apartments couldn’t receive their mail for months on end. It happened again two years ago, she added, at The Edge. Both of these disputes were resolved with help from the postal carriers union, which Holzwarth said has filed a grievance on behalf of ARPM to change Pugh Centre’s classification.

“I don’t know who makes that determination and why it was made differently for this building,” Holzwarth said.

In November 2019, around 100 residents of the Bellaire in State College were unable to receive their mail due to the USPS considering it a residence hall. At the time, the project manager for one of the building’s developers told the Centre Daily Times that there wasn’t enough space for a mail room or enough staff to sort through the mail.

With every new building constructed downtown, the chance it may get classified as a dorm instead of a mixed-use building remains.

Amanda Wintersteen, Penn State’s Director of Federal Relations, said it is the Office of Government and Community Relations’ goal to get the USPS to reclassify the building, and that such a reclassification would establish precedent for future buildings.

“We can imagine how frustrating this can be,” Wintersteen said via email. “While any possible reclassification will take time, we are expressing urgency in our request.”

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Trump fights for Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania’s status as a key battleground state in the 2020 presidential election has drawn both President Donald Trump’s and Joe Biden’s campaigns to the keystone state, rallying support among Pennsylvania voters amid the coronavirus pandemic. In the past two months leading up to the election, the Trump campaign has held five events in key swing districts of the state.



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A man imitates President Donald Trump during the “Great American Comeback Event” at the Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Moon Township, Pa.



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A supporter of President Donald Trump wipes away sweat during the “Workers for Trump” event at a PennEnergy Resources Natural Gas Producing Well on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Freedom, Pa.



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A Trump supporter speaks on the phone while handing out rally signs at a Make America Great Again rally featuring Vice President Mike Pence at the Reading Regional Airport on Saturday, Oct. 17.



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Supporters do the wave before the “Great American Comeback Event” at the Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 in Moon Township, Pa.



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A man holds a sign while President Donald Trump speaks during the “Great American Comeback Event” at the Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Moon Township, Pa.



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A woman holds up four fingers, chanting “four more years” before a Make America Great Again rally featuring President Donald Trump at the Harrisburg International Airport on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Middletown, Pa.



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A child walks through the crowd during the “Great American Comeback Event” at the Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Moon Township, Pa.



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A man looks at Trump 2020 merchandise before the “Great American Comeback Event” at the Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Moon Township, Pa.



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A bee lands on a mask depicting President Donald Trump at a Make America Great Again rally featuring Vice President Mike Pence at the Reading Regional Airport on Saturday, Oct. 17.



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1-0 MINDSET

Penn State is focused on moving past adversity with its mindset, despite the program's worst start to a season since 2012.



By Benjamin Ferree
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Following the Cotton Bowl in December 2019, James Franklin took the podium with a smile.

His team just completed an 11-win season with the victory over Memphis and seemed primed to have an even better 2020 season, something the coach wasn't shy about sharing.

"Laying the foundation with two young players who are going to be returning next year, we think of laying the foundation for our future," Franklin said following the Cotton Bowl. "This is a young football team."

These two young players? Linebacker Micah Parsons and running back Journey Brown.

The sky seemed like the limit for the Nittany Lions in 2020, with expectations being the highest of James Franklin's tenure.

Fast forward 10 months in the future, Penn State is sitting at 0-2, in a shortened season without these two stars, as well as a number of other key pieces.

The goals of playing in the Big Ten Championship or making a trip to the College Football Playoff are likely gone.

Penn State is facing adversity, but the Nittany Lions aren't going to let the program's worst start

since 2012 determine the fate of the season.

"When adversity does happen, you have two options: you can stop what you're doing and you can let it affect you, or you can use it as motivation and learn from it," defensive tackle PJ Mustipher said. "We're not going to let it impact the rest of this season, we're going to continue to work hard every day at practice, and like coach says, we're going to go 1-0 this week."

With the College Football Playoff being the ultimate goal for teams across the country and the margin of error so slim, Franklin feels it has created an "all or nothing" scenario, and right

now he is excited about how his team has handled the adversity of currently having nothing. "A couple guys stepped up in the locker room [Saturday] and said some really good things to the team," Franklin said. "I thought on Sunday in meetings and then out on the practice field, our body language and demeanor and our lack of defensiveness was really good."

