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Fact-checking the debate

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Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump faced off in the 2024 presidential debate on Tuesday night, tackling many issues that could impact Penn State students.

Here are some debate claims from both candidates that have been fact-checked by Collegian politics reporters:

Taxes

Harris: “Economists have said that Trump’s sales tax would actually result for middle-class families in about \$4,000 more a year because of his policies and his ideas about what should be the backs of middle-class people paying for tax cuts for billionaires.”

This is misleading. A 2018 study by the Tax Policy Center showed that 80.4% of American taxpayers received cuts under the Trump administration.

Trump: “[The American people] aren’t going to have higher prices [as a result of proposed tariff increases].”

This is misleading. The Tax Foundation has made reputable estimations that say the opposite, including an increase in taxes, a decrease in GDP and an increase in unemployment, but these are only estimations.

Inflation

Harris: “Sixteen Nobel laureates have described his economic plan as something that would increase inflation and by the middle of next year would invite a recession.”

This is partially true. Harris noted the concerns of the Nobel laureates regarding inflation under Trump’s economic policies. The laureates warned about the possibility of inflation, stating in the letter, “There is rightly a worry that Donald Trump will reignite this inflation, with his fiscally irresponsible budgets.”

The laureates appear to favor Harris’s agenda over Trump’s, however the letter doesn’t directly predict a recession by 2025. The letter states that if Trump is elected, he could harm the U.S. global economy.



Donald Trump and Kamala Harris took to the debate stage in Philadelphia on Tuesday night. The presidential candidates covered hot-button issues like reproductive rights, inflation and unemployment.

Trump: “(The Biden administration) had the highest inflation perhaps in the history of our country.”

This is false. While the COVID pandemic and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has supported high inflation rates, America has statistically experienced higher inflation in instances such as the World War II defense spending of 1941, the Cold War spending of 1947 and the ending of the gold standard in 1973.

Unemployment

Harris: “Donald Trump left us the worst unemployment since the Great Depression.”

This is false. While the unemployment rate hit a post-depression high of 14.8% in April 2020 at the onset of the pandemic, it had significantly decreased when Trump left office according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

By December 2020, the rate fell to 6.7% — still elevated, but far from record highs and below the peaks seen throughout other recessions.

Trump: “We had the greatest economy, then we got hit with a pandemic.”

This is misleading. It’s difficult

to measure when in America’s history it had the most successful economy; however, AP News reported that Trump’s “tax cuts never delivered the promised growth” and “his tariffs and trade deals never brought back all of the lost factory jobs.”

Reproductive rights

Harris: “If Donald Trump were to be reelected, he will sign a national abortion ban.”

This is false. While Trump has expressed no regrets over appointing Supreme Court justices who played a crucial role in overturning Roe v. Wade, he’s consistently stated he would not sign a federal abortion ban if reelected.

Instead, Trump has emphasized the issue of abortion should be left to individual states.

Trump: “[Walz] says ‘abortion in the ninth month is absolutely fine.’ He also says ‘execution after birth ... is okay.’”

This is partially true. When Roe v. Wade was overturned, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz acted to keep abortion rights safe in his state. As a result, the law ensuring Minnesotans the right to an abortion didn’t include any limits based on term.



Alex Brandon/AP file photo

However, at no point has Walz stated he supports the killing of newborns.

Fracking

Harris: “We have had the largest increase in domestic oil production in history because of an approach that recognizes that we cannot over rely on foreign oil.”

This is true. According to U.S. Energy Information Administration data, the U.S. averaged 12.9 million barrels of oil daily in 2023, marking a new production high. The U.S. has led global oil production for six years, outpacing countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia.

These initiatives multiplied under Biden, who approved more drilling permits on public lands than Trump had by the same point in his term.

Trump: “Fracking in Pennsylvania will end on Day 1 [if Harris is elected].”

This is false. While Harris has said before “there’s no question I’m in favor of banning fracking,” her public position on the issue has since shifted.

“I will not ban fracking, (and) I have not banned fracking as vice

president of the United States,” Harris said during the debate.

Gun violence

Harris: “Then this business about taking everyone’s guns away — but both Tim Walz and I are gun owners.”

This is true. Prior to running for president, Harris served as a career prosecutor in California, and has long acknowledged owning a handgun. “I am a gun owner, and I own a gun for probably the same reason many people do — for personal safety,” she said in a 2019 campaign event in Iowa.

Trump: “She has a plan to confiscate everybody’s gun.”

This is false. According to the Harris-Walz campaign website, she supports banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. She also stated during the debate that she has no plans to take away peoples’ guns.

“We’re not taking anybody’s guns away. So stop with the continuous lying about this stuff,” Harris said.

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A day of remembrance

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Penn State College Republicans held a memorial service in front of Old Main on Wednesday in honor of the lives lost during the 9/11 attacks.

“Every year, our organization hosts this memorial service to honor and remember the 2,977 souls tragically lost on Sept. 11,” Ryan Klein, president of Penn State College Republicans, said.

The 10 Penn Staters who died in the attacks were paid tribute with roses carried by current students at the service.

The memorial featured a performance of the National Anthem by the Penn State University Choir, as well as remarks from several speakers.

Klein, a fourth-year study-

ing political science and history, was joined by Pennsylvania State Senator Cris Dush, Penn State President Neeli Bendapudi, State College Mayor Ezra Nanes, University Park Undergraduate Association President Zion Sykes and Director of Special Events for Penn State College Republicans Cecilia Nutter, who all give speeches at the service.

“We’re constantly reminded to never forget. And today, we proved that we haven’t,” Sykes, a fourth-year studying political science and global and international studies, said. “We sit and stand together here at Old Main, 23 years after an event that many of us don’t remember or weren’t born to experience, but we still come together to honor the lives of those taken.”

