




CWS UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 10, 2002

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
		
High 60	Low 52	High 62, Low 50

Regional Forecast
 The approaching weekend looks to be a wet one. The chance of rain is slight today but increases for tomorrow and Saturday. The precipitation could be heavy at times. This will come from a center of low pressure approaching up from the southwest. Thunderstorms may be possible toward the end of the weekend. After the system passes, temperatures will return to cool autumn levels.

Five Day Forecast

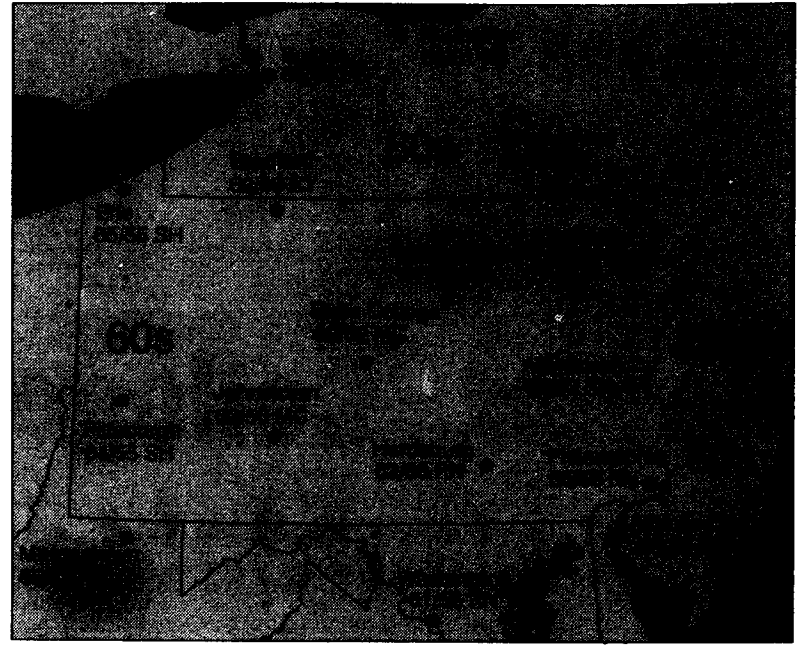
Today: Cloudy conditions. High 60.
Tonight: Rain early in the evening. Low 52.
Tomorrow: Rain showers throughout the day. High 62, Low 50.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High 62, Low 50.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy with an early shower. High 64, Low 51.
Monday: Partly cloudy. High 59, Low 50.

Previous Day Summary

Tuesday
 High: 57
 Low: 39
 Rain or Liquid Equivalent: 0.00"
 Temperature Departure: -4.55 deg.
 Record Precipitation: 1.90" (1950)

Moon Phases

Today: Waxing crescent
 Oct 13: First quarter
 Oct 21: Full moon
 Oct 29: Last quarter
 Nov 4: New moon



BIG TEN FORECAST

Illinois	.71/49	Mostly Cloudy
Indiana	.65/52	Cloudy
Iowa	.70/52	Showers
Michigan	.67/46	Cloudy
Michigan State	.66/48	Mostly Sunny
Minnesota	.63/53	Cloudy
Northwestern	.67/53	Mostly Sunny
Ohio State	.68/54	Showers
Purdue	.71/51	Partly Sunny
Wisconsin	.63/52	Cloudy

ALMANAC

Today
 Normal high 62 deg.
 Record high 85 deg. in 1949
 Normal low 43 deg.
 Record low 25 deg. in 1917
Monthly Climate Summary
 (Data valid through 8 a.m. yesterday)
 Oct. precipitation 0.13 inches
 Normal Oct. precip 2.92 inches
 Oct. temp. departure +5.88 deg.
Sun Data
 Sunset today 6:38 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:19 a.m.

PENNSYLVANIA EXTREMES

Tuesday
 This section shows the temperature and precipitation extremes for the previous day in the state of Pennsylvania as of 8 a.m. yesterday.
 Maximum high temperature: 65 °F at Philadelphia
 Minimum low temperature: 29° F at Bradford
 Maximum rain or liquid equivalent: 0.00" at all stations

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).

