
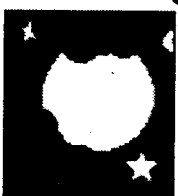



Weather

University Park Forecast for Monday, Oct. 26

The uneventful weather will continue across the region for most of the week, with the only foreseeable chance for a light shower coming on Tuesday. Temperatures will remain slightly above seasonal levels throughout the week. However, all eyes this week will be focused on Hurricane Mitch, which is currently unleashing 150 mph winds across the western Caribbean Sea.

Today  Partly sunny and cooler. High 60	Tonight  A few clouds around and chilly. Low 46	Tuesday  Intervals of clouds and sunshine along with a sprinkle. High 57
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THE EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy and quite cool. Low 42.
WEDNESDAY: Partly to mostly sunny. High 62, Low 46.
THURSDAY: Sunshine giving way to afternoon clouds. High 64, Low 48.
FRIDAY: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 60, Low 40.

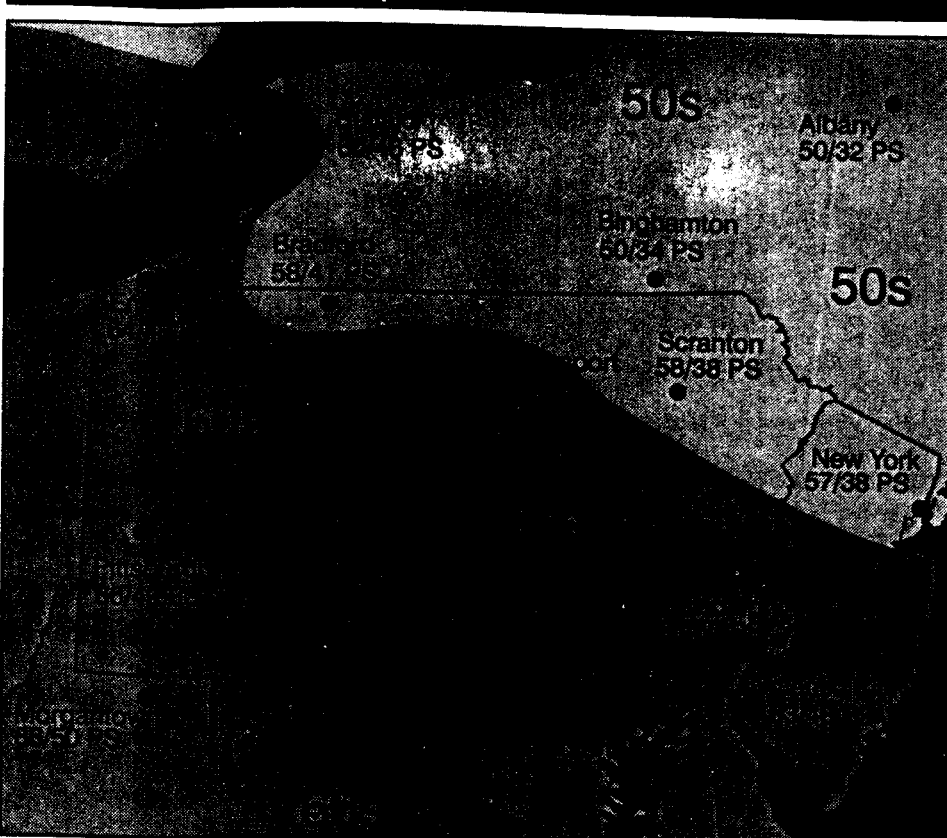
Almanac Big Ten Universities Pa. Cities Forecast

Almanac	
Today	Normal high 58 degrees
	Record high 77, 1963
	Normal low 37 degrees
	Record low 20, 1933
Monthly Climate Summary	
(Data valid through 8 a.m. Oct. 25)	
Oct. precipitation 2.62 inches	Normal Oct. precip. 2.90 inches
Oct. temp. departure + 0.46 deg.	
Sun Data	
Sunset today 5:15 P.M.	Sunrise tomorrow 6:37 A.M.

