In Graduate Rankings, Penn Schools Moving Up

The annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of “America’s Best Graduate Schools” in the March 2 issue of the newsmagazine (scheduled for distribution on February 23) shows the Wharton School holding at #3 and five other schools of the University moving upward.

In the sometimes widely disputed report,
- Four of Penn’s schools that were already in the top twenty moved upward: Nursing to 2nd (from 3rd in 1995, the last year Nursing was in the report); Medicine to 4th (from 7th last year); Law to 8th (from 11th); and Education to 11th (from 18th); and
- Engineering moved from 33rd to 32nd.

*U.S. News* does not rank all schools; Nursing would rank at #2, if it did.

Nor does it rank Arts and Sciences as a unit, but gives selected individual disciplines. Among the six departments of SAS that the magazine does rank, five at Penn made the top twenty:
- Economics and Psychology both at 9th,
- History and Sociology both at 12th.

All of the schools that were ranked, and some of the departments, were in ties with other institutions. For more on their relative placements, see the table on page 3. Still further detail is on the *U.S. News* website at www.usnews.com.

Disputed Ratings: *U.S. News*, which has been ranking undergraduate schools since 1983, began ranking selected graduate programs in 1987. Numerous institutions have criticized the rankings—said by the magazine to be based on a combination of objective and reputational measurements. This year the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reports disagreement particularly by 92 law school deans—eight of the ten Ivies among them, including Penn’s Dean Colin Diver—who sent a letter criticizing the rankings.

**Medicine in U.S. News and Elsewhere:**

In a separate section where *U.S. News* reported on eight specialties in medicine—a reputational ranking by medical school deans and senior faculty—Penn departments were in the top ten in five of the eight fields. Penn Medical Center ranked 2nd in drugs/alcohol (tied with Harvard); 10th in geriatrics (in a four-way tie with UCSF, Chicago and Rochester); 6th in internal medicine; 3rd in pediatrics; and 4th in women’s health.

In an unrelated story, PennMed received the 1988 National Quality Health Care Award given by a committee of that name in conjunction with the trade journal *Modern Healthcare*. It was singled out for high quality care, low costs and streamlined efficiencies, and cited as “an integrated system that demonstrates innovation and leadership in providing quality health care to its community.”

And, by the objective measure of funds awarded by the National Institutes of Health, the School of Medicine ranked third in FY1997, according to data released by the NIH. At $175 million, its research and training grants are up 17.6% over FY1996’s, making PennMed also the fastest-growing of the top ten schools. Second-place UC San Francisco’s total for 1997 was $180,000, and Johns Hopkins was in first place with $210 million. Among nursing schools, Penn’s ranks first (Almanac February 17).

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Dean Preston Confirmed...  
**Dr. Beeman Named Deputy Dean**

The appointment of Dr. Samuel Preston as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences was confirmed by the Trustees at Friday’s Stated Meeting. The longtime Penn sociology professor, who has been the Frederick J. Warren Professor of Demography since 1988, took office January 1 (Almanac December 16/23, 1997). (Other Trustees coverage: page 11.)

**Deputy Dean:** Earlier last week, Dean Preston made one further change in the core staffing of the Dean’s Office that he announced in January (Almanac January 20): Dr. Richard R. Beeman, who became Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in December, now holds the title Deputy Dean of SAS. “While Rick’s responsibilities as Dean of the College will remain essentially unchanged, this new title will better reflect the academic and organizational centrality of the College within the School and University,” said Dean Preston. “This appointment is also made in recognition of Rick’s long and outstanding service in the Dean’s office and his extraordinary talents and energy.”
Trustees: Trammell Crow, Gutman Estate Resolved

At the stated meeting of the full Board on Friday, the Trustees passed resolutions that resolve the two long-running public issues from recent history: the making of a contract with Trammell Crow to outsource Penn’s facilities management, subject to a satisfactory tax ruling; and the sale of the Gutman Estate in Bucks County in an environmentally favorable arrangement, with proceeds of $3.75 million earmarked for the Graduate School of Fine Arts.

