The Family' in Double Exposure at Penn

"What's Happening to the American Family" is the topic of Penn's third all-University forum, and "The Family: Our Most Endangered Resource" is the theme of an April 18-19 conference highlighting the 75th anniversary of the School of Social Work.

Social Work's conference is the field's first privately-sponsored international one on the topic. Visitors and University specialists will address major issues confronting today's families here and abroad, in the context of world health, world economics and world issues.

University Trustee Jacqueline Wexler, president of the Conference of Christians and Jews; Benjamin Franklin Professor and Nobel Laureate Lawrence Klein; and School of Social Work Professor Richard Estes will be among the Penn speakers. Visitors will include World Health Organization's Deputy Director Thomas Lambo, the Children's Defense Fund's Founder-Director Marion Wright Edelman, and Hunter College Dean Harold Lewis.

Honorary degrees (to be announced) will be given at a convocation April 18.

What's Happening? The all-campus forum sponsored by the President's Office is programming for two semesters—starting in the spring term and continuing in the fall. Dr. Frank Furstenberg, Jr., chair of sociology, is head of the work team and Dr. Paul Zingg of the President's Office provides staff liaison.

As in the 1983 forum on preventing nuclear war and the 1984 one on the U.S. political process, "What's Happening to the American Family?" will have speakers, seminars and film. But the 1985 forum also sets out to promote "scholarly exchange within the University and stimulate research across disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and professional schools," Dr. Furstenberg said. This forum will have a pair of film series—the spring one called "Family Portraits" and the fall one "Home Movies." It will also have tie-ins to curriculum: A brochure will be issued to participants in the spring, listing fall courses throughout the University that deal with the family and family-related issues.

The organizing committee is soliciting ideas for activities in the fall," Dr. Furstenberg said.

"Funding will be available to bring in speakers, support seminars and publicize courses and related events. We invite you to send suggestions to any of the members of the organizing committee," On the committee are:

Faculty:
- Dr. June Axinn, Social Work
- Dr. Nina Auerbach, English
- Dr. Christine Bachen, Communications
- Dr. Margarette Cotrone, Nursing
- Prof. Virginia Kerr, Law
- Dr. Peter Kuriloff, Education
- Dr. Lynn Lees, History
- Dr. Robert Pollack, Economics
- Dr. Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, History
- Dean Louise Shoemaker, Social Work

Undergraduates: Laura Levine, Terry Brunone
Graduate Students: Glenn Bugos, Wendy Weingrad

Teaching Quality: Follow-Up

A second Task Force on the Quality of Teaching is at work this year, charged by the Provost's Office to review the report of the first Task Force (Almanac April 14, 1981) and "study the extent to which the recommendations of that report have been implemented, and identify to the central administration any areas in which further effort is needed. The concern," the charge goes on, "is that teaching in all programs at the University should be of excellent quality."

Co-chairing the Task Force are Dr. Robert E. Davies, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Molecular Biology, who co-chaired the first Task Force, and Susan Miley, a graduate student in the School of Nursing. Members are:

Faculty:
- Dr. Andrew R. Baggeley, Education
- Dr. Ira Harkavy, SAS
- Dr. Abba M. Kreiger, Wharton
- Dr. David P. Pope, SEAS
- Dr. Rosalyn J. Watts, Nursing

Undergraduates: Scott L. Gottlieb; Wendy Schick
Graduate Students: Peter Larkin, Ms. Miley

Deputy Provost Richard V. Clelland said the first report was taken seriously and led to new activities including some new teaching awards.

"We will give the second report equally wide review by members now, with a goal of publishing this spring."
AAUP: Defense of Freedom
We would like to urge you to become active in the American Association of University Professors. It is the most energetic and the most respected association devoted to advancing the interests of college and university faculties. The AAUP has been concerned with the enlargement of the role of the faculty in college and university governance, the improvement of the economic status of the professoriate, and the strengthening of higher education generally.
Academic freedom is more seriously threatened today than it has been since the McCarthy era. Sometimes the threat is blatant in the form of restrictions on the dissemination of scientific knowledge. Sometimes it is subtle under the guise of financial retribution. In spite of that, there is a complacency in the air about academic freedom and the crucial dependence of academic freedom on tenure is overlooked. The only organization fully alert to the problem is the American Association of University Professors.

Blood, Sweat and Tiers
Unknown to the hordes of anxious hedges who make up One University, a dedicated band of men and women is working to choose prime candidates for the deanship of SAS. Given this search, given the fact that this university specializes in the formation of SAS committees, and given the further fact that the work of the SAS committees is often making the drawing of straws seems like an exact science, it seems high time that I reveal my Search Committee Two-Tiered Test Program for Short-List Decanal Candidates.

