

## Power outage hits campus

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A transformer failure resulted in a power outage in central campus Thursday afternoon, but partial power was restored to the majority of affected buildings a few hours later — except for parts of the HUB-Robeson Center.

Numerous areas of the HUB — including the Penn State Bookstore — remained without power and air conditioning Thursday afternoon. Office of

Physical Plant Utility Systems Engineer Dick Harris said.

The power outage occurred at 12:40 p.m. as the result of a failed transformer in the Penn State Bookstore, Harris said.

About ten buildings in the central area of campus, including the Thomas Building, HUB, Pollock Hall, Penn State Bookstore and the Millennium Science Complex construction site lost power, according to a Penn State Live press release.

"Half of our building is out —

and we have no air conditioning," HUB-Robeson Center Supervisor Peggy Diaz said. "Half of our employees don't have electricity."

Power was restored to most of the buildings in central campus by 5 p.m. on Thursday, but parts of the HUB were still without power, Harris said.

Office of Physical Plant crews performed routine trouble shooting in the area, including testing underground cables, before the transformer failure was isolated, Harris said.

All of the maintenance work being done to restore power was taking place in the basement of the building, Harris said.

Without power, all of the food services in the HUB were forced to move their supplies to other refrigeration units, Harris said.

"Whatever doesn't have power will remain that way through the night," Harris said.

OPP crews planned to have the power restored by Friday morning, and asked for a voluntary

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Courtesy of State College Police Department  
 Two men seen on surveillance cameras were identified.

## Two men found

Police locate men in video

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Police identified the two men of interest they were seeking in connection to an arson that destroyed a police vehicle at 3:23 a.m. Sunday in the State College Borough Municipal Building parking lot.

Police did not say whether they believe the men started the fire that destroyed the State College Police Department vehicle.

The men are being interviewed as witnesses to the incident, police said, and have been fully cooperating with the investigation.

The men — who police describe as being in their late teens — were seen by police in a State College parking garage surveillance video that police released Tuesday.

Police did not say which parking garage the footage was taken from but said it was in "close proximity" to the municipal building.

Police said they were seen in the parking garage "at or around the time" of the arson, which led police to seek the men for questioning.

Police did not release their names or say whether they are Penn State students.

Police said the fire began in the front of the vehicle — which was completely charred by the fire — and spread towards the back.

The fire was started using an accelerant, which police said caused the fire to spread more quickly than usual.

Police said they believe the fire is related to another incident involving a homemade bomb that was found burning on top of State College Police Department cruiser June 21.

That fire was extinguished by an officer before any major damage was done to the vehicle.

Police said a person who saw images from the video identified the men to police.

Police have not said if the two arson incidents are connected to the recent fires at Parkway Plaza, 1000 Plaza Dr., and Pizza Hut, 760 S. Atherton St.

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## Two stores battle for sweetest treat

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Call it Custard's Last Stand.

Within two months of each other, cupcake boutiques Sugar on Top and \*Nduge have opened up in downtown State College.

Each features different cupcake flavors, but both stores are equally passionate about cupcakes.

### Sugar on Top

Shaunda Lohse is a bubbly person. She personally greets every-

body who walks into her cupcake boutique. She entertains her son while chatting to her sales associates.

But one year ago, she wasn't so happy.

After separating from her husband, she said she was "depressed and sad."

Her sister had opened a cupcake shop in Washington and encouraged Lohse to do the same. Lohse's neighbor took one bite of her cupcake and immediately asked if he could buy some more.

With that, Lohse threw herself into a new project.

Now, she wakes up anytime between 3 and 7 a.m. and heads to 121 1/2 E. Beaver Ave. The walls are bright pink and green with bakery counters on one side and chairs, couches, tables and even a television makes up the lounge area on the other.

Patrons might do a double take when reading Lohse's menu: Instead of traditional flavors, "pancakes and bacon," "Pumpkin Cheesecake" and "Orange U Glad" are featured on the menu.

Her inspiration for flavors comes from her childhood experiences. The carrot cake she made for her Dad's birthday each year was the inspiration for her carrot cake cupcake. The pancakes and bacon cupcake is reminiscent of Sunday morning breakfast. And the banana split cupcake is an ode to a favorite childhood treat.

She counts herself lucky for being able to live out her childhood dream.

"It's been my dream," she said. "I wake up and it's going on."

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Two men walk past the Obelisk on Pattee Mall.

## OPP repairs iconic Obelisk

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Though many students may take the Obelisk between the Willard and Sackett Buildings for granted, few actually know the structure's actual purpose.

Construction crews began maintenance on the Obelisk July 12 and hope to have the restoration work completed by the end of the month, Office of Physical Plant (OPP) spokesman Paul Ruskin said.

Simple deterioration necessitated the construction on the structure, Ruskin said.

"The Obelisk is a teaching lab for geology," Ruskin said. "Besides being a beautiful monument on campus, it also has a scientific purpose."

The Obelisk is made up of different types and ages of stone from all over Pennsylvania.

"The Obelisk is now a Penn State landmark, the oldest one on campus, and was actually first

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## Show cruises to town

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Start your engines and open up that wallet: The 25th Annual Last Cruise Car and Motorcycle Show is rolling back to State College this weekend.

Last Cruise is a two-part car show that spans the entire day, and all proceeds benefit the Centre County Youth Services Bureau.

The first half of the Last Cruise show is held at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg. Almost 300 cars will be on display throughout the morning and afternoon of the show this Saturday, Bob Hufnagel said.

"I'm a big-time car guy," Hufnagel, Class of 1976, said. "I consider cars to be works of art as much as anything else."

Fans of classic and unique cars will be able to tour the show on Saturday and

admire the different vehicles on display. All the cars are sorted into one of five categories, including stock or original cars.

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A car sits on display at last year's event.

## Skydivers fall for adrenaline rush

Series note: This is the last in a five-part series exploring unusual summer activities.

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Brent Hutchings has jumped out of a plane at 10,500 feet up in the air thousands of times.

He calls skydiving an indescribable feeling and said everyone should get the chance to experience it.



The first 30 seconds out of the plane, skydivers free fall for half of a mile. It's an adrenaline-pumping journey that ends with a five-minute coast down to the ground, Hutchings said.

From that high up, skydivers can get

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Skydivers freefall at Skydive Happy Valley.