Big Ten Universities			
University	Hi	Lo	Conditions
Illinois.....	73	51	Mostly sunny
Indiana.....	73	48	Mostly sunny
Iowa.....	74	52	Mostly sunny
Michigan.....	68	47	Partly sunny
Michigan St.....	68	46	Partly sunny
Minnesota.....	70	48	Some sun
Northwestern.....	71	50	Mainly sunny
Ohio State.....	73	44	Mostly sunny
Purdue.....	72	49	Partly sunny
Wisconsin.....	70	46	Some sun

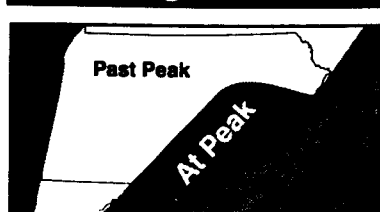
Pa. Cities Forecast		
City	Today	Tomorrow
Allentown.....	62/47 PS	60/45 CY
Altoona.....	62/47 PS	60/45 CY
Bradford.....	58/41 PS	56/39 CY
Erie.....	64/48 PS	62/46 CY
Harrisburg.....	64/48 PS	62/46 CY
Johnstown.....	62/47 PS	60/45 CY
Philadelphia.....	66/50 PS	64/48 CY
Pittsburgh.....	66/49 PS	64/47 CY
Scranton.....	58/38 PS	56/36 CY
Williamsport.....	61/42 PS	59/40 CY

Regional Forecast Map



How to interpret this map: Shades of gray indicate the expected high temperatures for today. Today's forecasted high and tomorrow morning's low are also shown for selected cities.
Legend: SU(Sunny), PS(Partly Sunny), MS(Mostly Sunny), MC(Mostly Cloudy), CY(Cloudy), HZ(Hazy), RN (Rain), SH(Showers), SN (Snow), SF (Snow Flurries), I(ice), TS (Thunderstorms).

Fall Foliage



Recreation Summary

Mount Nittany, Tussey Ridge
 Area trails will remain dry today and tonight as no precipitation is expected. Winds today will be from the northeast at 5-10 mph.

Bald Eagle, Spring creeks
 After a relatively dry month, area streams and creeks will be below normal throughout the week. Water visibilities are fair.

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Satirical magazine pokes fun at people, university life

By KATIE MATYAS
 Collegian Staff Writer

Penn State President Graham Spanier is an alien hybrid. Well, only on the cover of the new satirical magazine The State Penn Post, which features a picture of Spanier next to an alien confessing his "X-Files"-esque identity crisis.

The State Penn Post was once a satirical Web page called "The Voice of Reason" and has been converted into a magazine with a circulation of about 10,000.

"Two summers ago, this was a dream. It's a bigger and better 'Voice of Reason,'" said J.D. Fekula (senior-chemistry), the executive editor of the Post. "It's really cool walking around campus and

hearing people talk about a paper you made."

The magazine, distributed this month, has taken satire to the limits with headlines such as "Graham Spanier Accepts a No Rules Wrestling Match with WWF Pro-Wrestler 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin" and "Math 140 TA Fired Because He Allegedly 'Spoke English Way Too Well.'"

Fekula and the staff have gone where no other Penn State publication has gone before — with tongue-in-cheek stories about feminists, Undergraduate Student Government, Julian Hecklen and the fraternity and sorority system.

Fekula doesn't know if the people he is satirizing are amused, but he hasn't heard complaints so far.

The secret to getting away with

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— J.D. Fekula

executive editor at the State Penn Post

poking fun at others is coming up with the most ridiculous headlines possible, with the intent of inciting giggles instead of anger, Fekula said.

"We're not out to change the world," Fekula said. "We're out to make the world laugh."

Though humorous exaggeration plays an important role, satire is also about revealing truths in the guise of humor.

"Some things in this life are

absurd and asinine no matter how loud a small vocal minority may proclaim them as truth, and they beg to be jeered and lampooned," M.A. Cole, publisher of The State Penn Post, wrote in the magazine's introductory words.

Fekula became interested in writing after seeing a satirical World Wide Web site called "The Onion." He started writing satire about Penn State for his own site in December 1997.

With some extra time on his hands during a spring/summer co-op, he began adding a new story to the site every week.

In March, he was reading a story about his Web site on "The Digital Collegian," and he noticed an ad looking for magazine writers with a flare for humor.

Cole, who was the writer of the ad, wanted to start a satirical periodical with a focus on Penn State. Fekula got in touch with Cole, and eventually most of Fekula's Web site had morphed into The State Penn Post — with some help from Cole's brother Eric, financier of the project.

The Post has continued to develop, and the founders are feeling so confident about their project that Cole has moved to State College in

order to expand the magazine.

"It's a pretty good leap of faith when the publisher moves up here," Fekula said. "Someone's career is in balance with my writing."

As for Fekula's future career, choosing between The State Penn Post and a job in chemistry would be an easy decision for him to make, he said.

"If this takes off, I'd love to do it," he said. "I do it for free right now, and it's my passion. Converting it into my full-time job would be amazing."

Next month's edition tentatively will hit the stands on Nov. 15 and will feature a color cover, subscription offers for Penn State alumni and possibly advertisements.

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