Two SAS Term Chairs: Jack Nagel, Richard Wernick

Professor Jack Nagel of political science and Professor Richard Wernick of music have been appointed to newly-established term chairs in the School of Arts and Sciences, Dean Rosemary Stevens announced this week.

Political Science: Dr. Nagel’s chair, the Daniel J. Brodsky Term Professorship, was given by Mr. Brodsky, a 1966 alumnus of the College who majored in political science. He later took a master’s degree at NYU and is president of The Brodsky Corporation, a real estate development firm specializing in the renovation of commercial buildings into apartments and condominiums.

Dr. Nagel graduated from Swarthmore with highest honors in 1966 and took his Ph.D. at Yale in 1970. He joined the Penn faculty at Penn in 1971 as a lecturer. He became an assistant professor in SAS and the former School of Public and Urban Policy in 1973 and rose to full professor in 1988.

An authority on democratic theory and voting systems, Dr. Nagel teaches extensively for undergraduate and graduate students and is the author of two books—Participation and The Descriptive Analysis of Power—as well as numerous papers. He has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Fulbright Scholar and Lecturer at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, where many of his comparative studies of voting practices and political theory have been centered. His work has been supported by the NSF, UPS and other programs.

As sometime visiting professor at Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr and Southern Connecticut State, Dr. Nagel has been active on the Penn campus in committees and workgroups that deal with graduate student support, graduate education, city relations, internal research funding and other subjects. He served on the Faculty Senate Committee on the Faculty in 1985-86 and is presently on the social sciences review panel of the Research Foundation and the Phi Beta Kappa electoral committee.

Music: Richard Wernick, a much-honored internationally known composer and conductor, is the first two-time winner of the Kennedy Center’s prestigious Friedheim Prize for new music. Other prizes have included a Walter W. Naumburg Award, a Guggenheim, and the National Academy/National Institute of Arts and Letters Award.

Name Changes: Asian/Middle Eastern Studies and Others

At the March 20 stated meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, Dr. Donald Langenberg gave three resolutions on departmental name-changing, which passed unanimously. His statement:

The Academic Policy Committee of the Board recommends to the Executive Committee today the approval of three resolutions. All three deal with departmental name changes.

The first is a resolution that recommends and establishes a change in the name of the Department of Oriental Studies to the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. You will recall that the Board at its [January full board] meeting referred this issue to the Committee. The Committee has examined a great deal of material which was shared with us by the Provost, and has concluded that the process was properly carried through, and that result was appropriate, and recommends the approval of that name change.

The second resolution calls for the establishment within the School of Medicine of a Department of Neuroscience and it also recommends the change of the name of the Department of Anatomy to the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology; and it recommends the renaming of the Department of Human Genetics to the Department of Genetics. The establishment of the Department of Neuroscience will further support the leadership of the University of Pennsylvania in the Neuroscience, and the two departmental name changes will more accurately reflect the current scholarly thrust of those two departments.

Finally, the Committee recommends to the Executive Committee a resolution concerning the process by which academic department name changes are carried out. It turns out that no process is now explicitly defined and therefore would recommend the following resolution.

Resolution Concerning Academic Department Name Changes

The Board of Trustees deems a change in the name of an academic department unaccompanied by any significant change in the academic program(s) or membership of the department to be a part of the University’s normal ongoing administrative process, one that usually does not require formal Board approval. The Board expects that such changes will regularly be reported to the Board by the Provost. The President and Provost may, however, seek the advice and/or approval of the Board if, in their judgments, the issues underlying a departmental name change so warrant.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees deems a change in the name of an academic department unaccompanied by any significant change in the academic program(s) or membership of the department to be a part of the University’s normal ongoing administrative process, one that usually does not require formal Board approval. The Board asks that in the future the Provost report to it any change in the name of an academic department which occurs as part of the University’s normal ongoing administrative process. The President and Provost may seek advice and/or approval of the Board if, in their judgments, the issues underlying a departmental name change so warrant.
Please mind your business...

