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Forecast for today and tonight: cloudy and cool with some drizzle. The high will reach 63 and the low will fall to 57. Tomorrow will be mostly cloudy and a bit milder, high of 68.

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## East German party rejects unification date

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EAST BERLIN — A rare compromise on a date for German unity fell apart yesterday when East Germany's second-largest party defied its leader and rejected the pact.

The left-leaning Social Democrats refused to accept an agreement by the leaders of all political factions that the nation unite with West Germany on Oct. 14.

Richard Schroeder, the Social Democrats' parliamentary leader, had agreed to the proposal. He resigned from his post after his party balked at accepting it.

The Social Democrats said they would push instead for unity to take place on Sept. 15 because of East Germany's collapsing economy. Parliament is to meet Wednesday and may consider the proposal.

Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere's conservative Christian Democrats hold the most votes in Parliament and are in the best position to set the date for the historic merger. They want unity

### Timeline for merger now up in the air

to coincide with Oct. 14 elections to create the five states that East Germany will become when the Germans merge.

However, demands have been increasing among East Germans for quick unity so West Germany can directly take over political and economic chaos that grows worse almost daily in the nation.

De Maiziere's government — the first democratically chosen leadership in East German history — has been hit by a series of dismissals, resignations and charges of incompetence the past week.

The Social Democrats withdrew from de Maiziere's broad governing coalition on Sunday in a dispute over unification. On Tuesday evening, they met and voted to reject the Oct. 14 date.

De Maiziere is seeking a definitive timetable for the merger of the German states and the dis-

solution of economically battered East Germany.

Under the agreement, the two German states would have legally become a single nation Oct. 14. Germans on both sides are tentatively set to elect a common government in December.

After meeting with the leaders of other parties in Parliament, de Maiziere said lawmakers would convene Oct. 9 to formalize the unification date. This was before Schroeder announced his move.

Oct. 9 is the first anniversary of a large demonstration in Leipzig, East Germany, which fueled other pro-democracy protests. The demonstrations spread across the country, eventually bringing down the Communist regime that had ruled four decades.

Alluding to the attempt by lawmakers to capture the spirit of grass-roots solidarity that toppled the old regime, de Maiziere said Parlia-

ment will convene under the motto: "Where we come from, where we want to go."

Agreeing earlier on the October date were the Christian Democrats; the Social Democrats; the former Communists, the third-largest party in Parliament; and the small Buendnis 90 coalition that includes the intellectuals and activists who led last year's revolt.

Christian Democrats in both German states wanted to keep the date of unification and elections for a united Parliament as close together as possible.

The Social Democrats said this was because Christian Democrats, including West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, were trying to win the election before West Germans realized the true cost of bailing out East Germany.

Dec. 2 has been scheduled for elections for a united Parliament.

Many details remain to be worked out. The

fighting between political parties in both Germanys, essentially in the throes of an election campaign, will likely resurface.

How to distribute East German property — some of which is claimed by West Germans who fled the region after the Soviet invasion of World War II — has been a roadblock to a political treaty that is to mesh the two countries.

East Germany became a free market July 1. Joblessness has since skyrocketed as enterprises struggle to compete with Western competition.

Regine Hildebrandt, a Social Democrat who resigned as labor minister Tuesday in keeping with her party's decision to leave de Maiziere's government, said 25,000 East Germans are losing their jobs weekly.

Unemployment was pegged officially at about 270,000 at the end of July, but more than a million people are being kept on payrolls at reduced hours and wages under a program financed by West Germany.

Joblessness is expected to exceed 3 million of the nation's 8.8 million workers.

## Anti-obscenity clause causes protest at PSU

### Official refuses to sign pledge, loses NEA grant

By AMANDA MARTIN  
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The Director of the University's Center for the Performing Arts is protesting a new anti-obscenity clause adopted by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the stance has already cost his program \$5,000.

But money isn't the issue.

Director Ken Foster accepted a \$5,000 NEA grant this month, but refused to sign the pledge to exclude "obscene art." The Endowment withdrew the grant.

"I could easily sign it, because we don't do obscenity," Foster said. "I do hope we do things interesting and provocative. I could sign it, thumb my nose at the NEA, and do what I damn well please. But a statement needs to be made, for the artists ability to produce their work unrestricted."

Over 1,000 grant applications were reviewed this year by the NEA peer panels for artistic quality and manageability. After the rigorously competitive process, only 100 were selected as grant recipients. Foster was one of six not to sign the obscenity clause.

