

Courtesy of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

The Biobehavioral Health Building, pictured above in an artist's rendition as viewed from the Henderson mall, will be located south of Henderson Building between Old Main Lawn and HUB lawn.

# Construction to close lawn

By Julia Kern  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

The lower portion of the HUB lawn will close Oct. 29 until Oct. 31, 2012, as Penn State officials begin construction on the new Biobehavioral Health Building — a move that leaves a void in a space students often frequent.

That portion of the HUB lawn will be fenced off from the new building — which will be constructed south of the Henderson Building — over the sidewalk on the east side of the lawn. The space will be used as a staging area for construction.

Maria Malizia (junior-Italian and dance) said she's inconvenienced by the building construction — but also ideologically opposed.

"I'm disgusted, to be honest," Malizia said. "The urbanization on this campus is despicable. There is so little green space left on campus."

But Office of Physical Plant spokesman Paul Ruskin said the area is needed for trucks to deliver materials vital for construction.

The construction of the five-story, 93,500 square foot, \$48.1 million-building was announced in July at a Penn State Board of Trustees meeting. The building will take about two years to complete, and is scheduled to be finished by Oct. 31, 2012, Ruskin said.

"A building is like an investment. We want to do it right, since

the building will be in existence for a long time," he said.

During construction, parking spaces in area adjacent to the building site will also be re-structured.

Beginning on Oct. 29, normal parking spaces will be eliminated and changed to construction parking. People with parking spaces in that area have been notified, Ruskin said.

The section of the lawn to be closed off has traditionally been a popular place for students to attend concerts, mingle and play casual pick-up sports games, students said.

Anurag Kumar (freshman-business and economics) said he enjoys going to the HUB lawn to hang out, play Frisbee and soccer and meet up with friends.

"I'm not happy that it's closing. It's one of the only fields we have in South where we can hang out," Kumar said. "A lot of people go there. It's nice to go, hang out, and see a bunch of people."

During the two years the HUB lawn will be closed for construction purposes, students will relocate to satisfy their sports and relaxation needs.

But Kumar said the central location of the HUB lawn may not be able to be replicated.

"I guess Pollock Commons are kind of nice, but they don't have a big field you can play on," he said. "I guess now I'm going to have to organize games and go to East or to one of the fields near the IM building."

# Alum's job blog helps students

By Megan Rogers  
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Nailing interviews and networking at career fairs came easily to alumna Hannah Hershey. So she decided to start a blog as a way to give advice to others looking for jobs.

Psustudentjobs.com was created in January 2009 after Hershey, Class of 2009, realized she was the go-to girl for job advice among her friends.

"It's something I seem to be naturally good at — working with these resources and taking a natural interest in these companies," she said.

"And I wanted to help people with that."

Hershey blogs about how to land a job or internship both before and after graduation, links to other resources for job seekers, offers tips for resume writing and writes blog posts on current students going through the job application process.

As she was looking for a job to utilize her information, sciences and technology degree, Hershey went to many of the resume and networking seminars offered at the university.

The blog also includes a "job board" where employers can post

## Psustudentjobs.com's tips

- Go to the Spring Career Days. Skip your classes that day if you have to. Plan to spend at least 4 hours there networking and passing out resumes.
- Check out the postings on the Nittany Lion Career Network. There are jobs posted on this website that only current PSU students can log into.
- Look at external job posting websites. There are plenty of jobs to be found out there from companies who don't necessarily have the resources available to come recruit at PSU. Find them on SnagAJob.com, Yahoo! HotJobs, Monster.com and aftercollege.com.

listings on available part-time and full-time jobs.

The job board is student Nicole Harshbarger's favorite part about the blog. Looking through the listings allows her to find jobs she wouldn't have been able to elsewhere, Harshbarger (junior-information sciences and technology) said.

She said she routinely recommends the blog to her friends.

While Hershey didn't get any job offers because she was working on the blog, she said the experience of blogging on jobs helped her land her position as a software analyst in Pittsburgh.

To students looking for a job after graduation, Hershey offers some advice: Go to career fairs specifically designed for your college or major.

And though she has secured her post-graduation job, Hershey said she will continue blogging because she enjoys both the topic and giving students advice.

"A lot of times, they're too busy to go to sessions I had time to go to," she said. "It's a lot easier to log on and read my experiences than to go to one of those sessions."

Though Hershey has graduated, Harshbarger said it's good to know she can still count on her former colleague at the IST help desk to point her in the right direction.

"I've always gone to her for advice in that regards," she said. "I know she has good advice to share in that area."

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# Races banned on football weekends

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FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State student Vinnie Amendolare wanted the charity walk/run he was planning to coincide with a football weekend.

But due to a new university-wide policy, Amendolare (junior-finance) had to re-schedule Penn State Lion Ambassadors' Moxie-THON from this Sunday to Nov. 14.

Charity groups and other organizations are no longer allowed to hold fundraising walks or runs on football weekends because of safety hazards associated with the increased number of people and vehicles on campus, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers wrote in an e-mail.

"It would definitely bring more popularity and proceeds for our cause," Amendolare said. "But I understand why the university has these policies because of traffic and safety issues."

A walk or run on a football weekend would only add to the issues Penn State encounters with pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic, Powers wrote.

"Traversing campus on a football weekend would be difficult —



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Runners jog to show their support at last year's THON 5K.

if not impossible — in some sections," she wrote.

Personnel are needed to supervise and control an event like a walk or a run, and police, EMTs and safety officials must man every intersection crossed by the participants, Powers wrote.

"For football weekends, when our resources are already being used to manage that large event, it is just not possible," Powers wrote.

But this policy makes it difficult to schedule charity events like Moxie-THON, Amendolare said.

Moxie-THON raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Melissa

Heydenreich, Class of 1988 — a Penn State alumna who died from acute lymphocytic leukemia in January of 1997.

Mary Dowd, Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon Special Events Committee chairwoman, is the organizer of this year's FT5K Race and said a less crowded campus makes the event run smoother.

"I think whatever the university feels is best is really what we go by," Dowd (senior-journalism)said. "We actually prefer to have our event on a non-football weekend due to parking problems and overall logistics."

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