

UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 2000

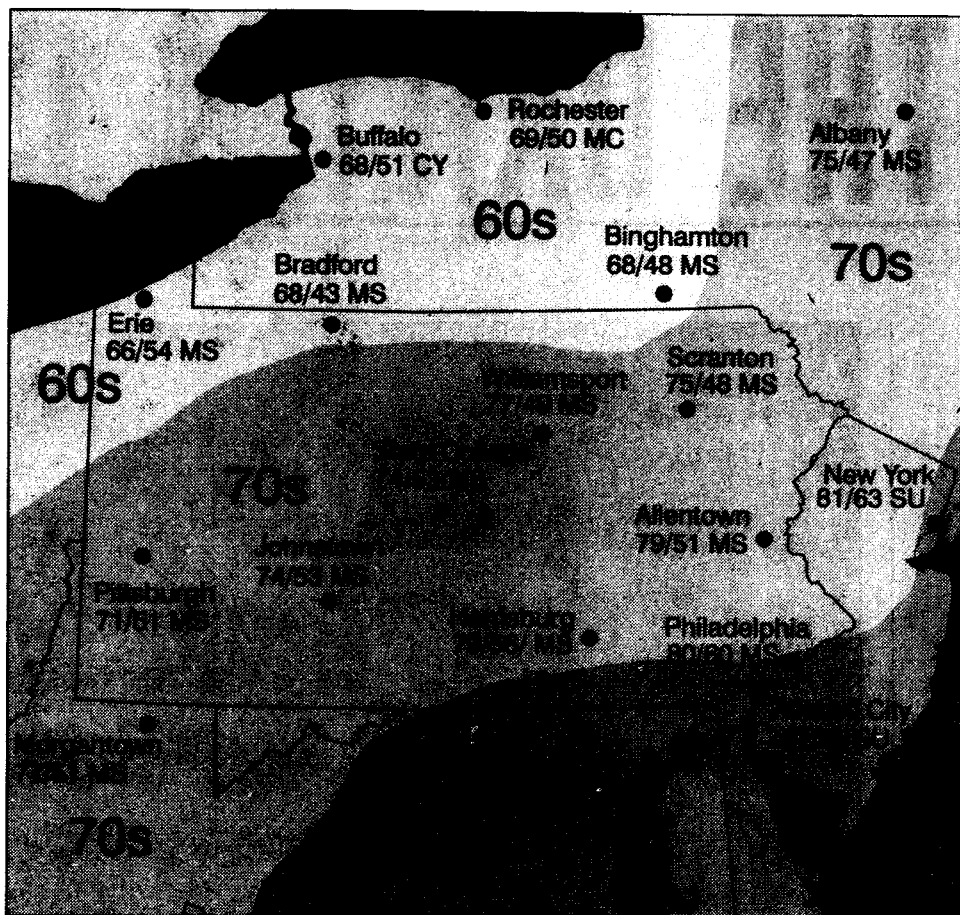
Brilliant sunshine to start the day will give way to increasing clouds by mid-afternoon as a strong cold front treks eastward. Showers and a rumble of thunder will develop tonight in advance of this storm system. A vigorous upper level low pressure system will situate itself over the East Coast for much of the weekend, resulting in noticeably colder temperatures and brisk conditions.

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
Blue skies early, clouds later in the day <b>High 74</b>	Becoming overcast with showers <b>Low 53</b>	Cloudy with rain likely <b>High 63</b>

The extended outlook

- Tomorrow night:** Cloudy, chance of a shower. Low 53.
- Saturday:** Limited sunshine; a shower or two. High 61, low 50.
- Sunday:** Lingering clouds; isolated showers. High 63, low 53.
- Monday:** Some sunshine and pleasant. High 65, low 57.