The new clause uses the Supreme Court definition of obscenity, saying NEA funding may not be awarded to art projects the endowment considers

obscene. Under the regulation, obscene material includes depictions of sadomasochism, homoeroticism, the sexual exploitation of children, or individuals engaged in sex acts without "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

Foster was to receive the grant for the Dramatic Encounters series, created to present new, diverse and experimental works. The four performances, including *Koyaanisqatsi*, Jones/Zane and Co., the American Indian Dance Theatre, and Spalding Grey, met all NEA criteria.

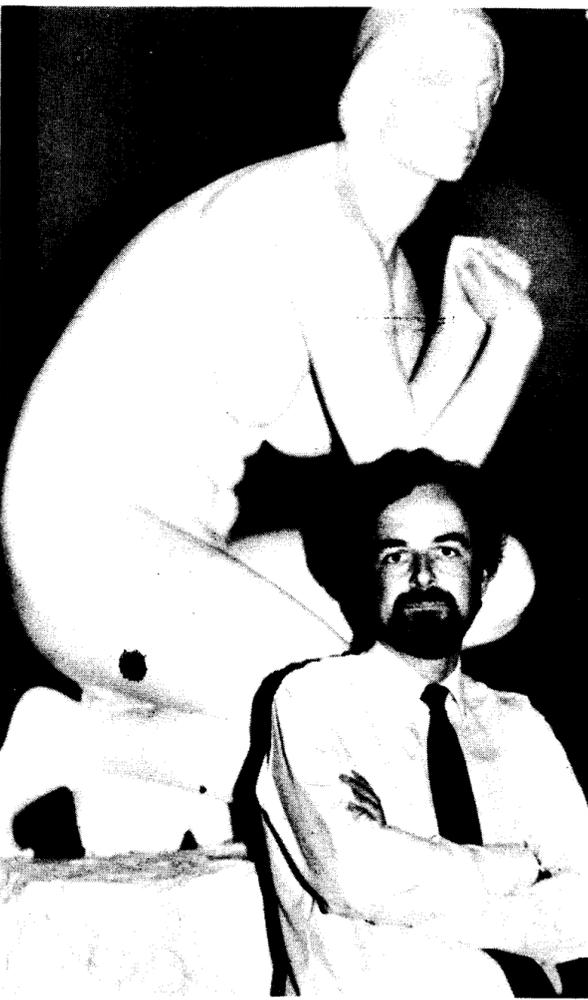
The grant would have covered 6 percent of the "Dramatic Encounters" series costs. How the money will be replaced is uncertain.

James Moeser, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture, said the budget must be balanced through ticket sales, budget cuts, and an increase in private supporters.

Foster decided to reject the grant on his own, but is supported by Moeser. Each program director in the college may decide whether to accept or decline an NEA grant, Moeser said, adding: "It's a matter of personal conscience."

The series will continue as scheduled to counter the NEA's attempts to regulate program content, Foster said.

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Ken Foster, director of the University's Center for the Performing Arts, poses in Eisenhower lobby. Foster refused to sign an anti-obscenity pledge this month which cost the University a \$5,000 grant.

## New president to study University, then set agenda

By MARC HARKNESS  
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Incoming University President Joab L. Thomas said last night he will need a few months to learn more about the University before he begins to set specific goals.

In a telephone interview from his hotel room at the Nittany Lion Inn, Thomas acknowledged the one-month stretch between his appointment and his inauguration Sept. 1 is yielding little time to meet with members of the University community.

University President Bryce Jordan's first few months in office set the school on the ambitious course of becoming a top 10 public research institution. His goal was to be accomplished through five-year strategic budget plans and the University's first major private fundraising campaign.

Jordan, however, formulated his

plans over a nine-month transition period. Thomas, who has yet to digest a suitcase full of reading material, is experiencing a transition more akin to a late-night cramming session.

Thomas is a professor of botany at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and was the school's president from 1981 to 1988. He was chancellor of the North Carolina State University from 1976 to 1981.

Shortly after his selection in July by the University Board of Trustees, Thomas outlined some general goals. Among those were improving academic quality and minority recruitment; maintaining the University's momentum toward becoming a top 10 research institution and increasing the percentage of state funding.

Thomas is on his second visit to campus since his selection and will meet with deans, central administrators and

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## New plan may limit overnight parking

### Team recommends restrictions on parking in neighborhoods

By NINA B. HUNTEMANN  
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More parking will be available downtown, but students will have trouble finding overnight storage for cars if recommendations in State College Borough's neighborhood report are adopted.

