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Cool for August! Mostly cloudy today with showers around. High 75. Cloudy and breezy with showers tonight. Low 60. Windy and cool tomorrow with showers early, then some sunshine. High 69.

— by Chris Patti



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Classic cars cruise into town

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Squealing rubber was in style Saturday night as hundreds of classic vehicles circled the town in the 12th annual Last Cruise.

"Every year for Last Cruise, we sort of turn the clock back and play '50s and '60s music, because that's the time when cruising was popular," said Rob Schmidt, general manager of WRSC-AM (1390) and WBLF-AM (970).

Schmidt's radio stations organized the event, along with WQWK-FM (97.1) and WIKN-FM (107.9).

"Of course, I'm too young to know that," Schmidt joked. "Or that's what I'm told," he said.

People of all ages lined College and Beaver avenues for two hours while vintage '50s hot rods, '70s

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muscle cars, '80s motorcycles and '90s sports cars strolled through town.

The cruise was sponsored by Mellon Bank and benefited the Centre County Youth Service Bureau.

"I love the classics myself," said Michelle Mahon (senior-wildlife and fisheries science). "They're more adorable than newer cars and nicer looking," she said.

Mahon said she learned to appreciate classic cars because her

uncles were muscle-car enthusiasts.

"They last better than new cars," she said. "They're a lot stronger because they're made of metal. You just have to put some money into them and they'll last forever," she said.

Last Cruise itself has shown some staying power. The event started in 1986, when the State College Borough Council passed a "no cruising" ordinance, making it illegal for any vehicle to cruise, or

pass the same spot three times in a short period of time.

Employees from WRSC-AM organized a "Last Cruise" through town the night before the ordinance went into effect, Schmidt said.

"Next thing you know, hundreds of cars joined in," he said. "It was kind of a spontaneous event."

This year, although several hundred vehicles participated in the cruise, 99 vehicles registered for the classic car show held earlier in the day.

Robert DeArmitt of Port Matilda won the Best of Show award — not to mention stares and whistles from passersby — for his souped-up, lime-green 1970 Dodge Charger.

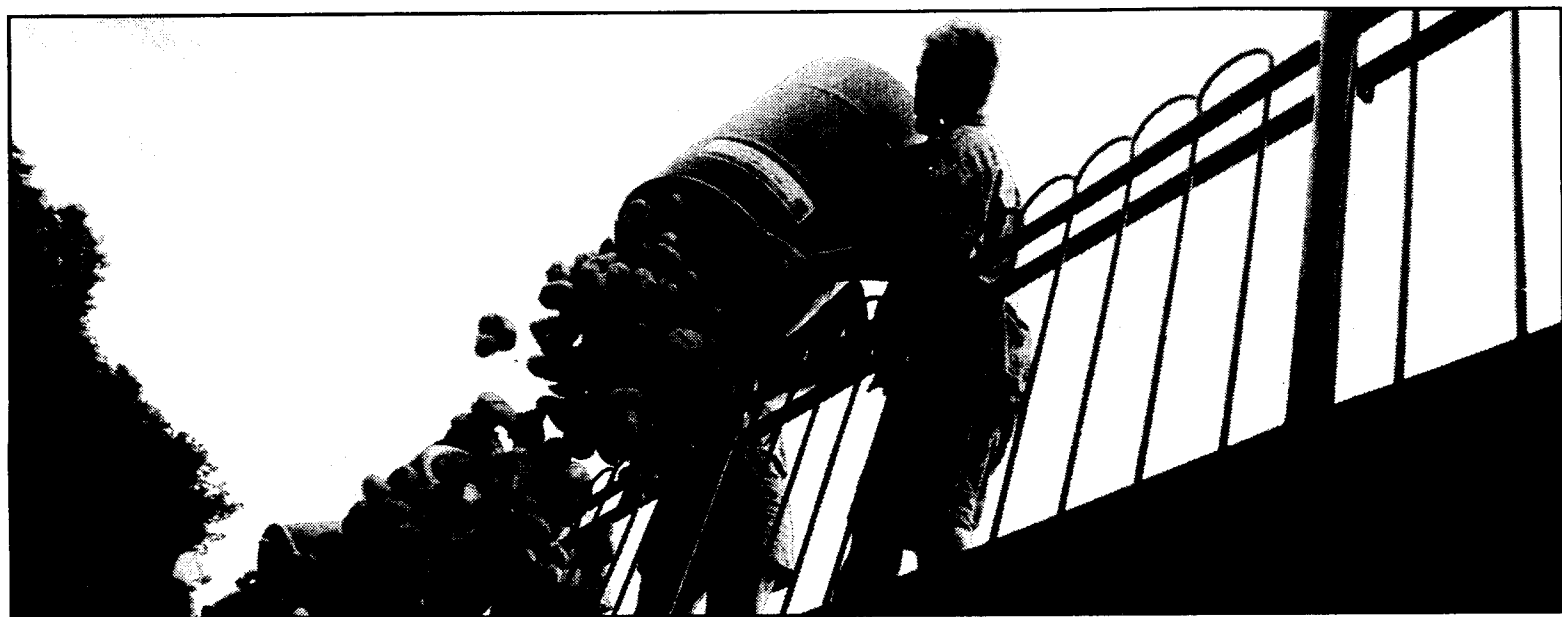
"When I was younger, I used to

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Collegian Photo/Timothy Gyves

