

NEWS IN BRIEF

Players' pretrial conference postponed

The pretrial conference for Penn State football players Anthony Scirrotto and Chris Baker was postponed yesterday. Scirrotto and Baker are facing charges from an altercation police said they were involved in last spring in a downtown apartment.

Man challenges robbery charges

A Bellefonte man charged in connection with a string of robberies this summer challenged several of the commonwealth's accusations on Tuesday. Police arrested George S. Patton, 32, and his sister, Carol Patton, 36, in early August, charging the pair with a slew of robbery and criminal conspiracy charges.

CAMPUS NOTES

Alex Corichi of Universidad Nacional Autonoma Morelia in Mexico and Penn State will speak at 11 a.m. today in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. The Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos will host the seminar, "Big Bounce" in Loop Quantum Cosmology: Past and Future.

Texas A&M University's Albert Mulenga will speak on "Tick-Feeding Lesion Formation" at 11:10 a.m. today in 107 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. Gary Felton, of the Department of Entomology, will host the event.

The Intercollege Graduate Program in Physiology will host a seminar at 11:15 a.m. today in 127 Noll Laboratory. Penn State's Mark Kaufman will speak.

The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences will host a seminar on "National Action Program to Combat Desertification in Lebanon" at 12:20 p.m. today in 101 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. Talal Darwish of the National Council for Scientific Research in Lebanon and Penn State will speak.

Thomas Mallouk of the Department of Chemistry will host a seminar today at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. University of Minnesota's R. Lee Penn will speak.

The Physical and Mathematical Sciences Library will host a seminar today. Two videos, "Music of the Primes — Math's Greatest Riddle, Math's Greatest Minds, Part 3: From Turing to Tomorrow" and "Black Holes, Pulsars, and Other Odd Bodies" will be shown at 3:35 p.m. in 211 Davey Laboratory.

Correction

A photo's outline on the front page of yesterday's Collegian incorrectly stated the Dalton Hance's title. He is a study coordinator for the Restricted Environmental Stimuli Therapy process.

Weather

CWS FORECAST

Today: Brilliant sunshine, warm. High 81
Tonight: Partly cloudy with patchy fog developing in the morning. Low 60
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. High 83
Tomorrow night: Clear skies. Low 56
Sunday: Ample sunshine. High 78
Sunday night: Starlit skies, cooler. Low 49
Monday: Plentiful sunshine, warm. High 84
LIONS ROAR INTO BIG BLUE

For those of you traveling to the game, here's your Ann Arbor forecast:

Kick Off: 76F
Sunny and a bit breezy.

Half Time: 77F
Brilliant sunshine with a slight breeze.

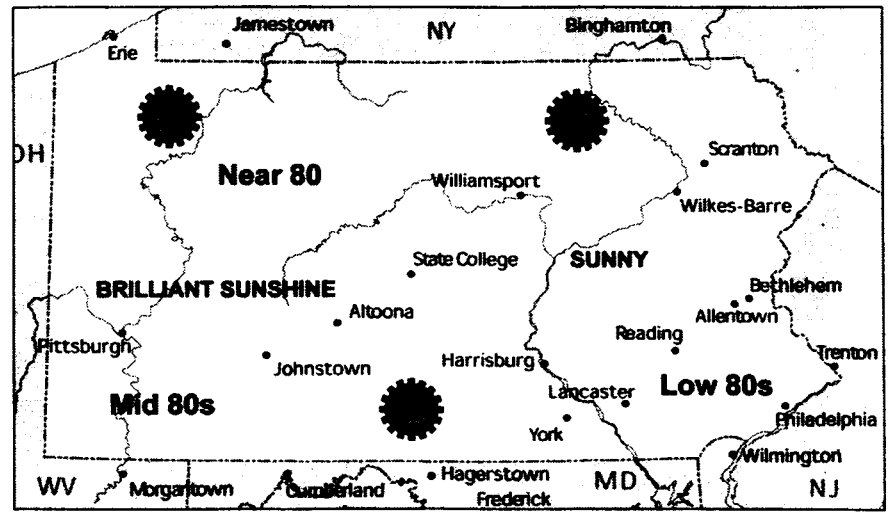
Post Game: 75F
Sunny and pleasant.

