

First Semester in Review

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Big Ten announces official return of fall football

The Big Ten Athletic Conference announced on September 16th its intent to resume the 2020-2021 fall football season. The Big Ten Council of President's and Chancellor's unanimous vote to resume play reverses the conference's previous decision to postpone the fall season entirely. The conference cited advancements in rapid testing and other COVID-19 protocols as the basis of their final decision.

"It's good they want to try and revert back to normal, but this may be a built too soon[.]"

-Alexandra Sigurdson, Freshman

"I understand why they returned but idk, I don't really see sports as a morale booster (Ik it is so some people though)"

-Ray Teclesenbet, Junior

"I guess it's fine as long as they're taking proper precautionary measures and putting the health of the players and staff and their families first"

-Holden Browne, Sophomore

"I don't follow up with the football season usually, but it's curious to think of how a few aspects of normal life will return even with the uncertain outcome of the pandemic and coronavirus vaccines."

-Nour Mokbel, Freshman

October 16, 2020



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President Trump tests positive for COVID-19, flown to Walter Reed hospital

The president tweeted at 1 a.m. Friday morning, "Tonight, [Melania Trump] and I tested positive for COVID-19. We will begin our quarantine and recovery process immediately. We will get through this TOGETHER!"

"Ironic and predictable. He spent his entire last year downplaying the virus and not wearing a mask or socially distancing, so he inevitably caught it."

-Nash English, Senior

"To paraphrase Chancellor Palpatine: Ironic. He could tell others that COVID-19 wasn't dangerous, but caught it himself."

-Holden Browne, Sophomore

"Well, it makes sense that he was flown there for treatment. That in and of itself isn't a big deal. The issue arises from the fact that all of the care that he received there was taxpayer funded. The man benefited from socialized medicine, which he and his party claim is the worst thing ever, and then went on to praise the care. He essentially laughed in the face of millions of Americans who have to decide whether they are injured enough or sick enough to make going to the hospital worth the bill. If socialized medicine is so good for him, he should have made an effort to enact healthcare for all so that everyone can receive the same care he did."

-Thomas Seeger, Junior

November 4, 2020



Courtesy of The New York Times

United States formally leaves Paris Climate Accord

Despite an overwhelming majority of Americans that support the Paris accord and to take action against climate change, Trump and his administration pulled the United States in the opposite direction and successfully withdrew from the agreement.

"It is a scary thought to think of the USA leaving the Paris Climate Accord as climate change has continually proved its disastrous effects from the Australia fires, damage to the coral reefs, and lower animal population numbers and so forth."

-Nour Mokbel, Freshman

"I was pretty annoyed when that was announced. Even if the Accord itself is mostly symbolic, climate change is a real issue and we need to be doing everything we can to limit it. I am glad that we have formally rejoined since, but we need to be taking much more aggressive action on the issue."

-Holden Browne, Sophomore

"I was deeply saddened when the US left the Paris Climate Accord because as the sole world superpower and user of most of the world's energy, we should be leading the charge to reinvent the economy around sustainability and green infrastructure."

-Nash English, Senior

"I think it was a horrible idea for us to leave the climate accord"

-Ray Teclesenbet, Junior

November 7, 2020

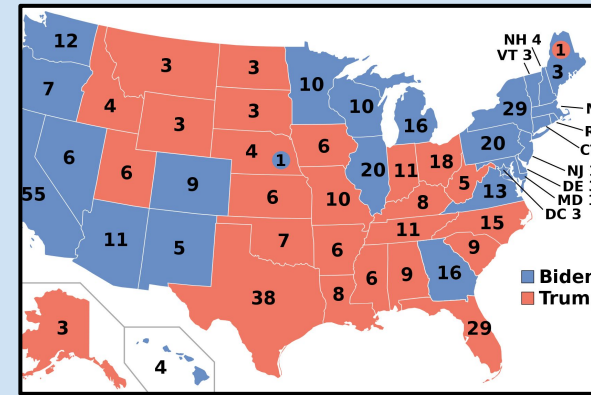


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Biden wins 2020 U.S. Presidential Election

"I was thrilled! I am so glad that the American people realized the dangers that President Trump posed to our democracy and the massive voter turnout. Even though over 70 million people voted for Trump, I was astounded by the competitive nature of this election and I hope that it continues in the future. I also now have a renewed hope for police reform, action against climate change, and an economy that works for all people not just the wealthy."

-Nash English, Senior

"Joe Biden is the president we need to repair what Trump has done to our country."

-Jacqueline Welsh, Junior

"Though I far from agree with all his policies, he was the better of two evils. His victory was necessary for the sake of the country especially with corona and how it was previously being taken care of by the Trump Administration."

-Madison Abicht, Freshman

"Though Biden isn't my first choice, I was satisfied with settling for him."

-Hannah Zebell, Sophomore

"In the words of one C-3PO, thank. The Maker. This country would not have survived another 4 years of Donald Trump. In the four years he had, he sat at the head of the most corrupt government in the history of this country, continually putting his personal interests ahead of those of the country as a whole. He demanded loyalty to himself, not the Constitution."

-Thomas Seeger, Junior

November 14, 2020



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Marlins make history with Gm hiring

The Miami Marlins announced the hiring of General Manager Kim Ng earlier this week, making her the first woman and second Asian American in Major League Baseball history to be named General Manager of an organization. The Marlins cited Ng's 30 years of baseball experience as the basis for their historic hiring.

"Great! Good for them. I'm sure she'll do a great job. Speaking as a baseball fan, the Marlins need her to do a great job. Rebuilds are tough."

-Thomas Seeger, Sophomore

"I think that they took a big step in the sports industry that other teams were afraid to take."

-Jacqueline Welsh, Junior

"I think it's good they hired her, more diversity benefits everybody"

-Ray Teclesenbet, Junior

"Although I'm not a follower of sports' news it seems that this is a good approach to take for a woman to hold such a job position, that will hopefully promote a greater sense of gender equality."

-Nour Mokbel, Freshman

"That's pretty cool."

-Tenzin Werner

Honestly, I don't follow sports very much, but that seems like something that should have happened a long time ago."

-Holden Browne, Sophomore

January 6, 2021



Screenshot taken by Joseph Triolo via Floor Webcast

Insurrectionists breach the Capitol

Rioters breached security gates lined with law enforcement officers and physically broke into the building by shattering glass and ramming doors.

"I was sickened and disgusted by it. Those animals were domestic terrorists and justice needs to be leveraged against every single person that was there. [...] Also, I was saddened yet not surprised that the Senate decided to acquit former President Trump. I hope that he faces litigation in the courts. In addition, I think it further harmed the US's standing in the world. We are supposed to be the leader of the free world and a beacon of hope for democratic ideals in the rest of the world, and yet we faced a coup attempt. I hope that Joe Biden can build bridges and help repair our deeply stained reputation around the world."

-Nash English, Senior

"I was pretty stunned the day it happened. It honestly felt surreal watching it all unfold on TV while also attending online class."

-Holden Browne, Sophomore

"The insurrection of the Capitol was both a saddening and infuriating moment to see in U.S. history. A country where democracy is meant to be among its strongest aspects facing such chaos was a horrifying image I would have never expected to see, especially amidst the already turbulent times of 2020."

-Nour Mokbel, Freshman