A classic car passes by spectators along College Avenue. The car was one of many classic cars and trucks featured in Saturday's Last Cruise.



Collegian Photo/Ilan Sherman

Duck!

Volunteers with the American Cancer Society pour ducks into Spring Creek during the American Cancer Society's Annual Duck

Derby at Tallyrand Park in Bellefonte yesterday. Ducks could be sponsored for \$3 a piece, and over 1500 were in the race.

Jazz festival cools off sultry weekend

By CHOTSANI WILLIAMS
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The swift and cool August breeze took attention away from the warm sun as the stage was set. The crowd of about 200 people sat on bright blankets or on the warm grass of the HUB lawn.

The University Concert Committee, Penn State Jazz Club, Association of Residence Hall Students and the student activity fee sponsored the Blue Note Penn State Blues & Jazz Festival yesterday. UCC and the Jazz Club have been planning the festival for about a month and were fully prepared for the turnout, said Andrew DeCandis, former secretary of the jazz club and event organizer. The list of performers included 3E, Funkenstein, Queen Bee & the

Blue Hornet Band and Diva.

"I've spoken to friends and they're definitely coming to see Diva," said Sua Prueksaritanond (junior-premedicine), president of the Jazz Club. "They're looking for something new because they're an all-female band. They're one of our highlights."

As other students tossed a football back and forth, the concert began with the sound of a sharp electric guitar. The announcer welcomed the crowd and thanked them for waiting as the show was running late due to mechanical difficulties.

"Love Struck Baby" performed by 3E, got the crowd going with heads bobbing and children dancing. "Color Me Blue" was its next selection, a song that expressed

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Harrah to challenge hospital with antitrust complaint

By CARRIE DELEON
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Eric Harrah filed an antitrust complaint against Centre Community Hospital Friday for denying his yet-to-be opened medical practice a state-required transfer agreement.

Harrah, director of administration for State College Medical Services, filed the complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice because, he said, the hospital wants to avoid competition and monopolize abortions in the area.

"We'll be doing abortions for around \$300," Harrah said. "Compare this price to over \$1000, which it costs at the hospital. They have a pretty profitable business."

The hospital has a pattern of antitrust violations, Harrah said, because it has turned down two previous transfer agreements both from medical practices that would perform abortions.

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According to The Associated Press, Robert L. Martin, the hospital's attorney, said the complaint will not affect the hospital. Harrah's accusations were presumptuous, he said.

The hospital performs about five or six abortions a year, Martin said, therefore it is not likely it would be concerned with competition.

However, Harrah said he

believes the hospital performs more abortions per year than it admits to.

Centre Community Hospital denied State College Medical Services the written transfer agreement last week because the clinic does not meet all of the hospital's requirements listed in its newly formed policy, Martin said last week.

All medical clinics that perform abortions are required by the state to have a legal transfer agreement with a local hospital.

Although the clinic did not receive the agreement, Harrah said in reality he does have the transfer agreement because the hospital cannot refuse medical treatment to anyone.

A written letter denying the agreement from the hospital stated: "There should be no question that the hospital will provide necessary and appropriate emergency and in-patient care to all persons presenting themselves at the hospital, including without any hesitation, including without any hesita-

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Students risk fines to skate on campus

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series about skateboarding and in-line skating in the area.

By MICHELLE CONRAD
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For more than 100 years, Old Main has been a welcoming sign to alumni and a gathering site of University students and faculty.

But recently it has also become one of the central meeting places for skaters in State College, which some see as a threat to pedestrians.

Groups of students from the State College Area High School and the University have traveled throughout campus and the State College Borough this summer enjoying one of their favorite activities: in-line skating.

Almost every day batches of in-line skaters gather at Old Main to enjoy an afternoon of skating with friends — illegally that is.

Groups of skateboarders also meet all over campus and downtown State College.

"I see a lot of skateboarders downtown and at Old Main doing tricks," Rachelle King (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

Any form of coasting devices,

including roller skates, in-line skates and roller skates on any parking lot, bicycle route or within any building on campus, according to the policy.