Mustipher also noticed the leadership in the locker room, and is now focused on getting the team "1-0" this week in Beaver Stadium.

"There were a couple guys who just really stepped up and said, 'this isn't what we want, this isn't the outcome, this isn't the last game of the season,'" Mustipher said. "We are moving on, we're just going to continue to stack good days of practice, go out there and perform on Saturdays, and try to get one."

Ultimately, Franklin could point to a number of reasons why his team is 0-2, whether it be missing his top two running backs, an All-American opting out of the season, the coaching turnover or a shortened preparation to the season due to the coronavirus.

But Franklin knows this is the situation Penn State and many other teams in the country are in, and the Nittany Lions need to figure it out.

"These are the circumstances, and we got to embrace it and make the best of it," Franklin said. "You got to look at the complete picture. You got to be honest with yourself. You got to be critical of yourself. You got to identify the areas that you can get better at, and should get better, and fix those things."

However, this is sometimes easier said than done, as some issues can be fixed with a film review or practice, while others require long-term solutions.

"I'm always trying to look at it from both lenses, from short-term issues that we need to get resolved, and also the big picture and how the whole puzzle fits together," Franklin said.

Franklin won't criticize the individual after a loss, and instead will look at the entire team and

address areas that need to be fixed.

"It's never an attack on an individual," Franklin said. "It's 'okay, here are the things that we have to get fixed. These are the things that we know that lead to winning. And these are the things that we know lead to a lack of success.'"

And according to Mustipher, the coaches don't need to point out individual mistakes.

"Guys are holding themselves accountable before they're holding anybody else accountable," Mustipher said. "I think that's how it has to be, you have to look yourself in the mirror first, before anybody else. That was the biggest thing for us, we all have to reflect on what we're doing individually before we look at the team."

This started for Mustipher during film review on Sunday, and he said he was impressed with the team's response to the corrections.

"During the film, we took the criticism that the coaches were giving us, and we didn't get emotional from it, we used it as a positive thing," Mustipher said. "We did that, went out to practice on Sunday, went out to practice on Monday, and just corrected those things. I think that's all we can do."

Wide receiver Jahan Dotson feels the team just needs to

execute better and focus on the moment, not the past two weeks.

"Trying to win on Saturdays is just going 1-0, executing, doing what our coaches are saying," Dotson said. "We can't focus on what's down the road, we got to focus on what's right now. That's what I've been talking about, about living in the present, not the past or future, just focusing on your daily tasks."

According to Franklin, before a team can flip the switch and emphasize winning, it has to eliminate the things that are making them unsuccessful.

This season for Penn State, this includes turnovers, tackling, costly penalties and a lack of execution across the team. However, Franklin never addresses these issues in the locker room immediately following a loss.

"The last thing you want to do is after a loss is start making corrections in the locker room,"

Franklin said. "It's just too raw at that moment. You tell them, you love them, you tell them, you appreciate them, that we're all in this thing together and we gotta stick together during challenging times."

And sticking together is exactly what Penn State is planning to do as it heads into Week 3 against Maryland.

"The guys in this locker room, we all love each other and we don't want to let each other down," Dotson said. "We love each other so much and we want to battle for each other. So it's just going out to practice, every day and making each other better."

While the team's bigger picture goals at the start of the season aren't likely to come to fruition, senior cornerback Tariq Castro-Fields is focusing on being the best version of himself and being someone for people to look up to.

"My attention to detail has to be the same, my work ethic has to be the same, my preparation has to be the same," Castro-Fields said. "I have young guys that are watching me and how I act. Throughout any trials and tribulations, whatever may come, I'm just trying to be the same guy, and I think that's kind of the key."

In Castro-Fields' mind, there is no doubt the Nittany Lions will eventually find a way to get into the win column and make this season a success.

"We're going to find a way as long as we keep preparing the same," Castro-Fields said. "I feel like overall, morale is high in the building. We're still working to be 1-0, and I'm just excited for the rest of the journey, because I know we have a lot of things ahead we can still accomplish."



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Penn State tight end Pat Freiermuth (87) drops a pass during the game between the Nittany Lions and the Ohio State Buckeyes at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 in University Park, Pa.

