




UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2001

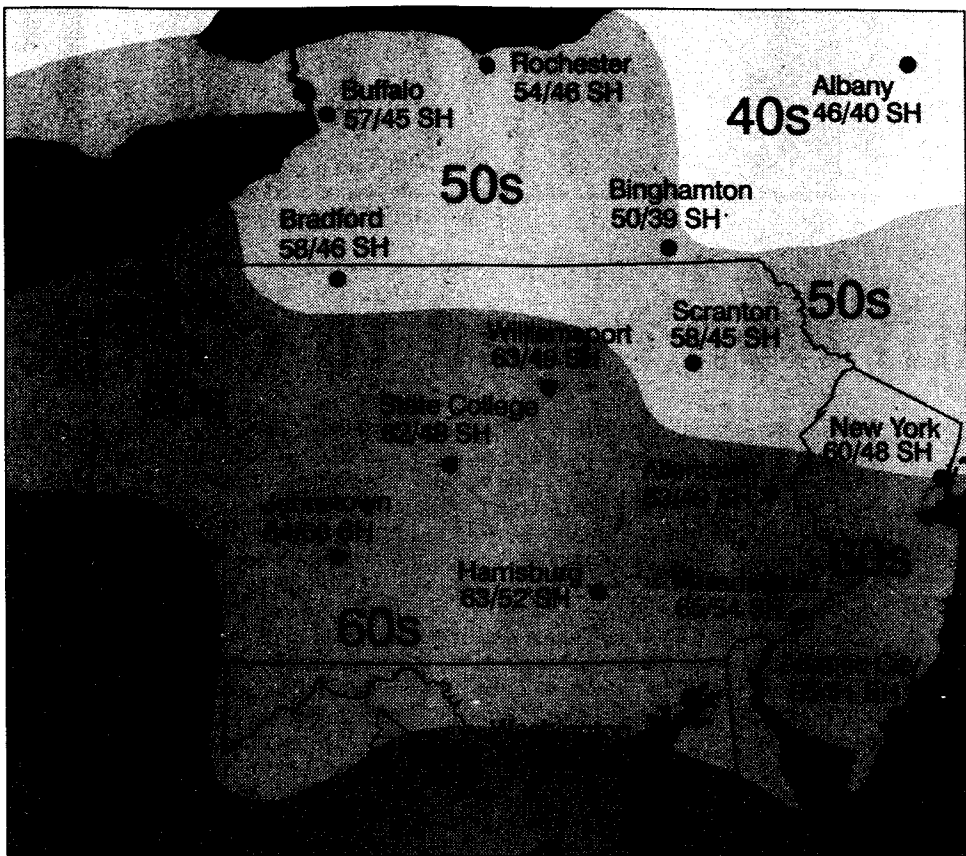
Despite the clouds and showers the next couple of days, temperatures will remain above normal. A warm front will push through Happy Valley over the weekend bringing the warmest temperatures so far this year. Temperatures will tickle the 70s only briefly before a cold front sweeps through the region early next week bringing the chance for showers and thunderstorms.

<p>Today</p>  <p>Cloudy with a few showers</p> <p>High 62</p>	<p>Tonight</p>  <p>Mild with a few showers</p> <p>Low 48</p>	<p>Tomorrow</p>  <p>Mostly cloudy with sprinkles</p> <p>High 60</p>
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Tomorrow night: Partial clearing. Low 44.
Sunday: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. High 67, low 46.
Monday: Mix of sun and clouds; remaining warm. High 71, low 48.
Tuesday: Showers and maybe a thunderstorm; not as warm. High 62, low 42.