As the scholar Yogi Berra said, “It’s déjà vu all over again.” Only this time around it’s even worse. The Governor’s budget, completely erasing the time-honored recognition of Penn’s almost one hundred years of state funding in one stroke, has serious repercussions for all of us. Despite this, in a move which bodes well for faculty in increasingly hard times, the administration has budgeted a 4.5% raise for faculty in the 1993 budget—this in the face of a projected deficit of almost $20 million. We are pleased that the pledge to increase raises this year has been met.

On the downside is the fact that the whole University will need to shrink in the near future—“downsize” is the latest buzzword for this unhappy phenomenon. In order to maintain a faculty of reasonable size we may have hard choices to make, e.g. between the size and number of courses taught or a much smaller faculty with many part-time instructors. While it is obvious that Penn is being administered better than some of our peer institutions, we must keep a lookout for essentials; the recent report on the condition of rather large numbers of classrooms indicates serious needs in many quarters. Such needs should have priority over those which are less educationally related. (By the way, Penn’s endowment is by far the lowest among our peers. This fact also suggests that the central administration is doing something right in managing despite this. The Faculty Senate is involved with the administration in a work group which will be reporting on cost containment in the central administration next Fall. Watch for it.)

Last academic year the Faculty Senate was represented on a group studying salaries in relation to how well women faculty are being paid. The results were fairly good, with women faculty’s pay across the University generally on par with men’s pay. However, what the study also revealed is the small number of women in most parts of the University. We as faculty have to take more than a tongue-in-cheek approach to this matter, saying one thing and doing another. Here the Provost is far ahead of us having appointed four women deans, three in schools where they are the first women in those positions. Perhaps he can shame some of the departments into doing better in recruiting and retaining more of the top quality women as their numbers increase in the Ph.D. pools of candidates.

Another area of Senate work on behalf of faculty that is disquieting is the increase in cases which are coming before the schools’ and the Senate committees on academic freedom and responsibility. The charges brought are serious ones: dereliction of duty, plagiarism, embezzlement. These merit our attention from the point of view of all faculty needing to help create and sustain an environment of integrity. Penn has been known for its openness and honesty and self-government among faculty; the increase in numbers and severity of problems is disturbing. A Senate ad hoc committee has been working on changes in the current procedures on misconduct, but those procedures need a complete overhaul. This is a task we must take up soon.

The escalating number of clinician educators is raising some concern—this is the fastest growing group of faculty in the University at the present time.

As faculty members, these issues are your business. On April 15 at 3:00 p.m. in 200 College Hall these and other matters will be discussed at the Faculty Senate’s plenary meeting. Please make it your business to be there.

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6. Materials from the Phillips subcommittee were enclosed with the agenda for the March meeting. (See Almanac 3/24, page 2)
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DEATHS

Dr. Claude K. Deischer, professor emeritus of chemistry, died on March 23 at the age of 88. He had taught at Penn for more than 40 years, beginning as an instructor in 1928 and retiring in 1971. He was assistant department chairman for 14 years, and a curator of the Edgar Fahs Smith Memorial Collection Library.

A graduate of Kutztown, he began his career in 1921 teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Salisbury Township, then taught in Emmanus public schools before enrolling for a master’s at Penn. He went on to the Ph.D. in 1933.

Dr. Arnold Thackray of the Beckman Center of the History of Chemistry recalls Dr. Deischer as one of the last students of Edgar Fahs Smith, who in turn was a student of Friedrich Wohler, one of the first pioneers of Ph.D.-level research at universities. Thus Dr. Deischer was an important link with the past, and to the scientific world of the 1840’s—and this gave him “the difficult role of bridging the antiquarian and the modern approaches to research and education,” Dr. Thackray said.

He emerged with honors including Penn’s 1959 Excellence in Teaching Award (for runner-up, the Lindback ), and the Honor Scroll of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Scientists.