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Wide receivers disproving doubters

By Andrew Porterfield
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Going up for the ball in the third quarter against Ohio State Saturday, Jahan Dotson reached up with just one hand to the chagrin of his coaches. Dotson and his teammates are coached not to reach up with one hand and to always use both hands when looking to catch the ball. The ends justified the means, however, as Dotson pulled in a one-handed grab and scored his second touchdown of the day, eventually landing on SportsCenter’s Top 10 Plays Saturday.

Dotson, as well as the other wide receivers, combined for 235 receiving yards and three touchdowns in the Nittany Lions’ 38-25 loss to the Buckeyes.

That production was not expected prior to the season’s start. Penn State’s wide receiving corps was seen as one of the weaker position groups on the offensive side of the ball, with plenty of unproven players at the top of the depth chart.

Aside from Dotson, the receiving corps was rather unknown before Franklin and company’s season opener against Indiana, with just 342 total career receiving yards among the eight receivers behind Dotson on the first official depth chart of the season.

Listed as the No. 1 player on the depth chart, Dotson is the only returning wideout who registered at least 100 receiving



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Penn State wide receiver Jahan Dotson (5) makes a one handed catch to score a touchdown during the game against Ohio State at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 31, in University Park, Pa.

yards in the Nittany Lions’ 11-2 season in 2019.

But after the Nittany Lions lost their two star running backs in Noah Cain and Journey Brown early in the season, wide receiver coach Taylor Stubblefield’s squad has stepped up to bolster the offense for the blue and white.

And Dotson believes the wide receiver corps’ efficiency was a product of talent Saturday night.

“We have a lot of talented guys on the team,” Dotson said. “We have a lot of guys who can make plays, as you saw in the second half. We had guys stepping up, catching the ball and making plays.”

Heading into Penn State’s matchup with Maryland this week, two true freshmen are listed as starters alongside Dotson — Parker Washington and KeAndre Lambert-Smith.

Washington has been a listed starter for the whole season while Lambert-Smith will enter his first game as a starter Saturday.

A native of Sugar Land, Texas, Washington has impressed his teammates just two games into his college career.

“The kid has so much talent — I watch him every day in practice and he’s amazing,” Dotson said. “You guys got a little preview of what he can do with the ball in his

hands.”

A 4-star recruit according to the 247Sports composite rating, Washington picked Penn State over Houston, Wisconsin and Utah, among others.

Washington has tallied six catches for 85 yards and a touchdown through two games and has become the No. 2 option behind Dotson among the wideouts.

Lambert-Smith, as the third option, has not had as many opportunities, catching just four passes for 43 yards.

The Norfolk, Virginia, native came into his college career ranked higher than Washington according to the 247Sports

composite rating, but hasn’t yet been able to separate himself from the pack.

But Franklin sees Lambert-Smith continuing to carve a role for himself on game days.

“KeAndre is a guy we saw do some really good things during camp,” Franklin said. “KeAndre has got a very bright future, tremendous quickness and ball skills.”

Lambert-Smith overtook Cam Sullivan-Brown in the last starting spot as Sullivan-Brown works through some issues to get back to 100%, according to Franklin.

As the Nittany Lions’ College Football Playoff hopes wane with its two early losses, Dotson has leaned on the teachings of a past Penn State wide receiver to guide him through the gauntlet of a Big Ten only schedule.

“KJ taught me a lot of little things about Penn State and playing big time games,” Dotson said. “I watched him over the past couple of years just make plays. He was just a playmaker — he made flashy plays, he made simple plays.”

The Nittany Lions, looking for their first win of the 2020 campaign, are beginning to see the potential of their wide receiver room as the season rolls along.

“We feel like we’re getting back to a group of guys that can play and contribute,” Franklin said. “We had some circumstances that limited some of their opportunities.”

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Football team sees importance of voting in election

By Evan Patrick
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James Franklin and his team didn’t have any scheduled team activities on Tuesday — but it wasn’t an off day.

Franklin woke up early and went to Good Shepherd Church in State College to vote, and he was pretty confident all of his staff and players did the same throughout the day.

In September, the NCAA voted unanimously to give all Division I student-athletes the day off on Nov. 3 due to the 2020 presidential election.

The idea was initially brought

up by a Georgia Tech assistant coach after a summer of political activism from players on campuses around the country.

That decision made by the NCAA has been impactful for many of Penn State’s players.

“Having the day off, it meant a lot to us,” junior defensive tackle PJ Mustipher said. “I think voting right now in this country is a big thing, as it should be.”

