Signs of Celebration

Philadelphia Artist Sam Maitin’s variations on a theme in blue, red and green turn up on a button (above) a tee shirt, and a limited-edition print (125 copies) available for a tax-deductible $100 to SAS. Collectors can call Ext. 5262.

Call: Honorary Degrees

The University Council Committee on Honorary Degrees welcomes suggestions for recipients of honorary degrees for Commencement on May 20, 1985. Nominations (including background biographies & information) should be submitted in writing to any member of the committee or to Abbie Kieban, Office of the Secretary, 121 College Hall, C/O. The deadline is October 31.

Committee members include: Marvin Wolfgang, chair, 440 Vance Hall; CS; Peter J. Freyd, 4N38 DRL/E1; Benjamin F. Hammond, Dental School; AI; Marthn Hess, 67A Med/63; David K. Hildebrand, Suite 3000, SH-DH/CC; Kathleen Kelly, Pathology and Lab Medicine, 220 Med Ed Building; Paul J. Koshbin, 209 Beh D1; Arthur Lawrence, 415 Vance Hall; CS; Gary Lowitt, Box 791, 3901 Locust St; Albert J. Stunkard, 133 S. 36th; IT; Eric Weinberg, 314 GL/G5; Howard Wolk, 200 HRE/89.

Remind: SSW Dean’s Search

The Search Committee for a Dean of the School of Social Work reminds the community that nominations are being accepted. A statement describing the School’s mission and the attributes sought in a Dean is available in the Office of the Secretary. It is anticipated that the new Dean will assume office on July 1, 1985.

Nominations should be sent to: Dr. Alexander Hersh, Chairperson, Search Committee for a Dean of the School of Social Work, c/o Robert L. Londale, Office of the Secretary, 121 College Hall/CO. The other members of the Search Committee are: Howard Arnold and Jane Axinn, social work; George Gerbner, communications; Ralph B. Ginsberg, regional science; Carol Hicks, D.S.W. student; Howard E. Mitchell, human resources and management; John Morrison, social work; Janice A. Raymond, American civilization; Steven Welch, M.S.W. student; Harold Lewis, alumni representative; Jamie Quaekenbush, alternative student representative.

Seven in the Lively Arts and Sciences

Seven leaders in the arts and sciences in the U.S. will receive honorary degrees in a special convocation October 25 as the School of Arts and Sciences’ month-long tenth-anniversary celebration gets under way.

All members of the University are welcome at the convocation, which starts at 4:15 p.m. in 200 College Hall.

Also open to all is “An Evening with Arthur Miller,” the night before—the first Dean’s Forum announced by Dr. Joel Conarroe, who will give academic achievement awards to ten graduate and ten undergraduate students. It starts at 6 p.m. in Meyerson Hall.

Later in SAS’s month there will be Humanities Week (October 29 through November 2), Social Sciences Week (November 5-9) and Natural Sciences Week November 12-16; and the President and Provost sponsor the University Symphony Orchestra on concert Friday, November 16 at 8 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium.

The October 25 honorary degrees go to:

Trustee and Alumnus John W. Eckman, chair of the SAS Board of Overseers, president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, as well as chair of the Rorer Group Inc., and general chair of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Carolyn G. Heilbrun, professor of English at Columbia, president of the Modern Language Association and pioneer in women’s studies. As Dr. Heilbrun she is the author of Christopher Isherwood, Toward a Recognition of Androgynous, and Reinventing Womanhood. As Amanda Cross, she writes the popular Kate Fansler mysteries set in academia.

Dr. Charles P. Kindleberger, emeritus professor of economics at MIT and president-elect of the American Economic Association. Dr. Kindleberger’s recent books include International Money, The Financial History of Western Europe, and Multinational Excursions.

Arthur Miller, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (Death of a Salesman, After the Fall—both now in revival on Broadway—The Crucible, A View from the Bridge) whose most recent book is Salesman in Beijing, an account of the 1983 production of Salesman in China.

Dr. Ruth Patrick, senior curator at the Academy of Natural Sciences and adjunct professor of biology at Penn. Dr. Patrick is an international figure in research on aquatic systems and environmental impacts of change.

Dr. Otto Springer, emeritus professor of German and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences here. Dr. Springer, who joined the faculty in 1940 and retired in 1975, is the author of numerous books and articles and is now writing a multivolume etymological dictionary of Old High German.

Andre Watts, Philadelphia-trained and internationally-acclaimed pianist noted for finding originality amid exacting fidelity in demanding scores. Mr. Watts was soloist in the April 1983 Academy benefit highlighting the forum, “Toward the Prevention of Nuclear War.”

Internal Grants for Computerization: November 9 Deadline

David Stonehill, Vice Provost for Computing, recently announced three internal grant programs to support computer usage in instruction and research. The faculty of all University schools are invited to participate in them. The programs are:

• The second year of the IBM “Threshold” grant, providing equipment to initiate new and innovative computer programs in instruction and research.

• The United Parcel Service Fund, supporting personnel needs in computer usage for research and graduate instruction.

• The Educational Development Fund, supporting the integration of computer technology into the undergraduate curriculum.