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<b>Today</b> Normal high ..... 74 °F Record high ..... 92 °F in 1952 Normal low ..... 51 °F Record low ..... 35 °F in 1985 <b>Monthly Climate Summary</b> (Data valid through 8 am September 6) September precipitation ..... 0.64 inches Normal September precip ..... 3.06 inches September temp. departure ..... + 2.27 °F <b>Sun Data</b> Sunset today ..... 7:21 pm Sunrise tomorrow ..... 6:52 am	<b>Today's Weather</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>University</th> <th>Hi/Lo</th> <th>Conditions</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Illinois</td> <td>77/58</td> <td>Mostly Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indiana</td> <td>74/55</td> <td>Mostly Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iowa</td> <td>75/56</td> <td>Mostly Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michigan</td> <td>66/56</td> <td>Rain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michigan St.</td> <td>64/51</td> <td>Showers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minnesota</td> <td>69/52</td> <td>Mostly Sunny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwestern</td> <td>69/55</td> <td>Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ohio State</td> <td>79/54</td> <td>Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Purdue</td> <td>74/57</td> <td>Cloudy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wisconsin</td> <td>68/54</td> <td>Showers</td> </tr> </table>	University	Hi/Lo	Conditions	Illinois	77/58	Mostly Cloudy	Indiana	74/55	Mostly Cloudy	Iowa	75/56	Mostly Cloudy	Michigan	66/56	Rain	Michigan St.	64/51	Showers	Minnesota	69/52	Mostly Sunny	Northwestern	69/55	Cloudy	Ohio State	79/54	Cloudy	Purdue	74/57	Cloudy	Wisconsin	68/54	Showers	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>City</th> <th>Today</th> <th>Tomorrow</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Allentown</td> <td>79/51 MS</td> <td>71/60 TS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Altoona</td> <td>74/50 MS</td> <td>64/53 RN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bradford</td> <td>68/43 MS</td> <td>58/48 SH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erie</td> <td>66/54 MS</td> <td>61/52 SH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harrisburg</td> <td>79/56 MS</td> <td>71/59 SH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Johnstown</td> <td>74/53 MS</td> <td>60/49 RN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philadelphia</td> <td>80/60 MS</td> <td>74/64 TS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pittsburgh</td> <td>72/52 MS</td> <td>65/54 SH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scranton</td> <td>75/48 MS</td> <td>65/55 CY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Williamsport</td> <td>77/49 MS</td> <td>68/59 SH</td> </tr> </table>	City	Today	Tomorrow	Allentown	79/51 MS	71/60 TS	Altoona	74/50 MS	64/53 RN	Bradford	68/43 MS	58/48 SH	Erie	66/54 MS	61/52 SH	Harrisburg	79/56 MS	71/59 SH	Johnstown	74/53 MS	60/49 RN	Philadelphia	80/60 MS	74/64 TS	Pittsburgh	72/52 MS	65/54 SH	Scranton	75/48 MS	65/55 CY	Williamsport	77/49 MS	68/59 SH
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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), MX (Mix), TS(Thunderstorms), WY(Windy), FZ (Freezing Rain/Sleet).

WEATHER HIGHLIGHT

On this day in 1987, a swath of damage extending from Minnesota to Texas was caused by thunderstorms in association with a cold front. Hailstones as large as baseballs were reported in Iowa, where crop damages totalled more than ten million dollars.

UV INDEX

The UV Index is a measure of the predicted ultraviolet radiation reaching the earth's surface. The lowest number on the UV Index is 0, indicating minimal UV radiation exposure. A number greater than or equal to 10 indicates very high UV radiation exposure. Today's UV Index is 5, and it will take approximately 30 minutes to sunburn.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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NEWS IN BRIEF

USG appoints students to new positions

The Undergraduate Student Government appointed two students to USG department positions this week. Jenn Solt (senior-biobehavioral health) was appointed director of the USG Department of Women's Affairs. Her goals for the program include increasing awareness of women's health options at Penn State and dealing with the issue of rape prevention. Erin Schneiderman (junior-administration of justice) was assigned to the position of associate justice of USG Supreme Court. She has previously been a clerk in the court and said she hopes to encourage more communication among the branches of USG.

Man leaves friend's child on street corner

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A city man was arrested yesterday and charged with abandoning a friend's toddler on a street corner. Odell Allen, 47, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child. Sgt. Thomas Selesky said the child's mother, Laura White, 35, of North Brunswick, took the boy to Allen's home at about 4 p.m. Monday. She stayed until midnight, when she left the child with Allen, Selesky said. Less than two hours later, White was arrested in New Brunswick for prostitution but did not mention she had a child or that he had been left at a friend's house, Selesky said. "Mr. Allen now has this baby and doesn't know where she's at," Selesky said. Allen took the child to Lee Avenue and Suydam Street, called police from a public telephone and reported that there was a baby abandoned there, Selesky said. Allen hid nearby and waited until police arrived before leaving the area, Selesky said. He was arrested at his home yesterday without incident and was being held at the Middlesex County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$25,000 bail. The child, whose name and age had not been determined yesterday, was turned over to the custody of the state Division of Youth and Family Services after being examined at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

POLICE LOG

- Theft:** A Trek Mountain Bike was stolen Tuesday night from an apartment on the 100 block of South Atherton Street, the State College Police Department said. The bike is valued at \$850, according to police.
- Theft:** A student reported that the window of his vehicle was damaged while the car was parked in Lot 43, and stereo components and tools were removed sometime between Sept. 4 and Tuesday, Penn State Police Services said. Estimated value of the damage and theft is \$424.