Mayor Ezra Nanes followed,

recognizing the sacrifice made by so many first responders, especially those in his home city of New York.

“One of the most indelible images I have of that day and the weeks after was what happened after the towers fell,” Nanes said. “Our neighborhood had a firehouse a few blocks from where I grew up, 15 members of that company died, gone, buried in the ruins of those beautiful towers.”

Nanes said the firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers and all other first responders are “selfless heroes.”

President Neeli Bendapudi recalled the positive and uplifting reaction she saw from some Americans after the attacks.

“[I was doing research at the Mayo Clinic,] one of the premier healthcare institutions in the



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Penn State President Neeli Bendapudi attends the 9/11 memorial service on Wednesday.

world. So it had a lot of patients who came there from the Middle East, and there were doctors and nurses and healthcare providers of the Muslim faith as well,” Bendapudi said. “I was so inspired to see the leadership of the Mayo Clinic immediately jump in to make sure that no one was targeted for their nationality or their faith because of the bad actions of a tiny sliver of humanity that people from that faith or nationality represented.”

The speakers list included a special guest — Pennsylvania State Senator Cris Dush, who detailed the impacts of 9/11 in both his military service and life after.

“Like today, it was a lot clearer blue sky that day. I’ll never forget it,” Dush said.

“We heard about the first aircraft strike, and a bunch of us gathered in the superintendent’s conference, and we watched as the first tower was burning, the

second plane struck.”

Members of the student body also attended the event.

“It was powerful to see how we have so much more in common than what separates us and come together as one university, one community, and in general one country to remember the lives we lost on that day,” Tyler Marchok, a fourth-year studying applied data science, said.

Mia Humphreys also said the event reinstated a need for unity.

“The ceremony was a great way to honor everybody and remember those that we’ve lost,” Humphreys, a first-year studying political science, said “It was overall a really great thing to honor people that have passed away from 9/11.

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American flags line Old Main lawn in honor of the lives lost during the 9/11 attacks. The 10 Penn Staters who died in the attacks were paid tribute with roses.

FOUNDATION SETTING

UPUA outlines goals, visibility initiatives for upcoming year

By Lulu Douglas
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University Park Undergraduate Association President Zion Sykes and Vice President Rasha Elwakil sat side-by-side at the organization's first meeting of the semester last Wednesday.

Sykes wore a tailored gray suit, Elwakil a colorful dress and hot pink pumps. Polar opposite in looks but synonymous in goals, the duo commenced their term on-campus as the new faces of UPUA.

Earlier this year, the pair secured their positions in the executive branch with a campaign centered around accessibility, sustainability, affordability and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

The pillars now represent the outreach they plan to proceed with.

"I think our big thing this year is just having more visibility for UPUA," Elwakil, a third-year studying geography, said. "We are seeing how what everyone needs can fit into those four pillars."

UPUA has historically worked to support student centers and organizations on Penn State's campus.

This year, they hope to continue that trajectory and "capitalize on outreach" to connect with organizations not traditionally engaged with, Sykes, a fourth-year studying political science and global and international studies, said.

The external goal for UPUA

this year is "expanding what UPUA is to different people and making sure that they know (it's) here as a resource," Sykes said.

Some of the resources offered by UPUA to strengthen visibility for student organizations include the UPUA Public Resources department, UPUA social media and co-sponsorship. Bills and resolutions can also be passed in support of an organization.

According to Sykes and Elwakil, conversations with student organizations such as the African Students Association, Center for Social Change and Belonging, Lion Ambassadors and BLUEprint have already begun to further visibility and connectivity initiatives.

"We're really trying to provide a platform for students to share their passion projects and their voices," Elwakil said.

In terms of upholding the pillars set by executives and enacting change on behalf of student organizations, legislation in UPUA is key.

"Bills are a phenomenal piece," Fletcher Port, the speaker of the assembly said. "Bills act in this way where we can really invest in our communities."

Port, a third-year studying mechanical engineering, is tasked with ensuring movement in the legislative branch and facilitating communication with executives. Port supports five committees within UPUA that help represent the student body.

In solving problems within the



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The University Park Undergraduate Association meets every Wednesday to discuss policies to better the student body. The UPUA outlined its goals for the year on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2024 in University Park, Pa.

student body, "it's less so about giving them a problem, and more so about giving them the resources to make solutions," Port said.

Port said he met with Elwakil and Sykes at the start of the semester to discuss acting upon the four pillars.

"We talked about how we were going to ingrain these into our initiatives, into our advocacy and into the personality that we wanted the UPUA to have," Port said.

Dealing with accessibility has been a long-time "passion project" for Elwakil, and working on physical accessibility to things like wheelchair ramps and ensur-

ing working elevators have been placed on the UPUA docket.

"In regards to sustainability, we've been talking with a lot of people about upcoming Pollock renovations," Elwakil said. "We are looking into sensor sinks and lights."

Conversations concerning affordability have already circulated. Plans to advocate for lower credit surcharges and the ability to utilize meal plan funds for laundry costs have been in the works, according to Elwakil.

"For DEI, a lot of things that we're doing in that regard is supporting, providing a platform, collaborating," Elwakil said. "We

really want students to know we want to support them in any capacity."

As the year progresses, UPUA initiatives will continue to come to the forefront with influence from various student organizations.

"There's always the ability to continue improving," Sykes said. "We can always keep making strides to make sure that we are supporting ourselves as students the best we can."

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Football player faces DUI

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A Penn State football defensive end is facing two misdemeanor DUI charges after a traffic stop last month.

On August 8, State College Police initiated a traffic stop on Amin Vanover for an expired registration sticker when the officers noticed a smell of marijuana coming from Vanover's 2021 Dodge Charger, according to the affidavit.