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CWS UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 2007



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Today
Normal high 70°
Record high 89° in 1931
Normal low 50°
Record low 32° in 1956
Monthly Climate Summary
(Data valid through 8 am yesterday)
September precipitation 1.19"
Normal September precip 3.52"
September temp. departure +0.76°
Sun Data
Sunset today 7:12 pm
Sunrise tomorrow 6:57 am
Previous Day Summary
Wednesday
High: 74 Low: 48 Temp. departure: -0.22°
Rain or Liquid Equivalent: 0.00"

FORECAST DISCUSSION

After a frosty start to the week, we gradually warmed up during the last few days. The weather today will not change much from yesterday. High temperatures will soar into the mid-80s in the afternoon. As a strong area of high pressure anchors over the commonwealth, warmer than average conditions and mostly sunny skies will dominate State College this weekend.

Victim

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"He's not a piece of evidence," Madeira said. "He's a human being." Amendola said he wants to create a situation where Stidd can hear the trial proceedings, but not be seen, adding that he will file motions necessary to make sure that Torsell's trial is not tainted by emotion.

a fair way for Stidd to appear at the trial, "if there is one at all." "We're working on ways that he can be there," he said, but would not elaborate on potential plans. Amendola called this a "novel case" and could not recall a similar situation. Torsell was driving south on South Atherton Street at the Beaver Avenue crosswalk, when police said he struck Stidd and Richard Smith, 21, of Conshohocken, according to court documents.

Geisinger Medical Center in Danville upon his release from the Mount Nittany Medical Center. In July, he was transferred to Health-South Rehabilitation Hospital in Altoona, where he receives physical, occupational, speech, language, pathology, respiratory and psychology rehabilitation services. Torsell, who was released on \$75,000 bail, will be tried on Monday in front of a jury of four men and eight women.

Game

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consecutive defeats — a last-second loss in 2005, the only sorrow the Lions felt that year. That game, especially the series of fourth-quarter events that culminated with a Michigan touchdown as time expired, is seared in the memories of current players who participated. "I was on kickoff coverage on special teams," linebacker Sean Lee said. "I'm thinking about [Steve] Breaston, when he ran back that kick [to set up Michigan's final drive]."

minds. ... What ifs. There's a lot of what ifs." Perhaps, the biggest "what if" is how the mindset entering this game may have been different if Penn State managed to win once against Michigan in the past decade. All this week, the players have said they're trying to put the losing streak in perspective. The only losses they witnessed have been the past two, including last year's 17-10 defeat at Beaver Stadium. "We can only control this year," Butler said. And this year, the Lions' goals are lofty and clear: to win every game, which means beating Michigan, too.

this season losing to Football Championship Subdivision Appalachian State and then Oregon at home. Then Michigan beat Notre Dame 38-0 last Saturday without its starting quarterback, Chad Henne, whose status is still uncertain after suffering a right leg injury two games ago. Still, on more than one occasion this week, the phrase "Michigan's still Michigan" has been voiced, meaning the Lions believe the Wolverines are still dangerous. "Overall, the team is focused. We understand how big of a game this is for the season," cornerback Lydell Sargeant said. "We're trying to prepare and get ready for a big-time football game."

Michigan

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on this weekend's game between the Wolverines and Penn State, said Nate Sandals, a senior sports editor of The Michigan Daily, Michigan's student newspaper. If the Wolverines come out and play well, excitement will quickly elevate, Sandals said. And if they don't, he added, it wouldn't be a shock. But the cloud of cynicism hovering over Ann Arbor will stay at least one more week. "If you start a season 0-2 at Michigan, there's Armageddon, practically," Sandals said. "[With] Penn State being undefeated, it's hard for anybody on campus to have a good feel for what Michigan's gonna put on the field."

