## A look ahead

## University builds up campus, speakers and student programs for Fall '97

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al events await students returning to the University for Fall Semester.

In the next months, renovations, mergers and performances will continue to change the environment at the University. **Campus Construction** 

Three major projects are slated for either construction work or planning this semester.

Library construction will continue throughout Fall Semester, said Vicki Fong, manager of Science, Engineering and Research Communications.

Temporarily shifted walkways and entrances in and around the building, additional book drop-off points and other features are located around the library to make the facility more convenient during construction, she said.

HUB/Paul Robeson Cultural Center construction will also continue throughout the semester, Fong said. Crews are working to relocate and improve utilities around the building.

Construction of the building will begin later this semester, she said, and the completed HUB/Robeson Center will cover about 15 percent of the existing lawn area.

and designing reviews for the proposed alumni center, said Ernie Gale, director of Construction, new programs and cultur- alumni programs. Construction of the versity House, will begin in 1998, he said.

**Speakers and Performances** entertainers are scheduled to appear at auditoriums and theaters around the Uni-

Earvin "Magic" Johnson will kick off the Distinguished Speaker Series at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 in Eisenhower Auditori-

William Shulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA, and Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. representative to the United Nations will also speak later in the academic year, according to a University press release.

In addition to the speaker series, the Center for the Performing Arts has a semester-long calendar of events, which includes groups ranging from dance companies to orchestras.

One performance, State Fair, a Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein musical, will open Sept. 4 at Eisenhower Auditorium, according to a Center for the Performing Arts schedule.

The story, which centers on an Iowa

In addition, architects are researching farm family, will also run Sept. 5 and 7. **New Programs** 

Two new programs at the University focus on improving students' learning structure, which will connect to the Uni- experience outside the traditional class-

The Residence Hall Newspaper Reader-Orchestras, dancers, speakers and other ship Program is in its early stages. Four daily newspapers are delivered to dorms across campus, according to a University news release.

Interest in the publications will be monitored throughout the semester and adjustments will be made in response to student interest.

Also, the University's World Campus, a distance education program that uses the Internet and other information technology, will continue to expand in order to reach more students, according to a University news release. Courses, programs and services will eventually be made available to students around the world through the pro-

**University Mergers** 

The University's two major mergers, one with the Dickinson School of Law and the other with the Geisinger Health System, will progress throughout the Fall Semester.

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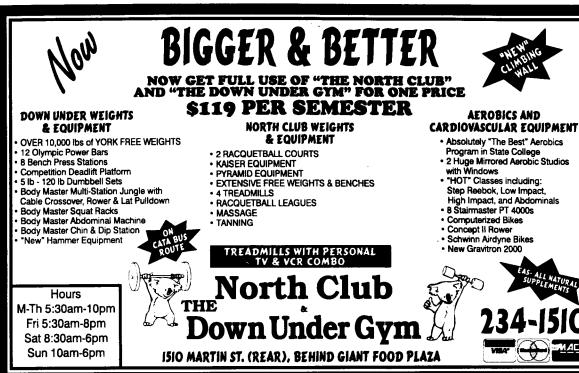
Ongoing discussion and minor changes Bulldozers and workers fill the HUB lawn earlier this week as the HUB/Paul Robeson Cultural Center construction continues into the Fall Semester.







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