After noting the smell, officers say Vanover claimed his friends were smoking in the vehicle, but officers also noted Vanover's appearance.

"The odor was emanating from Vanover's clothing. Vanover's pupils appeared to be bloodshot and sleepy in appearance. Vanover advised he did not own a medical

marijuana card," officers stated in the affidavit.

Vanover then consented to field sobriety and impaired driving tests, but he performed both tests unsuccessfully.

Vanover was transported to Mount Nittany Medical Center for a blood draw, where Delta 9 THC and Delta THC 43 were found in his system.

"We are aware of the charges against Amin Vanover. These alleged actions do not reflect the values and standards of our program and will be addressed," A Penn State spokesperson said in an email. "We will not comment any further as this is an ongoing legal matter."

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 2.

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Defensive end Amin Vanover celebrates during the THON Game against Bowling Green.



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The Burrowes Building is home to the School of Global Languages and Literatures in University Park, Pa.

How multilingualism impacts campus culture

By Julia Key
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Keeping track of the number of different languages spoken across Penn State's campuses can be difficult, given the volume of students from an estimated 140 different countries.

Today, Penn State continues to be one of the top destinations for international college students, according to Penn State's School of International Affairs.

The University Park campus includes more than 90 international and multicultural student organizations. Additionally, the Paul Robeson Cultural Center and Multicultural Resource Center offer programs and services to support students and celebrate the broad array of cultures they represent.

At University Park, the highest population of international students are from China, India, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Taiwan. Students from these countries also constitute the largest international groups across all Penn State campuses. In many of these countries, there's more than one common dialect. Therefore, the number of languages spoken at Penn State may exceed the number in which international students come.

"In the registration form for the Conversation Partners Program, we invited participants to self-identify their language, but many volunteers skipped this question," Wenjie Fu, external relations coordinator of the Conversation Partners Program, said. "Many international individuals speak more than one language. Many times, they usually only share their official language but not the regional dialects for those questions."

Fu said for this reason, data oftentimes only pertains to a small number of languages spoken by the school's international student population.

Like any other campus, multilingualism at Penn State can improve the campus by cultivating diverse perspectives

among students and faculty.

It also calls for the expansion of language resources and support services to ensure equitable access to academic and social opportunities.

"A diverse international community allows students to engage with peers from a wide range of cultural backgrounds," Jody Pritt, assistant vice provost for International Student and Scholar Advising (ISSA), said. "Studies have shown that a diverse population helps students develop senses of belonging, empathy and inclusion."

ISSA represents international students with Departments of State and Homeland Security and provides access to faculty with expert advice, services and training to support their academic and outreach goals at Penn State.

Pritt said an internationally diverse student body provides enrichment by cultural exchange through broadened educational experiences, perspectives and opportunities.

The School of Global Languages, Literatures and Cultures (SGLLC) teaches nearly 20 world languages, including about 12 modern world languages, according to Pritt. Students can also take other languages through the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

The SGLLC "provides a service to students who already speak a world language at a level that Penn State requires in some majors for graduation," Elena Galinova, academic director at the Language Institute at Penn State, said.

For students interested in other languages, Penn State's Less Commonly Taught Language Initiative seeks to expose them to foreign languages they may not have encountered in high school.

This initiative aims to expand the number and levels of languages taught at Penn State and assist students and advisors in finding ways to incorporate less commonly taught languages into their curriculum.

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Anoushka Paul, a veterinary and biomedical major, rides a mechanical bull at the Berkey Block Party outside the Berkey Creamery on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2024 in University Park, Pa.

Lion Ambassadors host Berkey Block Party with student resources

By Julia Key
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The annual Lion Ambassadors campus showcase took place on the Berkey Creamery Lawn from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

This block party offered students the chance to engage with a variety of campus-associated organizations, partake in carnival activities and enjoy complimentary food.

Megan Lavelle, the vice president of Lion Ambassadors, said these campus-wide events foster Penn State pride and emphasize the long-term benefits of being a Nittany Lion.

"Coming to Penn State as a student means that you're involved with the school," Lavelle, a fourth-year studying biomedical engineering, said. "We show that it doesn't really end when you graduate [and] that you could be connected with Penn State throughout your entire life."

Lavelle also said the organizations with booths at the block party were carefully selected based on the event's location and the resources they offer to students.

"We're showing the area off by the Creamery, so we wanted a lot of college agriculture organizations here," Lavelle said. "We have the Student Farm and EcoReps, and then we also wanted ones that are underutilized resources that a lot of students might not know about, like the Sokolov-Miller Family Financial and Life Skills Center."

Zach Perrin, one of the event coordinators for Lion Ambassadors, said the location of the event was also chosen because of its proximity to East Halls.

"Because of the area we're in, right by East, a lot of first-years don't know that the Association of Residence Hall Students exists," Perrin, a fourth-year studying chemistry, said.

"That helps them if they're still

living on campus and they need resources."

In addition to showcasing opportunities to get involved, Lion Ambassadors served complimentary food, such as hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream.

Marley Harris said she wanted to try all of the different experiences offered by the block party.

"My friends and I thought we'd come on our way home; we got some ice cream and now we're in line for balloon animals," Harris, a first-year studying hospitality management, said.

Balloon animals were just one of the many activities taking place on the lawn. Students could also ride a mechanical bull, get a tour of the Berkey Creamery, get a caricature drawn and play cornhole.

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On Wednesdays, we eat wings

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Every week, Wing Wednesday is held from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the Soup & Garden section of the HUB-Robeson Center food court.

This highly anticipated offering consists of a self-serve hot bar offering a variety of flavors such as barbeque, Buffalo, spicy ranch and sweet and sour-style boneless chicken wings.