Dr. Deischer is survived by his son, Dr. Harry Deischer; two brothers, Howard K. and Albert K.; two sisters, Irene Deischer and Mae Schult; and one granddaughter.

Margaret E. Doyle, who for 20 of her 32 years at Penn was business manager at Wharton’s Industrial Research Unit (now Center for Human Resources), died March 21 at the age of 78. She had joined the University in 1952 and retired in 1984, moving to Texas in 1990.

According to Dr. Herbert R. Northrup, Professor Emeritus of Management, and longtime director of the Unit, Mrs. Doyle was “widely known throughout Wharton and the University for her understanding of policies and procedures, and advised many persons in similar positions with other centers and departments.”

Mrs. Doyle is survived by two daughters, Sharon D. Hormann of Kingwood, Texas, and Barbara A. Doyle of Denver, Colorado; and three grandchildren.

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A Question of Safety: Who can ride the PennBus?
Anyone with a PennID—faculty and staff as well as students—can ride
the PennBus on its "red and blue routes" circling West Philadelphia,
and board the newer, drop-off only "green route" shuttle to points
across the Schuylkill. It's all free. (Moreover, Drexel and Penn
honor each other’s ID cards.) Service is year-round except during
the December-January holiday break. There is also study shuttles,
a weekly shopper’s run to supermarkets, and other transportation
aids to safety, about which more next week.

Green Route Shuttle: The Green Route Shuttle provides drop-off only
service east of the Schuylkill River. This shuttle operates Monday through
Sunday from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. and stops at five (5) campus locations
before proceeding across the Schuylkill River.
Beginning Monday, December 2, 1991 and continuing for the remainder of
this academic year, the Green Route Shuttle will be running one van on the
hour and one van on the half-hour between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.
On-campus pickup locations and approximate timetables are listed below.

Upon request, the Green Route Shuttle will deviate from the established
route to take persons to their place of residence within the area east of
the Schuylkill River and bounded by Market, 20th and South Streets.

Correction: A new blue-light phone was missing from last
week's public safety map as it appeared in Almanac (but
correct on placemats and posters around campus). A square,
indicating accessible to the disabled, should have been at The
Shops at Penn, 3401 Walnut. The phone is on the exterior
wall between Cinnabon and Cosimo’s.
Alcohol and Other Drugs: Awareness Week April 6-9 and 13-14

The following dates in April mark the University’s annual observance of Awareness Week. Abbreviations used are:

ADE Office of Alcohol and Drug Education
DART Drug and Alcohol Resources Team
GSAC Graduate Student Associations Council
F/SAP Faculty/Staff Assistance Program
OATS Outpatient Addiction Treatment Service of the Pennsylvania Institute
TRC Treatment Research Center of the University of Pennsylvania
VPUL Vice Provost for University Life's Alcohol and other Drug Task Force
UCS University Counseling Service

University of Pennsylvania Police Department

This report contains tallies of part 1 crimes, a listing of part 1 crimes against persons, and summaries of part 1 crime in the five busiest sectors on campus where two or more incidents were reported between March 23, 1992 and March 29, 1992.

Totals: Crimes Against Persons—0, Thefts—22, Burglaries—2, Thefts of Auto—3, Attempted Thefts of Auto—2