The action on the servicing agreement with TC Higher Education Services reads, after a preamble,

resolved, that the EVP’s negotiation, execution, and consummation of the Preliminary Agreement and all other actions taken by the EVP or other appropriate officer prior to the date hereof concerning the transaction contemplated by the University, including, without limitation, all actions taken with respect to the Preliminary Agreement be, and the same time hereby are, approved and ratified and shall be deemed to have been taken with the full and proper authority of the Trustees.

Further resolved, that upon receipt of a satisfactory tax ruling, the execution by the EVP and implementation of the Nine Year Agreement or of such other agreement and documents as may be necessary or desirable to accommodate the tax ruling or the University’s interests, with such changes as the EVP or other appropriate officer approves (such approval to be evidenced by appropriate resolution and delivery of the Nine Year Agreement or such other agreement and of all documents relating thereto on behalf of the University), are authorized.

Schattner Center: The Trustees also voted name the new center planned for the School of Dental Medicine in honor of an alumnus and supporter, Dr. Robert Schattner, D. '48. The Robert Schattner Center will be a state-of-the-art facility for patient care and student education at 40th and Locust on what is now the Levy Building parking lot. Groundbreaking is scheduled for fall, a School spokesperson said after the meeting.

In other actions the trustees:

- Confirmed the appointments of Dr. Samuel Preston as Dean of SAS (see page 1); Omar Blaik as Vice President for Facilities Services and Contract Management (Almanac Jan. 13); and Richard B. Worley as Secretary of the University (Almanac Feb. 10).
- Approved financial resolutions including those for Annenberg Public Policy Center and related renovations at $15 million, and the design of a chilled water plant on Murphy Field, in anticipation of increased need as Medicine’s BRBs (Basic Research Buildings), Wharton’s upcoming academic buildings, Sansom Common, and other new facilities come on line. Separately they approved $1.2 million to connect the Small Animal Hospital to the new chilled water loop.
- Approved the selection of Cooper’s & Lybrand as independent auditors.
- Approved both operating and capital budgets for the Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System for 1998, reflecting the 1997 merger.
- Authorized, in two separate actions, the refinancing of indebtedness for the University and for the Health System. The Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance or Treasurer were designated as the responsible administrators, subject to the powers granted to an Ad Hoc Committee made up of Trustees Robert A. Fox, Paul F. Miller, Jr., James S. Riepe, and Richard B. Worley.

The President’s Annual Report for 1997, a 48-page booklet containing also the financial statements of the University for the period, was distributed at the Stated Meeting.

Penn Reading Project Text Selection

The Penn Reading Project Committee welcomes suggestions for the 1998-99 Penn Reading Project book, Committee Chair and Professor of English, Alan Filreis announced Monday. Any member of the Penn community may recommend a text.

Sponsored by the Undergraduate Council of Deans and now entering its ninth year, the Penn Reading Project was founded on the principle that a common intellectual experience is a valuable part of the New Student Orientation Program. First-year students read a common text over the summer, and during orientation week they discuss it in informal seminars with a faculty member. It is hoped that this experience will introduce students early in their Penn careers to the academic life of the University; that it will bring them together with faculty sooner than is usual; and that it will provide an intellectual experience that can be shared across the entire first-year class. A number of follow-up programs and events are scheduled throughout the academic year. An archive of past projects is available on the web: http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~ppp/archive/.

First-year students will be sent copies of the selected book over the summer, along with a letter from the deans of the four undergraduate schools conveying their strong hope that new students will participate: “Professors leading the discussions come from a variety of disciplines and expect only your readiness to engage in thoughtful conversation about matters of importance to all educated men and women.”

Moreover, all first-year students who take writing seminars will be asked to write about the text as part of their first writing assignment.