Amy Beck, a customer service representative for HUB dining, estimates Wing Wednesday has been ongoing for the past eight years.

She attributes the popularity of this phenomenon to the freshness and quality of the wings, her favorite flavor being sweet and sour.

“Because the (students) have been coming for years, and we have different flavors, they are very fresh because we sell out of them so quickly, so they are just constantly being refreshed,” Beck said.

Sketch Morton said he’s been a consistent customer since January.

“Sometimes because I’m not so good about eating breakfast, Wing Wednesday would become my first meal of the day,” Morton,

a fifth-year studying broadcast journalism, said. “I have a group now, we go every Wednesday. It’s a known thing that we’ll always go every Wednesday at the same time.”

Morton said because Wing Wednesday occurs in the middle of the week, it gives students something exciting and enjoyable to look forward to.

On Monday and Tuesday, he said he counts down the days until Wednesday — the day he and his friends meet up and enjoy the wings together. Morton said the Buffalo wings are his favorite.

“It’s kind of a joke,” Morton said. “Now it’s like, we’re only two days away from Wing Wednesday.”

Morton said he believes the reason Wing Wednesday is so popular among Penn Staters is because HUB Dining accepts student meal plans as a form of payment.

“On Wing Wednesday, the wings are really good, so it feels like you get to spend (meal plan) money on good food,” Morton said. “It does feel a little bit different than the dining hall.”

Sisters and Penn State alumni Allison and Catie Gore both share a love for Wing Wednesday.

“I take Wing Wednesday so se-

riously,” Allison, a 2022 alumna, said.

After being introduced to Wing Wednesday by her older sister, Catie, Allison said it became a fun weekly tradition they could enjoy together. Her favorite flavor is the spicy ranch wings.

Allison said she believes Wing Wednesday is a hit among students for a number of reasons.

“I think it’s mostly because of how good the wings are and the

different flavors they have, especially when they come out fresh,” Allison said.

“It’s also super convenient being there in the HUB, which is a common spot for people to stop by for lunch in between classes or meet up with friends.”

Catie, a 2020 alumna, attended her very first Wing Wednesday in 2016 during the fall of her first year as an undergraduate student.

“I loved the wings, but once Allison came to Penn State, that was something fun we could do every Wednesday for us to hang out and catch up,” Catie said. “The HUB is just such a fun place to be in between classes, and whatever sauce they put on those wings is so good.”

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The HUB-Robeson Center food court serves boneless chicken wings every Wednesday. “I take Wing Wednesday so seriously,” Allison Gore said.

‘Fall’ into State College’s upcoming festivities

By **Justina Geosits**
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Autumn leaves fall every year like clockwork, ringing in another season of fun, football and flannels.

The season full of cool, crisp air calls for festivities all throughout Penn State and State College.

Here are a few ideas to look into for some entertainment this year.

Downtown Fall Fest 2024

A way to keep up with all of the downtown hustle and bustle, the 23rd annual Fall Fest is on Oct. 12 on the 200 block of Allen Street.

Food vendors and live music are available for the public while the hay bales and constant chatter fill the street. Be sure to pick up some balloon animals by Nit-tany Balloons and join in on the pumpkin decorating activities.

A ton of shopping, decorations, face painting and even pony rides will bring you some fall cheer this year.

Fruit picking at Way Fruit Farm

The most conventional and long-awaited fall pastime – apple picking.

Way Fruit Farm, not too far from campus, offers a variety of

fresh apples such as Honey Crisp, Fuji, Gala and Jonagold, which are just perfectly in season.

If apples aren’t your thing, other fruits such as cherries, peaches and plums are available for picking, as well as fresh baked goods for purchase. This activity is even a chance for a good photo opportunity.

Fruit picking is a nostalgic and relaxing pastime to indulge in and venture outside.

Pop Up Ave - Maker + Vintage Market

A vintage pop-up market? Perfect opportunity to revamp your fall wardrobe and pick out some

cute new essentials for the cozy weather.

Some previous finds and vendor products include pottery, modern bohemian-inspired home goods, trendy vintage clothing and vintage vinyls.

The market is taking place on Oct. 12 on South Fraser Street with live music and new treasures rain or shine.

Pumpkin Fest 2024

Pumpkin Fest is filled with great music, food, jack-o'-lanterns and its famous pumpkin-carving contest.

The contest is divided into age groups ranging from 2-17, as well as separate groups for Penn State students and adults. There are four separate categories and chances to win fabulous prizes for your creative carving creations.

The annual festival will take place Oct. 18-19 at the H.O. Smith Botanical Gardens this year. It’s fun for friends and family of all ages.

Oktoberfest celebrations

A staple for the season, Oktoberfest is a fall event originally native to Germany in which traditional foods and activities are shared with the public.

On Sept. 14, the Boalsburg Heritage Museum right here in State College offers just that and a stack of pretzels. The Little German Band will play on the lawn as you enjoy the celebration.

If you can’t make that one, a quick drive away is Tussey

Mountain, which also holds an Oktoberfest event on Sept. 27.

Bring friends and family for a new experience and good food in the fresh air.

Haunted Valley

Haunted Valley is a spooky evening of campus lantern tours and Penn State lore followed by refreshments and fall-themed activities. It’s a Halloween-ready event with a haunted house and legends of past Penn State presidents.

Starting from the Hintz Family Alumni Center, the tour will explore the school’s haunted history and the oldest standing structure on campus, University House. The event goes from 7:30-10 p.m. on Oct. 8.

Go for a stroll in the fall foliage

If you’re looking for quiet, excluded activity from the chaos around campus and downtown State College, a great option is to just take a walk and admire the beautiful autumnal scenery in the nature around Penn State.

