




UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

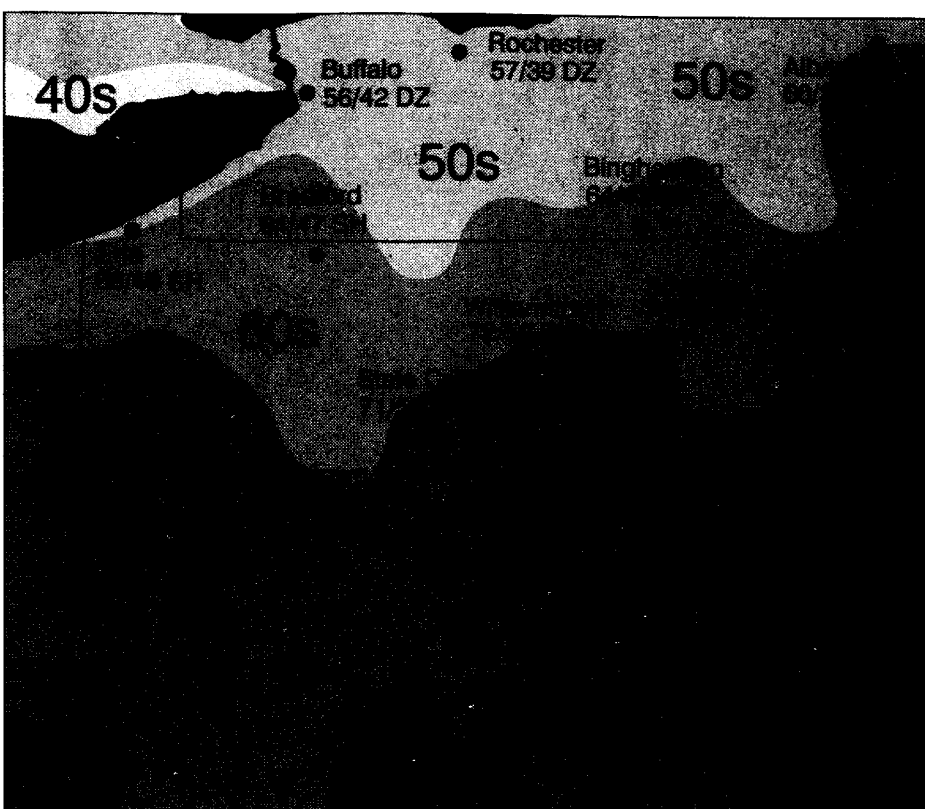
Showers and thunderstorms will occur from time to time this week as a stationary front crisscrosses the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although temperatures will drop after today, they will continue to be impressively mild for mid-April. As weak disturbances along the stationary front pass through Happy Valley, rain showers and even isolated thunderstorms will develop.

<p>Today Morning sun, afternoon showers, possible T-storm  High 71</p>	<p>Tonight Occasional rain showers and areas of fog  Low 52</p>	<p>Tomorrow Scattered showers, isolated thunderstorms  High 66</p>
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The extended outlook

- Tomorrow night:** Clearing with areas of fog. Low 45.
- Wednesday:** Clouds return; afternoon thundershowers. High 62, low 43.
- Thursday:** Partly sunny with rain showers possible. High 62, low 46.
- Friday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High 64, low 48.

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Today					
Normal high	54 °F	Today's Weather		Today	Tomorrow
Record high	80 °F in 1991	University	Hi/Lo	City	Hi/Lo
Normal low	34 °F	Illinois	80/53	Allentown	71/52 SH
Record low	17 °F in 1982	Indiana	78/58	Altoona	73/56 SH
Monthly Climate Summary					
(Data valid through 8 am yesterday)					
April precipitation	0.83 inches	Iowa	70/44	Bradford	64/47 SH
Normal April precip	3.30 inches	Michigan	64/48	Erie	60/48 SH
April temp. departure	-0.2 °F	Michigan St.	62/44	Harrisburg	74/56 TS
Sun Data					
Sunset today	7:45 pm	Minnesota	48/35	Johnstown	72/56 TS
Sunrise tomorrow	6:40 am	Northwestern	69/47	Philadelphia	73/56 SH
		Ohio State	78/58	Pittsburgh	74/56 TS
		Purdue	80/56	Scranton	70/48 SH
		Wisconsin	62/40	Williamsport	72/50 SH



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), HZ (Haze), FG (Fog), RN (Rain), DZ (Drizzle), RS (Rain and snow), SH (Rain shower), SN (Snow), SF (Snow flurries), FZ (Freezing rain and sleet), TS (Thunderstorm); WY (Windy).

APRIL 1982 BLIZZARD

A fierce nor'easter made history in April 1982, dropping a foot of snow on New York City. Here, 10.5 inches of snow fell during the week of April 4-11. Cold air lingered for days; the temperature fell to 11°F on April 8, the lowest on record for that late in the season. As a result, daily low temperatures for April averaged only 31.1°F, the lowest ever, despite near-normal afternoon high temperatures.

