

GOP TAKES HOUSE, GOV. RACE

Republicans resume majority

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WASHINGTON — Republicans marched toward House control Tuesday night in midterm elections shadowed by recession, locking up enough Democratic seats to install a conservative majority certain to challenge President Barack Obama at virtually every turn. Speaker-in-waiting John Boehner, his voice breaking with emotion, declared to fellow Republicans, "I'll never let you down."

But the Republicans fell short in

their effort to gain control of the Senate and take full command of Congress.

The GOP did gain seats in the Senate and also wrested at least seven governorships from Democrats.

Boehner and his Republicans needed to gain 40 seats for a majority, and had exactly that number in hand a few minutes before midnight in the East. They led for another 24.

The victories came in bunches — five Democratic-held seats each in Pennsylvania and Ohio and three in Florida and Virginia.

Among the House Democrats who tasted defeat was Rep. Tom Perriello, a first-termer for whom Obama campaigned just before the election.

Obama was at the White House as the returns mounted, a news conference on his Wednesday schedule.

Boehner choked back tears as he spoke to supporters in Washington.

"Across the country right now, we are witnessing a repudiation of Washington a repudiation of big government and a repudiation of See REPUBLICANS, Page 2.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2010

GOVERNOR	U.S. SENATE	U.S. HOUSE
Tom Corbett (R)	Pat Toomey (R)	Glenn Thompson (R)
Jake Corman (R)	Scott Conklin (D)	Kerry Benninghoff (R)

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Turnout sees slight increase

By Nick Manella and Katrina Wehr
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Despite the unexpected surge in voter registration, turnout results show Centre County residents didn't pack the polls as anticipated in Tuesday's midterm elections.

Raw data for the election indicated 45,247 ballots cast in Centre County, with 7,208 voters in State College.

In comparison, 44,517 people voted in Centre County and 6,939 voters turned in their ballots in State College in the 2006 midterm election.

This amounts to a 1.64 percent increase in voter turnout for Centre County and a 3.88 percent increase for State College from 2006 to 2010.

Anthony Christina, vice chairman of the Penn State College Republicans, said he was not surprised by the minimal increase.

"We're happy with the numbers. We would have liked to have more Republicans turn out, but this was a learning year [for us] and preparation for 2012," Christina, sophomore-political science and history, said.

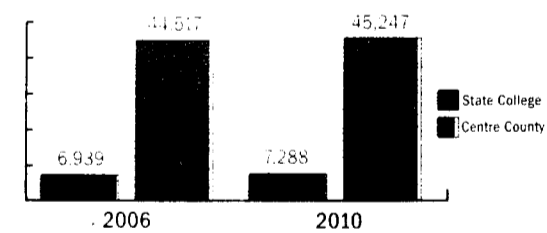
Christina said the group assumed numbers would fall more in line with the 2006 midterm elections than with those of the 2008 presidential race.

The highly anticipated youth vote also shrank nationwide in comparison to the 2008 elections. The key voting bloc in President Barack Obama's 2008

See TURNOUT, Page 2.

Voters take to the polls

Presidents 2006-2010: Election turnout in 2010 saw more voters than in 2006.



Source: Centre County Office of Elections and Voter Registration
Katie Moore, Collegian



Governor-elect Tom Corbett exits his polling place after voting at the Shaler Villa Volunteer Fire Hall in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Corbett defeats Onorato

By Katrina Wehr
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Pennsylvania is open for business. That's the message governor-elect Tom Corbett emphasized in his acceptance speech Tuesday night after opponent Dan Onorato conceded the race.

Corbett said he and lieutenant governor-elect Jim Cawley were honored by the votes of Pennsylvania's citizens and told the crowd they will provide the leadership necessary to get the commonwealth back on track.

"The people of Pennsylvania have spoken, the election is over and their voices have been heard loud and clear," Corbett said. "I hear you, and Jim hears you."

Onorato conceded at 10:45 p.m. and thanked his supporters across the state for their involvement in the campaign.

"I wish the outcome had been different," Onorato said in his concession speech, "but I've been on both ends and I can respect it."

Both candidates in the gubernatorial race were from Allegheny County.

Corbett had been the state's attorney general while Onorato serves as Allegheny's county executive. Allegheny County's voter turnout was split 50-50 between the two candidates, with Corbett having a slight lead.

Corbett congratulated Onorato in his speech, saying the two had spoken earlier in the day and agreed that they had to come together to unify people toward a common purpose.

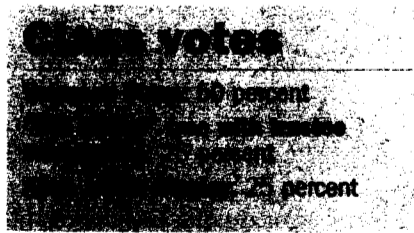
Corbett also thanked his family, campaign team and everyone who voted. See CORBETT, Page 2.

Veterans Plaza chosen as class gift

By Christina Gallagher
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

More than 1,400 Penn State seniors chose to commemorate Penn State alumnus and Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Michael Murphy for their 2011 Senior Class Gift.

ROTC members, Murphy's former roommate, Penn State President Graham Spanier and students gathered in the HUB-Robeson Center Tuesday morning to hear the Senior Class Gift Committee announce the gift: the Lt.



Michael P. Murphy Penn State Veterans Plaza.

The plaza will honor Murphy — who was killed leading a Navy Seal team in

Afghanistan — and all Penn State veterans. Murphy is the only Penn State alumnus ever to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

"This class gift is a wonderful tribute to all veterans," Spanier said. "Each gift has brought with it a unique story."

Spanier said Penn State students have served in the military since the Civil War, and the university now has the largest ROTC program of any non-military institution.

A total of 2,829 seniors voted between See GIFT, Page 2.



Joe Paterno talks to reporters at a press conference.

QB position up for grabs

By Brendan Monahan
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Just three days after his son anointed Rob Bolden "the guy," Joe Paterno reopened the starting quarterback competition.

Paterno said redshirt sophomore Matt McGloin and Bolden will both receive an equal amount of repetitions in practice before he decides who the starter will be against Northwestern.

"We are going to let them have a little fun this week, let them compete, and then we'll make a decision later on in the week," Paterno said. See PATERNO, Page 2.

PLCB urges caution with Four Loko

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The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is asking distributors across the state to drop alcoholic energy drinks from store shelves until they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The safety of drinks like Four Loko — which contains 12 percent alcohol in addition to stimulants like caffeine — is being questioned by the PLCB, board spokeswoman Stacey Witalec said.

"This is increasingly becoming a public health issue," she said.

But the PLCB is not calling for a ban on the drinks, which can only be enacted through state or federal legislation, Witalec said.

Instead, the PLCB sent letters to distributors on Monday asking them to refrain from marketing and selling the drinks until an FDA safety investigation is concluded, Witalec said.

Additionally, letters were sent to each college and university in Pennsylvania to warn them about the possible dangers associated with the drinks, Witalec said.

"We don't want a knee-jerk reaction," Witalec said, "but developing research is showing an extreme danger when you mix alcohol and caffeine."

But the PLCB's decision has drawn criticism from some — including the drink manufacturers.

"We're disappointed by the recent call by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to discourage distributors in the state to stop selling and marketing our product because we know curbing alcohol abuse will not be See FOUR LOKO, Page 2.