To capture the true fall essence, you can even bring a few friends and find a secluded area around campus to sit with a pumpkin flavored treat and a cozy blanket to watch the foliage fall from the trees.

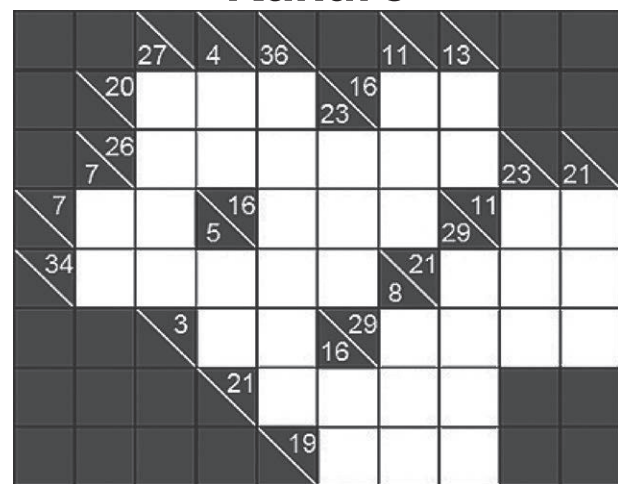
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The Downtown Fall Fest offers many fall-focused activities, including pumpkin painting. The event this year will be held on Oct. 12 on the 200 block of Allen Street.

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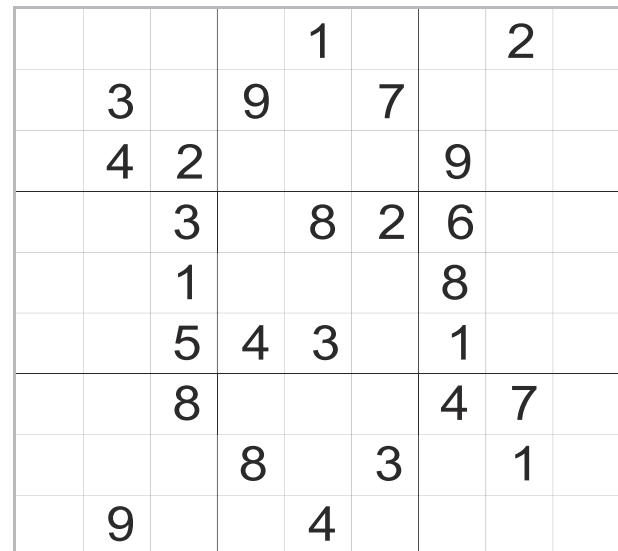


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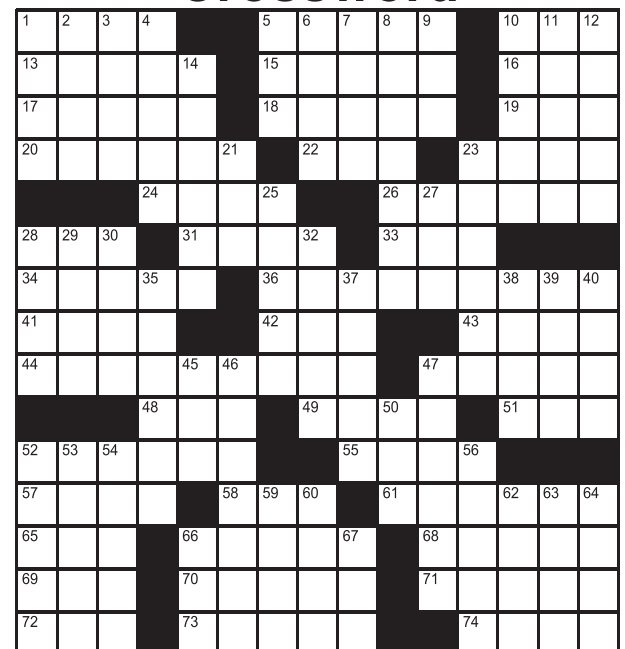
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MY VIEW | NOAH ABEREGG

Despite 3-on-1 attack, Donald Trump shines during debate

Just over a month after Kamala Harris secured the Democratic presidential nomination, the current vice president took on Republican candidate Donald Trump in a debate where she got to fully express her policies for the first time.

Well, at least it was supposed to be the two against each other, until ABC debate moderators David Muir and Linsey Davis began openly questioning Trump and taking it from a 1-on-1 debate to a 3-on-1.

Going into the debate, it was assumed that the former president would likely get cut off, interrupted and silenced as he had in past debates, given ABC's 100% positive coverage of Harris and 93% negative coverage of Trump, according to the Media Research Center.

However, the moderators went far beyond simply cutting off Trump and interrupting him, which they did 11 times as compared to only once against Harris. Instead, the moderators openly debated Trump several times, including after Muir asked Trump why he thought it was okay to bring race into the debate.

Trump is clearly the more powerful speaker and has shown over the past eight years his impactful rhetoric when given the ability to speak, so it only makes sense for the moderators to try to limit this as much as possible.

However, in a presidential debate setting, both candidates should be given equal opportunity to represent themselves.

While dodging questions is normal in a debate, the moderators wouldn't let Trump bypass certain questions, demanding a yes or no response to questions regarding if he would have handled the Jan. 6 insurrection

on the Capitol differently, while Harris was able to simply skip over questions about late-term abortion. Instead, Harris said the Jan. 6 event, on the eve of the 9/11 attacks, was the greatest attack on democracy since the Civil War because of Trump.

Fact-checking also proved left-leaning bias during the debate, as Trump was fact-checked five times about abortion, crime and immigration. There were no fact checks coming from the moderators during Harris's blatant lies.