THIS COLD HOUSE

So far this winter season (since July 1, 2000), Happy Valley has recorded 5,878 heating degree-days, the most since 1995-1996. Heating degree-days measure energy use, with one heating degree-day representing an average temperature of 1°F below 65°F for one day. This means the average household used more energy heating their home this winter than in any winter since 1995-1996.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Alumni association moves to new center

The Penn State Alumni Association has relocated its main offices to the Hintz Family Alumni Center. The offices of The Penn Stater magazine, planning and business development, program development and enrichment, volunteer management, communications and the Executive Director are located on the second and third floors. The Lion Ambassador office is on the first floor of the Center. Information systems and alumni data access and services have not moved from their present location in Old Main and Brumbaugh Hall, respectively. Mail should be addressed to Hintz Family Alumni Center. Staff phone numbers have not changed. For more information, call 865-6516.

Thursday pig theft might be prank, police say

One little piglet didn't come home. A pig was stolen sometime Thursday from Penn State's Animal Evaluation Center. A hiker found the male pig Friday morning, Penn State Police Services said. The pig was taken from a pen in the evaluation center and appeared to have spent the night in the cold. Penn State police said the man found the abandoned animal in a recycling bin after hearing the animal's shallow breathing. The pig was unresponsive and suffering from exposure and an inappropriate diet. Penn State police believe that this may have been a prank and that the suspect or suspects might have fed the animal something to make it ill. A Penn State veterinarian is currently caring for the pig and said it is in stable condition. The College of Agriculture and University Police ask anyone with information to call Penn State Police Services at 863-1111.

Bald eagle returning to Pa., numbers up in U.S.

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A pair of bald eagles have moved into the farmlands of Lancaster County, a sign that the species is coming back so well in Pennsylvania that they are willing to live close to humans, a wildlife expert said. The nation's symbol has come back across the country in the past few years, thanks to legal protection, the banning of pesticides and — in Pennsylvania — a successful reintroduction program undertaken by the state Game Commission.

POLICE LOG

- **Arrest:** Penn State student Tony Burrall (junior-management) was charged Saturday with criminal trespass, burglary, harassment and stalking. Police say he entered his ex-girlfriend's apartment on the 100 block of South Atherton Street, the State College Police Department said. Police said Burrall entered the apartment at about 6 a.m. and stole a jewelry box, a hat and a watch. The stolen items have an estimated value of more than \$100. After his departure, Burrall allegedly broke the head off a sprinkler on the ceiling, which ignited the system and caused extensive damage to the building. Burrall was not charged for the damage because of a lack of evidence, police said. Burrall was arraigned by District Justice Ron Horner's office on Saturday.
- **Theft:** A Penn State student reported Thursday the theft of his bicycle from outside the Wagner Building, Penn State Police Services said. The estimated value of the bike is \$500.
- **Theft:** A Penn State employee reported her purse missing on Thursday from Findlay Commons, Penn State police said. The estimated value of the purse and the items inside is \$330.



Mike Bencivenga/Collegian

AND ALL THAT JAZZ: "Mr. Bass Trombone," George Roberts performs as part of the Noontime Concert Series Friday at the HUB-Robeson Center. Roberts has played with the likes of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald.

Solidarity Conference fosters discussions

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A crowd of 600 flooded the HUB Alumni Hall twice this weekend. There were dreadlocks, pink mohawks, short hair, long hair and gray hair. There were babies, young children, college students and older adults.

The second annual Solidarity Conference was in full swing. Penn State students, members of the local community and others who traveled to State College for the conference descended upon central campus this weekend to discuss ways to solve the social problems they perceive.

The conference began Friday afternoon with films, a vegan dinner, lectures, discussions and workshops. People could choose to attend any of multiple workshops offered during each conference time slot.

At 1 p.m. Sunday, a line of people crowded the lobby outside of Alumni Hall, waiting for the doors to open for an afternoon with Jello Biafra, the second of the conference's two keynote speakers. Half an hour later, Biafra's voice could be heard before he was seen.

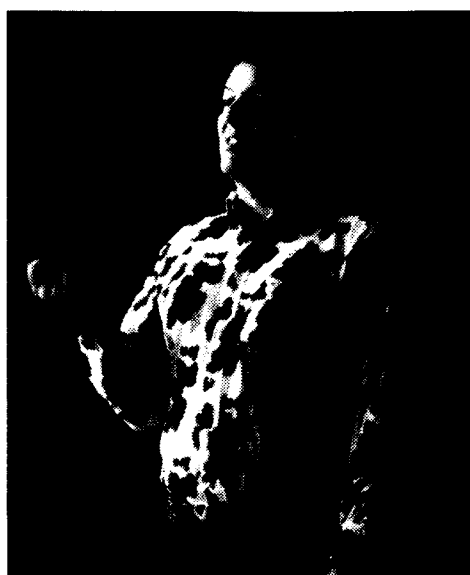
"We interrupt this program for a special bulletin," he said. "America is now under martial law."

