




UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000.

Cloudy skies and scattered showers will prevail today as the low pressure system that brought substantial rain to the region last night moves east. Sunny and breezy conditions will return tomorrow before another weak disturbance brings another chance of precipitation for Thursday. Another brief respite is in store for the region Friday with showers returning again for the weekend.

 Today Cloudy and damp High 59	 Tonight Cloudy and cooler Low 34	 Tomorrow Partly sunny; breezy High 50
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The extended outlook

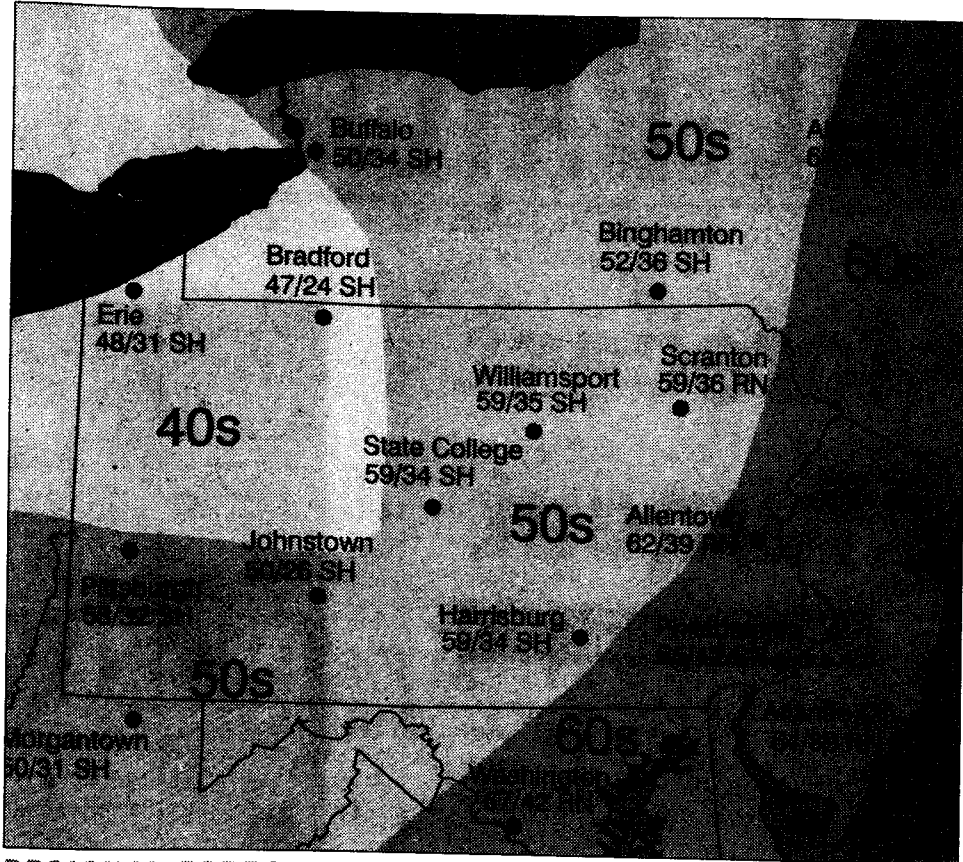
Tomorrow night: Mostly clear and cold. Low 30.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers. High 59, low 38.
Friday: Partly sunny with increasing clouds late. High 66, low 50.
Saturday: Showers and thundershowers; turning colder. High 63, low 40.