Throughout the debate, the issue of abortion was brought up several times, as this is Harris's strongest policy. For a party of love and caring, the Democratic candidate was enthusiastic for her strong abortion policies, which she has held for many years.

One of Trump's biggest downfalls during the debate was bringing up and attacking policies from former Democratic leaders instead of looking

at Harris herself.

While attacking Harris's abortion policy, Trump could have pointed her out as the much more radical candidate, including when she voted against the Born-Alive Infant Survivors Protection Act in 2019, which would have provided healthcare to babies who survived abortion.

Instead, Trump had to spend the debate rebutting against the false accusations made against him, including implementing Project 2025, passing a national abortion ban and his stance on in vitro fertilization (IVF).

Trump spoke on securing the southern border and made a mistake in talking about the Haitian immigrants in Springfield instead of mentioning Laken Riley or any of the other murders committed by immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

While the Republican nominee spoke of policies he would implement, some that are repeats from 2016 as well as new policies,

Harris continued to repeat the same vision for the country that President Joe Biden and herself have had for the past four years.

It's been clear that Biden hasn't been the executive leader in the White House with his health decline in the last few months, and leadership has been questionable for much of his presidency. So if Harris already had an elevated role over the last four years, why didn't she implement the policies and make changes then?

Trump ended the debate with a question that all voters should ask themselves before going to the poll. "If Kamala was going to save America, then why didn't she do it the past four years?"

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MY VIEW | ETHAN CAPITANO

Debate proves Kamala Harris the right fit for president

After Tuesday night's debate, it became apparent that Trump lost his edge.



Capitano

Long gone are the days when Trump could bully his way into office by telling a female presidential candidate

that she'd "be in jail" if he were in charge, like he did with former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Kamala Harris proved to be tougher than he expected.

Besides a few good points on the removal from Afghanistan and the United State's disproportionate NATO funding, Trump mainly resorted to the same old tricks in his playbook — fear-mongering and misinformation.

Despite efforts to keep the former president calm and collected, he still managed to make a fool of himself with claims of nine-month abortions and immigrants eating pets, which were fact-checked live.

Harris completely quashed the previous ace up Trump's sleeve — the claim that she had no policies — to the extent that he left the debate as the one seemingly without a plan, only "concepts" for how he will reform healthcare.

The Democratic nominee seems to hold reproductive



Donald Trump and Kamala Harris face off during the 2024 presidential debate in Philadelphia, Pa.

justice at the center of her policy plan, promising a \$6,000 tax credit to new families for their child's needs and national legislation protecting bodily autonomy.

Trump couldn't even justify his contradicting opinions on the topic, which were obvious attempts to reel in female voters, and even hailed himself and his SCOTUS appointees as heroes on the issue as he returned the decision to the states.

Because of his actions, many women — disproportionately women of color — cannot access life-saving care for themselves or their children. Trump doesn't

care about women's health or the evident repercussions of his actions.

Instead, Trump cares more about villainizing immigrants, blaming them for the majority of issues in our country.

When asked about the peaceful transfer of power, specifically after the 2020 election where Trump supporters threatened to "hang" Mike Pence, Trump lied about his involvement with the capital invasion.

Instead of answering the question truthfully, he made xenophobic remarks and claimed a supposed double standard between the Jan. 6 riots and Black

Lives Matter protests.

Unfortunately, despite claims of her supposed Marxist ideology, Harris gave a basic, middle-ground answer in response to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and stood firmly on her support for fracking — highlighting her often moderate stance.

Harris is not the extreme liberal candidate Trump tries to make her seem, and though that may mean she has beliefs too moderate for my liking, I believe her stance will repair bipartisan ship dissolved by Trump.

Ultimately, Trump clings to his narrative that "America is in shambles" to muster support from moralists and those misinformed by fear.

Harris offers a refreshing "new way forward," one that strives to help Americans and aspiring Americans alike to turn a page on an America fueled by hate and moralism.

Although I remain skeptical of Harris's ability to combat systemic injustices, last night solidified my confidence in her ability to put America on track to address such concerns in the future.

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Field hockey earns 1st win

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Penn State, seeking its first win of the season, faced Delaware, a team riding high after an overtime victory Friday night.

After a back-and-forth game, Penn State came out on top courtesy of a late goal from Sophia Gladieux to beat Delaware 5-4 and get its first win of the season.

A key focus for Penn State, highlighted by Coach Lisa Bervinchak Love after a loss to Syracuse, was to score early. With two corner-shot opportunities in the first 90 seconds of play, the blue and white had its chance.

However, a save by Cecile Van Eijck on Gladieux and a wide shot from Ella Jennes ended an early Penn State threat. Shortly after, Delaware struck first with a goal from Janne Stoetzer to take the early 1-0 lead.

The Nittany Lions regrouped and moved down the field just two minutes later leading to a game-tying goal by Gladieux, assisted by Madison Tambroni and Julianne van Bekkum.

After getting an early goal past Aby Deverka, Delaware faced heavy offensive pressure from the Nittany Lions. Despite the early deficit, Penn State dominated the remainder of the first quarter, but the score stayed tied at one.

At the start of the second quarter, Gladieux showcased expert touch play, keeping Delaware on the defensive. Then, Aubrey Semler's swift breakaway launched



Ella Freda/Collegian

Forward Sophia Gladieux prepares to hit the ball during Penn State's game against Delaware at The Penn State Field Hockey Complex on Sept. 10, 2023.

Penn State down the field, but Blue Hens goalkeeper Van Eijck made a crucial save on Drew Taylor's shot and the resulting corner kick.

That stop proved pivotal, as Delaware earned a penalty corner moments later and took advantage, with Genevieve Johnson's shot finding the back of the net to give the Blue Hens a 2-1 lead.