Students react to dorm assaults

Ken Weidaw (freshman-communications) agreed but said Snyder Hall residents themselves are part of the problem. "The alarm goes off, but nobody cares about it," he said. Last week, the Undergraduate Student Government discussed increasing dorm security, including the possibility of 24-hour lockdowns on the dorms. Currently, dorms are locked nightly at 8 p.m. USG President Matt Roan said the weekend's assaults are more proof that heightened security is needed in the dorms, as well as better awareness about sexual assault and rape. Roan said USG has not yet decided how security should be increased, but it is a continued matter of discussion. But Sunday's assault made the issue hit home, Roan said. "It's frightening to think someone living in the residence halls could have done this — someone who goes to Penn State," he said.

Several male residents reported yesterday that many men in the building were upset with Truong, but Residence Life staff told the men not to "go after him." Many residents said they knew little about Truong, who reportedly lived in temporary housing on third floor. Jared Bilski (freshmen-communications) said, as a male, he still felt safe. "I still sleep with my door unlocked," he said. But Bilski said his female dorm mates must be careful. "For the girls, they have a lot to worry about," he said. Although Truong lived in Snyder Hall and had card-access to the secured building, residents said the dorm is entered easily by non-residents. "You can rip the door open," said Rennie Settanni (freshman-division of undergraduate studies).

Library cafe offers food, refreshments

Kim Miller (senior-finance) also likes the cafe for its location. "It's good to have a place in the library instead of the student lounge that just has vending machines. I come to the library during my break, so this is good," she said. The cafe offers a variety of foods, including sandwiches, wraps, soups, salads and baked goods. There are three chefs who cook for the cafe, and they graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. The venture is a joint effort between the library and the Office Housing and Food Services Operations. "Our chefs like to be creative and try new things," said Mary Kendall, manager of MacKinnon's Cafe. Types of soup being served include Texas bean, vegetable beef puree, and pea and ham soup. Soon, there will be microwaveable dinners available with entrees such as meatloaf and mashed potatoes. "We're hoping to get more of a dinner rush," Kendall said. The cafe also features many coffee and espresso drinks and desserts. It also has games that students can play to relax after studying. "We even have Connect Four to take

people back to their childhood," Kendall said with a smile. In the following weeks, the cafe will be putting up undergraduate art from Penn State's School of Visual Arts that will change every two weeks, as well as adding a sound system. Kendall plans to be running special late night happy hours and acoustic music, depending on the noise factor on the library. The atmosphere of the cafe attracts students to it. "I really like the atmosphere. It's really nice to study and take a break. It's a pretty quiet location," McKay said. There are fresh plants on every table inside the cafe, and the wide doors open out to the patio, giving it a European feel. The cafe is a result of money donated by Don and Marion MacKinnon. The money was originally for a student lounge but evolved into the cafe. The MacKinnons visited it last week and were pleased with the cafe, Kendall said. The cafe is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Students may purchase items with meal points or cash. The option of using Lion Cash will begin soon.

Police seize local-grown marijuana

you can manufacture it locally," said Harley. According to the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Drug Law Enforcement, marijuana continues to be a major cash crop in the state. In 1999, the state police collected 3,867 kilograms of processed marijuana, along with 9,387 plants that were eradicated. The bureau adds that this amount is equal to an estimated street value of about \$22 million. "The potential is there for value," said Merrill referring to the amount and street value of marijuana. Harley said major marijuana trafficking rings throughout the state are frequently investigated and prosecuted. People that found growing the plant could face up to two felony charges. One would be for possession with intent to manufacture and the other for the manufacturing of a controlled substance. And although police do a yearly sweep through out the state, large metropolitan areas, such as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, are sometimes missed because marijuana is mostly grown in areas that are more rural. Less urban areas are more viable spots for growing marijuana because they are secluded and have an abundance of farmland, Harley said. Harley sees marijuana as a unique drug because of its endurance through the years. "I've never really seen a decrease in marijuana trafficking rings. Marijuana seems to be a drug that stays constant," Harley said.

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