




UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

The storm system that brought rain to our area yesterday will continue to move offshore, but clouds will linger for most of the day, keeping temperatures relatively cool. An upper-level disturbance will bring us a chance of showers by early Thursday. Breezy and mild conditions will return on Friday as another storm system will get set to move in over the weekend.

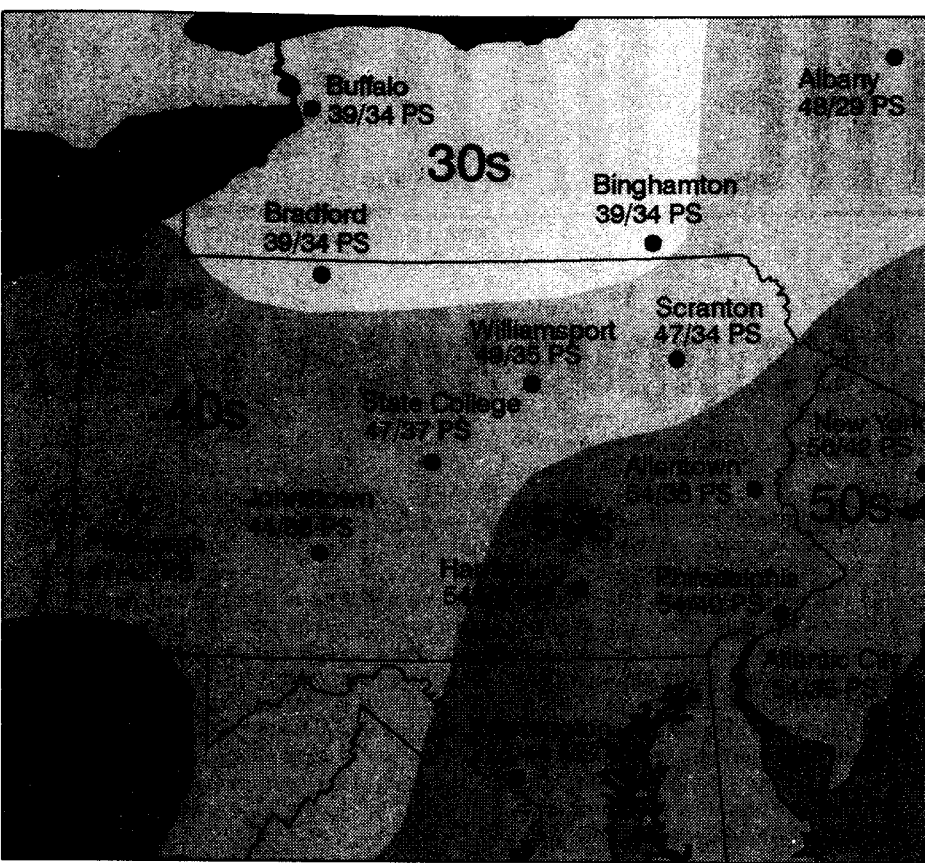
Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
 A mix of sun and clouds High 47	 Increasing cloudiness Low 37	 Morning showers High 58

The extended outlook

- Tomorrow night:** Partly cloudy. Low 40.
- Friday:** More sun than clouds and warmer. High 66, low 49.
- Saturday:** Showers and a possible thunderstorm. High 68, low 40.
- Sunday:** Partial clearing, breezy and colder. High 51, low 35.

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Today	Today's Weather	City	Today	Tomorrow
Normal high 52 deg. Record high 81 deg. in 1910 Normal low 33 deg. Record low 17 deg. in 1898	University Illinois 65/45 Sunny Indiana 59/47 Sunny Iowa 68/41 Mostly Sunny Michigan 52/38 Mostly Sunny Michigan St. 53/38 Mostly Sunny Minnesota 63/32 Partly Sunny Northwestern 62/43 Mostly Sunny Ohio State 56/44 Mostly Sunny Purdue 62/48 Mostly Sunny Wisconsin 59/39 Partly Sunny	Altoona 49/39 PS Bradford 39/34 PS Erie 43/38 PS Hamsburg 54/39 PS Johnstown 44/38 PS Philadelphia 54/40 PS Pittsburgh 47/42 PS Scranton 47/34 PS Williamsport 49/35 PS	54/36 PS 59/40 PS 54/43 CY 58/39 CY 62/43 PS 57/40 PS 62/46 PS 60/42 PS 58/37 CY 60/42 CY	59/42 MS 59/40 PS 54/43 CY 58/39 CY 62/43 PS 57/40 PS 62/46 PS 60/42 PS 58/37 CY 60/42 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), 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

