

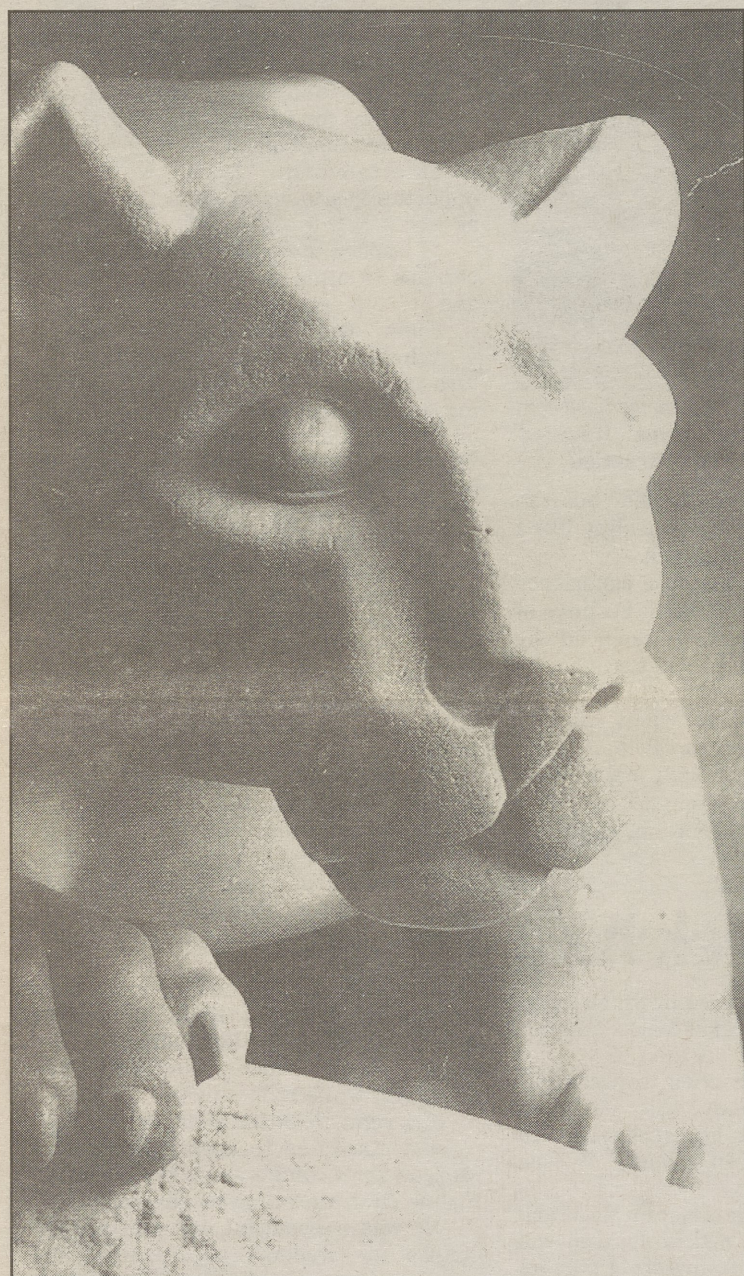


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The cherished sculpture of the Nittany Lion stands proudly on Main Campus. The Delaware County Campus is scheduled to have its own carving on the quad within a few weeks.

No lion: Delco awaits arrival

Landmark sculpture due on campus

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Those students who have visited Penn State's University Park campus without a doubt have seen the famous Penn State Nittany Lion, located near Rec Hall.

The giant statue is a must-see for tourists, family and students alike.

The lion was a gift presented to the university from Penn State's class of 1940. The lion was sculpted from a block of Indiana limestone and is supposedly the most photographed object on the University Park campus.

Well, get ready, Penn State Delco students: We are getting one, too!

The question is, where is it and when are we getting it?

"We're kind of in a holding pattern right now," said campus official Beverly Grove, who said the Nittany Lion was supposed to reach Penn State Delaware County's campus weeks ago, but has been missing in action ever since.

"The lion arrived and had bottom-base chips and hairline cracks," she said. "The ear was chipped and damaged, probably by rubbing up against the truck."

The Nittany Lion is three-quarters the size of the Lion displayed at University Park and weighs 15,000 pounds. It is made out of tumble block, which will give it a vintage appearance,

and will be displayed on a 30-foot circular block with a half-moon bench on the middle triangle of the campus between the main building and the commons, hopefully becoming a spot where

students will gather.

"We're really excited about it," said Grove.

If all goes well, the lion is expected to return home in two to three weeks.



Photo by John Hickey
A painted outline marks the spot on the campus, near the Commons Building, where a sculpture of the Penn State Nittany Lion will soon stand.

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