Death of a Student

Lynn Apicelli, a junior majoring in biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, was killed Saturday evening in a hit-and-run accident near campus that also injured a classmate, Patrick O’Donnell.

Police are searching for the driver of a white automobile that fled the scene at 42nd and Spruce Streets after striking a motorcycle on which Ms. Apicelli was a passenger and Mr. O’Donnell the driver.

Mr. O’Donnell suffered multiple injuries and is in good condition at HUP, awaiting surgery on a broken femur.

Ms. Apicelli, who would have been 20 on October 15, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Apicelli of Delmar, N.Y. Services will be held at St. Thomas’s in Delmar (near Albany), at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 30.

A Center for Black Literature and Culture

A $300,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation will help launch at Penn the nation’s first center addressing issues of urban public education in the context of black literature and culture. Through a new Center for Black Literature and Culture, Penn scholars and visiting fellows will work with Philadelphia educators in developing new approaches to increasing black literacy in the public schools, according to Dr. Houston A. Baker, Jr., the Albert M. Greenfield Professor of Human Relations who is founding director.

Dr. Baker summed up the Center as “a site where disparate scholars, methods and insights can converge from the United States and abroad for the study of issues in the canons of literature from the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa.” Among those expected to give lectures and presentations are Cornell’s Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Princeton’s Valerie Smith and Toni Morrison are expected to collaborate with Penn scholars in such disciplines as Afro-American studies, English, comparative literature, history, folklore, linguistics and sociology.

Faculty at the Graduate School of Education will provide residential fellowships for four visiting fellows each year, Dr. Baker said.

For the full conference is $140 until October 15, or $160 later ($80 in either case for students; there is also a drive to raise funds to offset fees for students). Participants can choose portions of the conference at fees ranging from $15 for the concert (students $8) to $60 for the two days’ workshops ($25 for students). Forms and information are available at the Women’s Center, Houston Hall.

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The following agenda is published in accordance with the Senate Rules.

Agenda of Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 1988, 3-5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of September 14, 1988.
2. Chair's Report.
4. Consideration of nominees for Senate Nominating Committee.
5. Nominations to fill one 1-year term on the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility and two 1-year at-large terms on the Senate Executive Committee.
6. Proposed rules change for election of assistant professor members of SEC.
7. Council agenda.
8. Other new business.
9. Adjournment by 5:30 p.m.

DEATHS

Robert Spiller, 1897-1988

Dr. Robert Spiller, the Felix E. Schelling Emeritus Professor of English who died on August 24 at 91, left American letters visibly changed through his writing, teaching and unabashed pursuit of a place in the mainstream for American literature and American studies.

In an era when success was virtually reserved to the English branch of the field, Dr. Spiller chose American literature—and became one of the leaders in shaping what is now accepted as a distinctive American literary tradition.

His 1948 work, *The Literary History of the United States*, quickly became indispensable to scholars and critics on both sides of the Atlantic. He followed it with the influential 1955 *Cycle of American Literature*, which was translated into 14 languages. He also produced significant work on individual American writers, and helped found the journal *American Literature*, which he edited from 1932-39.

He applied the same energy to the establishment of American studies as a distinct field—writing volumes such as *Changing Patterns in American Civilization*, and helping to form and lead the American Studies Association, to found the *American Quarterly*, and to organize Penn's American Civilization Department, which he chaired three times. He also saw American studies as a two-way exchange with other nations; a Guggenheim Fellow and twice a Fulbright Scholar, he encouraged his American students to go abroad and foreign students to study in America.

Penn was Dr. Spiller's first university, and his last. After taking his B.A. here in 1917, he served with the University of Pennsylvania Medical Corps in World War I, then returned to Penn to take his master's degree in 1920 and his doctorate in 1924. After a year as an instructor in 1923 he joined Swarthmore College. Penn reappointed him in 1943 as full professor and made him the Schelling Professor in 1961.

When the Annenberg School's founding dean, Gilbert Seldes, died in 1963, Dr. Spiller was chosen as acting dean of the School. On becoming emeritus professor in 1967, he was appointed to a three-year term as the Library of Congress's honorary consultant in American cultural history.