Although today's cooler temperatures are a change from the recent mild weather, conditions were much worse in the Northeast on this day in 1982. A rare April blizzard struck, dumping one to two feet of snow across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine. New York City received a foot of snow with winds gusting to a reported 70 to 80 mph.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fair weather is usually noted after a cold front has passed, but in some cases clouds and drizzle lag behind. Meteorologists label this type of front an "anafront." Winds blow parallel to the front, ultimately forcing warm air over colder air and producing clouds and precipitation.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CATA accident leaves two students with minor injuries

A Centre Area Transportation Authority bus collided with another vehicle at about 11 a.m. yesterday at Atherton Street and Park Avenue, causing minor injuries to two bus passengers, said Sgt. Scott Ohs of the State College Police Department.
Bus driver Lonnie C. Smith, a State College resident, was cited for turning left at the intersection and hitting an oncoming vehicle driven by Penn State student Alexander Previtara, Ohs said.
Both vehicles sustained damage from the collision while Penn State students Julie Saccente and Rebecca Scott complained of back pain as a result of the accident, Ohs said. Scott was treated for her injuries at Centre Community Hospital and later released.
—by Susie Xu

First floor of HUB to be open later during finals week

Students preparing for final exams this semester will have more late-night access to the HUB-Robeson Cultural Center, thanks to a bill passed by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate last night.
The senate financed security costs to keep the first floor of the complex open until 2:30 a.m. during the last week of April and the first week of May.
"It's a worthwhile thing USG has done, and should do in the future," East Halls Sen. Mike Fazio said, adding the initiative has worked during the past two years.
"We've been very successful," he said.
The motion comes a week after 76 percent of voters in campus elections said they would use the first floor of the HUB-Robeson Center if it was available until 2 a.m. throughout the semester. South Halls Sen. Justin Zartman said he supported the bill because of the large number of students he saw taking advantage of the extended weeknight hours last semester. He said it was an example of a USG program that directly benefits students.
—by Jeremy R. Cooke

CATA resumes routes after transformer explosion

The Centre Area Transportation Authority announced yesterday the W and ES buses would resume using their route on Martin Street, according to a CATA press release.
Traffic on Martin Street was detoured Monday after an electrical transformer exploded causing repair crews to close off the street. The street was re-opened to traffic after repairs were made Monday night.
—by Fred Cichon

Main Event to take place today in HUB Auditorium

Network Event Theatre will present MainEvent from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the HUB Auditorium.
MainEvent is a global symposium broadcast live via satellite. It will feature more than 30 professional women, such as Lilian Vernon, Goldie Hawn, Marleen McDaniel and Marilyn Carlson Nelson, discussing challenges and opportunities that affect today's women. MainEvent is sponsored locally by Center for Women Students, the Women's Studies program, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Unions and Student Activities, and Womyn's Concerns. NET, a division of YouthStream Media Networks, is the nation's only national network of on-campus, satellite-linked theaters.
Tickets are free and are available at the HUB information desk with valid Penn State ID. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Promoters advise attendees to arrive early because tickets do not guarantee a seat.
—by Jenn Heinold

Penn professor to give speech about Civil War deaths

Drew Gilpin Faust, Annenberg Professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, will give a speech titled "Peculiar Conditions and Necessities: The Civil War Soldier and the Art of Dying" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 121 Sparks.
The speech, brought to Penn State by the Steven and Janice Brose Distinguished Lecture Series in the Civil War Era, will focus on how conditions on the Civil War battlefield challenged the customary death rituals and how soldiers and civilians fought to preserve those rituals despite their situation. On top of her research of the Civil War Era, Faust also spends her time as an author on the Civil War subject. Her most recent book, Mothers of Invention, has won a number of awards including the Francis Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians and the Avery Craven Prize of the Organization of American Historians. A book signing by Faust and a reception with refreshments will follow the lecture.
—by Michael Heid

Officer's gun discharges in courthouse bathroom

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A law enforcement officer's gun apparently discharged yesterday while he was using a private bathroom at a city courthouse.
Police are still trying to figure out who fired the shot at 11:30 a.m. in a men's room on the seventh floor of the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center, where many of the city's courtrooms and jury deliberation rooms are located. The private bathroom is only open to court personnel and police officers. No one was injured and police believe the gun discharged accidentally. Investigators found the bullet lodged in a stall divider. Only members of law enforcement are allowed to carry guns in the building, said Philadelphia Police Sgt. Roland Lee. Whoever fired the shot has not come forward.

POLICE LOG

- Criminal Mischief:** Thomas M. Seifried of State College was charged Monday with one count of criminal mischief for removing a parking sign along Shortridge Road near Thomas Building, Penn State Police Services said.
- Fire:** A Penn State staff member reported Monday morning there was smoke in 208 Chandlee Lab, Penn State police said.
- Upon investigation, police determined an oven malfunctioned and melted the items inside, police said.
- Health and Safety:** Personnel from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety responded Monday morning to an open valve on a liquid nitrogen tank in 311 South Frear Lab, Penn State police said.
- The department closed the valve and checked the area for hazards, police said. No adverse conditions were detected.
- Theft:** A Penn State staff member reported Monday the theft of a floor buffer from the sixth floor of Wartik Lab sometime before March 15, Penn State police said. The estimated value of the buffer is \$2,300.
- Theft:** An employee at Rainbow Music, 440 W. College Ave., reported Monday the theft of a Gibson Electric Guitar, the State College Police Department said. The guitar was stolen while the employee was in the store's back room, State College police said. The estimated value of the guitar is \$4,900.