As of Thursday afternoon, Sandals said the campus and adjacent town of Ann Arbor were still calm. Many students there don't have Friday classes, however, so he expected the population to be revved up by today. "Overnight, it's gonna change completely," Sandals said. Steve and Barry's, a Michigan apparel store located on State Street in Ann Arbor, is expecting 5,000 customers to flow through its doors by the end of the weekend. Michigan T-shirts have been "selling like mad" this week, said Alaina Zornbeck, a store employee. Zornbeck has seen some Michigan students sporting "Ohio State sucks" T-shirts but has seen few anti-Penn State slogans.

When the crowds do seep into the area surrounding Michigan Stadium, the university's department of public safety said it will be ready. "I can't imagine that it will be an empty place at all," said Diane Brown, a spokeswoman for Michigan's campus police. She added that this weekend's forecast for summer-like weather will be an extra incentive for spectators to attend the game. Michigan's department of public safety will get help tomorrow from several other law enforcement agencies, including Michigan state troopers. Everything will need to be coordinated, Brown said — from stadium security to traffic leaving the game. Weekends like this one can be challenging, Brown said, because the town is flooded with visitors.

Marriages

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unconstitutional. Alabama was the last state to remove its miscegenation laws in 2000, and today any interracial couple is entitled to marriage. Sam Richards, sociology professor and Race Relation's Project co-director, said society will see more interracial partnerships in the future as cultural barriers continue to break down. Since 1980, the number of interracial marriages has risen from 651,000 to 1,464,000 in 2000, according to the Census Bureau. "History is unfolded in such a way that

culture influences other cultures, [which] breaks down their norm and makes marriages more possible outside of race," Richards said. Adriene Legath (senior-public relations) said she is white and is currently in a relationship with a black man. She said she is glad to be in an interracial relationship. "Being with someone of a different race opened up my mind culturally," Legath said. "There are different dynamics that go on in a white family from a black family." She said she has witnessed subtle racism, from a few questions to a few stares, but nothing that has made her want to confront anyone. She said the

looks she receives vary depending on where she is. Communications lecturer Jo Dumas also agrees that acceptance depends on the social setting. She is primarily of Irish descent and has been married for 37 years to her husband, who is primarily of African-American heritage. Dumas said she felt more comfortable when she lived in New York City than when she lived in a European-populated area because there was a mixture of races. In a statement released on the anniversary of the Loving v. Virginia case on June 12, Loving said everyone should have the right to marry.

Sleep

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called the baseline, the subjects got 10 hours of sleep two nights in a row. The second part of the study consisted of the subjects going to bed at 4 a.m. and waking up at 8 a.m. for five days in a row. Heart rates were monitored throughout the study and then compared to see if there had been any changes from the baseline heart rates. Banks said they did, in fact, see changes — an increased heart rate and a decrease in heart rate variability. "This basically gives you an idea of the stress on the heart," Banks said. "A nor-

mal healthy young person would have a high heart rate variability where the heart can quickly respond to different stimuli. When the heart rate variability is decreased, the heart doesn't respond as well to stimuli, and this is an indicator of heart disease." She said that generally means the heart has to work harder. She added, though, that this is a suggestion from preliminary data and that further research will be conducted. But have no fear, college students. Not all hope is lost because of that 8 a.m. lecture. Banks said there is something called "sleep recovery." "You can use those weekends to get some recovery sleep," she said. "It does

seem to be, that certainly for your cognition and memory and reaction time, all those things can recover quite quickly, but you have to give yourself that good opportunity for sleep." Some students, though, do try to get a good amount of sleep each day. Brendan Hunt (sophomore-biopsychology) said he usually gets six hours of sleep a night, and it's just a part of life that college students in today's society get less sleep. Other students rely heavily on a solid eight hours of sleep. "I love sleeping and to function properly, I need eight hours," Jackie Berkowitz (senior-communications, sciences and disorders) said.

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