Dr. Spiller is survived by his wife, Anna Moss Wright Spiller, and a daughter, Constance Spiller Johnston. (See memorial service information at right.)

**Dr. John Kapp Clark**, a prominent kidney researcher who established the first renal section at HUP in 1947 and served as its chief until 1966, died June 23 at 73. A graduate of Trinity College, Connecticut, he took his M.D. at Penn in 1940 and joined the faculty here after serving in the Army Medical Corps in India during World War II. An emeritus associate professor at the time of his death, Dr. Clark had also served as research director of SmithKline Beckman Corp beginning in 1951 and as vice president and member of the board there in 1961-67. From 1968 to the mid-seventies he was also chief of the Delaware Valley Regional Medical Program, set up to coordinate health-care delivery and avoid duplication by major providers. The author of numerous papers in renal medicine, he was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, member of the board of Trinity, and recipient of an honorary doctorate there in 1964. Dr. Clark is survived by his wife, Marianna Bray Clark; two daughters, Sara Hughes and Margaret Stevens; sons Thomas John and William; stepchildren Pamela Onyx and H. Baldwin Hoffman; and 19 grandchildren.

Richard A. Door, Jr., a student in the School of Veterinary Medicine, died July 1 at 23. He was an honors graduate of Cook College at Rutgers University, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Door, Sr.

David Kim, an SAS alumnus of 1987 and a student in the School of Medicine, died August 15 at 23. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hong Wol Kim.

Anne Lowe, an attendant at Hutchinson Gym in 1949-52 who returned to the post in 1955 to serve 32 years until her retirement in 1987, died on July 4 at 66. She is survived by her husband, Jesse Lowe.

Patrick Roughneen, grounds supervisor at the Wharton Sinkler estate in Chestnut Hill, died September 3 at 77. He joined the University in 1971 as caretaker of the estate, and was promoted to supervisor in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Anna Cannon Roughneen.

Jerome Shenker, volunteer assistant director of intercollegiate athletics, died July 30 at 71. A 1938 Wharton alumnus whose primary career was in building and directing children's camps, Mr. Shenker devoted full time to Penn after his retirement ten years ago. Among contributions that led to his 1988 Award of Merit from the General Alumni Society: laying the groundwork for Penn's national network for recruiting scholar-athletes, and helping create the Harry Fields Gallery which exhibits the sculpture of Joe Brown at Gimbel Gym. Mr. Shenker and his wife, Audrey, who survives him, had also been co-hosts of the Wharton Sinkler estate.

Memorial Services (Reminders)
For Dr. Robert Spiller: Saturday, October 1, at 3 p.m. at the Chestnut Hill Friends' Meeting House. 100 Mermaid Lane.

For Ruth Hugo: Thursday, September 29 (see *Almanac*: July 14), at 5 p.m. in Bodek Lounge at Houston Hall.

For David Kim: Tuesday, September 27 (see *Almanac*: July 14), at 5 p.m. in Bodek Lounge at Houston Hall.

For Dr. John Kapp Clark: Memorial service information at right.

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The Computing Resource Center invites the University community to attend its Fifth Annual Computer Fair on Wednesday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the lobby of the Annenberg Center at 37th and Walnut Streets.

The Fair will feature the newest hardware and software from major computer vendors. Hardware includes desktop computers, laptop computers, powerful workstations, monochrome and color monitors, scanners, and many different types of printers; software includes graphics, optical character recognition, word processing, page layout, and networking products.

Most of the vendors exhibiting at the Computer Fair have discount contracts with the University. The products they will show include many that are recommended for purchase by the Computing Resource Center and appear on the CRC’s list of supported hardware and software. The Fair offers an excellent opportunity to compare different products and to talk to vendors’ representatives directly about issues or products you have questions about.

Also present at the Fair will be numerous campus computing offices, including Computer Solutions; the office of Data Communications and Computing Services (DCCS), which operates PennNet, the University’s data communications network; the Computing Resource Center; and Computer Connection.

