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## Flu shots available

Hundreds of students received the seasonal flu vaccine Thursday.

> By Colleen Boyle FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of students from across campus rolled up their sleeves Thursday to get the seasonal flu vaccine on its first day of release at Penn State.

A line snaked through the HUB-Robeson Center to Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall, said Lauryn Drenning (seniorwhere University Health Services (UHS) teamed up with private company Maxim Health Services to provide Penn Staters with this year's vaccine.

By lunchtime Thursday, more than 550 students had received the vaccine, UHS Nursing Manager Nancy Lambert said.

Some students waiting in line expressed anxiety about getting the shot, especially after seeing some students faint.

"I'm having second thoughts,"

communication sciences and disorders) as she waited her turn.

But others, like flu shot veteran Benjamin Green (senior-meteorology), said they were not worried. He said he's more afraid of getting behind in school.

"This is my fourth year getting it," Green said. "I can't afford to miss class because I'm sick.

Appointments weren't accepted in advance to get the vaccine, so students lined up between classes See FLU. Page 2.



Students stand outside of Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall for flu shots Thursday. The vaccines were for seasonal flu, not swine flu.



Daryll Clark (17) feels pressure from the Hawkeye defense as he tries to make a pass during the Sept. 26 game against lowa. The Nittany Lions lost to the Hawkeyes by a score of 21-10.

### \_ions look for victory against EIU

By Nate Mink COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Joe Paterno isn't happy hearing Eastern Illinois isn't any good.

Repeated references by the media this week implying the Panthers are a mere speed bump in Penn State's Big Ten schedule bothered the Nittany Lions' football coach.

That said, Paterno admitted he'd rather not play Eastern Illinois, wishing he could take a week off to rest a number of players dealing with minor

"I would have preferred we had an open date for a lot of reasons," Paterno said about a break in the Big Ten schedule. "Not one of which is the fact that we're playing Eastern Illinois."

Eastern Illinois (4-1, 2-1 Ohio Valley) meets No. 14 Penn State in the first meeting between the schools at noon Saturday in Beaver Stadium. ESPN Classic will carry the game.

Playing a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponent may not be the October matchup fans are used to seeing, but the Lions (4-1, 1-1 Big See LIONS. Page 2.

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## Iistoric bell removed

By Somer Wiggins COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Watching the Old Main bell descend from its historic berth, Emily Enders said she was excited to be present at the event.

"It's timeless and has so much history," Enders (junior-French and communication arts and sciences). "It makes me proud to be a part of this great university."

The Old Main bell was rung Thursday for the first time since 1929, minutes after being removed from its 79-year home in Old Main's tower. It will be restored as the Class of 2009's senior class gift.

About 50 people watched as a giant crane lifted the bell out of the tower and brought it to the ground, just a few feet in front of

the crowd. Avery Peechatka and Jill Caffrey, members of the 2009 Senior Class Gift Committee, were the first people to ring the

"It's cool to be the first ones to have rung it since 1929,' Peechatka, Class of 2009, said.

Some students might be surprised to learn the ringing they hear every fifteen minutes isn't actually the Old Main bell but chimes inside the tower. The bell had not been rung since the last day of classes in June 1929 and has hung in the tower since the completion of the current Old Main in 1930, said Michael Bezilla, university director of See BELL. Page 2.



To see photos of the bell: psucollegian.com



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A crane moves the Old Main bell on Tuesday morning. As their class gift, the Class of 2009 has paid to have the bell removed and restored.

#### Basketball season ticket sales surge

By Greg Cohen COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Last year, students bought about 800 men's basketball season ticket packages over the course of the season.

But on the first day of this year's ticket sale, the athletic department sold 750 men's season packages for the upcoming season — already nearly matching last year's sale, Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford said.

Penn State men's and Lady Lions' basketball tickets went on sale during a

special event 10 a.m. Thursday in HUB- was pleased with the day's turnout. Alumni Hall. Students can buy tickets online beginning next Tuesday.

The immediate turnout was so great, some students were confused about

what exactly was going on. "A student asked me. 'Is this the line for flu shots?" said Alex Cohen, Nittany Nation marketing and public relations chairman. "I don't know what the demand is for flu shots, but right now we'll pass off free flu shots if it means selling extra tickets.'

Myford said the athletic department

Matthew Checchio, assistant marketing manager for the athletic department, echoed Myford's sentiments.

The line [was] incredible," he said. 'It went from outside of Alumni Hall all the way back to [Paul Robeson Cultural

Center's Heritage Hall]. At the front of that line was a group of six students who had done their best Paternoville impression.

The group of freshmen arrived outside of Alumni Hall with chairs and See BASKETBALL. Page 2.



Andy Haughton (senior-aerospace engineering) sits in the middle of a group of cyclists in front of Rec Hall. Haughton will compete in the Ironman triathlon on Saturday in Hawaii. In the race, Haughton will swim 2.4 miles and bike 112 miles before running a marathon.

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#### Student preps for Hawaii triathlon

By Andrew J. Cassavell COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

During the afternoon hours of Sept. 26, Andy Haughton, like most Penn State students, was outside and getting doused by sheets of rain.

But the aerospace engineering major wasn't tailgating for the football team's upcoming contest with Iowa. Nor was he waiting in line for a front-row seat on the

bleachers. Haughton was miles away from

white Cannondale bicycle, pushing through a five-hour ride — a weekly routine for the senior. On Saturday, he'll fulfill a goal he wasn't sure he would ever get the chance to achieve: competing in the Hawaii Ironman triathlon.

Two hours into his Sept. 26 ride, Haughton realized he wouldn't be able to complete his trek outdoors because of the weather, so he turned around. But the day wasn't

Having only finished half of his

Beaver Stadium on a blue-and- workout, Haughton took his bike inside, mounted it on a trainer and finished the remaining two and a half hours.

"Just about all of the training is done by yourself," Haughton said. "There is no one pushing you except for you. If you don't have the mentality of 'Let's go do this right now,' no one is going to give it

Haughton, who said he has competed in about 15 triathlons, spent 17 weeks training for the

See IRONMAN, Page 5.