Mustipher said he voted by mail in this election, but he still appreciated the sentiment of having the day off nonetheless.

“I think everybody needs to do their civic duty, and it’s really important to have those people

that you want in office in order to see the community you want,” Mustipher said. “Whether that’s from a city perspective, a state perspective or a national perspective, I think just putting people in office who have the same viewpoints as you and that whole idea [is important].”

Franklin also shared his appreciation for having the day off on Tuesday and gave his perspective on why he believes it’s important to vote.

“We all have a duty and a responsibility to be active in what’s going on in our democracy and in our country,” Franklin said.

“It’s a right that we have

fought for, it’s a right that we have earned, it’s something that some people and some countries would love to have, and I think maybe for a period of time that we took some of those rights for granted.”

There was a large increase in voter turnout for the 2020 election, and leading up to November, there had been a movement among athletes and celebrities to encourage people to vote.

Franklin wants to be a part of the movement and give his players the opportunities to be involved in spreading that message.

“I think there’s been a lot of

emphasis over the last couple of years and specifically this past year to say, ‘Okay, if you want to have a voice, if you want to have opinions, it starts with going and getting involved in and taking advantage of your rights,’” Franklin said.

The Penn State head coach, alongside some of his players, appeared in multiple PSA’s encouraging citizens to vote in the 2020 election.

“That’s something that I think you see in professional sports, and a trickle down to the college sports, as well,” Franklin said.

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FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.
0	Jonathan Sutherland	S/Jr.	21	Noah Cain	RB/So.	47	Alex Furmanek	LB/Fr.	77	Sal Wormley	OL/Fr.
1	JaQuan Brisker	S/Sr.	21	Tyler Rudolph	S/Fr.	47	Tommy Friberg	TE/H/Fr.	78	Golden Israel-Achumba	OL/Fr.
2	Micah Bowens	QB/Fr.	23	Curtis Jacobs	LB/Fr.	48	Cody Romano	S/So.	79	Caeden Wallace	OL/Fr.
2	Keaton Ellis	CB/So.	24	Keyvone Lee	RB/Fr.	49	Michael Wright	SN/Fr.	80	Malick Meiga	WR/Fr.
3	Donovan Johnson	CB/Jr.	25	Daequan Hardy	CB/Fr.	50	Max Chizmar	LB/Jr.	80	Justin Weller	WR/Jr.