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Today		Today's Weather		Today	Tomorrow
Normal high	52 deg.	University	80/59	Allentown	63/49 SH
Record high	83 deg. in 1929	Illinois	77/57	Altoona	64/49 SH
Normal low	33 deg.	Indiana	68/55	Bradford	58/46 SH
Record low	19 deg. in 1995	Iowa	70/52	Erie	64/44 MC
Monthly Climate Summary		Michigan	65/49	Harrisburg	63/52 SH
(Data valid through 8 am yesterday)		Michigan St.	43/42	Johnstown	64/50 SH
Apr. precipitation	0.27 inches	Minnesota	67/52	Philadelphia	65/54 SH
Normal Apr. precip	3.30 inches	Northwestern	75/57	Pittsburgh	72/56 SH
Apr. temp. departure	-4.25 deg.	Ohio State	77/57	Scranton	58/45 SH
Sun Data		Purdue	61/46	Williamsport	63/49 SH
Sunset today	7:42 pm				
Sunrise tomorrow	6:45 am				



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

Two tornadoes merged on this date back in 1936 and ripped through Gainesville, GA. The damage path was four blocks wide. The twister killed 203 people, 70 of whom were in the Cooper Pants Factory. This was the greatest tornado fatality total for a single building. Damages from the storm were estimated to be \$13 million.

DID YOU KNOW?

Northerly winds over southern Texas in the early spring can actually keep birds from migrating north. The birds, returning from Central and South America, rely on a southerly wind to help them make the long journey. However, strong northerly winds hinder the birds, and often they become exhausted and must land where ever they can.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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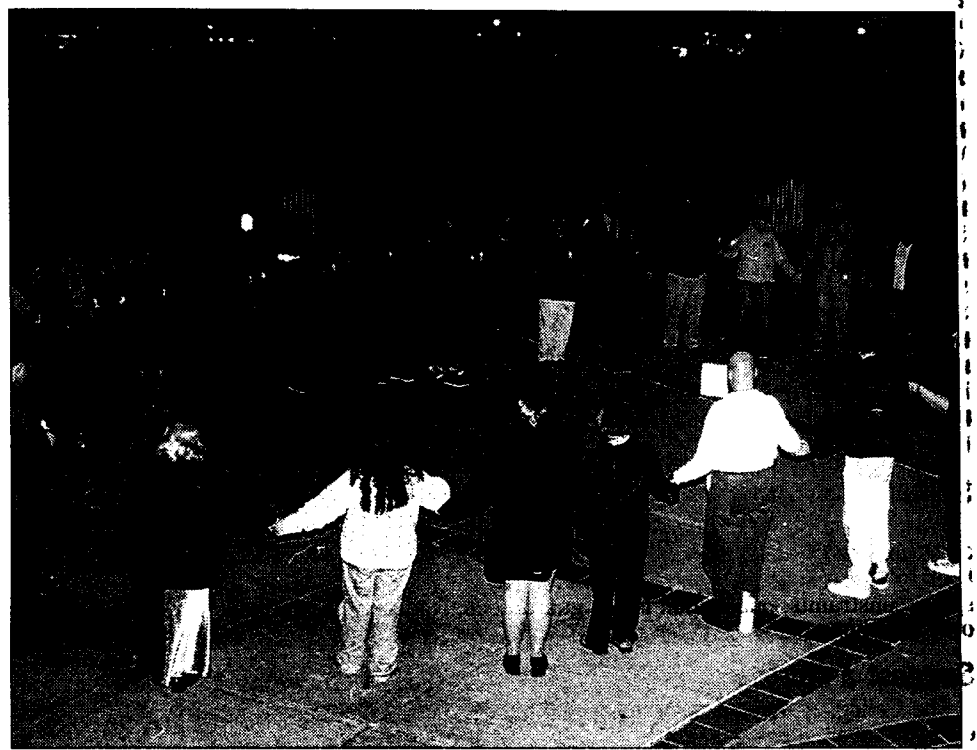
ROCKING OUT: Antony Huh (senior-public relations) plays guitar for his friends Jon Ng (junior-psychology), foreground, and Sung Wi (junior-management) in the Quad at West Halls.

30 gather for anti-hate crime rally

An alleged hate crime east of Centre County left Michael Auker in a coma.