Computer Solutions will show the Faculty Interests database and introduce All-in One, the product the University has chosen to support for office functions, such as electronic mail. DCCS staff members will be on hand to answer questions concerning installation and current and newly emerging services on PennNet. At the DCCS table you will also be able to access PennLIN, the Library’s online catalog, as well as other campus computers on which you have an account. At the CRC table you will be able to enter the raffle and pick up literature concerning CRC supported hardware and software, computer training, user groups, etc.

Raffle. One of the highlights of the Fair will be the raffle. Participants have generously contributed a broad assortment of products as raffle prizes. These range from a Zenith SuperSport laptop computer to supported software packages to computer accessories.

To enter the raffle, fill out a user survey form at the CRC table. The drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. It is not necessary to be present at the time of the drawing—winners who attended the Fair earlier in the day will be notified by phone.
The American Express Corporate Card has been added to the University's Comprehensive Travel Program. Applications for the Penn/American Express Corporate Card Program will be distributed September 30 to all eligible academic and administrative staff at their campus address.

According to Lyn Hutchings, University travel administrator, the new card will offer flexibility, security and convenience to those employees who must travel or entertain on University business. Some of the benefits of using the Penn/American Express Corporate Card include:

* No annual Cardmember fee.
* Freedom from preset spending limits and use of personal funds.
* Special services such as Global Assist Hotline emergency assistance, personal check cashing, and emergency card replacement.
* Free travel accident and baggage insurance.

Enrollment material will include answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Corporate Card. In addition, representatives from American Express will be on campus to answer questions on Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The American Express booth will be located in the second floor lobby of the Faculty Club. Ms. Hutchings will also be on hand to answer questions about the Travel Program.

Department of Public Safety Crime Report

This report contains tallies of Part I crimes, a listing of Part I crimes against persons, and summaries of Part I crimes in the five busiest sectors on campus where two or more incidents were reported between September 19 and September 25, 1988.

Date | Time Reported | Location | Incident
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34th St. to 36th St., Walnut St. to Market St. | 09-19-88 | Law School | Equipment taken from secured office.
34th St. to 36th St., Walnut St. to Market St. | 09-21-88 | Law School | Wallet taken from desk drawer.
34th St. to 36th St., Walnut St. to Market St. | 09-22-88 | Law School | Wallet taken from jacket office.
34th St. to 36th St., Walnut St. to Market St. | 09-23-88 | Law Dining Hall | Knapsack taken from secured desk.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-19-88 | 12:54 PM | 3700 Block Locust | Personal items taken from house.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-20-88 | 01:38 PM | Kappa Sigma | Wallet taken from desk drawer.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-19-88 | 1:03 PM | Meyerson Hall | Secured bike taken from rack.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-20-88 | 3:56 PM | 3400 Block Walnut | Secured bike taken from rack.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-23-88 | 1:24 PM | Van Pelt Library | Calculator & tokens taken from briefcase.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-20-88 | 2:15 AM | Steinberg/Dietrich | Secured bike taken from rack.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-24-88 | 3:37 PM | 200 Block 37th | Youths stole half dozen packs of cookies.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-20-88 | 12:54 PM | Harrison House | Secured bicycle taken from rack.
37th St. to 38th St., Spruce St. to Locust Walk | 09-24-88 | 5:07 PM | Harrison House | Rooftop kitchen door pried open/nothing taken.

Safety Tip: Alcohol is the most misused drug in the world. It destroys dreams, breaks up homes, causes illness and even death. If you think that you or someone you know may have a problem, seek help.

18th Police District

Schuylkill River to 49th St., Market St. to Schuylkill/Woodland Ave.  
Reported crimes against persons from 12:01 a.m. 9-19-88 to 11:59 p.m. 9-12-88

Total: Crimes Against Persons—2, Burglaries—1, Thefts—8, Thefts of Auto—0, Attempted Thefts of Auto—0, Total Incidents—18