3	Parker Washington	WR/Fr.	26	Caziah Holmes	RB/Fr.	50	Will Knutsson	OL/So.	82	Zack Kuntz	TE/H/So.
4	Journey Brown	RB/Jr.	27	Aeneas Hawkins	DT/So.	51	Hakeem Beamon	DT/Fr.	83	Johnny Crise	WR/Fr.
5	Tariq Castro-Fields	CB/Sr.	27	Jaden Seider	S/Fr.	51	Jimmy Christ	OL/Fr.	84	Theo Johnson	TE/Fr.
5	Jahan Dotson	WR/Jr.	28	Devyn Ford	RB/So.	52	Blake Zalar	OL/Fr.	84	Benjamin Wilson	WR/Sr.
6	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR/Jr.	28	Jayson Oweh	DE/So.	53	Fred Hansard	DT/Jr.	85	Isaac Lutz	WR/Sr.
7	Will Levis	QB/So.	29	Sebastian Constantini	CB/Jr.	53	Rasheed Walker	OL/So.	86	Brandon Strange	TE/H/Fr.
8	Marquis Wilson	CB/So.	29	Henry Fessler	WR/So.	54	George French	OL/Fr.	87	Pat Freiermuth	TE/Jr.
9	Joey Porter Jr.	CB/Fr.	30	Joseph Bruno	RB/Fr.	54	Fatorma Mulbah	DT/Fr.	88	Norval Black	WR/Jr.
9	TaQuan Roberson	QB/Fr.	32	Dylan Farronato	S/Fr.	55	Antonio Shelton	DL/Sr.	89	Grayson Kline	TE/H/So.
10	Lance Dixon	LB/Fr.	33	Bryce Mostella	DE/Fr.	55	Anthony Whigan	OL/Jr.	90	Rafael Checa	K/So.
10	TJ Jones	WR/Fr.	34	Shane Simmons	DE/Sr.	56	Amin Vanover	DE/Fr.	91	Chris Stoll	SN/Jr.
11	Daniel George	WR/So.	36	Zuriah Fisher	LB/Fr.	57	Ibrahim Traore	OL/Fr.	91	Dvon Ellies	DT/Fr.
12	Brandon Smith	LB/So.	36	Makai Self	CB/Fr.	59	Kaleb Konigus	OL/So.	92	Jake Pienegar	K/Jr.
13	Ellis Brooks	LB/Jr.	37	Drew Hartlaub	S/Jr.	62	Michal Menet	OL/Sr.	92	Smith Vilbert	DE/Fr.
13	KeAndre Lambert-Smith	WR/Fr.	36	Tank Smith	RB/Fr.	63	Collin De Boef	OL/So.	93	Levi Forrest	P/Fr.
14	Sean Clifford	QB/Jr.	38	Lamont Wade	S/Sr.	66	Nick Dawkins	OL/Fr.	93	Bradley King	P/Jr.
15	Enzo Jennings	S/Fr.	39	Robbie Dwyer	LB/Fr.	69	C.J. Thorpe	OL/Jr.	94	Jake Wilson	DE/Fr.
16	Ji’Ayir Brown	S/Jr.	40	Jesse Luketa	LB/Jr.	70	Juice Scruggs	OL/So.	95	Cole Brevard	DT/Fr.
17	Joseph Johnson III	CB/Fr.	43	Trevor Baker	TE/H/Jr.	71	Will Fries	OL/Sr.	95	Vlad Hilling	K/So.
17	Mason Stahl	QB/Fr.	43	Tyler Elsdon	LB/Fr.	72	Bryce Effner	OL/So.	96	Anthony DaSilva	K/Fr.
18	Shaka Toney	DE/Sr.	44	Joseph Appiah Darkwa	DT/Fr.	73	Mike Miranda	OL/Jr.	97	Carson Landis	K/P/Fr.
19	Trent Gordon	S/So.	44	Tyler Warren	TE/Fr.	74	Olu Fashanu	OL/Fr.	97	PJ Mustipher	DT/Jr.
19	Jaden Dottin	WR/Fr.	45	Charlie Katshir	LB/So.	75	Des Holmes	OL/Jr.	98	Jordan Stout	K/P/Jr.
20.	Adisa Isaac	DE/So.	46	Nick Tarburton	DE/So.	76	Justin Kopko	OL/Fr.	98	Dan Vasey	DE/Jr.
						77	Judge Culpepper	DT/So.	99	Coziah Izzard	DT/Fr.