Date Time Location Incident
30th to 34th; Walnut to Market
03/23/92 2:27 AM Lot #26 Vehicle's door forced/steering column damaged
03/24/92 10:41 AM Lot #26 Vehicle's door lock punched out/club removed from column
03/24/92 5:49 PM Lot #24 "90" Subaru station wagon stolen
03/29/92 5:07 PM Zeta Psi Carved spoon and frame from fraternity/ no force
03/29/92 5:07 PM Lot #26 Nissan Maxima stolen
03/29/92 5:50 PM Zeta Psi Caribou head taken/forced entry
36th to 37th; Spruce to Locust
03/23/92 9:19 AM Steinberg-Dietrich 3 framed pictures taken from hallway
03/24/92 1:30 PM 3600 Block of Locust Kite and Key banner taken from walk
03/25/92 3:09 PM Steinberg-Dietrich Book and sunglasses from bookbag
03/27/92 2:23 AM Steinberg-Dietrich Back wheel taken from bike
32nd to 33rd; South to Walnut
03/24/92 4:17 PM Hutchinson Gym Wallet from locker/credit card used
03/27/92 7:07 PM Rittenhouse Lab Toolbox forced open/power tools taken
34th to 38th; Civic Center to Hamilton
03/23/92 10:39 AM Stemmer Hall Textbook taken from unsecured room
03/24/92 4:02 PM Clinical Res. Bldg. Electronic organizer taken from unsecured room
38th to 40th; Baltimore to Spruce
03/27/92 4:14 PM Veterinary Hospital Car radio taken from unsecured office
03/27/92 4:45 PM Alpha Epsilon Pi Rolex watch taken from unsecured room

Safety Tip: Do not leave your valuables in plain view; secure all items and offices when away from your work area.

18th District Crimes Against Persons

Schuylkill River to 49th Steet, Market Street to Woodland Avenue
12:01 AM March 16, 1992 to 11:59 PM March 22, 1992

Totals: Incidents—9, Arrests—4

Date Time Location Offense/Weapon Arrest
03/17/92 6:15 PM 541 S. 49 Rape/strong-arm Yes
03/18/92 6:28 AM 4600 Sansom Robbery/strong-arm No
03/18/92 7:24 PM 100 S. 36 Robbery/gun No
03/19/92 11:17 PM 4200 Locust Robbery/gun Yes
03/20/92 10:00 PM 208 S. St. Marks Robbery/gun Yes
03/20/92 8:45 PM 4000 Spruce Robbery/knife No
03/21/92 11:57 PM 4100 Pine Robbery/shotgun No
03/22/92 6:25 AM 3300 Convention Purse Snatch/strong-arm No
03/22/92 7:09 PM 4511 Walnut Robbery/gun Yes

linked with certain attributes and qualities including happiness, wealth, athletic ability and sexual satisfaction through advertising.

8 Adult Children of Alcoholics: noon-1 p.m.; Smith-Penniman Room, Houston Hall; Victoria Demos on the impact of family alcoholism. (University Counseling Service)

Sobriety — Less than 18 Months in Recovery: noon-1 p.m., Room 304, Houston Hall. Weekly support group for faculty and staff in early recovery (F/SAP).

DART Peer Education Workshop: 9 p.m.; Hill College House Library. Overview of alcohol and other drug use; DART Peer Educators. (Hill College House)

Milk and Cookies Study Break: 10 p.m. Study Breaks in College Houses and Residences throughout the campus; alcohol and other drug literature available.


New Pharmacological Treatment for Substance Abuse: 1-2 p.m.; Smith-Penniman Room, Houston Hall. Recent scientific developments in substance abuse treatment, by Joseph Volpicelli of Psychiatry/Med., Program Director of Treatment Research Unit, TRC. (TRC, F/SAP and VPUL.)

13 Co-dependency in the Workplace: What is it, How does it Affect Us and Our Jobs?: noon-1 p.m.; Harrison Room, Houston Hall. Mary Joe Porreca, Program Coordinator of OATS (F/SAP)

Recovering Person Reception: 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Room 301 Houston Hall. Reception for recovering students, faculty and staff. Refreshments (UCS, ADE, F/SAP and VPUL.)

New Jack City: 7 p.m.; Low Rise North Gallery. Film and discussion. (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and ADE.)

Clean and Sober: 8:30 p.m.; High Rise South Roof Top Lounge. Movie, group discussion facilitated by DART Peer Educators.

For more information: Ext. 8-2219.

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