Assault in the Quad: Rape and Robbery Over Thanksgiving Break

Despite special security for campus residents over the Thanksgiving holidays, an armed assailant entered a male student’s third-floor room in the Quad’s Franklin House about 3:45 a.m. Friday, tied up the man, and raped a female student who was with him watching late movies on TV in the unlocked room.

According to one report, the woman was also bound after the assault, and both were trussed in such a way as to threaten self-strangulation if they moved more than a fraction of an inch at a time. “They worked together and survived,” said a source close to the incident. “They really used their heads.”

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Campus Police received the emergency call at 5:45 a.m. and called Philadelphia Police while putting into operation the University’s victim support service.

Both students were treated and released from a Center City hospital, accompanied at various times by their parents, who are local, and by Victim Support Director Ruth Wells and Women’s Center Director Ellie Di Lapi. Later, Security Director John Logan and Quad Director John Morrison coordinated a room-by-room inspection throughout the Quad, which so far shows no other signs of intrusion.

As residents returned over the weekend, they were briefed on the assault and advised to report anything missing or disturbed. Stolen goods led to an arrest in the 1985 Thanksgiving weekend murder of Meera Ananthakrishnan at Graduate Towers. George Stump, who pleaded guilty to the 1985 crime, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Monday as investigation proceeded, it was not clear how the assailant got into the fenced-in Quad, where all perimeter gates were locked except a manned one at 37th and Spruce. In addition to the campus police on holiday alert, the Residential Living Office had hired a security firm to provide extra uniformed personnel round-the-clock during the holiday. And, in addition to showing IDs all residents and escorted visitors had to sign in and out during the holiday.

At Large

Philadelphia Police are seeking, on rape and robbery charges, a black male, dark-complexioned, 17 to 25 years old, about 5’11” or 6 feet tall, stockily built, with a medium afro and slight facial hair. His clothing was described as black warm-up pants with a drawers string waist; dark waist-length zip-front jacket, and black sneakers with three white stripes.

“We are asking anyone who may have seen a person answering this description in the vicinity, earlier or later, to come forward and help with additional details of description or any information that might help trace the assailant,” said Penn Chief of Detectives Michael Carroll, who is working with Philadelphia Police on the investigation. “You can call us on a confidential basis, either at my office, 898-4485, or the Philadelphia Sex Crimes Unit at MU6-3207.”

Of Record

Rules Governing Final Examinations

1) No student may be required to take more than two final examinations on any one day during the period in which final examinations are scheduled.

2) No instructor may hold a final examination except during the period in which final examinations are scheduled and, when necessary, during the period of postponed examinations. No final examinations may be scheduled during the last week of classes or on reading days.

3) Postponed examinations may be held only during the official periods; the first week of the spring and fall semesters. Students must obtain permission from their dean’s office to take a postponed exam. Instructors in all courses must be ready to offer a make-up examination to all students who were excused from the final examination.

4) No instructor may change the time or date of a final exam without permission from the appropriate dean or the Vice Provost for University Life.

5) No instructor may increase the time allowed for a final exam beyond the scheduled time hours without permission from the appropriate dean or the Vice Provost for University Life.

6) No classes (covering new material) may be held during the reading period. Review sessions may be held.

7) All students must be allowed to see their final examination. Access to graded final exams is "as flexible as possible in accommodating students with conflicting exam schedules."

—Thomas Ehrlich, Provost
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Speaking Out

Proposal: Abolish Senate?

I have written to Professor Soloway as chair of the Faculty Senate to request a formal consideration of the proposal I made informally at this week's meeting of the Faculty Senate, namely that the Faculty Senate as presently constituted be abolished and replaced by a suitably restructured version of the current Senate Executive Committee. In other words, I am suggesting that we put an end to the embarrassing spectacle of a body which can not attract sufficient numbers to conduct official business, and that we leave the functions assigned to the Senate in the hands of an elected, representative body, while reserving the possibility of calling meetings of the University's Standing Faculty when circumstances call for such meetings.

I assume that those recidivists among us who actually attend Senate meetings don't need to be told that the group who show up for the bi-annual quorum-failing rituals are mostly the same faculty members who are present and past members of the Senate Executive Committee. I also assume that the vast majority of the faculty who rarely or never attend these meetings are content to leave matters in the hands of the aficionados, except for those unusual circumstances which have led to special meetings which have drawn up to 700 members. The proposal I am making would retain the important provision for such special meetings, and leave the ongoing business of deliberation, consultation and advising the administration to a representative body whose efforts would not be crowned by the humiliation of being unable to muster a quorum to vote on their recommendations.

There are a number of details and rearrangements that such a change would require, but none that seem especially daunting. I urge, therefore, that the proposal be referred to the proper committee for consideration; and I hope that a workable scheme to accomplish this goal can be discussed and approved by SEC next semester. I am not sure, however, of how it could then be enacted, as this would presumably require a quorum at a meeting of the Faculty Senate. Perhaps we could attract a sufficient number of faculty to attend a Senate meeting if they are promised an opportunity to vote the body out of existence.

—Larry Gross, Professor of Communications

No Worse than Now

At the Senate meeting of November 19, Professor Larry Gross made what I think is an excellent suggestion. He pointed out that attendance at a Senate meeting is often so poor that, in the absence of a quorum, only stray votes may be taken. Would it not be better, he asked, to eliminate the Senate as it is now constituted and to declare that, henceforth, the Senate Executive Committee is the Senate?

A trigger mechanism would, of course, have to be found so that for issues of great concern to all the Faculty could attend special meetings and declare its collective wisdom. With those exceptions, however, the old SEC/new Senate would make most of the decisions in which the Faculty as a whole now decline to participate.