MARYLAND TERRAPINS

FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.	No.	Name	Position/Elig.
1	Shaq Smith	LB/Sr.	21	Darryl Jones	WR/Jr.	40	Owura Berko	DB/So.	70	Amelio Moran	OL/So.
2	JakorianBennett	DB/Jr.	22	TJ Kautai	LB/Jr.	41	Jordan Castleberry	RB/Fr.	71	Jaelyn Duncan	OL/So.
2	Deajuan McDougle	WR/Fr.	22	Eric Najarian	QB/So.	41	Rex Fleming	DB/Fr.	72	Marcus Minor	OL/Jr.
3	Nick Cross	DB/So.	22	Osita Smith	DB/Fr.	42	Kameron Blount	TE/Fr.	73	Johnny Jordan	OL/Sr.
3	Taulia Tagovailoa	QB/So.	23	Fa’Najae Gotay	LB/So.	43	Hunter Patrick	K/Fr.	74	Delmar Glaze	OL/Fr.
4	Isaiah Jacobs	RB/Fr.	24	Kenny Bennett	DB/Jr.	44	Chance Campbell	LB/Jr.	75	Ja’Khi Green	OL/Fr.
5	Rakim Jarrett	WR/Fr.	25	Beau Brade	DB/Fr.	45	Zack Roski	TE/Sr.	77	Cherokee Glasgow	DL/Jr.
6	Jeshaun Jones	WR/So	26	Justin Brown	WR/Jr.	46	Greg Rose	DL/Jr.	77	Zach Perkins	OL/Fr.
7	Dontay Demus Jr.	WR/Jr.	26	Erwin Byrd	DB/Fr.	47	James Rosenberry	LS/Jr.	78	Mason Lunsford	OL/Fr.
8	Tayon Fleet-Davis	RB/Sr.	27	Devon Dickerson	DB/Jr.	49	David Brownlee	LB/Jr.	80	Sean Leonard	WR/Fr.
9	Joseph Boletepeli	DL/So.	27	Joseph Petrino	K/Jr.	50	Alex Simet	LB/So.	81	Conor Fagan	TE/Fr.
9	Chigoziem Okonkwo	TE/Jr.	29	Devyn King	DB/Fr.	51	Jacob Purcell	DL/So.	83	Carlos Carriere	WR/Jr.
10	Tyler Baylor	TE/So.	30	Daniel Anderson	WR/Sr.	52	Evan Gregory	OL/So.	84	Corey Dyches	WR/Fr.
11	Ruben Hyppolite II	LB/Fr.	30	Durell Nchami	LB/So.	53	Sean Greeley	LB/So.	85	Jacob Hess	WR/Fr.
12	Vincent Flythe	DB/So.	31	Tahj Capehart	DB/Jr.	54	Spencer Anderson	OL/So.	86	Malik Jackson	TE/Fr.
12	Lance Legendre	QB/Fr.	31	Jonathan Smith	RB/Fr.	55	Ami Finau	DL/Jr.	87	Hunter Simmons	K/Fr.
12	Tarheeb Still	DB/Fr.	32	Rashard Jackson	RB/Jr.	55	Austin Fontaine	OL/So.	88	Jalen Alexander	DL/So.
13	Peny Boone	RB/Fr.	32	Shane Mosley	DB/Fr.	56	Shazali Audu	LB/Fr.	88	Dejuan Ellis	WR/So.
14	David Foust	QB/Fr.	33	Deonte Banks	DB/So.	57	T.J Bradley	OL/Sr.	89	Anthony Booker Jr.	DL/Fr.
14	Isaiah Hazel	DB/So.	33	Jha’Mel Thorne	RB/So.	58	Isaac Bunyun	DL/Fr.	90	B’Ahmad Miller	DL/Jr.
15	Brian Cobbs	WR/Jr.	34	Jake Funk	RB/Sr.	58	Paul Mouring	LS/So.	91	Tre Smith	DL/Fr.
16	Ayinde Eley	LB/Jr.	34	Mosiah Nasili-Kite	DL/So.	59	Ryan Brown	DL/Fr.	91	Almosse Titi	DL/So.
16	Dino Tomlin	WR/Fr.	35	Challen Faamatau	RB/Jr.	60	Khristopher Love	OL/Fr.	93	Riyad Wilmot	DL/Fr.
17	Nick Degennaro	WR/Fr.	35	Kobi Thomas	LB/So.	61	Brian Armentrout	OL/Fr.	95	Lawtez Rogers	DL/Jr.
17	Josh Jackson	QB/Sr.	36	Cortez Andrews	LB/So.	63	Tyler Hamilton	OL/Sr.	96	Tyler Rockhill	K/Sr.
18	Josh Ettlinger	QB/Fr.	37	Lavonte Gater	DB/So.	64	Marcus Finger	OL/Fr.	97	Sam Okuayinonu	DL/Sr.
18	Jordan McClell	DB/Jr.	38	Glendon Miller	DB/Fr.	65	Johari Branch	OL/Jr.	98	Anthony Pecorella	P/So.
19	Ahmad McCullough	LB/So.	39	Deshawn Holt	LB/Fr.	68	Sean Wilkins	OL/Fr.	99	Frankie Burgess	LB/Fr.
20	Antwaine Richardson	DB/Sr.	40	Sebastian Alonso	LS/Fr.	69	Mitchell Gorgas	OL/Fr.	99	Colton Spangler	P/So.

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GAME INFO

MARYLAND AT PENN STATE

Place: Beaver Stadium

Time: Saturday 3:30 EST

TV: BTN

Spread: Penn State -25.0

Over/Under: -63.0

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Jahan Dotson

After a breakout game against Ohio State, Jahan Dotson will certainly be on the radar of all of Maryland's defensive backs. Dotson was the key that opened up Penn State's offense, and is in for another big week.

Jesse Luketa

Jesse Luketa was huge in the second half for Penn State last Saturday, as he was second on the team with eight tackles. Tls came after serving a suspension in first half for a prior targeting penalty.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Maryland has given up a 100-yard rusher in each of its first two games.