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Today	
Normal high	53 deg.
Record high	79 deg. in 1963
Normal low	33 deg.
Record low	18 deg. in 1954
Monthly Climate Summary	
(Data valid through 8 am Apr. 3)	
April precipitation	0.03 inches
Normal April precip	3.38 inches
April temp. departure	-7.83 deg.
Sun Data	
Sunset today	7:40 pm
Sunrise tomorrow	6:48 am

Today's Weather	
University	Hi/Lo Conditions
Illinois	42/30 Partly Sunny
Indiana	43/30 Mostly Cloudy
Iowa	48/34 Partly Sunny
Michigan	45/28 Cloudy
Michigan St.	42/24 Cloudy
Minnesota	46/29 Mostly Sunny
Northwestern	45/31 Mostly Cloudy
Ohio State	48/28 Cloudy
Purdue	43/30 Mostly Cloudy
Wisconsin	46/25 Partly Sunny

Today	Tomorrow
Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo
Allentown 62/39 RN	54/37 PS
Altoona 54/32 SH	48/30 PS
Bradford 47/24 SH	38/22 PS
Erie 48/31 SH	45/30 PS
Harrisburg 59/34 SH	53/33 PS
Johnstown 50/26 SH	45/27 PS
Philadelphia 65/42 RN	55/37 PS
Pittsburgh 53/32 SH	49/31 PS
Scranton 59/36 RN	49/34 MC
Williamsport 59/39 SH	54/35 PS



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), MS (Mostly Sunny), PS (Partly Sunny), MC (Mostly Cloudy), CY (Cloudy), RN (Rain), RS (Rain/Snow), SH (Showers), SN (Snow), SF (Snow Flurries), IC (Ice), TS (Thunderstorms), WY (Windy).

WEATHER HIGHLIGHT

High pressure in the southeastern United States along with a low pressure system in the Midwest provided a strong southwesterly flow to much of the Northeast yesterday, resulting in near record high temperatures. The high temperature in State College was 64, only 4 degrees off the record of 68 set in 1982.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mesoscale Convective Complexes are a unique grouping of thunderstorms that feed off of each other. They have cold cloud tops, occur mostly at night, can last can dump as much as 1.2 trillion gallons of water. An MCC hit the Oklahoma/Texas region Friday night producing numerous severe thunderstorms and a few tornadoes.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Student charged with simple, aggravated assault

Penn State student Dallas Luke, 22, was charged yesterday with simple assault, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, harassment and stalking, and prohibited offensive weapons. He also was charged with violating the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, according to court documents.
 The charges stem from an incident Sunday evening on the 600 block of East College Avenue in which Luke and a female acquaintance were allegedly engaged in a dispute when officers from the State College Police Department arrived, according to the documents.
 The woman was found curled up in a ball crying, and the officers reportedly heard her say, "You hit me" several times to Luke, who was sitting next to her when police arrived, according to the documents.
 Another woman, who said she heard banging noises coming from the room where Luke and the victim were, called police to the scene, according to the documents.
 The victim reported Luke allegedly struck her across the cheek and slammed her body to the ground after the two had been arguing. Luke also allegedly held a pillow over her face, suffocating her for 40 seconds, according to the documents.
 Luke allegedly continued to assault the victim, who suffered a swollen cheek, bite marks, an injured tailbone and bruises as a result, according to documents.
 Police arrested Luke, who waived his Miranda rights and provided a written statement saying, "I should not have started the fight with her (victim)" and admitted to hitting the victim's head off a lamp, according to the documents.
 Luke was arraigned early yesterday morning. He was taken to Centre County Prison in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

— by Nicole Mass and Susie Xu

Business dean nomination awaits trustees' approval

Pending approval from Penn State's Board of Trustees, a new dean will take office at the Smeal College of Business July 1.
 Judy D. Olian, senior associate dean of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland at College Park and professor of management and organizations, has been nominated for the position, according to a Penn State press release.
 "We are delighted that Dr. Olian will join Penn State to serve in this important leadership position," Rodney A. Erickson, executive vice president and provost of the university, said in the release. "Dr. Olian is a distinguished scholar and teacher in management and human resource strategy, and she has an outstanding reputation as an administrator."
 Since 1995, Olian has supervised the development of the Smith School's initiatives to enhance academic excellence and national rankings. She also worked to advance partnerships and build support from businesses, alumni and international constituencies, according to the release.
 Olian manages the academic, administrative and other information technology strategies of the school. She is also involved in fund-raising projects and is a liaison with the university administration and other colleges at the University of Maryland.