If all went well, a languid rump democracy would give place to a supple and responsive republic. If all did not go well, would we be left with anything worse than the present embarrassment?

—James C. Davis, Professor of History

Joining the 200th Anniversary

As leaders from around the world and citizens from across the country gather in Philadelphia to mark the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution next year, Penn's roles in the celebration will be coordinated by a University Committee on the Bicentennial of the Constitution headed by President Emeritus Martin Meyerson. Among the plans:

- An exhibition on the signers with roots in the University, including Penn's founder, Benjamin Franklin, will display historic documents and memorabilia tracing the many connections of Penn to the Constitution. (All eight of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's signers were attached to Penn: seven as trustees and one as an alumnus, according to University archivist Mark Frazier Lloyd. Penn can claim another signer as well: a North Carolinian who was once a student and later a professor at Penn.)
Guidelines for Access to Restricted Records

1. Generally, all administrative records of the University shall be closed to research for twenty-five years, with certain exceptions, such as those which must be open in conformance with law.

2. Access to these restricted records may be requested by written application to the University Archivist. The University Archivist shall review each request with the Access Committee, which shall be composed of seven members: one representative from each of the offices of the President, the Secretary of the University, the Provost and the General Counsel; two members of the standing faculty; and the University Archivist.

3. The Access Committee will judge each request on its academic merits, bearing in mind the need to promote scholarship.

4. The Access Committee must be satisfied that a researcher seeking access to restricted records has demonstrated that the records are required to carry out a legitimate scholarly research project.

5. The Access Committee will absolutely deny access to the following types of records:

   a. education records of living students or living former students, as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, unless the student or former student grants access in writing (in accordance with the University "Guidelines on the Confidentiality of Student Records" as published in the undergraduate and graduate Academic Bulletin);

   b. employment records of living current or former faculty members, administrators or other staff members, including records which concern hiring, appointment, promotion, tenure, salary, performance, termination, or other circumstances of employment, unless the faculty member, administrator, or staff member grants access in writing (in accordance with University Personnel Policy Manual Policy No. 101);

   c. other records where usage might constitute an invasion of privacy;

   d. records of a sitting administration;

   e. records the disclosure of which might expose the University to legal liability.

6. The decision of the Access Committee shall be final.

7. No photocopying or other reproduction of restricted records shall be permitted.

The Access Committee

The purpose of the Access Committee shall be to implement established policy regarding access to recent historical records of the University of Pennsylvania. Its chief function shall be the review of completed "Restricted Records Access Request" forms to determine whether an individual may or may not have access to restricted records.

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The Audubon Quartet (above) will perform at the University Museum, December 7 at 3 p.m. as part of the Distinguished Artists Series. The program includes Haydn’s Quartet in B flat Major, Smetana’s “String Quartet, “From My Life,” and the Philadelphia premiere of Stickles’ Quartet No. 1. “American Dreams.” Tickets: $9-13; students $5.

**Update**

**DECEMBER ON CAMPUS**

**FILM**

5 *Hui So Ying*: 4 and 7:30 p.m., December 6. 8 p.m., December 7, 7:30 p.m., International House. Admission: $3.50. $2.50 for students and senior citizens (International House).

**ON STAGE**

5 *Philadelphia: The Fun! Official Guide*, a “comedy with music” written by Bob Rumnock, Pat Mack and Barbara Helwig that takes a look at Philadelphia’s neighborhoods and surrounding areas, 9 p.m. Fridays and 9 and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Gold Standard Cafe. Tickets are $9. $5 for students. Information: 576-0665.

**FITNESS/LEARNING**

6 A Guided Tour of Trees in the Winter Landscape: at 2 p.m. on the four Saturdays and Sundays in December, at the Morris Arboretum. Visitors will see that bare trees display striking features such as prominent branching patterns, coarse bark textures and persistent fruits. Admission: $2 for adults, $1 for children 6-12, students and senior citizens; children under 6 are admitted free. Through December 28.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

This report contains tallies of Part I crimes on campus, a listing of Part I crimes against persons, and summaries of Part I crimes occurring in the five busiest sectors on campus where two or more incidents occurred between November 24, 1986 and November 30, 1986.

**Total Crime**

**Crime Against Persons—1, Burglaries—4, Thefts—13, Thefts of Auto—0**

**Area/Highest Frequency of Crime**

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<td>Franklin Dorm</td>
<td>Rape/robbery—entrance via unlocked door.</td>
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<td>Spruce St. to Walnut St, 33rd St. to 34th St.</td>
<td>11-26-86 10:11 AM</td>
<td>Chemistry Bldg.</td>
<td>Wallet taken from unsecured locker, University telephone removed from room.</td>
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<td>Spruce St. to Locust St, 34th St to 36th St.</td>
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<td>College Hall</td>
<td>Bike wheel taken from secured bike.</td>
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<td>Spruce St. to Locust St, 38th St to 39th St.</td>
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<td>Lot #14</td>
<td>Burglary/variety items taken, 2 persons apprehended in building.</td>
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<td>Baltimore Ave. to Walnut St, 40th St to 42nd St.</td>
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<td>Evans Bldg.</td>
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**Safety Tip:** Quality locks on doors are an integral part of the residential security system. If not used or if doors are propped open, security is compromised, thus, increasing the opportunity for crime.

**Crime Follow-Up:** Byron Jones, who pleaded guilty last month to the robbery three years ago of Dr. Murray Gerstenhaber at University Parking Lot 26, has been sentenced to 6-18 months to serve consecutively with 7½ years he has to go on unrelated convictions. Dr. Gerstenhaber was beaten and robbed on April 22, 1983, after he interrupted an attempt to steal his car. He reported that he recovered and remains grateful to Colleen Rooney and Michael Needham, who rendered aid.