The first tier of these tests is of basic aptitude. Since a dean must be able to withstand massive frustration, the obvious test is the Sisyphus Shove (which is self-explanatory, except, perhaps, for people in Classics). A successful dean must also be able to emerge from the Provost's office with all sorts of approvals and concessions. The appropriate test is the Supermarket Sweep (the candidate, as TV viewers know, is given an empty cart and a set amount of time to fill it from a supermarket's shelves with the most expensive items). The Prolonged Patience test is essential, since a dean spends hours on hours listening to people whine and complain. This test measures the amount of time a candidate can listen to a recording of whales' songs, played alternatively at 16 and 78 rpm, without screaming or bolting.

The second tier of tests measures actual decanal skills. The first is designed to determine if the candidate can converse in a knowledgeable way with the heads of the extraordinary variety of departments that make up SAS. Sample questions for the candidate are: Why did Paradise lose? (literature); will the phlogiston theory ever come back? (chemistry); why is political science neither political nor scientific? (history); are you into plate tectonics? (geosciences); which falls faster, a pound of lead or a pound of...?
University Research Foundation: Spring Cycle Award Deadline

Proposals to the University Research Foundation will be due March 15, 1985. Special consideration will be given to younger faculty members and to proposals within those disciplines that have little access to external funding sources. A limited number of awards, typically under five thousand dollars, will be funded during this cycle.

Appropriate proposals might include:

- seed money for initiation of new research;
- limited equipment requests directly related to research needs (not including word processors or computer terminals);
- improved research opportunities for minorities and women;
- travel for research purposes only;
- publication preparation costs.

Proposals should take the form of mini-grant applications, three to five pages in length. The cover page of the proposal must include:

1. Name, Department, School
2. Title of proposal
3. Amount requested

Guidelines: Public Policy Initiatives Fund, The Second Year

The University of Pennsylvania has a long history of research, education, and service for public policy and action. That tradition is a scholarly as well as an applied one for this commonwealth and community and for national and international issues. Our faculty and staff resources in this subject area are matched at only a few other leading universities. With these strengths as a background to Pennsylvania’s commitment, President Sheldon Hackney announced that the United Parcel Service Foundation has approved a $60,000 grant for use by the University in 1985-1986 as a Public Policy Initiatives Fund.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide small grants to develop new initiatives relating to public policy. The Fund is an important step in insuring that public policy studies here are enhanced. Any member of the standing faculty can be the principal investigator or responsible agent in seeking grants. Other members of the University community should seek collaboration with a member of the standing faculty. The grant requests may be for:

- preparing a new course
- developing research or other proposals for outside support
- exploring joint ventures with local, state or government agencies
- planning the evaluation of a public program
- contributing in other ways to theoretical or practical aspects of public affairs

Appropriate expenditures for grants include:

- computing costs
- seed money for course development, time and materials
- conference planning
- domestic research travel
- staff assistance, particularly in preparing proposals
- preparation or dissemination of publications.

The advisory committee for the Fund in evaluating proposals will be concerned with their potential for scholarly worth if directed to research and, in other cases, with the impact on future policy which they might have. Equipment and facilities are excluded. Unless there is existing material that the proposer wishes to submit, each proposal should be limited to five pages, specifying the objectives, the procedures and the expected results. Please indicate the amount requested (including a budget) as well as what other support has already been received and what is being sought elsewhere. The deadline for the receipt of proposals is April 1. The recommendation to the Provost for the awarding of the grants will be made promptly.

Advisory Committee:
Professor William Hamilton
Professor Edwin Mansfield
Professor Martin Meyerson, Chairman
Professor Jack Nagel
Professor Curtis Reitz
Professor Henry Riecken (to be replaced after March)
Professor Anita Summers

Proposals should be sent to the committee chairman at the University of Pennsylvania Foundation, 225 Van Pelt Library/CH.

Proposal: Penn-Leuven Exchange

Applications are invited from University of Pennsylvania faculty who wish to participate in the University’s exchange with the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. All fields are eligible. Visits for teaching and/or research should range from one month to one year. A faculty host at Leuven must be identified. For further information and application form, contact Professor Jan Van der Spiegel, chair of the Penn coordinating committee (356 Moore Building, Ext. 7116), or Dr. Joyce Randolph, director of the Office of International Programs (133 Bennett Hall, Ext. 4661).

Faculty Articles for Wharton

The Wharton Account, a business-oriented magazine published by students, invites all interested faculty members to submit guest articles of about 600 words for publication. Anyone interested should contact Howard Wolk, 387-6658.

The Japanese section of Oriental Studies can say “Congratulations on the beginning of the New Year” electronically, through a gift of Fujitsu, Ltd.’s waa-puro (as “word processor”) has come into the vernacular in Japan) has a kana (Japanese phonetic-symbol) keyboard that can also compose in Chinese characters (kanji) when the operator calls up a special dictionary. Dr. William Tyler, chair of Oriental Studies, believes Penn is unique in the Delaware Valley in having the equipment, which handles English and Romanized forms of Japanese as well. When Japan’s leading computer firm made this donation of equipment, maintenance and training funds, senior faculty in the section joined with members of the University Museum’s 1984 tour to Japan to set up a $2000 operational fund to go with it. Separately last fall, the Japan Foundation and the Japanese government gave the Oriental Studies Department a thousand-dollar collection of texts and tapes, "in recognition of the quadrupling of Japanese-language enrollments at Penn over the last three years, the professional thrust of Japanese studies at the University, and the growing interest among Philadelphia’s civic and economic circles in building bridges to Japan," Dr. Tyler said.
Correction: MTM: TV for the Coffee Achievers; Dr. David Marc, professor of American studies, Brown University; 4 p.m., Room 109, Annenberg School.