However, both teams continued to generate corner opportunities, even though Penn State's chances were shut down by Delaware's defense, which would quickly counter back down the field.

With just three minutes re-

maining, Penn State was finally able to capitalize on its 11th corner opportunity and scored on a deflection from van Bekkum to tie the game at 2-2 going into halftime.

The third quarter opened with intense action on both ends of the field. An early surge by Delaware ended in a goal by Kate Janssen to give Delaware the lead, but it didn't last for long.

The Blue Hens soon gave Penn State another corner opportunity, and the blue and white made them pay. Gladieux maneuvered around two defenders to get closer to the goal and took the solo shot, soaring it past Van Eijck.

Following the goal, Penn State maintained the pressure while Delaware struggled to clear the ball and advance downfield. Semler took a ball to the face during a big chance inside the circle but appeared to be okay and returned to the game.

As the third quarter continued the Blue Hens played a much cleaner game, keeping the Nittany Lions away from corner opportunities, but Gladieux took the game into her own hands, weaving through three defenders to get the ball deep into the circle two different times.

With no one around her, Gladieux's efforts fell short and,

with under three minutes in the quarter, Penn State gave up a corner shot to Johnson to fall behind 4-3. Opportunistic offense from Delaware defined the first three quarters.

The Blue Hens carried their momentum into the fourth quarter, dominating the first five minutes while Penn State struggled to create opportunities to equalize.

The blue and white finally earned a corner shot with under 10 minutes remaining. Gladieux received the initial pass but handed it off, leading to an awkward shot from Gerry Schnarrs and no goal for the Nittany Lions.

With just over seven minutes remaining, Kate Fiest received a yellow card, giving Penn State a man advantage. The Nittany Lions wasted no time, quickly capitalizing with true freshman Katelyn Strawser scoring her first collegiate goal to tie the game.

With 2:25 left in the game, Gladieux made an incredible defensive play and then scored on a solo drive in the offensive zone. Her goal gave the Nittany Lions the lead and completed a hat trick for the star senior.

Delaware earned three corner opportunities in the final 64 seconds of play but was unable to get the game-tying goal. Penn State snapped its three-game losing streak.

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Setter Izzy Starck sets the ball against then-No. 4 Louisville on Tuesday Sept. 7, 2024. Penn State defeated the Cardinals 3-0.

Volleyball ranked No. 3

By Isaiah Maldonado
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Penn State reached its highest ranking of the coach Katie Schumacher-Cawley era this week, coming in at No. 3.

The Nittany Lions are off to a dominant start despite a difficult opening schedule. The blue and white holds a 5-0 record with three wins against teams ranked inside the Top 15.

While returning players such as Jess Murzik and Taylor Trammell have provided a veteran presence, some newcomers have made their mark and elevated Penn State to a higher level.

Izzy Starck, a freshman setter and No. 1 overall recruit in the class of 2024, has come in and managed to exceed the already high expectations that were set for her.

Starck was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week for the second consecutive week, stepping up big for her team thus far.

"Our passers did a really good job of putting (Izzy) in a position to find the hitters and let them score," Schumacher-Cawley said. "Defensively, she was doing some nice things ... She played a full game."

Across Division I, Starck ranks Top 30 in assists per set, one of just five freshmen to do so. Starck's physicality and volleyball IQ is a big reason Penn State is hitting an impressive .322 as a team this season.

Anjelina Starck, team captain and the older sister of Izzy Starck, mentioned the level of poise that her sister plays with, a trait she says is well beyond her years.

"(Izzy) stepped in and (has done) a really good job as a fresh-

man," Starck said. "She hasn't shown that the pressure's been bothering her."

While Starck has kept the offense flowing, Nebraska transfer Maggie Mendelson has helped anchor an oppressive defense that shuts out opponents.

Aside from their most recent game against Ball State, the Nittany Lions have thrived at the net, holding every opponent they've faced to a sub-.200 hitting percentage. Mendelson's presence at the net has been a key factor in this.

"Maggie's a work horse," Schumacher-Cawley said. "She puts the time in."

In Penn State's reverse sweep of then-No. 9 Kentucky, Mendelson came up big with three blocks and five block assists, with a handful against one of the top hitters in the country, Brooklyn DeLeye.

After reaching a Penn State career-high with 10 kills against Ball State last weekend, Mendelson discussed playing with Starck, mentioning the connection the two have on and off the court that contributes to the duo's production.

"I had the opportunity to play with (Izzy) when I was younger, and we actually live together," Mendelson said. "We're with each other all the time, so that off-the-court connection really helped us on the court."

The two will get an opportunity to show out once again this weekend in Rec Hall during the Penn State Invitational. The Nittany Lions will face Duke, Princeton and St. John's.

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Penn State Paralympians

By Sofia Miranda
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Bonjour, Paris.

At this year's Paralympic Games, two Penn Staters had the honor of representing their country: Brandon Lyons and Shawn Morelli.

Morelli competed in the Paralympics twice before, while Lyons made his first appearance at the games.

Penn State's first appearance at the Paralympics came in Los Angeles in 1984. Since 1996, the Nittany Lions have appeared in every Paralympics except London 2012.

The 2024 Paralympics took place from Aug. 28 to Sept. 8, in the City of Love.

Shawn Morelli

Shawn Morelli has become one of the faces of para cycling.

At Penn State Behrend, the Meadville, Pennsylvania, native played both soccer and softball, starring as a multi-sport athlete for the Lions.

In 2007, Morelli deployed in Afghanistan, serving as an Army engineer. During Morelli's deployment, an improvised bomb exploded near her, leaving her blind in her left eye. Morelli also sustained nerve damage and brain trauma as a result of the blast.