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Penn State is looking to avoid three stright losses to start a season for the first time since 2001.

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The Nittany Lions have given up just 20 total points over their last four games against Maryland

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Penn State Nittany Lions defensive tackle Antonio Shelton (55) celebrates after making a sack during the game between the Penn State Nittany Lions and the Ohio State Buckeyes at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 in University Park, PA.

Defensive line leaders step up

By Justin Morganstein
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Penn State has always been dependent on its veteran leadership to ensure the team's focus remains the same each week. Many of those leaders for Penn State come from its seasoned defensive line, which has shown some impressive flashes over the first two games. Making up the starting four-man front are players who have all been in the program for at least three seasons — Jayson Oweh and Shaka Toney on the edge, and PJ Mustipher and Antonio Shelton on the interior. Behind those players though, are some quality depth pieces, such as redshirt senior Shane Simmons who like the guys ahead of him, have a solid understanding of the program and defensive coordinator Brent Pry's system. While the defensive line may be the most veteran group on the team, James Franklin was straight forward in admitting that he knows it can perform better. And although Maryland's offensive line may not be the same as Ohio State's, these players will need to treat each game as if it depends on them in the trenches. "Our defensive line [wasn't] able to get them off schedule," Franklin said. We weren't able to

get tackles for loss or sacks, and there's a lot of things that go into that, but we did not win the line of scrimmage."

But what is possibly more important than the system or talent this defensive line has is the leadership ability this group has to offer. This responsibility starts with someone like Mustipher, who personifies leadership and accountability while being a commendable ambassador for the program. After a tough loss against the Buckeyes at home, Mustipher is proud of the way his team has handled adversity, beginning immediately after the game. "There were a couple guys who just really stepped up and said 'Look, this isn't what we want. This isn't the outcome any of us want and we work too hard. But you know, we got to keep moving forward. This isn't the last game of the season,'" Mustipher said. "That was kinda the mindset in the locker room after the loss." While the loss still stung for Mustipher and the Nittany Lions as they remained winless on the season, he and his fellow

defensive lineman have a chance to make a real difference if they play at the top of their ability. That starts with stopping the run game, which is what the group will tell you is its best attribute. "It's been good, but we can definitely be better," Mustipher said. "I think we're 0-2 so it's not up to our standards. We've got to get back to what we're used to, with who we are, and I think that first starts with stopping the run." Mustipher's assessment that Penn State needs to begin stopping the run is spot on, considering how dominant the Nittany Lion rush defense was last season. Franklin's team led the conference in rush defense last year and was the only school in the Big Ten to let up under 100 rushing yards per game in 2019. Fast forward a year, and Penn State is giving up nearly 27 more rush yards per contest, struggling to contain opposing backs. "[Stopping the run] has been a big point of emphasis here in the past, and I really think that's what it has to be moving forward in order for us to get back on track

[to] where we want to go as a team this season," Mustipher said. That defensive line is not the same without Yetur Gross-Matos, though, who is currently suiting up for the Carolina Panthers in the NFL. The new leaders are taking personal accountability for being better as the season continues. "It starts with us up front — we have to stop the run in the game, and we just need to get better in that and in the [passing game] as well," defensive end Shane Simmons said. "But we are still working out the wrinkles, and we're just getting better everyday." So as the team continues to strive to be better each week, they are reminded that a win this weekend is as important as ever with Penn State not starting a season 0-3 since the 2001 season. That simply will come down to playing quality football, which translates from practice into the game against the Terps. "Playing good football, that's all it comes down to," Mustipher said. "Doing our job, and making sure everybody does their job and the rest of the game takes care of itself, [and] that's what we're going to do on Saturday."

