

Painful past

World War II internment camps are opened up to the public for the first time

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Nittany Lion recruits help Pennsylvania get win over Ohio in Big 33

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Hazy sunshine, hot and humid today with a T-storm in spots. High 88. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 64. Partly sunny and refreshingly cooler tomorrow. High 78.

— by Chris Patti



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Drought watch leaves area high and dry

Even with recent rain, conservation still key

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While the recent rainy weather may be dampening area residents' moods and their soil — whether it is enough to cure the dry spell is debatable.

State College Borough has not had water supply problems, but surrounding areas, such as Bellefonte and Lemont, are facing shortages.

"We don't have a problem yet so our water conservation is voluntary," said David R. Nevel, customer service administrator at the State College Borough Water Authority, 1201 W. Branch Road.

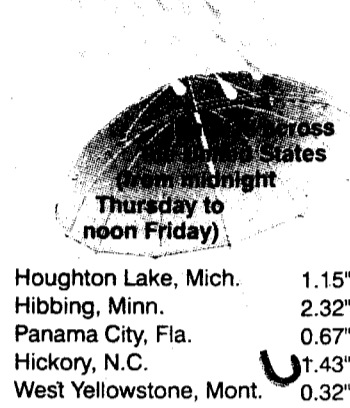
"But the situation in Bellefonte has caused mandatory conservation at night and voluntary conservation during the day," he said.

The water authority in State College requested last week that customers take measures to use water conservatively to assist neighboring areas with water problems caused by an extended dry spell.

That conservation could also help State College avoid its own problems if faced with any more dry spells in the near future, Nevel said.

Tuesday, however, the rain came and continued to fall — off and on — for several days, which

Recent rainfall



Source: AccuWeather World Wide Web site
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was a big help to the area's water supply, said Jim Kosek, senior meteorologist at AccuWeather, 619 W. College Ave.

"Without a shadow of a doubt this steadier rain has helped Please see CONSERVE, Page 2.

University reduces water usage

By VICTORIA FREILE
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The University is doing its share to reduce water usage during the drought watch.

Centre County is one of 34 counties in the state on a drought watch, the least severe of the drought conditions.

When this occurs, residents are asked to participate in a 5 percent, voluntary non-essential reduction of water use.

Because of the reduced population during Summer Session, much less water is being used, said Paul Ruskin, spokesperson for the Office of the Physical Plant.

"We haven't had to reduce use of water yet because the smaller population in the University takes

up less water," Ruskin said.

This summer, the University is using six of the 37 wells in the well field, where the University's water supply is stored, Ruskin said.

The water level is carefully monitored in the wells, he said.

During the Fall and Spring semesters, about 2.5 million gallons of water are used on campus each day, Ruskin said. An accurate number for Summer Session usage was unavailable, he added.

Sprinkler usage is limited to only experimental turf grass, Ruskin said, which is under specific regimens.

"We must keep the grass growing at a certain level as to not ruin the experiment," Ruskin said.

The University is doing what it

can to help conserve water during the drought watch, Ruskin said. Because the well levels are fine, the University has not needed to reduce, he said.

"A lot of water in the area needs to be conserved because it won't always be around," Chris Scott (freshman-engineering) said.

"If we take care of what we have it will be easier to take care of what we have in the future," he said.

If the drought moves from a watch to a warning, the second level of drought conditions, the University will reduce the amount of water it uses, Ruskin said.

"The University would go into mandatory action if we had to," Please see USAGE, Page 2.

Third day added to grad plan

The University has added a third day of commencement ceremonies, pleasing local business owners

By KRISTIN WALPOLE
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Graduating students and their loved ones will have an extra day to enjoy graduation festivities next spring.

This past spring, graduation ceremonies were held over two days, rather than three, creating a congestion in town that forced some visitors to stay in dormitories and caused difficulties for local businesses.

But the University has decided to re-expand Spring Semester's commencement exercises to three days by moving the graduate school ceremony to Sunday.

"We can serve our customers better if they are spread out over three days rather than just two," said Bill Gilday, general manager of Chili's Grill and Bar, 137 S. Allen St.

The shortened commencements of this past May, combined with banquets set up on campus for graduates and their loved ones, caused less people to visit downtown businesses, Gilday said.

"People attended the banquets on campus at places like The Bryce Jordan Center and with the shorter time period, not as many people had time to venture off campus," he said.