— by Ari Pinkus

Schools begin practicing random-violence drills

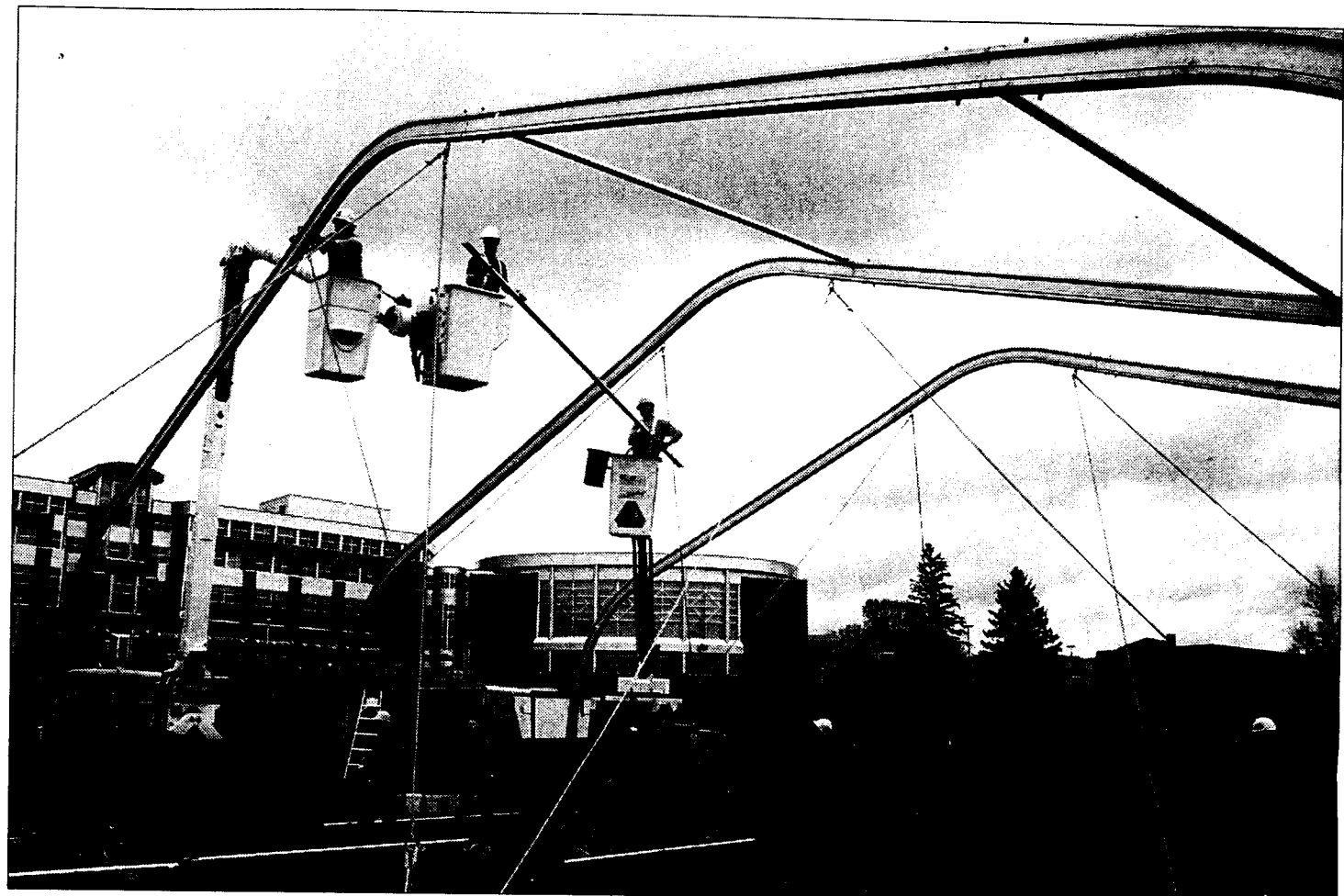
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The siren screeches, and students and teachers fall into position for what is the latest terror within school walls: random acts of violence.
 Classroom doors and windows are closed and locked. Shades are drawn. Lights are turned off. Students huddle in corners and under desks.
 The drills are becoming more common in schools in Pennsylvania and around the country. They are intended to teach students and teachers what to do in case someone with a gun roams the halls and classrooms.
 Also in place are elaborate emergency-response plans and increased security measures.
 The changes come in the aftermath of the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, where 10 students were killed by two other students, who then killed themselves. The gunmen had roamed the hallways seeking victims, authorities said.