These grants are defined in the program descriptions that appear in Penn Printout, the insert in this issue of Almanac. The programs interlock providing complementary resources; proposals to more than one program in the name of a single project will be accepted. The intent of these programs is to seed the development of new or innovative uses of computers in research and instruction. Administrative uses, general needs for support, or routine applications, such as word processing, do not fall within the scope of the programs. Proposals directed to the support of a specific project which has a substantial innovative content will be most successful.

The proposal efforts will be coordinated by the deans of the Schools. Proposals should be given to the deans by November 9. The proposals will then be reviewed by a faculty committee and the dean's will be notified of the resulting awards by November 30. Program equipment or funds will be available starting in January, 1985.
To Faculty Who Might Testify in Washington

During the past year the University has strengthened and regularized its communications with the Federal government on matters of legislative and regulatory interest. Recognizing particularly the role of Congress in determining the level and, in many cases, the direction of Federal support for research, we have made a special effort to enhance our relations with the Pennsylvania delegation and the committees of Congress whose decisions directly relate to teaching and research at Penn.

Part of this effort has involved providing expert Penn witnesses to appear and testify at Congressional hearings. In the 1983-84 academic year, Penn faculty and administrators have testified before Congress on a diverse range of issues. Such testimony promotes the University as a strong and reliable resource and complements our efforts to advise members of Congress of Penn’s interest in specific legislative and oversight matters.

In order to encourage greater involvement of faculty in our Congressional relations, the Provost’s Office will reimburse faculty members for expenses incurred in travel to and from Washington (transportation, meals, lodging) for participation in Congressional hearings or briefings on behalf of the University. Any faculty member wishing to be reimbursed should notify the Provost of an official request to appear before Congress on behalf of the University not later than one week before the scheduled date of the briefing or testimony. The request for reimbursement should be countersigned by the Dean of the faculty member’s School.

— Thomas Erlich, Provost

Applications for Morocco-Penn Faculty Exchange Program

The University’s Office of International Programs received a grant last year from the United States Information Agency for the exchange of faculty with Mohamed V University (Rabat, Morocco) in the areas of social sciences, humanities, education and communications. Funds for travel and per diem only are available for up to two Penn faculty to be exchanged each year for a three-year period beginning September 1984. Several Moroccan and Penn faculty are tentatively scheduled for exchange in 1984-85. Applications from interested University faculty are sought for two or more short-term (4-to-6-week) positions and one possible 4-to-6-month appointment for academic year 1985-86. Those faculty members who sent in letters of application (resume, cover letter, times available) are requested to update their application if interested in 1985-86. For more information, please call Amy Shargel, Ext. 6998. Deadline is May 1, 1985.

— David Morse, Office of Government Relations

Constitution’s 200th: October 18

Penn launches its participation in the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution this week as co-sponsor of a three-day conference on “The Creation of the American Constitution,” the first of many national events leading up to the actual “birthday” September 17, 1987.

Two of the 11 sessions are free and need no registration; the opening program at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 18, and the closing one at 3 p.m. Saturday, October 20, both held at the auditorium of the Independence National Historical Park, 3rd and Chestnut. Penn Trustee and U.S. Judge A. Leon Higginbotham chairs the first, with columnist and Northwestern University Professor Garry Wills as speaker on “Popular Sovereignty and the Constitution.” For the closing, Professor Gordon Wood of Brown speaks on “Interests and Disinterestedness in the Making of the Constitution.”


Registration for the full conference, at $10 ($5 for students), begins at 2:30 p.m. in the

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Class of 1988: The Academic Profile

An article in *Almanac* October 2 reported on the Class of 1988 which was selected from the largest applicant pool in Penn's history. In response to faculty interest in further detail about the academic profiles for the Class of 1988, I present this overview of the past three years.

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- Willis J. Stetson, Jr., Dean of Admissions

Corrections: The Profile of the Class of 1988 contained a list of Far West states. The following line was omitted:

1984: 83 82 81 80 79 78

The same article referred to Penn's long tradition of convocation ceremonies as numbering 254; the correct figure is 257.

FOR COMMENT

Adult Role in Sorority-Fraternity Life?

At the request of Dr. James J. Bishop, and with the approval of the Interfraternity Alumni Council, the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board has accepted the unique challenge of the administration to "study the value of and opportunities for increasing the involvement of adults older than typical undergraduates in operations and activities of Penn's Sororities and Fraternities, and [to] seek out the advice and opinions of others interested in this issue." The Board has begun discussion of this issue and hopes to report its findings and recommendations to the University Administration before the end of the Fall term 1984.

We have decided to solicit the opinions and advice of the numerous constituencies of the University community, including fraternity and sorority undergraduate chapters, alumni organizations, and national offices. In addition, we have contacted organizations such as the Undergraduate Assembly, the Graduate and Professional Students Association and the Faculty Senate, and other University departments such as Student Life, Student Health, Public Safety, Residential Living and the Counseling Service.

Through a process of review, discussion and evaluation, we intend to record the current status of "adult involvement" with each chapter. The process will also include discussion and evaluation of whether such "adult involvement" needs to be changed, and if so, in what manner. It is our intention to make some conclusions and recommendations on this topic, so that fraternities and sororities can continue to contribute positively to the overall objectives of the University.