Date | Location/Time Reported | Offense/weapon | Arrest
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09-12-88 | 43rd and Walnut Sts., 9:55 PM | Robbery/crowbar | No
09-12-88 | 41st and Chancellor Sts., 10:15 PM | Purse snatch | No
09-13-88 | 14 S. Farragut St., 1:30 AM | Aggravated assault | No
09-13-88 | 3900 Pine St., 8:26 AM | Rape/unknown | No
09-13-88 | 4822 Spruce St., 8:26 PM | Robbery/stongarm | No
09-13-88 | 4100 Chestnut St., 10:55 PM | Robbery/gun | No
09-13-88 | 4614 Osage Ave., 11:45 PM | Robbery/knife | No
09-14-88 | 4025 Spruce St., 4:06 AM | Robbery/gun | No
09-14-88 | 4033 Chestnut St., 5:40 AM | Robbery/stongarm | No
09-14-88 | 4000 Locust St., 10:35 PM | Robbery/knife | No
09-14-88 | 4700 Chestnut St., 9:36 AM | Robbery/gun | No
09-14-88 | 4700 Chestnut St., 12:00 AM | Robbery/stongarm | No
09-15-88 | 3333 Walnut St., 6:56 AM | Purse snatch | No
09-15-88 | 4800 Larchwood Ave., 2:00 PM | Robbery/gun | No
09-15-88 | 3700 Chestnut St., 10:10 PM | Robbery/gun | No
09-17-88 | 255 Chestnut St., 10:57 PM | Robbery/knife | No
09-17-88 | 4836 Spruce St., 12:54 AM | Robbery/gun | No
09-17-88 | 1108 S. 47th St., 3:15 AM | Robbery/stongarm | No
09-18-88 | 1616 S. 47th St., 4:00 AM | Robbery/stongarm | No
09-18-88 | 116 S. 47th St., 12:00 AM | Homicide/gun | No
09-18-88 | 34th & Spruce St., 3:35 AM | Purse snatch | No
09-18-88 | 4259 Chester Ave., 4:00 PM | Robbery/strongarm | No

Update SEPTEMBER AT PENN

FITNESS/LEARNING

Career Planning and Placement

28 Academic Career Conference: Penn faculty and administrators share their perspectives with graduate students; Benjamin Franklin Room, Houston Hall. 4:30 p.m. Getting Past A.B.D. 5:30 p.m. Finding out about Funding. 6:30 p.m. The Tenure Process. 7:15 p.m. Interviewing for Academic Jobs. Information: Ext. 8-7530.

TALKS

28 Presidents, Power and the Press: Eric Sevareid, former CBS television commentator and journalist; 7:30 p.m., Irvine Auditorium (Connaissace).

29 Selective Degradation of Abnormal Proteins in Bacterial and Animal Cells: A. L. Goldberg, Harvard University Department of Physiology and Biophysics; 4:30 p.m., Physiology Department Library, Richards Building (Department of Physiology).

European Community: Today and Tomorrow: Ralf Dahrendorf, St. Anthony's College, Oxford; 4:30-6:30 p.m., Room B-2, Vance Hall (Lauder Institute and the Sociology Department).

Deadlines

The deadline for the weekly update is Monday a week before publication. The deadline for the November at Penn pullout calendar is Tuesday, October 11. Send to the Almanac, 3601 Locust Walk 6224 (second floor of the Christian Association).

Academic Job Search Handbook

The Career Planning and Placement Service, with the advice and assistance of its Graduate Faculty Placement Council, has recently produced an Academic Job Search Handbook. A comprehensive guide, the handbook discusses the academic search from the stage of identifying openings, through submitting written materials, attending conventions, interviewing, and negotiating final acceptance.

The handbook is available without charge to doctoral students within two years of completing their degrees and to faculty members for distribution to their students. Copies may be obtained at CPPS, Suite 20, McNeil Building, or by calling Ext. 8-7530.

Truman Awards: Open Now

Nominations for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Award (set up by Congress as the federal memorial to the 33rd President) are open from now to October 21. An HST provides $7,000 a year for four years to 50 students (one from each state) who are college juniors showing “outstanding potential for leadership in government and related public service.” Students must be nominated by their institutions, through a process that starts with a form now available at the VPUL Office, 200 College Hall.

Pituitary Gland Study

The Endocrinology Section of the Department of Medicine is seeking normal men and women 40-80 years old for a study of pituitary gland function. Volunteers who meet the study criteria, based on an initial interview and examination, will be asked to have blood samples taken during a three-hour period. Payment will be $50.00.

For further information, call Dr. Leela Daneshchodoost, Ext. 6-6251.

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