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Michael Auker is in a coma. Exactly one month ago, Auker was beaten and left for dead at his trailer in Middleburg. Police said they found him bleeding and unconscious with every facial bone broken. The two brothers charged with assaulting Auker may have been motivated to attack him because they thought he was gay, thus classifying the incident as a hate crime. State Trooper Frederick Dyroff testified that one of the brothers said the beating came after Auker made a sexual advance toward the brothers. The men are invoking the so-called "gay panic" defense, in which suspects say a same-sex sexual advance causes emotions to run so high that the resulting actions are uncontrollable. Last night, a group of 30 concerned members of the Penn State community held a candlelight vigil in front of Old Main, reflecting on the attack and offering prayers for Auker and his family. The vigil began at 9 p.m., the same time that a group of students at another university were having a similar gathering. "Bucknell University is having a really large (vigil)," said Jennifer Storm, social director of the Lambda Student Alliance and organizer of the vigil at Penn State. Todd Clinger, 18, and Troy Clinger, 20, are charged with attempted murder in Auker's attack. The two men, both of Middleburg, were bound over for trial last month in Snyder County, a locality east of Centre County. Troy Clinger's fiancée, Nicki Lee White, said the brothers planned to lure Auker to a deck, so they could "beat him up, kill him." Storm likened the incident to the highly publicized murder of a gay college student in 1998.



Members of the Penn State community hold hands at Old Main to support hate crimes victims.

"It's so similar to Matthew Shepard, it's scary," she said. Shepard's killers also tried to use the "gay panic" defense. Those speaking at the vigil last night addressed the problems that divide society and allow cruelties to occur. They called for unity transcending race, creed and sexual orientation. "We recognize that regardless of the things that divide us, we live in a world of interrelations," said Ken Clarke, director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs. Clarke called on those in attendance to acknowledge "the way in which the lives of gay and lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons are objectified." "They are treated as less than human," he said.

Rev. Carl Synan, campus pastor with the United Campus Ministry, remarked about the candles each person held as the group stood in a circle. "That light symbolizes hope," he said. Synan invited those present to quietly pray or reflect as he asked that Auker's family and friends be comforted. Those present were able to offer individual comments or prayers. At the end of the night, the group joined hands in observed a moment of silence to close the vigil. Storm said the moment was for all of the people involved with the attack on Auker, as well as "everyone we know in our lives who suffers hate on a daily basis."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two area men arrested after scuffle with police

After a scuffle with police, State College residents Michael Shelley and Eric Garton were arrested Wednesday night on charges of disorderly conduct, the State College Police Department said. Police were called to investigate a loud party. When the police arrived, Shelley and Garton verbally confronted them. Police approached the men to identify them. As the police approached, Shelley and Garton fled the scene, police said. Police pursued Shelley and Garton on foot and overtook them. The two men engaged in a short scuffle with police before being subdued, police said. Shelley and Garton were arraigned before District Justice Carmine Prestia and held on bail before being transported to Centre County Prison, police said. Shelley, who was free on bail, was arrested during last month's downtown riot after stealing a license plate from a police car, police said.

USG taking applications for department positions

The Undergraduate Student Government is now accepting applications for next year's executive department positions. Executive department positions include:

- Business
- Chief of Staff
- Coaches vs. Cancer
- Community Education
- Governmental Relations
- Health Services
- Information Technology
- LGBTA/Women's Affairs
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- Multicultural Affairs
- Programming
- Public Relations
- Town Affairs
- Treasurer

Department descriptions and applications are available in the USG office, 223 HUB-Robeson Center. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 12. Questions should be directed to USG President- and Vice President-elect, Justin Zartman and Amanda Hudnall at 863-1874.