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Johnstown city officials debate stadium future

JOHNSTOWN (AP) — City leaders were deciding whether to renovate or demolish a stadium where Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig once played, and Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson were featured in 1945 Negro leagues' games.
 The grandstands of Point Stadium in Johnstown are rusting away, crumbling brick walls are covered by boards and the minor league team that played in the stadium was sold last month.
 "I don't live in the past and I don't think the community can afford to live in the past," Mayor Don Zucco said.
 A meeting of the same group that raised \$17.2 million in state funds for a conference center will meet within a month to make a pitch for a new stadium with the governor's office, he said.

Bellefonte to begin adult diploma program

BELLEFONTE (AP) — The Bellefonte Area School District is hoping to start an adult diploma program this fall. The program is being funded through a grant from Pennsylvania Department of Education.
 "A key component of the program is reaching adults in the community, who for a variety of reasons, were unable to earn their high school diplomas," said Holly Temple, a retired Bellefonte Area High School guidance counselor and the program's coordinator in the district. The program teaches academics, like math, English and writing. It also offers instruction in community resources, cultural awareness, government, citizenship and the law. School officials hope to have 10 to 15 people in the program this fall.

Affordability

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 lege, graduation rates and benefits of a college-educated population. No state received straight A's in these categories. Pennsylvania fared well in them, scoring a B- or better, including an A for graduation rates.
 "The state is a top performer on the proportion of first-time, full-time college students who complete a bachelor's degree within six years of enrolling," the report said.
 "Pennsylvania retains top-performing standing on the proportion of students completing certificates and

degrees relative to the number enrolled." Mahon said Penn State's continued commitment to education in the face of a tight economy might have contributed to the state's high grades in categories besides affordability.
 "We're not going to let the quality slide," he said. "[Penn State] is a first-rate national university, even if the financial situation changes."
 The center released the report with the intention of improving universities and their operations, Jack said.
 "This report provides summary information for state leaders to use as a tool to improve higher education in these areas [with low grades]," she said.

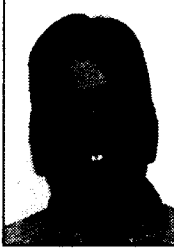
Tolerance

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 hate, opposed the TEC on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment and gave USG powers outside its jurisdiction.
 Posters targeting a group of people qualify as an act of free speech, Town Sen. Mike Gallo said.
 Because of this, USG is unable to punish a group for spreading hateful speech directed toward minorities, he said.
 By creating this committee, Senate will be fighting hate through censorship, South Halls Sen. Mike Jozkowski said.
 No matter how distasteful someone's views are, it is not Senate's right to restrict them, Jozkowski added.
 Town Sen. Sean Miller opposed Gallo and Jozkowski's objections to the committee, and said he was not in total agreement with U.S. Constitutional law.
 "I say the Constitution is wrong,"

Miller said. "How many times have our laws been wrong?"
 The resolution to create the TEC passed with 17 senators voting in favor, four voting against and three abstaining.
 The TEC was originally planned to be a permanent Senate committee, but the resolution creating it was later amended by Town Sen. Chris Brown to make it temporary.
 The committee will only be under Senate jurisdiction for a short period of time, and will later be transferred to the control of the executive branch.
 "This is kind of like the embryonic stage right now," Brown said.
 The need to address the accountability of Penn State's administration in combating hate crimes was urgent and required the committee to be created by Senate, Miller said.
 If the committee were to be created by the executive branch, it would take too long for it to be formed, since it would require USG Supreme Court approval, Miller said.



Miller



Gallo

Ecstasy

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 Corman said more serious offenders deserve harsher sentences.
 "There's obviously a difference between someone with a few tablets than with someone who is a dealer," Corman said. "If you're going to be a large trafficker of this drug, then you're going to pay the price."
 Local authorities said the bill is necessary.
 "Ecstasy continues to be a growing problem," State College Police Department Sgt. John Wilson said.
 Wilson said he thinks it will be helpful if the law has more authority to penalize offenders.
 However, he said he would be surprised if Bill 1431 had any dramatic effect on the level of Ecstasy use in the area.

He said he doesn't think the bill will deter student use.
 Some students think there needs to be stricter government enforcement of Ecstasy laws.
 "It's smart, because I don't think anyone realizes the full effects of Ecstasy," Jamie Libeskind (sophomore-business) said. "If they increase the penalties, people will stop or slow down at least."
 Some students think this legislation will help prevent more widespread use of the drug. "I've never used it and I would support harsher penalties for those who deal it because it hurts more than it helps," Kevin Shah (freshman-bioengineering) said.
 The positive response to Bill 1431 makes Corman optimistic about the fate of the bill in the House.
 "I hope it will move relatively quickly and we'll have it on the governor's desk by the end of November," he said.