At this time, we ask all those interested in this topic to submit a written statement for the Board's consideration. Please forward any written comments to the Board, care of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, by October 26, 1984.

— Mary C. McMonagle, Chair Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board
CONFERENCE

22 Present Concepts in Obstetrics and Gynecology: Dr. Celso-Ramon Garcia, School of Medicine, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Dunlop Auditorium, Med. Ed. (School of Medicine). Through October 25.

FILMS

Films for the Family
Free admission for films recommended for children ages five and under, shown at the Harrison Auditorium, University Museum.

20 The Canterville Ghost: A comic fantasy in which a 17th century ghost is doomed to haunt a castle until a descendant's heroic act sets him free; 10:30 a.m.

Asian American Film Festival
Films shown at International House. Admission: $3 ($2.50 for members, students and senior citizens), except the October 19 matinee $1. Workshop preregistration is required; cost is $7.50 ($5 for members) and includes October 19 evening showing of the films. Information: 387-5125, Ext. 222.

17 Nisei Soldier: Standard Bearer for an Exiled People: story of 2nd generation American-born Japanese in the 42nd Regiment who became among the most highly decorated fighting units in U.S. history during WWII; East to West: 2 Chinese visitors, a writer and an actress, travel across the U.S. to find out what makes America tick; 7:30 p.m.

18 Tongyong: Son of Immigrant Thai film on the experiences of a poverty-stricken farmer from the northeastern region of Thailand; The Only Language SheKnows: mother, daughter relationships and the conflicts between 2nd generation Chinese-American women; 7:30 p.m.

19 Afterbirth: experiences of Asian Americans as they question their cultural identities; Community Plot: urban satires about New York City life and apartment tenants who join together when a social worker is found dead in their building; Kids and Yelow: drama of an American college student and his relationships with Asian American women; 4 p.m.

The Departure: young daughter of a Japanese American family is affected by the reality of the Depression; First Look: first visit to U.S. by Cuban artists in 20 years. 7:30 p.m.

20 Cultural Transformations: film workshop at 1 p.m. with Indian filmmaker Kavery Dutta. Rickshaw Box: based on classic novel that takes place in the 1930s; 8:15 p.m.

21 Mississippi Triangle: history and contemporary life of the Chinese in the Mississippi Delta; 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

17 Annual Reception for International Students and Scholars: 5-7 p.m., Chinese Rotunda, University Museum (Consular Corps of Philadelphia, International Classroom Program, the Office of International Programs.

20 Fall Folioage Weekend at the Morris Arboretum: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., through October 21; guided tours of fall color, hayrides, family craft activities for children, visits to Tropical Fernery, new self-guided tour “Autumn at the Morris Arboretum.” The Lewis Brothers will perform a bluegrass concert on Sunday, October 21, from 2-4 p.m., co-sponsored by WXPN, 88.9 FM. Admission: $2; $1 for children from 7-14 years of age, including children and students.

21 The 3rd Semi-Annual Great Bike Auction begins at 10 a.m. in Highrise North Plaza; sponsored by the Department of Public Safety. Bikes may be inspected beginning at 9:30 a.m. Checks with ID or cash accepted. Information: Ext. 4485.

TALKS

16 Studies on Lung Development in the Preterm: Dr. Thomas H. Shaffer, department of physiology, Temple University School of Medicine, 12:30 p.m., Physiology Library, Richards Building (Department of Physiology).

17 A Radioactive 2DG Study of the Rat Mating Behavior: Graham Bell, CSIRO Division of Food Research, North Ryde, New South Wales; 11 a.m., Seminar Room, Monell Chemical Senses Center (Monell Chemical Senses Center: Visitors Seminar Series).

18 Influence of Sociological Theories on Ideology of the Young Turks: Aysegul Baykan, graduate student, University of Pittsburgh: 1 p.m., 8th floor lounge, Williams Hall (Middle East Center).

19 Aging: Traditional Values in Modern China: Joan Bonner Conway, director, department of social work, HUP; Nancy B. Ellis, associate director for education, Center for the Study of Aging: 3:30-5 p.m., Room 111, Nursing Education Building (Center for the Study of Aging).

20 Liver: Ion Transport Proteins Dependent-Mediated Behaviors at a Site of Coexistence: Dr. Jacqueline N. Crowley, chief, unit on behavioral neuropharmacology, clinical neuroscience branch, National Institute of Mental Health; 4 p.m., Seminar Rooms 100-101, Mezzanine, Medical Laboratories Building (Department of Pharmacology, Neuropeharmacology, Neuropharmacology Colloquium).

21 Role of (Na+ + K+ + 2Ca2+)-Co-transport in Volume Regulation as Studies for Ehrlich Cell: Dr. Peter G. Geck, director of biological chemistry, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universitat, Germany; 4 p.m., Room 410, Richards Building (Department of Physiology).

18 Soviet Naval Technology: Arthur D. Baker III, deputy assistant secretary of state, Department of State. 400 First Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20520: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Seminar Room, Middle East Research Institute (Middle East Research Institute).

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