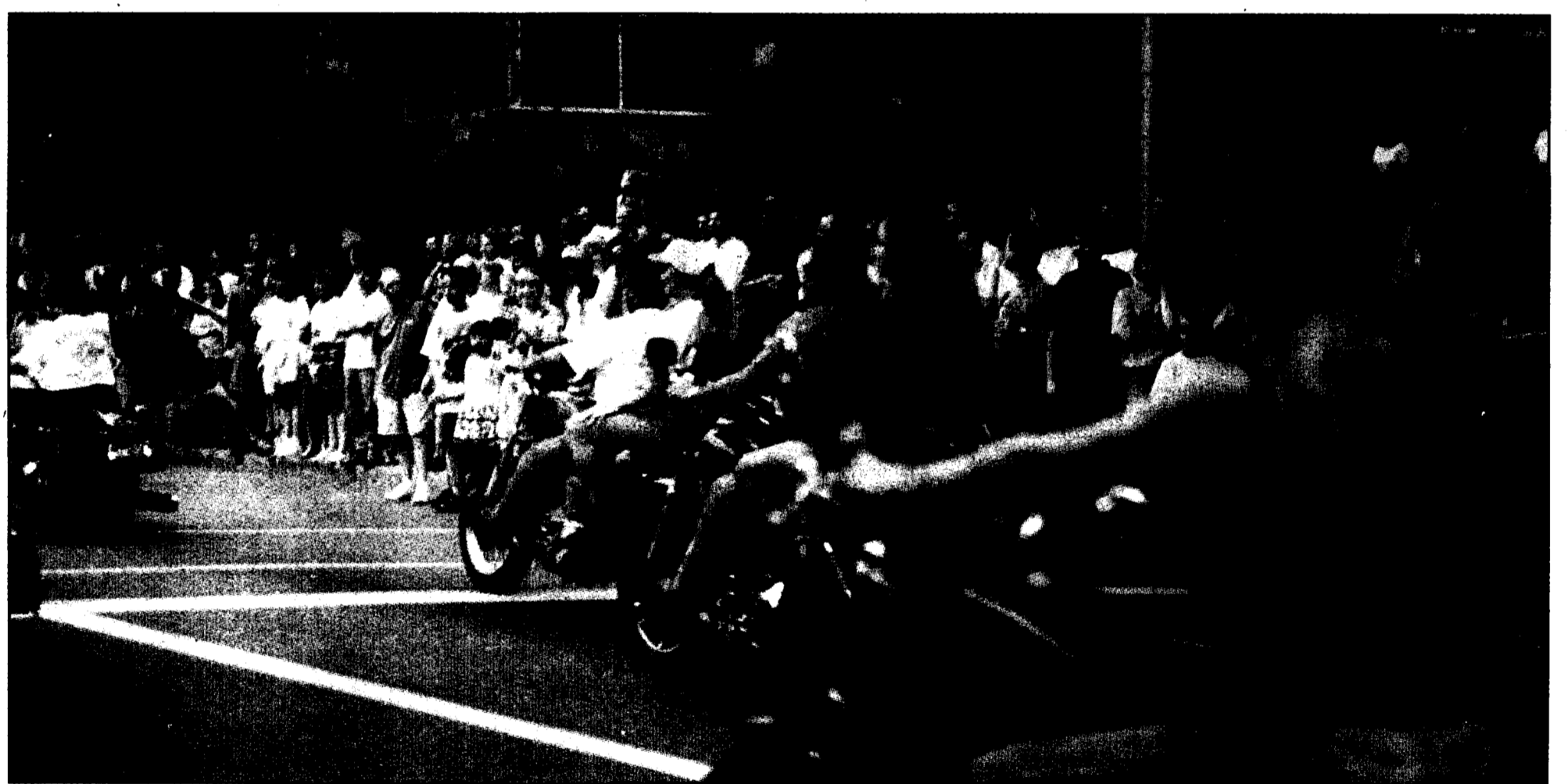
Many local business owners were upset with the shortened schedule so the Downtown State College Partnership Inc. created a petition to send to University President Graham Spanier, voicing their concern about the graduation schedule.

Others, though, said preparation is the key to dealing with the graduation crowds, not an extra day of ceremonies.

"We didn't have any problems this past spring because we were prepared for the crowds from past experience," said Joel Weiner, associate manager of the Deli Restaurant, 113 Hiester St.

Weiner and his staff prepare for graduation by getting schedules of all the ceremonies and estimating when each ceremony will end. This allows them to be prepared for the crowds to arrive, Weiner said.

"I don't know how much of a difference the extra day will make for us, really, because it will still be the same number of people," he said. "They will just be spread out over three days," he said.



Collegian Photo/Christa Rimonneau

HOG heaven

Spectators watch as members of the Harley-Davidson Owners Group parade their Pennsylvania State HOG Rally, which took place Saturday at the Penn State Convention Center and Hotel. Please see story on page 2.



Collegian Photo/Ilan Sherman

A kitten relaxes in its air-conditioned cage at PAWS Inc., 1042 Benner Pike, while visitors to the Metzger Animal Hospital open house wander around outside. The hospital hosted its open house yesterday.

Animal clinic plays host to open house

By CARRIE DELEON
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Taz and Tony were on hand yesterday to give a roaring welcome to families and pets at the Metzger Animal Hospital open house.

Visitors enjoyed information booths, obedience demonstrations, hospital tours and the two Bengal tigers.

"I wanted to make this a pet education day for the community to see what goes on inside the hospital," Dr. Fred Metzger said. "People are really surprised to see how similar we are to a human hospital," he said.

Not only was Metzger there answering pet questions and giving advice, local animal rescue groups, vendor displays and pet-related activities for kids were available to entertain and inform the crowds of people who came out for the event.

"This just gives everyone a chance to see what we're all about," said Stephanie Dohrer, open house coordinator.

Visitors were able to see the human-like qualities of Metzger

Animal Hospital, 1044 Benner Pike, as they traveled through each room displaying different aspects of the hospital.

Doctors, pet groomers, technicians and other hospital employees were available to give demonstrations of their work and answer questions.

Technicians in the surgery room showed children and other onlookers the operating table, surgical devices they use, anesthesia and heart-monitoring machines.

Angela Berrena, a technician, answered questions and took pictures of kids standing over the operating table dressed as doctors.

"I want to make people aware of what goes on when they bring their pet here," Berrena said. "I think people really appreciate knowing what goes on behind our closed doors," she said.

Kathy Zimmerman, of State College, said she brought her two sons to the open house to see the facilities and learn about the hospital.

"This was very informative," Zimmerman said. "They showed us Please see ANIMAL, Page 2.