POURING IT ON: Kenny Nepp, a worker with Mountain Top Concrete, smooths over freshly poured concrete on the second floor of the Information Sciences and Technology Building. Construction is expected to be completed by Fall 2003.

USG Senate to examine bylaws

A committee will look at proposed changes to the group's rules.

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Michael Yohannan
 USG town senator

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Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Senate created an ad hoc, or temporary, committee Tuesday to discuss an amended set of bylaws brought to the table one week ago.
 The Special Committee on Senate Reform (SCSR) will meet to discuss the amendments proposed by Senate President Bridget Van Osten, and will allow senators to shape the potential new bylaws before voting on them.
 The amended bylaws were tabled last week because of the lack of a parliamentarian at Senate meetings to aid the group in interpreting them.
 A parliamentarian advises USG members on the procedures outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, the guidelines used by most parliamentary organizations. Senate appointed a parliamentarian Tuesday night to sit at its meetings.
 Van Osten will chair SCSR, which will be open to all senators, and determine the times when it meets as approved by a simple majority vote in Senate. SCSR will meet a minimum of three times, after which it might present a final report to Senate. A two-thirds majority

vote is required to approve the final report, and any senators who have attended at least two SCSR meetings will be permitted to vote.
 Town Sen. Michael Yohannan, the author of the legislation that established SCSR, said he developed the group in the interest of allowing Senate to discuss issues other than the bylaw amendments during meetings.
 SCSR would also create a more unified Senate behind a stronger set of bylaws, he said.
 "In the end, the bylaw amendments would be much more effective," Yohannan said.
 South Halls Sen. Mike Jozkowski supported the resolution to form SCSR, saying a debate on the bylaw amendments would be too monumental to bring to the Senate floor.
 One senator opposed the committee. Pollock/Nittany Halls Sen. Lyn Weinberg said some senators who cannot



Van Osten

attend SCSR's meetings would not be able to give their input on the bylaw amendments. Because the amended bylaws will still come up for discussion before Senate votes on them, Weinberg added that the committee is not necessary. While Van Osten was originally opposed to the committee, she realized later that more formal input on her amendments would be beneficial, she said. Because many of the changes to the bylaws are major ones, there should be lots of thought put into them, Van Osten said.
 One amendment to the bylaws would limit the total amount of time allotted to open student forum to 30 minutes. Under the current bylaws, each student has 10 minutes to speak before Senate no matter how many are present.
 Jill Chevalier, president of East Halls Residence Association, and Steve Kreider, president of Pollock/Nittany Residence Association, spoke during legislative open student forum against the change.
 "You guys are USG," Chevalier said. "You're supposed to help students. Don't cut us off."

Accident

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 In the particular area of Atherton Street where Tuesday's accidents took place, Wilson said money and effort went into the placement of crosswalks and signals there.
 He stressed the importance of being aware of those signals.
 "Pedestrians really need to pay attention to that," he said.
 Wilson, who is a member of the Commission for Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, said he and the other members are looking into problem intersections around town with the hopes of avoiding accidents such as these.
 University spokesman Bill Mahon also urged pedestrians to use caution when crossing that portion of Atherton

Street, as well as any other intersection in town.
 "It's the same issue of pedestrians crossing where they shouldn't be," he said.
 Mahon said Atherton Street has always been a safety concern for the university, but feels the problem is not the added congestion on the street, but people crossing the street where there is not a crosswalk.
 "In general, it's not uncommon to see people crossing that road in inappropriate places," Mahon said.
 He said people need to be accommodating to the construction on Atherton Street and on campus.
 "There ought to be safe ways around [the construction] on campus, but that means going around it and not through it," Mahon said.
 The area on Atherton Street where

the accidents took place is near the construction site of the new Information Sciences and Technology Building. Due to the construction, there is no sidewalk on the east side of the blue between the bus terminal and Blue Course Drive.
 The construction has also caused the west side of the sidewalk to be restricted to a gravel path in the same area. The sidewalk on that portion of the roadway is fenced off between the road and the construction site, causing it to be narrow, bumpy and uneven. In addition, there are large portions of the old sidewalk protruding in different parts of the passage.
 "[Atherton Street] is pretty dangerous right this minute," State College Borough Council member Tom Daubert said. "They need to at least make it safe for pedestrians."