

Eye on Campus

'Not a satellite campus anymore'

Presence of Lion sculpture signals 'part of a legend'

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The much-anticipated Nittany Lion sculpture was unveiled outside the Commons Building patio Nov. 5.

The lion was supposed to reach the campus weeks ago, but had arrived damaged.

"This is the symbol of Penn State's strength," said campus CEO Dr. Ed Tomesko. "It is part of a legend."

University Senator Chris Vice joined Penn State along with numerous members of the faculty and staff, students, and the Penn State Cheerleaders for the unveiling of our own Nittany Lion. Tomesko and SGA president Uzair Qadeer were speakers at the presentation.

"It's not every day you



get the Nittany Lion," said freshman Jen Fabry. "It's a new landmark on the campus. It's pretty neat. It will unite us with the main campus. We're not just some satellite campus any-

more."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D'Iorio donated Penn State Delco's Nittany Lion. Ralph D'Iorio, Penn State alum from the class of 1943 and former campus advisory board president, played varsity lacrosse, was the former president of the alumni chapter of Delaware County, and was a past recipient of the Pioneer Award.

He also established the Ralph B. and Shirley McFadden D'Iorio Scholarship, which acknowledges undergraduate students with superior academic records or promise that are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in the College of Liberal Arts. The scholarship is in loving memory of Shirley McFadden



Photo by Anteia Consorto

Campus CEO Dr. Ed Tomesko, left, SGA President Uzair Qadeer and, of course, the Nittany Lion mascot were on hand for the unveiling of the sculpture of the Nittany Lion on the Delco campus.

D'Iorio.

The lion is a three-quarter-size replica of the famous Nittany Lion that sits at Penn State University Park's campus, near the Recreation Hall. It weighs approximately 1,500 pounds and is made of tumble-block, which makes it appear dated. The lion will be displayed on a 30-foot circular base with a half-moon bench, on the middle triangle between the Main Building and the Commons Building.

"I'm hopeful it will become a gathering place for students," said campus official Beverly Grove.

As luck would have it, the lion arrived damaged once again. There are scratches under its stomach, as well as a dent in its cheek that needs to be patched.

But the Lion's not going anywhere this time. All repair work will take place on campus.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D'Iorio are responsible for the donation that brought the Lion to campus.

A 13-mph speed limit? Yep, that's what it's meant to be

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so that you can dash across the street and get to class safely."

Crossing the main entrance road seems to be a serious issue on campus. The central reason for concern is the simple fact that it cannot be avoided. You have to cross that street somewhere in order to get onto campus.

Crossing the small street is not so much the problem, as is the ability of being able to beat the cars to get across.

Some drivers just are not aware that the diagonal white lines are indication of pedestrian crossing, as stated

in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Vehicle Law Handbook, but now there is no excuse for not knowing, since the signs have been recently installed.

"Signs were needed because people were not watching out for others who were crossing," said student Brian McClafferty.

Another factor that goes hand-in-hand with the crossing is the speed limit; yes, it is actually 13 miles per hour.

According to Dave Horevay, campus director of safety and security, "the speed limit was chosen to be 13 mph in order to catch your eye and to slow you

down."

Although it may seem difficult to drive 13 mph, especially when you're late for a class, it is, however, the rule and, according to Horevay, must be abided.

Another issue with the main crossing road is the enormous speed bumps, also intended to slow down drivers. The irony is that drivers speed to school, blow the stop signs, nearly miss hitting pedestrians, and then must come to a dead stop at the speed bumps.

You know you've either seen it or done it yourself.

Here are a few things to consider while driving to campus:

- Obey the 13-mph speed limit;
 - Come to a complete stop at the stop signs (contrary to popular belief, white borders do not mean they are optional);
 - Yield to the pedestrians.
- v Basically just be aware of your surroundings.

Even though there may not be ticketed violations for these offenses, there may be other consequences if the rules are not followed, whether it is damaging your vehicle or injuring a fellow classmate.