No acrobatics or jumping are permitted. In-line skaters, however, may ride or coast on sidewalks provided they yield to pedestrians, said Tom Harmon, University Police Services director.

While no specific records are kept, there has been damage done to Old Main, said Lloyd Rhoades, manager of central services at the Office of the Physical Plant.

There has been excessive wear and tear to the property, including scuff marks and other things, he said.

Harmon said metal skateboards cause more damage to the ledges, steps and railings than plastic in-line skates.

However, the skaters can also cause problems on roadways.

"The biggest issue is safety for

everyone involved," Rhoades said. Harmon agreed the safety of the skaters and pedestrians is the most important issue.

"Not only will they damage property, they are risks to themselves," Harmon said.

A senior majoring in computer engineering and frequent skater who said he wished to remain anonymous said his friends also skate through West and Pollock halls and other random places on campus in addition to the downtown State College area.

When questioned why the group of skaters choose Old Main to skate, a 14-year-old freshman at State College Area High School said the ledges and curbs are just the right height and the stairs are good for jumping.

"It is a good place to get warmed up," he said.

Another 14-year-old high school freshman added, "It just happens to be the one place that is central to everybody."

However, some skaters said they cannot enjoy themselves because they fear being caught and facing fines.

Fines can range anywhere from \$15 to \$75 — depending on what the officer decides to give the violator, said Officer John Torres

of University Police Services.

One freshman in-line skater, who attends State College Area High School, said if he gets caught and is given a fine, his parents will not only force him to pay it, but the same dollar amount to them.

"My parents will make me pay the fine if I am caught, too," another freshman said.

Even though there is always the possibility they will be caught, many keep on skating.

"We get warned and yelled at every day," the freshman in-line skater said.

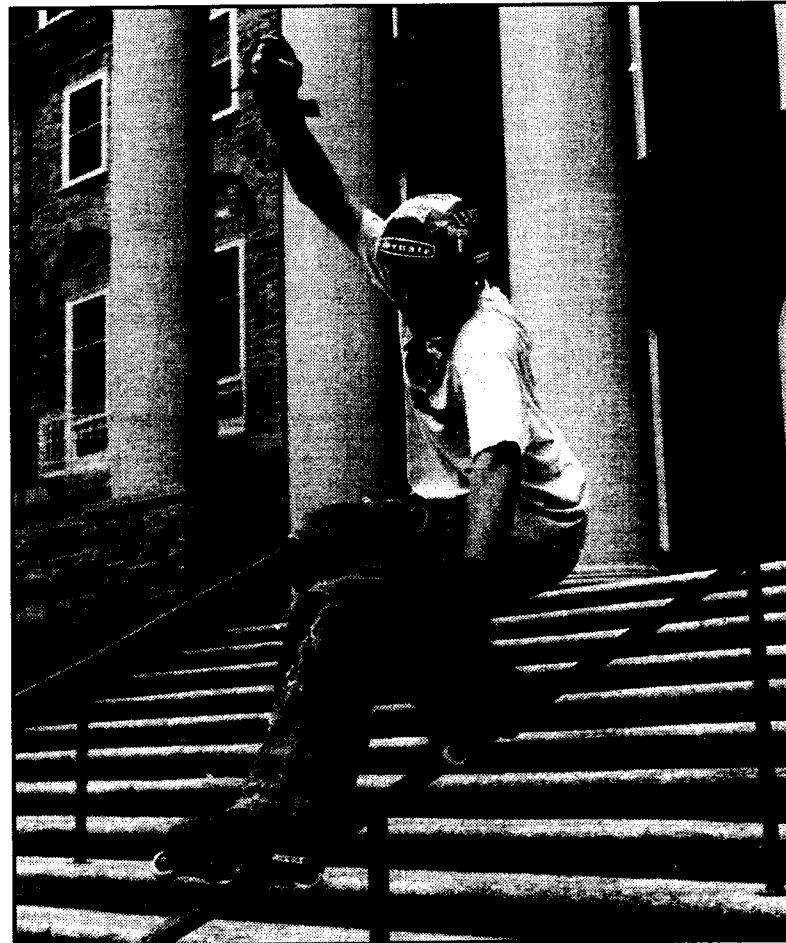
But they come back day after day, "because there is no other way to skate around here."

Other University students don't share the same affection for in-line skating as the skaters themselves.

"I feel like I am going to get run over," King said, referring to skaters who ride on pedestrian walkways.

Another University student said the skaters have nowhere else to go and do not pose a serious risk to pedestrians.

"It's not like they are causing trouble," said Lisa Mollura (freshman-international business and marketing).



Collegian Photo/Christa Rimonneau

Philip Dicke (sophomore-computer science) performs a rail-slide. Dicke risks being issued a fine July 25 in front of Old Main.