While recovering from her injury in Afghanistan, Morelli's doctor suggested giving para cycling a try. Morelli pursued that offer and, five years later, competed in her first national

race. Morelli gained national recognition in para cycling after setting a world record at the 2016 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships in the C4 pursuit.

Years of competing later, the Penn State alum owns 16 world championship medals: 12 gold, two silver and two bronze.

Morelli's first appearance at the Paralympic Games came in Rio 2016. The Army veteran etched her name into the history books, winning two gold medals in the 3,000-meter C4 individual pursuit.

Morelli's first gold medal came in time trial C4. Then, in the final, the Penn State graduate finished 30 seconds faster than the nearest opponent, showcasing her superior cycling skills.

At the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, Morelli won gold once again in the time trial C4. The cyclist also won silver in the women's individual pursuit.

Now 48 years old, Morelli competed in the 2024 Paris Paralympics. This time around, Morelli didn't secure any medals but still enjoyed an impressive performance.

Morelli placed sixth in the C4 time trial, seventh in the 3km pursuit, 13th in the 500m time trial and 14th in the road race.

Brandon Lyons

A native of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, Brandon Lyons graduated from the Smear College of Business in 2012 with degrees in management information systems and supply chain.

Lyons' first appearance in a para cycling competition came

in 2014 during the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C., a 26.2-mile race.

As for world championship competitions, Lyons medaled twice in the team relay event, winning silver in 2019 and bronze in 2023.

Injuries haven't been kind to Lyons in recent years. In Tokyo 2020, the Penn State alum couldn't compete due to an infection that progressed to the early stages of sepsis. In 2023, Lyons fell ill during the world championships in Scotland, another setback for the Paralympian.

The 2024 Paralympics were no different. In his big moment, Lyons was affected once again by an infection in his foot, the same injury that stopped him in 2020. While the infection affected his strength, respiratory rate and skin temperature, Lyons trekked on, staying in the competition.

"Although I can keep asking why this infection happened at the worst of times, I'm reminding myself to be proud of making it this far and never quitting," Lyons wrote in an Instagram post.

Despite his infection, the Florida resident still participated in two competitions: the men's H3 individual time trial and the men's H3 road race. Lyons placed 10th in the 28.3km men's individual race and seventh in the 56.8km road race.

On Tuesday, Lyons announced he will miss the world championships in Switzerland as a result of his infection.

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Barkley wins OPOW

By Avery Hill
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Saquon Barkley's Eagles debut has been rewarded.

On Wednesday, Barkley was selected as NFC Offensive Player of the Week after Friday's contest against the Packers.

On Friday, Barkley ran for 109 yards and scored three total touchdowns in Philadelphia's 34-29 win over Green Bay in Brazil.

Barkley joined the Eagles in the offseason on a three-year, \$37.75 million deal after leaving the New York Giants.

He was a back-to-back Big Ten Most Valuable Player at Penn State. Now, he's back in his home state and has earned early recognition.



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Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley reacts during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers.

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Beaver Stadium gamedays are back



Katelyn Supancik/Collegian

The Penn State student section waves its shakers in the air during the Penn State THON football game against Bowling Green in Beaver Stadium.



Chris Eutsler/Collegian

A Lionette dancer performs at the Nittany Lion Fan Academy event at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park.



Kate Hildebrand/Collegian

Lineman Nick Dawkins lifts wide receiver Omari Evans in the air to celebrate a Nittany Lion touchdown in the THON Game against Bowling Green in Beaver Stadium.



Kevin Cheng/Collegian

Jamie Schmidt, a fourth-year studying finance, places flags on Old Main Lawn in honor of those who died during the 9/11 attacks in 2001.



Esteban Marengo/Collegian

A flag flies at half-staff at Penn State in honor of those who died during the 9/11 attacks in 2001.



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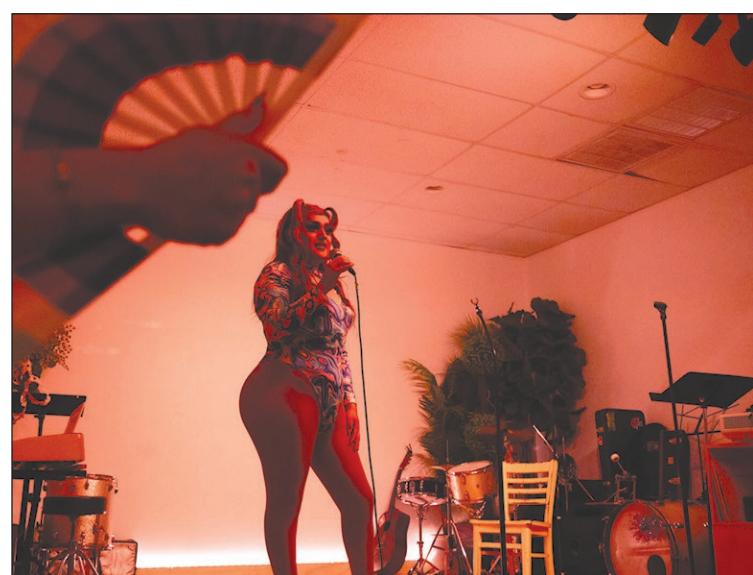
Camo! performs to open Lil Yachty's "Field Trip Tour" at the Bryce Jordan Center.



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Penn State linebacker Tony Rojas celebrates during the THON Game against Bowling Green. The Nittany Lions beat the Falcons 34-27.

Do you rock with it?!



Alexandra Antoniono/Collegian

Drag performer Delilah Frei performs at the Opulence drag show at Three Dots Downtown.



Ella Freda/Collegian

Lil Yachty sings "drive ME crazy" to his Penn State audience during his "Field Trip Tour" performance in the Bryce Jordan Center.