The crowd erupted in laughter as Biafra took the stage, hiding behind a stand-up Joe Paterno, pretending that Paterno himself was speaking.

"National security is more important than individual rights," he said, continuing his introductory piece, reminiscent of George Orwell's book, 1984. "At last, everything is done for you."

Revealing himself from behind the cardboard Paterno, Biafra questioned how the Penn State community could idolize a football coach, calling him a "tiki-god Elvis figure."

"Time to do a Taliban here," he said, and ripped off the figure's cardboard head. Biafra then began his talk, which lasted



Jennifer Borkosky/Collegian

Jello Biafra, a keynote speaker at the second annual Solidarity Conference, speaks to a large crowd in the HUB Alumni Hall.

two and a half hours and covered a wide variety of topics. He first expressed his feelings on the conference itself.

"Unity to me implies that everybody's gotta be the same," he said. "But solidarity means that diverse people can come together...for a common purpose."

He discussed international issues like World Bank, national issues like the November election, and personal issues like his legal troubles with his former band, the Dead Kennedys.

Biafra had his own monikers for many of the groups he discussed, including "the World Bank," "International Monetary Fraud," and "King George II" for our current president.

Howard Zinn, the other keynote speaker of the weekend, addressed a crowd on Saturday afternoon. His talk linked solidarity to democracy based on history, his area of

expertise. Zinn recalled the elementary school diagram of American government, complete with checks and balances.

He explained that as he gained experiences in life, he learned that those checks and balances did not always mean things would be fair.

"Working people had to bring democracy alive and still have to, because they're not getting it from the three branches of government," he said.

He said that the setup of the American government perpetuates class struggle, citing examples of rebellion throughout the national history.

Zinn also spoke on his time as a civil rights activist, citing Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, stressing the word "action" in King's call for "nonviolent direct action."

"The power of consumers, the power of working people is enormous once that solidarity is created," he said.

Biafra also urged the crowd to act, specifically mentioning the protests at the World Bank meeting in Seattle and linking the actions to protests of the Vietnam war. "Corporate power is the new Vietnam-sized issue," he said.

He said that the next World Bank meeting is scheduled to occur in Qatar in order to avoid protesters. "They have to go all the way to Qatar to get away from us," he said.

On the topic of elections, Biafra, who said he aligns himself with the Green party, spoke for voting, even if it seems that a national campaign is futile. He said that local offices are good to start grassroots change within communities.

"If nobody cool is running, you can always run yourself," he said. "You'll learn a lot and meet some very interesting people."

Both Zinn and Biafra encouraged their audiences to look to Internet sites and underground and alternative publications for information on social activist movements. Biafra warned about double-checking Web postings, using the example of rumors of his death that circled the Internet.

'Weekend' AIDS Walk raises total of \$5,706

Spring Weekend events included the walk and also a spirit competition.

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Spring Weekend may have come in like a lamb because of the rain, but it went out like a lion, bringing in the largest total for the AIDS Walk in its history at \$5,706.

"We had a fabulous turn-out for the walk," said Spring Weekend public relations chair Lesley Brown.

"It was the biggest it's ever been, and the biggest check we ever donated to the AIDS Foundation. We're very excited."

Bringing in the most money for the AIDS Walk was Theta Kappa Pi with a total of \$485.

Spring Weekend officially ended with a tallying of points and the announcement of which fraternity/sorority pairs won the overall and spirit competitions.

In first place overall was Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, 524 Locust Lane with Pi Beta Phi. In second place was Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, 351 E. Fairmount Ave. with Alpha Xi Delta, and in third place was Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, 339 Fraternity Row with Theta Alpha Pi.

"We all just really wanted to win, so everyone really tried to participate," said Brendon Durr, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"We all really enjoyed ourselves and had a good time and were excited to win," he said.

For the spirit competition, which is based on involvement in events, Alpha Kappa Lambda with Theta Alpha Pi came in first place.

Following them, Lambda Chi Alpha with Alpha Xi Delta came in second place in the event.

In third place was Zeta Psi fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave, along with Alpha Delta Pi.

"To increase participation we tried to get a lot of committees going before Spring Weekend," said Eric Williges, Spring Weekend chair for Alpha Kappa Lambda.

"We focused on getting as many people to events as possible.

"We thought we were going to come in second, so it was a pleasant surprise when we won," he added about the excitement of winning.

Overall, the Spring Weekend committee was very pleased with the turnout, despite the minor delays due to the inclement weather, including rain.

"I think this year's Spring Weekend was a tremendous success," said Chris Beer, chair of Spring Weekend rules and regulations.

"It was a shame it rained, but it was still a great week and everyone had a great time.

"We came in over \$2,000 more than we expected, which really made us excited," he added about the weekend's successful events.

Spring weekend

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