New signs urge motorists to drive slow in work zones

HARRISBURG (AP) — Motorists approaching highway construction zones in Pennsylvania will see new signs taking a child's point of view.
 Transportation Secretary Brad Mallory yesterday unveiled two new signs that will be posted beginning this spring.
 The black signs have orange reflective letters styled to resemble a child's handwriting. They read: "Slow Down — My Daddy Works Here" and "Slow Down — My Mommy Works Here."
 "In every work zone across the state, somebody's mom or dad, brother, sister, spouse or child is working to make our highways smoother and safer," Mallory said. "Let's make sure that, at the end of the day, these hardworking men and women can go home safely to their families."
 Mallory said 27 deaths were caused last year by unsafe driving in work zones. More than 2,000 accidents occurred in those areas, he said.

POLICE LOG

■ **Arrest:** After an investigation into a trespass into a Sparks Building computer lab, Penn State Police Services arraigned Penn State student Peter Powilson Saturday.
 Powilson allegedly entered the lab through a window and was looking at pornographic material on a computer screen, police said. He was charged with two counts of criminal trespass.
 ■ **Arrest:** Penn State police cited New Jersey resident William A. Magee on Saturday for allegedly damaging the gate that blocks Pollock Road, Penn State police said. The estimated cost of damage to the gates is \$310.
 ■ **Health and Safety:** The Office of Physical Plant and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety responded Saturday afternoon to a leak in a water supply pipe on the third floor of Steidle Building, Penn State police said.
 The leak flooded rooms on the third, second and first floors of the building. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety determined the leak was not hazardous and all lab chemicals were contained, police said.
 ■ **Sexual Assault:** A person not affiliated with Penn State reported Friday she was assaulted by a person known to her in July 1998 in Cross Hall, Penn State police said.
 The victim requested no further action be taken at this time, police said.
 ■ **Theft:** A Penn State student reported Saturday evening the theft of 120 CDs from his vehicle sometime between March 26 and that day, Penn State police said.
 The estimated value of the CDs is \$1,800.
 ■ **Theft:** A Penn State student reported Saturday evening the theft of her black backpack sometime between 3:30 and 4 p.m. that day at the West Athletic Fields, Penn State police said.
 The estimated value of the backpack and its contents is \$400.



Barbara Ovrutsky/Colegian

TENT RAISING: Workers for the Office of Physical Plant construct a tent on the HUB lawn yesterday morning.

Fraternities discuss fire safety

By Amy Weinstein
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Presidents, house managers, and pledges from 51 Penn State fraternities gathered in Sparks Building last night to attend a fire safety program sponsored by The Masons of Pennsylvania and Acacia fraternity.
 John E. Ziegler, president of the Acacia fraternity, opened the program with introductions of the speakers and his expressions of thanks for those who helped make the program a reality.
 Robert L. Dlugi Jr., R.W. Grand Master of the Masons of Pennsylvania, said the Masons became involved because they consider themselves the oldest and the largest fraternity in the world and feel a strong connection to Penn State fraternities.
 Brian Fletcher (junior-kinesiology), member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said, "I went to (the program) last year, and I think it's pretty good. I'm the house manager and it's very beneficial. Everyone can learn what they need to know, why fire safety is so important. We learn about a lot of the dangers that people don't know about."
 Ed Comeau, owner and principal writer for Writer-tech.com, spoke about specific