Princeton University runs controversial Horowitz ad

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Princeton University's student newspaper published a controversial advertisement placed by conservative author David Horowitz, but the full-page message opposing reparations for slavery failed to produce student protests as it did recently at several other campuses. The advertisement in Wednesday's Daily Princetonian, titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too," suggests that black Americans owe the United States more than it owes them. Student protesters confiscated The Brown Daily Herald's entire press run three weeks ago when it published the same ad. Protests also greeted the ad's publication by student newspapers at Duke University and the University of California. At Princeton, leaders of campus minority organizations said yesterday that while they were offended by the advertisement they supported the way the newspaper handled it. The Daily Princetonian published an editorial criticizing the content of the ad and donated the revenue to the Trenton chapter of the Urban League. In the editorial, the newspaper's editors said they decided to run the ad because the newspaper "is an open forum for debate on every issue that faces the campus community." "David Horowitz's advertisement ... is an offensive piece of work," the editorial said. "In no way do we support Horowitz's argument. Denying publication of the ad, howev-

er, just gives Horowitz what he is looking for: another reason to cry censor." "I think the Princetonian was very courageous and clearly far more intelligent than Horowitz," Salih Omar Eissa, president of Princeton's Black Student Union, said yesterday. "We have a tremendous amount of support for our brothers and sisters at Brown, but for now I think we'll save protesting for threats considerably more sophisticated than Horowitz's trifling propaganda," Eissa said.

Villanova students found to have lung infection

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Nearly three dozen Villanova University students contracted a rare, potentially dangerous lung infection called histoplasmosis while visiting Acapulco, Mexico last month. Caused by a fungus, the illness can mimic severe pneumonia but does not respond to antibiotics. "It's actually very serious," said Richard Pacropis, the university's medical director, who said he feared many other cases might be lurking among people who visited Acapulco recently. The illness cannot spread from person to person. All 29 students are expected to recover — 13 or 14 of them were hospitalized. The students had all stayed in the same hotel in Acapulco during the week of March 3, Pacropis said. Nearby, bulldozers were moving dirt to construct a new parking garage, and the students remembered breathing in some dust. Spores of a soil-borne fungus cause the illness when inhaled.

Man lands in hospital after attempted rescue

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — When a Washington County man saw someone try to take

two children away from their mother, he decided to get involved. But Derrick Jackson landed in the hospital instead. Police said Jackson was treated at the Washington Hospital after he was run over by a truck driven by Kevin L. Ewing, 32, of West Finley. Ewing reported to the Washington County Courthouse to respond to a protection-from-abuse order his wife had filed against him, police said. Ewing tried to take his children from his wife at the courthouse. When Jackson saw the struggle, he tried to help the woman, police said. Jackson was injured when Ewing pulled away from the curb. Police arrested Ewing and charged him with simple assault, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct. Police returned the children to their mother. State contributes funds for new visitors' center FARMINGTON, Pa. (AP) — The state will contribute \$4.5 million toward a visitors' center at the Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Fayette County, Gov. Tom Ridge said yesterday. The money is going to be the "final piece of funding needed to move forward with construction," said Marie Rust, the National Park Service director for the northeastern United States. The park agency manages the battlefield 45 miles south of Pittsburgh. The center should open before the 250th anniversary of a battle in the French and Indian Wars in 2003, Rust said. Officers on the battlefield in 1753 included a young George Washington. The center will also serve the National Road, now U.S. 40, once the main westward route for settlers.

Solidarity Conference kicks off

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Social activists from across the country will begin gathering today on campus for the second annual Solidarity Conference. Robyn Stephens (senior-sociology), one of the event's organizers, said this year's conference will build upon last year's, which focused on introducing ideas related to solidarity. "Yes, we know that there is racism; we know that there is sexism; we know that globalization is a problem," Stephens said. "Now what are we going to do about them?" The conference will include concurrent workshops, two keynote speakers and a free vegan dinner. Registration begins at 1 p.m. today in Osmond Lab, where information about the locations of specific conference events will be available. Jello Biafra and Howard Zinn are the two keynote speakers of the weekend. The conference's Web site calls Biafra's talk "a spoken-word performance" and says that it will probably include topics such as social responsibility and censorship of the arts. Zinn is known as an author, historian and social activist. Both speakers will address audiences in HUB Alumni Hall. Zinn will speak at 12:45 p.m. tomorrow, and Biafra will speak at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Stephens said she expects more than 1,000 people, both local community members and Penn State students, to attend. The event is free to students with Penn State IDs, but community members are asked to give a one-time donation attend for the entire weekend.