Bethany Boarts/Collegian

STOP, CHILDREN, WHAT'S THAT SOUND?: Candace Wright (senior-human development and family studies), right, plays a game with Maya Brown, 4, of State College yesterday afternoon in Pollock Commons.

Dorm lounge furniture theft common

By Stephanie Steitzer
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Whether or not the TV was actually secured against theft is unknown at this time.
Bland said students often take things such as couches or chairs to use in their rooms with the intention of returning them at the end of the year.
Karen Feldbaum, associate director of the Office of Residence Life, agreed that most of the time, stolen furniture from lounges and commons is eventually returned.
She added it is typical for the housing and maintenance staffs to find the missing items during breaks.
Bland said students should be reminded they could face criminal theft charges, depending on the circumstances surrounding the situation.
Within the university, students also could be forced to pay a restitution fee in addition to a referral to the Office of Judicial Affairs.
"They (students) should be aware of the consequences," Bland said. "We, the university, don't want this (furniture) to be removed."
East Halls housing manager Allen Chouinard said when furniture disappears, the Residence Life staff is alerted because the staff's members live closer to the students.
Bland said while most of the time furniture and items are found in students' rooms, police services are always on the lookout for thefts by nonresidents.
"For a visitor to come in and take something would be unlikely," she said.
Bland said the thefts are most prevalent during fraternity rushes and busy weekends. She added alcohol also plays a role in many of the incidents.

Game Commission approves bobcat hunting

■ Despite protests from animal rights groups, the Pennsylvania Game Commission made it legal for hunters to take one bobcat each season.

By George Strawley
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HARRISBURG — Bobcats will be hunted legally in Pennsylvania for the first time in three decades despite objections from animal-rights groups, the state Game Commission decided yesterday.
A plan approved in a 5-1 vote allows 290 permit-holders to take one bobcat each during the state's season for furbearing animals, which runs between mid-October and late February. The commission had been expected to approve the hunt and will announce details on a lottery for the permits later, a spokesman said.
Opponents argued that the plan served no useful purpose and was merely a concession to a small group of sporting enthusiasts who want the chance to bag one of the spotted felines. Game officials said the state's population of 3,500 bobcats can withstand the hunt.
The sole commissioner to vote no said he wanted the matter studied for another year while the population increased.
"I am not against hunting them, but I'm against hunting them at the present time," said Dr. Nicholas Spock. The Shamokin physician also cited arguments from activists that the cats helped limit the population of rodents and other animals that can bear ticks carrying Lyme disease.
Sporting groups supported the plan, and a survey of about 2,000 furtakers conducted by the commission in 1994 showed that 60 percent wanted an opportunity to take a bobcat.
But support among hunters and trappers was counterbalanced by a "record number" of telephone calls to one animal-rights group in opposition, said Heidi Prescott of the Fund for Animals Inc.
"I think it's because it's cats, actually," said Prescott, whose organization led opposition to pigeon shooting in the Schuylkill County community of Hegins. "When an issue comes up that (involves) an animal that people can relate to, we get more calls than if it's an uncharismatic animal."
Prescott and other activists accused the commission of ignoring the wishes of the larger public in favor of a small minority within the hunting community. Some lawmakers have even talked of involving themselves in the issue, she said.
The commission will allow the hunting in 20 northern Pennsylvania counties and expects a yield of about 175 animals.
The state is also asking the federal government for standing that would allow hunters and trappers to sell bobcat pelts internationally. Pelts are worth between \$20 and \$40 each, according to a commission biologist.
The plan allows hunting and trapping of the bobcats in Pike, Wayne, Monroe, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Cameron, Elk, Clearfield and Forest counties, as well as parts of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Columbia counties.
In other action, game officials continued to work their way out of a thicket of deer-related problems by approving a plan that calls for a larger yield while actually holding the state's deer population to the 1.5 million estimated this year.
To do so, the commission reworked certain regulations to increase hunters' chances in the field. For instance, it rescheduled the three-day antlerless deer season to begin on Dec. 9, the same Saturday that marks the end of buck season.
The board also reduced its county-by-county allocation of licenses for antlerless deer by about 60,000 statewide to 831,000. Antlerless deer include does and young males.
Pennsylvania has had an imbalance in its deer population for years, with numbers high in some areas but low in others. In response, the commission reduced allotments in 35 of the state's 67 counties and raised it in 15 others.