The 56-page neighborhood action plan was compiled and presented last February by the Neighborhood Conservation Action Plan Project Management Team, consisting of representatives from neighborhood groups, student organizations, fraternities and development firms.

The plan contains recommendations about problems such as parking, crime and safety, residential development and preservation.

Six months of public reviews and hearings on the report came to a close at Monday night's borough council meeting.

"It has been a long haul," said James Deeslie, president of the Highlands Civic Association and key member of the neighborhood report team. "I hope (the council) starts directing committees to write ordinances based on the recommendations."

The council needs to enact parking solutions quickly, Deeslie said.

"I don't think we can wait any longer," he said. "I hope the restrictions on parking come quickly."

Parking recommendations in the report include eliminating overnight and all-day parking on neighborhood streets and restricting the size of parking lots in residential areas.

So far, the borough has posted signs

on West Prospect Avenue restricting overnight parking.

The borough Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at noon today to discuss two of the report's major proposals — removing residential projects from the "in lieu" parking program and rezoning State College Area School District property.

In-lieu parking allows qualified developers to pay into a fund instead of providing parking facilities on the same land where they build. The money is supposed to be used to build joint parking facilities in the borough.

Three speakers gave testimony praising the neighborhood recommendations Monday night, but no mention was made of the controversial proposal to form a "police commission."

The commission would include representatives from student organizations, the University Safety department, neighborhood associations, borough council and State College school district in an effort to "increase citizen participation in forming police policy."

Borough police Chief Elwood Williams Jr. has said in the past that a police commission would be "confusing to residents."

Since its release, the report has met with approval and criticism from student groups, residents and community organizations.

In March, Sherri Rutolo, past president of the Organization for Town Independent Students and former planning commission member, called the report "anti-student."

The report states that the conversion of single-family homes into rental units

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## Preliminary diversity guidelines completed

By RONA KAUFMAN  
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Preliminary guidelines for mandatory diversity courses were completed this summer by a steering committee for the University Faculty Senate.

However, committee members are refusing to comment on their recommendations.

According to Senate legislation, the Committee for Curricular Affairs and the Committee for Undergraduate Instruction must agree on the guidelines before they go into effect.

George Bugyi, senate council executive secretary, said the steering committee was set up to make sure the course requirements will be ready by next summer. He added that representatives of each senate committee make up the steering

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## Iraq invasion not to effect ROTC

By LAURA E. WEXLER  
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In the wake of the United States' military intervention in the Persian Gulf, it's still business as usual for University ROTC students.

The University ROTC program commits itself above all else — even war — to the education of its students, said Lt. Richard Bartolomea, executive officer of Naval ROTC and associate professor of naval science.

"The students' orders right now are to earn a degree. They will not be commissioned until they receive their degrees," Bartolomea said.

At the request of the Saudi Arabian government, President Bush ordered troops into that country following Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

"I don't suspect anything that happens in the world will even change the curriculum," said Capt. Gerard Kuchinsky, assistant professor of aerospace studies.

However, the situation will probably be a key topic in class, Kuchinsky added.

"The reservists that President Bush is considering calling up should not be confused with ROTC participants. They are like apples and oranges. These students are here to earn degrees," Bartolomea said.

Most University ROTC cadets polled are not worried about being shipped out to fight in the immediate future.

"It's very unlikely that I or any cadet will be sent. We're training to be combat officers and I still have three years of training left," said Grant Weller, (sophomore-history).

"The government tries not to send ROTC and academy students because we still need a military after the war is over," said Weller, an Air Force cadet.

Weller supports the U.S. action in the Middle East and said he is "proud to be a part of the military."



Robert Guisannie (graduate-management information systems) helps William Scheetz (freshman-engineering) size his Navy uniform. Guisannie begins his first tour of duty today.

Diana Deckert, an Army ROTC cadet, also agrees with the U.S. response.

"I agree with U.S. action. We have an interest in the area. The economy and safety of the world are at stake. We're trying to prevent the oil supply from being in the hands of one man," said Deckert (sophomore-animal biological science).

"I don't think there's just one ROTC view on the crisis. The officers don't tell you what to think. They just offer points of view," Deckert said.

Mike Thomas (senior-biology) does not think the situation will progress into a war.

"Right now we're just doing what is needed. We're just waiting and putting pressure on the situation. It's nothing drastic," said Thomas, an Air Force cadet.