Eye on Penn State

PSU Great Valley: A Look Inside the Chilean Miners Rescue

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Malvern, PA- A group from Schramm Inc., a West Chester-based manufacturer and supplier for the hydraulic drill industry, was part of the international rescue team for 33 men who were trapped for 69 days nearly half a mile below the earth's surface in a Chilean mine.

Penn State Great Valley welcomes Peter Christian, vice president of engineering at Schramm, who will share how his group assisted with the rescue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Musser Auditorium at 30 E. Swedesford Rd., Malvern, Pa. This event is held in conjunction with the school's celebration of Engineer's Week, Feb. 22-24 and is free and open to the public.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Engineers Week, a week dedicated to increasing the awareness, understanding and appreciation of contributions made by engineers to society. Along with the presentation about the Chilean miner rescue, the campus will also host an Engineering Information Session, 5 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22 in the Main Building, Room 228 and a student/alumni/faculty mixer, 5:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Main Building lobby. All events are free and open to the public. Registration information is available at http://www.sgps.psu.edu/eweek2011/default.ashx online.



Topping-off ceremony held at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital

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Hershey, PA- Construction workers placed the final steel beam atop the new Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, marking a milestone in the construction of the freestanding building, in a topping-off ceremony held Feb. 8. The beam bearing the signatures of patients, staff, students, volunteers, donors, and community members was hoisted into the air by a crane then carefully lowered and guided into place.

"Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital already offers state-of-the-art care, and soon we will have a facility to match. The strong support we have received from donors and the community as a whole and the hard work of many people, including the construction team, have made this moment possible," said Harold Paz, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center chief executive officer, senior vice president for health affairs for Penn State, and dean, Penn State College of Medicine.

A 'topping-off' ceremony is a long-standing tradition of construction workers, particularly steel workers, to commemorate the completion of a building's structure – specifically the placement of the final steel beam. In keeping with the tradition, the beam placed atop Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital today was adorned with a small evergreen tree on one end and an American flag on the other.

"Today we celebrate another major step toward completion of the new Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, which will enhance the quality of medical care for children in central Pennsylvania," said A. Craig Hillemeier, medical director of Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

The completed Children's Hospital is scheduled to open in late 2012. The 252,000-square-foot, five-story facility will include five operating suites designed for surgical care of children and adolescents, an eight-bed surgical recovery area, a cardiac catheterization lab for pediatric heart patients (all located on the second floor), as well as significantly expanded space for pediatric intensive care — vital infrastructure to support the role of Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital as the region's only Level One Pediatric Trauma Center.

The first floor of the new Children's Hospital



Construction workers place the final beam on Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. This occasion marks another major step toward completion of the facility, slated to open in late 2012. (photo courtesy of Penn State University)

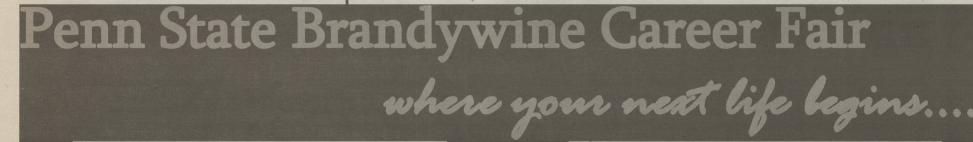
will include an outpatient pediatric cancer pavilion with 11 infusion rooms and eight exam rooms to support bone marrow transplantation and other therapies vital to treating children with cancer. The first floor also features educational resource centers for families, including a "safety store" and areas for families to learn about childhood illnesses, health and wellness.

The ground floor includes a new pediatric radiology unit, as well as a state-of-the-art blood bank and pharmacy, which will serve both children and adults.

In addition to critical patient care areas, there are several elements planned throughout the new Children's Hospital to provide children and families with a distraction from their worries about illness or injury. These elements include a meditation room, an outdoor roof terrace with green plants, and an interactive learning wall located on the hospital's first floor.

All of the inpatient rooms, which are located on the third and fourth floors, will be private rooms and include space where two parents can comfortably spend the night with their child.

To see video of the ceremony, visit http://live.psu.edu/youtube/Y20Rt3XA2L0 online.



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