case studies that took place at Amherst College in 1975 and at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill campus in 1996.
 Similarities in the two fires include the lack of open stairways, the presence of smoking materials, and the absence of sprinkler systems.
 "It's really tragic when we see lessons repeated over and over again," Comeau said. "Fire does kill and it's something you really need to understand and appreciate how fast it spreads. I've seen it over and over again."
 He introduced the concepts created by Fred Mowrer, a registered Fire Protection Engineer in California.
 Mowrer's concepts included prevention, occupation awareness and training, detection and alarm, and suppression.
 Tim Knisely, senior Housing and Fire Inspector of Centre Region Code Administration, instructed audience members on what they can do in their fraternity houses to prevent fires.
 Knisely mentioned it is important to make sure fire and smoke alarms are functioning correctly, keep fire doors closed, remove excess trash and furniture from corridors in homes and fraternities, and check that exit

and emergency signs are lit and operating well.
 Through a combination of inspections, house management, and lots of luck, Knisely said that recent fires at Penn State have had positive outcomes.
 "This gives you a much better respect to know what could happen in the house," said Bernie Lubinsky (junior-economics), member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, of the speech.
 Bonnie Woodruff, mother of a fraternity fire victim, spoke about the importance of installing sprinkler systems, which could have saved the life of her son, who died in the 1996 University of North Carolina fire.
 "I want to stress to you, as students, how important it is to take responsibility for yourselves," she said.
 The final speaker was state Rep. Lynn Herman (R-Centre), who informed listeners of current legislation being formed which will contribute to fire safety for both on-campus and off-campus residents.
 Brendan Holloway (sophomore-finance), member of Kappa Alpha fraternity said, "It (the program) was very informative. They told us a lot about how to conduct ourselves safely. We learned what precautions to take. Overall, it was very good."

Kent invites Abu-Jamal to give speech

By The Associated Press

Students from a second school in Ohio have invited death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal to give a taped speech.
 Abu-Jamal, who is in prison in Pennsylvania for killing a Philadelphia police officer, will deliver a taped speech May 4 at Kent State University, Jeffrey Ritter, co-chair of the student-run May 4 Task Force, said yesterday.
 The event, which marks the 30th anniversary of the fatal shootings of four students by Ohio National Guardsmen trying to quell an anti-war protest, is not sponsored by the university.
 "The forces hell-bent on (Abu-Jamal's) execution want to do the same thing as the forces who killed the four Kent State students in 1970 — silence strong voices of political dissent," said Justin Hons of the Kent Student Anti-Racist Action group.
 Last week, Antioch College in Yellow Springs invited Abu-Jamal to give the commencement address April 29 via audiotape.
 That announcement triggered a flood of outraged letters, e-mail messages and faxes from law enforcement organizations and vic-

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 Philadelphia District Attorney

tims' groups. Many of the letter-writers, including the slain officer's widow, promise a large protest if Abu-Jamal is allowed to give the commencement address.
 Yesterday, Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham and police officials again blasted Antioch and its president, Robert H. Devine, for permitting Abu-Jamal to speak.
 Abraham read from a letter written by Devine in defense of the college's decision, saying it is virtually identical to one written by Evergreen State College President Jane L. Jervis in June 1999, when the Olympia, Wash., college played a taped Abu-Jamal commencement speech.
 Copies provided by Abraham show that nearly all of Jervis' June 1999 letter to the

district attorney's office is repeated word-for-word in Devine's message, which is posted on the Antioch Web site.
 "What does President Devine think we are here in Philadelphia, a bunch of idiots? This is a man who is trying to give at least give the idea that he's giving his honest opinion. And that's why I say it's claptrap," Abraham said.
 "Either Mr. Devine is a master plagiarizer, or the two presidents have had communication," she said.
 Richard Costello, president of the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, called Antioch an "obscure at best" institution and added that Devine's nearly identical letter "indicates something more sinister here that this is part of an orchestrated operation." Antioch College officials did not immediately return a call for comment.
 Pam Africa, who heads the International Concerned Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, said yesterday, "These are educated people. They have looked into the case. ... We stand behind the students of Antioch."
 Kent officials are not concerned about a similar backlash, said university spokesman Ron Kirksey.