PJ Mustipher
Defensive End

PSU focused on containing Tagovailoa

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On May 15, Taulia Tagovailoa sent out a simple tweet — God bless! #GoTerps. The tweet included a statement from the former Alabama quarterback and a graphic, with the younger brother of Miami Dolphins and Heisman trophy nominee, Tua Tagovaiola, in a Maryland uniform. An already strong Big Ten East just got stronger. On Aug. 7, Tagovailoa was granted a waiver by the NCAA to play immediately in 2020, and on Oct. 24, the 5-foot-11 quarterback made his debut for the Terps against Northwestern. And while Tagovailoa's debut was anything but memorable as Maryland lost 43-3 to Northwestern, Tagovailoa rebounded in his home debut against Minnesota last Friday. The Hawaii native totaled five touchdowns, went 26-of-35 for 394 yards and rushed for an additional 59-yards, including a 39-yard rushing score in the opening quarter. "You watch that Minnesota game, it's hard not to be impressed," James Franklin said. "You look at the completion percentage. You look at the decision

making. You look at his ability to make plays with his feet, as well as extend plays in the pocket — it was impressive." Tagovailoa was just the third Big Ten player in the last 20 seasons to notch 350 passing yards, three passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns in a single game. Tagovailoa's 394 yards in the air is also the 10th most in Maryland history, and the most by a Terps quarterback since Danny O'Brien in 2010. But most importantly, Tagovailoa led his team from behind, outsourcing Minnesota 24-6 in the fourth quarter to secure an overtime victory and snap an eight-game losing streak. "For them to start out strong, and then rally at the end to send it to overtime and then make the plays that they were able to make," Franklin said. "We've got a hot quarterback coming in here, and whenever you've got a hot quarterback in college football or the NFL, you've got a chance." The Penn State defense is well aware of the skills Tagovailoa possesses, but ultimately knows it just needs to do its jobs. "I think he is a dynamic runner and a dynamic passer," defensive lineman PJ Mustipher said. "I think we saw that last week with

the numbers he put up against Minnesota. He is a very talented football player, and we're just going to have to do our job." While Penn State's defense prioritizes doing its job every week, it's even more important this week because of Tagovailoa's athletic ability. "I think that's the biggest thing for us right now, is everybody has to focus on what they're doing and not get out of that, because when you have elite level athletes who come in, they have success if you're not doing your job," Mustipher said. "If we can do our job, then we'll have success." For the players on the defensive line, Mustipher said a top priority is staying in their rush lanes in order to negate Tagovailoa's ability to scramble. And for senior cornerback Tariq Castro-Fields, this is once again done by players on the defense doing their jobs. "I think the main thing we have to do is just do our job, don't try to be Superman," Castro-Fields said. "If it's your role or your call that says what to do, you just do that and plays will come. "People try to be Superman and that's not a recipe for anything we want to see." Castro-Fields also said every-

one doing their jobs comes from trusting each other on the defense, and trusting that they will do the job, so someone else can make a play. And while Franklin is also impressed with the ability of the younger Tagovailoa on the field, he has a lot of respect for how the whole Tagovailoa family has found and handled success. "The times I have been able to watch Tua, I have watched his interviews and how he's gone about his business, and how he's been unbelievably respectful to his coaches and the community, and his opportunities and his family," Franklin said. "I think it's good for college football, but you know, we get an opportunity to play the little brother." And what makes the instant success at a new school even more impressive for Franklin is he knows how hard it is to be a college quarterback following in the legacy of an older sibling. "I think he's done a great job of embracing it," Franklin said. "We had a similar situation at Vanderbilt when I was the head coach there with Jordan Rodgers. It can be tough, it can be challenging."

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Evan Patrick

Patrick

What to watch for: This game could turn into a shoot-out as Maryland's offense has looked impressive, while its defense has been one of the worst in the Big Ten. If Penn State's offense can put together a competent first half, it should be fine. Score: Penn State 42, Maryland 30

Justin Morganstein

Morganstein

What to watch for: Maryland has had two completely different performances in its first two games. The Terps were dominated from start to finish by Northwestern in week one, but its offense looked electric against Minnesota. Its defense however, remains vulnerable, which will allow Penn State to get its first win. Score: Penn State 41, Maryland 24

Andrew Porterfield

Porterfield

What to watch for: Keep an eye on Maryland quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa, as the Alabama transfer and brother of NFL QB Tua, turned head last week in the overtime win against Minnesota. But if Penn State can contain him, this will be an almost sure-win for the Nittany Lions. Score: Penn State 34, Maryland 10

Guest Picker: Maddie Aiken

Aiken

What to watch: Maryland has something on its side that Penn State doesn't have this season — a win. While Maryland has some confidence after defeating Minnesota on Saturday, the Nittany Lions seem disheartened by their slow start, which may continue. Score: Maryland 24, Penn State 18