**EXHIBITS**

8 Works by Wharton Faculty and Faculty Spouses, 17 contributors exhibit paintings, sculpture, photography, pottery and carvings. Room 1020, Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall. Continues February 15-11.

**FILMS**

GSAC
All films shown in Room B-1, Meyerson Hall, 8 p.m., admission $2 ($12 season pass, available at the door.)
8 The Lion in Winter.

International House
Films shown at International House, $3 general admission. $2.50 for members, students, senior citizens. Information: 387-5125, Ext. 222.

Neighborhood Film Project
6 The Other Side: European Avant-Garde Cinema 1949-1980, features 10 short films from Poland and Yugoslavia, 7:30 p.m.
7 Dry Wood and Hot Pepper, short films capture the spirit and music of the Black Cajun people, 7:30 p.m. Also February 8 at 4 p.m. (Admission $1.50).
13 American Postcard, 7:30 p.m.
PUC Film Alliance
Thursday night series: double features 8 p.m., single features 10 p.m., Irvine Auditorium, admission $2.
7 A Boy and His Dog; Atomic Cafe.
Serious Films Series
Free admission, noon-2 p.m., Art Gallery, Houston Hall (Office of Student Life).
7 Promises: Profile of an Alcoholic.
14 The Power Pinch.

**FITNESS/TRAINING**

12 Human Potential Information Session: designers Larry Lauchle and John Fought provide an overview of the innovative eight-week program sponsored by Department of Recreation which works toward establishing habits of fitness and weight control in a way that will best fit each participant. Noon-1 p.m., Faculty Club. Information Ext. 6018, Franni Lundy.

Career Planning & Placement
Graduate Student Career Seminar, 4:30-6 p.m., 235 Benjamin Franklin Room, Houston Hall. Call Ext. 7530 to register and to verify the time.
11 Careers in Museums and Archives; featured speakers include Patricia Munro, director of Museum services at Lynch Industries, Melissa Hough, director of Museum services at CIGNA, Claudette John, archivist at CIGNA, and Rebecca Lawson, curatorial assistant at the Delaware Art Museum.

**F/S Assistance Program**
Faculty/Staff sponsors a three week program for University employees, noon-1 p.m. at the Faculty Club. Registration; Ext. 7910.
8 Understanding Relationships, also February 15 and 22.

**MUSIC**

5 An Evening of Piano and Cello with Yvette Toussinger and Charles Forbes, playing Bach, Dvorak, Debussy, Mozart and Mendelssohn; 8 p.m., 4th floor College Hall. $2 donation required. Information: Ext. 8907 (The Philomathean Society).
7 Concert in Atrium, featuring Philomel on harpsichord, recorder and Baroque flute, 11 a.m.-noon, Atrium, Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall. Free.

**ON STAGE**

14 Retained Yearnings: the Ninth Annual Wharton Follies, a student-written and produced musical and dance revue spoofing the business world and life at Wharton; 5 and 9 p.m., at the Port of History Museum Theater on Penn's Landing. Tickets $10. Through February 16.

**TALKS**

5 Mechanisms of Irreversible Cell Injury with Hydrogen Peroxide: Dr. John Farber, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, Hahnemann University Medical School; 12:30 p.m., Physiology Library, Richards Building (Respiratory Physiology Group and Department of Anesthesiology).
7 Irreversible Interaction of Fluphenazine and Fluphenazine-N-Mustard with 3H-Spiroperirol Binding States In Vivo and In Vitro: Dr. Kyriki Therios, postdoctoral fellow, department of pharmacology, Medical College of Pennsylvania; 3 p.m., Suite 100-101 Mezzanine, Medical Laboratories Building (Department of Pharmacology).
Age and Dependency: Children and the Aged in American Social Policy; June Axinn, professor of social work; Mark Stern, professor of social work; 3:30 p.m., Room 111, Nursing Education Building (Center for the Study of Aging Seminar Series).
12 The Acute Temperature Sensitivity of Myogenic Tone in the Rabbit Facial Vein: Dr. Raymond J. Winquist, cardiovascular pharmacology, Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Labs; 12:30 p.m., Physiology Library, Richards Building (Respiratory Physiology Group, Department of Anesthesiology).

**DAD**

The weekly update deadline for calendar entries is at noon, a week before the Tuesday of publication.
The deadline for the March pullout calendar is Tuesday, February 12 at noon. Send to Almanac, 3601 Locust Walk/C8 (second floor of the Christian Association Building).