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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION



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The familiar south entrance to Dobbins Dining Hall was replaced this semester with a temporary entrance to the gazebo section of the building.

Dobbins renovations close north entrance

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For the entirety of the 2009-2010 school year, students will have to make their way around construction to eat in the Dobbins Dining Hall.

The new renovations to the eating facility, which began this summer and are not slated to end until July 2010, will force students to walk uphill in order to get in. The entrance on the north side of the building, closest to Aquarius Way and the entrance across from Perry Hall, is closed for the year.

A temporary entrance has been placed at the Gazebo section of Dobbins, on the south side at the top of the hill, next to the suites.

Students who want to enter Dobbins from the bottom of the hill, then, have to either walk around Lawrence by Jordan Road, or up the "Million Dollar Staircase" by Senat.

Housing and Food Services Director Randy Geering says that the inconvenience represents "short term pain for long term gain."

"It's going to be a challenge," he says, "but with the right attitude we can still provide good service and good food to students."

The construction will work around the facilities while they are in use, so full-scale construction probably will not begin until May 2010.

The project is intended to expand the facility's eating options, which will

eventually include a Caribbean area, charbroil station, and a "homestyle" station.

The project will put an addition on the south side of the building. The addition will include a new special events space that can be used by student organizations, administration, and other catering events.

The north side of the building will introduce a new stairwell stack to replace the staircase present now; it will also provide an elevator that will go up one floor. Students will then walk through the building and up through the south addition to get to the dining room.

The east side staircase, which remains closed for the rest of this year,

will be gone entirely. In case of emergency, two fire exits will be open in addition to the temporary entrance at the Gazebo, but all other entrances and exits are closed.

Geering also is going to head the effort of the Food Advisory Board, which will hold meetings throughout the year to give students information on the project, as well as gather feedback and opinions.

"We want the students to know that we're here for them, but also that they're here for us," he says.



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INTRAMURALS

Intramurals at Behrend draw half of campus

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Penn State Behrend is up and running in full force as the 2009 fall semester is underway. Students have arrived to the campus, purchased books and supplies and moved into dorms and apartments.

With everything that goes into being a successful student, it may seem difficult to some students to get involved in activities and meet new people.

Each year, massive amounts of students, many of them freshmen, find this opportunity in intramural sports at Behrend. This year seems to be no exception, as rosters are filling quickly for various activities.

According to Robert Wittman, Coordinator of Intramural and Recreational programs, 1,236 full-time, male students participated in at least one intramural activity last year - about half of all full-time male students.

There were also 548 full-time, female students that participated in at least one intramural activity last year. That translates to 38 percent.

Of all full-time, freshmen male students, 457, or 59 percent, participated in at least one intramural activity. Over 250, or 46 percent, full-time freshmen females took part in at least one activity.

Wittman expects the same numbers for this year, but would like to see more.

"(Numbers) should be consistent with last year, but we are hoping for more."

In order to draw in as many students as possible, a number of activities were added last year including an ultimate frisbee tournament, a water games night, several horseshoe competitions, a free throw completion and a Texas Hold 'em tournament.

A Sunday night chess league will be added, along with a Sunday night horseshoe league.

Some tournaments that were offered last year will not be offered this year, due to lack of participation.

"Euchre and rock-paper scissors were not that popular, so we are getting away from those," Wittman said.

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PENN STATE FOOTBALL

All-U tickets sell out

BY MIKE O. WEHRER
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Some students were up before dawn to get in line at the Reed Union Building for tickets for Penn State's All University football game, or "All-U Day."



Contributed photo
Students from all commonwealth campuses fill Beaver Stadium on All-U Day.

Many, though, were met with disappointment as they quickly realized students had shown up as early as 6:00 a.m. to camp out a spot.

Tickets were available starting at 7:30 a.m. at the RUB help desk, and they sold out quickly, as was expected. All-U Day, which celebrates annually all of Penn State's campuses at half-time, matches Penn State up against Iowa this year on Sept. 26.

Some students got up early, but still missed getting their tickets. "I actually work at the office and asked about it," said sophomore psychology student Brittany Gannoe. "They said the tickets sell out in an hour. I wish they'd said to get there earlier. I thought that I could get there at 7:30 and I'd be fine. I didn't realize that I'd need to be there at six."

Other students had help from friends in getting their tickets.

"I found out through other people," said sophomore Sara Stiegerwald. "I didn't even know about it until that morning when the guys across the hall woke me up to go down."

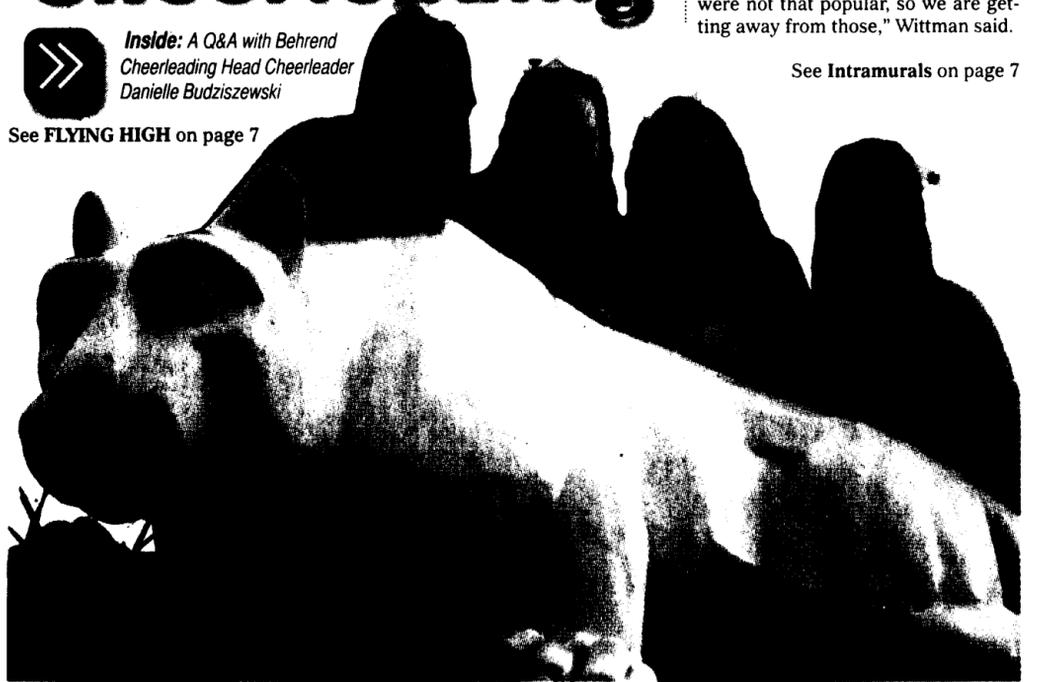
Faculty and staff also experienced trouble in getting tickets; many lined up with the students, but only ten tickets were available in total for them.

Cheerleading



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Cheerleading Head Cheerleader
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