

# THON to hold family carnival

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Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon families, captains and Overall Committee members will travel to "Once Upon a THON" this weekend at the Family Carnival.

The event will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the White Building.

The theme was chosen because childhood storybooks are something children of every age can relate to, Public Relations Captain Colleen Hanrahan said.

"It's going to be a really fun afternoon," THON Public Relations Overall Chairwoman Jony Rommel said. "It's a great time to spend time with the families."

The carnival is a "mini-THON" for the families and THON organizations, Special Events Overall Chairwoman Mary Dowd said.

"Everyone wakes up that morn-

ing and is just really excited to get in there and make sure we have the most entertaining and open environment for kids and families to come and forget about their worries for a day," Dowd (senior-marketing) said.

Books represented include the "Harry Potter" series, "Cat in the Hat," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," and "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Hanrahan (senior-advertising) said.

Each booth will be decorated in the theme of a book and will consist of a carnival game or arts and crafts activity, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said.

The "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" booth will present a skee ball game decorated like a golden ticket, Hanrahan said. Some booth workers will authenticate the game by dressing up as oompa loompas.

One detail event organizers worked on this year is ensuring that games will be appropriate

and entertaining for all ages, Hanrahan said.

At the end of the afternoon, the new THON 2011 logo will be revealed. Seniors in the graphic design major submitted a logo and the THON Overall Committee chose the logo it feels best represents the year and the theme, Rommel said.

Rommel said the chosen theme, which was selected by the THON Overall Committee about a month ago, defines the year and the "Together Without Limits" theme.

"It's something very different than what we've seen in the past," Rommel said.

The design student will attend the carnival to explain the thought process and intentions behind the logo, she said.

Students can buy merchandise with the THON 2011 logo at the 100 Days 'Til THON events on Nov. 10, Rommel said.

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The 2009 THON Overall Committee poses with the newly unveiled THON 2009 logo, Love Belongs Here, at the Family Carnival last November.

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## GRAY SKIES



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Students walk under the Life Sciences Bridge on Thursday afternoon. Rainy weather persisted throughout the day.

## Fans reflect as JoePa nears 400 wins

By Mike Hricik  
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Coach Joe Paterno may think of a victory against Northwestern University on Saturday as just another win.

But as the legendary coach stands on the cusp of his 400th career win, Penn State football fans expressed their admiration for his influence at the university and beyond.

Paterno's President Alex Cohen said even if Paterno were to retire without his 400th victory, his remarkable legacy would be secured.

"He's done everything. There's really nothing else he needs to prove," Cohen (senior-marketing) said.

Into his 61st season with the Nittany Lions, Paterno has two national championships, three Big Ten Conference championships and five perfect seasons under his belt.

He also currently holds records for the most career wins (399) and

most bowl game wins (24).

Cohen's parents also attended Penn State as undergraduates.

He said seeing Paterno's 400th win at home would be historic for fans and students to see.

Cohen added that recent criticism of the coach's age is unwarranted.

"In Joe's case he's earned the right to choose when he leaves," Cohen said.

Paterno broke University of Alabama Coach Bear Bryant's all-time 323-win record in 2001 against Ohio State.

Warren Armstrong, chair of a committee in favor of renaming Beaver Stadium's field after Paterno, said he has a scenario in mind if the coach claims his 400th victory.

"Obviously, after the victory would be a great time for the stadium announcer to come on and say the field's named after Joe. It's not likely, but it's what I'm hoping for," he laughed.

Armstrong said he and mem-

bers of his committee collected over 1,700 signatures petitioning for a name change in Paterno's honor at last weekend's game against University of Michigan.

He said regardless of what happens when Paterno gets his 400th win, he'll applaud him with other fans.

"We'll cheer. We'll hoist him up and celebrate his victory," Armstrong said.

Greg Myford, associate athletic director for marketing and communications, said the university will try to honor Coach Paterno as best as it can.

"If coach were to reach such a milestone on Saturday, certainly our fans and all Penn State fans would like to acknowledge that somehow," Myford said.

With Paterno's record at stake, the Nittany Lions will kick off against the Northwestern Wildcats at 3:30 on Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

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