

Campus swimming pool not opening this semester

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Penn State Harrisburg students will not be able to enjoy the luxury of the pool this semester. The pool is still under construction and students will have to wait to use it until final approval is given from University Park. The University will not accept the contract until minor cosmetic repairs are made and safety issues are addressed.

Edward Dankanich, director of Business Services, said visual items, such as roof and slate repairs, need to be completed before the pool opens. Lobar Construction is the principle contractor for the project and they are also involved in numerous construction projects around the local area.

Upon a visual tour of the pool, some items, such as the handicap facilities, were not completed. Handicap facilities must comply with Federal guidelines.

Bud Smitley, coordinator of Recreational Athletics, said that Penn State has had other construction projects which have developed slowly, but that is because of Penn State's commitment to ensure safety and proper construction.

"It seems like it is going slowly," Smitley said. "University Park is going to try to make sure it will be done perfectly. They like to dot their i's and cross their t's."

According to Janet Widoff, director of Student Affairs, student activities fees have not been allocated to help fund the pool. She also said that there is no set percentage of fees that are directed to the gym, but the student activity fees committee receives proposals for things like equipment for the weight room and fitness area.

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Penn State Harrisburg's campus swimming pool is almost completed, but must wait for approval from University Park before it can open. It is located behind the Capital Union Building (CUB) and will be free for students.

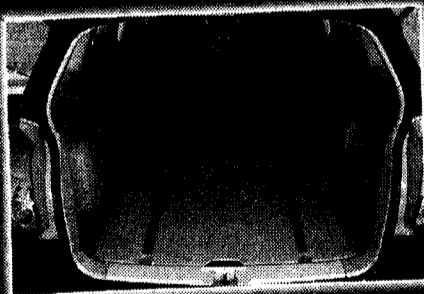
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Features of the new swimming pool:

- 6 lanes
- heated
- 9,000 square feet
- handicapped accessible
- free for all PSH students
- will be shared with local area

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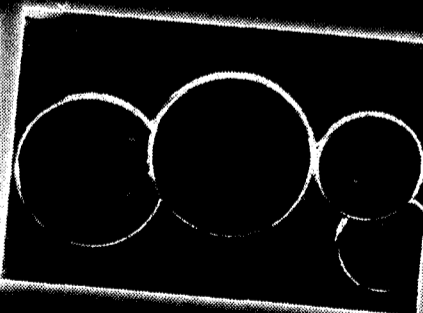
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