

# Merging of gyms creates new jobs

The North Club will be taking over four gyms in the State College area.

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A new company is set to take over four downtown gyms, which could provide more job opportunities for Penn State students.

The North Club, 1510 Martin St., recently acquired both LionHeart Fitness, 127 Sowers Street, and Titan Fitness, previously at 412 W. College Ave.. The North Club operator Karl Zimmerman said.

Titan Fitness now runs the mixed martial arts classes that LionHeart Fitness previously covered, and both gyms are now housed in the LionHeart building. The former Titan Fitness building will become a new general fitness location.

And the new conglomerate is hiring. The North Club manager Gretchen Welch said. West Club, a new gym set to open in Westerly Parkway in August, will need a full staff of five to 10 people when it opens. Students who wish to apply for a part-time front desk job can fill out an application at any of the gyms.

Zimmerman also expects new positions at The North Club,

which recently underwent renovations and now features full-length lockers, new showers, a new sauna, a new steam shower and new bathroom facilities.

Titan Fitness also hired new people because of the change, gym owner Paul Zelinka said.

"Because of this facility and availability, we've actually been able to hire a couple of new instructors to just add some programs," Zelinka said. "But at the same time, we're taking on more people. Enrollment has increased substantially. We wanted the right number of instructors."

Some of the programs Titan Fitness offers include mixed martial arts, Brazilian jiu-jitsu and co-ed boxing.

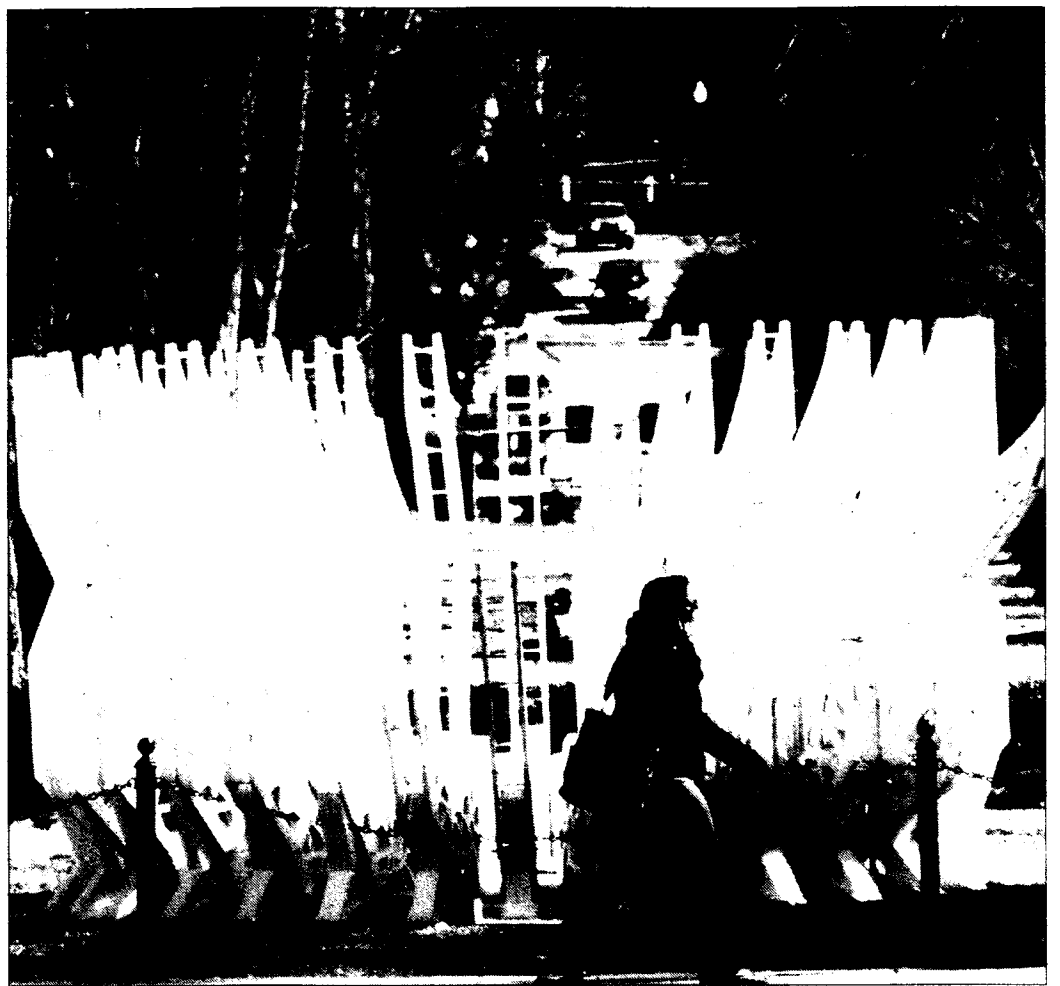
Each location targets a different demographic. Zimmerman said the North Club caters to customers 40 years old or older, though they do have some college undergraduates. Titan Fitness is more oriented to college undergraduates, with programs like martial arts classes, Zelinka said.

Zelinka said the merge benefited both the club and the members.

"It benefits us because we're in a much better location," he said. "The location is more centralized."

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## THE ART OF SPRING



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A student walks past an abstract sculpture placed in front of the Pattee Library. The sculpture was designed and built by a team of graduate and undergraduate architecture students and represents the blooming of flowers that appear on the Pattee Mall every spring.

# The 'S' Book to reach out to new PSU students

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Samantha Miller began her career at Penn State as a transfer student, moving from Wake Forest University in her second semester of college. Adjusting was hard, she said.

Now the UPUA Director of Assembly Services, she had hoped to offer a university handbook not just to incoming freshman, but to transfer students like herself.

On Wednesday, she was happy to announce that the handbook, now dubbed "The 'S' Book," will be offered to everyone new to Penn State University Park — including freshmen, transfer and change-of-campus students.

"I know how important it is for

every single new student — regardless of when they join the Penn State community — to receive help when making that transition," she said.



Miller

The book's newly finalized title stands for "State," representing its status as a service for all Penn State students regardless of campus.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Director of Public Relations and Media Andrew Karasik said.

UPUA members hoped to give the handbook to all new students, but they had to make sure they

had the money, said Miller, who is leading the production of the handbook.

Miller (senior-political science) said the cost of the project is still undetermined but will definitely not exceed the \$21,000 originally allocated for the initiative.

The number of handbooks to be distributed is also still being determined. Miller estimates that the incoming freshman class at University Park will require about 7,500 books, and additional transfer and change-of-campus students will require about 2,000.

UPUA President Gavin Keirans said he agreed the expansion of the handbook is a positive move and is happy to be able to resolve some of the initial concerns voiced over the handbook.

"We wanted to make sure we could get this book out to as many people as we were able to."

Gavin Keirans

senior - business management

"The idea to extend it to change-of-campus and transfer students came out of listening to chronic concerns members of CCSG expressed," Keirans (senior-business management) said. "We wanted to make sure we could get this book out to as many people as we were able to."

And the decision has been well received by CCSG.

Though initially resistant to a handbook tailored only to

University Park freshmen, CCSG President Nick Borsuk — a change-of-campus student from Penn State Altoona — said he commends UPUA's efforts to reach out.

"I think it will greatly impact [new students'] ability to successfully enter University Park," Borsuk (senior-political science) said.

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