Last year 145 Reading Project sessions were led by members of the faculty and academic staff over Labor Day weekend. Faculty interested in participating are being urged to mark their calendars now.

Suggested titles may be sent to pap@dolphin.upenn.edu with a brief sentence or two indicating why the nominated text might be especially effective to use for new Penn students. Suggestions may also be sent to: David Fox, associate director, Academic Programs and Residence Life, Suite 112, High Rise North, 3901 Locust Walk/6180; tel. 898-5551; fax 573-6789.
AWFA Award Nominations: By March 10
The Association of Women Faculty and Administrators invites nominations for its annual awards, to be presented this year at a breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 8 a.m. at the Faculty Club. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

The Leonore Williams Award: In 1984, AWFA received a bequest from Leonore Williams, wife of former provost Edwin B. Williams. In her honor, the Association established an award to be given each year to an outstanding female scholar or leader. Preference is given to a distinguished woman affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania whose contributions extend within and beyond our campus. A plaque will be presented to the Leonore Williams Award recipient.

The Alice Paul Award: Named in honor of the SSW alumna who was a suffragist leader, founder of the National Women’s Party, author of the Equal Rights Amendment, and internationally known humanitarian, several Alice Paul Awards are made to undergraduate and graduate women in recognition of their outstanding service to women—particularly those who have made contributions to women in the Penn community. A small cash award and a certificate are presented to each recipient.

The Robert E. Davies Award: Established in 1994 to honor the late Dr. Davies, a distinguished scientist, teacher, activist and University citizen who was a faculty member at Penn for over 35 years, this award is for those affiliated with the University who share the late Professor Davies’ commitment to thought and action in striving for equal rights for women. A small gift will be made to the recipient’s charity of choice and a plaque presented. Nominations for any of the above awards should include the following: the nominee’s name, position, campus address, and telephone number; the nature of the nominee’s achievement, and why the nominator considers it to be extraordinary; and the nominator’s name, position, campus address and phone number. All nominations must be received by March 10, and should be sent to: Ann R. Kennedy, Department of Radiation & Oncology 195 John Morgan Building 3620 Hamilton Walk/6072

Steele Prize: Dr. Wilf
Dr. Herbert Wilf, the Thomas A. Scott Professor of Mathematics, was awarded a Leroy P. Steele prize for Seminal Contribution to Research. He shared the award with Doron Zeilberger of Temple University for their joint work on “Rational functions certify combinatorial identities,” a paper which appeared in the Journal of the AMS in 1990.

The work for which the prize was awarded involves a new method of finding computer-assisted proofs of formulas that arise in many areas of mathematics and physics. The Wilf-Zeilberger method has the computer work to provide a “validity certificate” for A=B, where B is a very complicated expression involving sums and products of many terms, and A is a relatively simple expression. An unprecedented aspect of this proof technique involves how the computer is used; up to now, mathematicians have been reluctant to accept computer-assisted results as certain, since there is usually no way to verify that the computer program is error-free and that the computer itself has functioned precisely as programmed.

“I fell in love with these procedures as soon as I learned them, because they worked for me immediately... The success rate is astonishing,” computer scientist Donal Knuth said of the results.

Excerpts from “Best Graduate Schools”
As noted on page one, here are the placements of six of Penn’s schools and five of its departments in the U.S. News & World Report rankings just released. In these tables gleaned by University Relations, a number in the heading indicates how many schools were rated, and a number in parentheses indicates the school or department’s prior U.S. News ranking.

Schools of Business—300
1. Harvard University (2)
2. Columbia University (7)
3. MIT (4)
4. University of Pennsylvania (3)

Schools of Law—174
1. Yale University (1)
2. Harvard University (2)
3. Stanford University (3)
4. Columbia University (5)
5. University of Chicago (4)
6. New York University (6)
7. University of California, Berkeley (9)
8. University of Michigan (7)
9. University of Pennsylvania (11)
10. University of Virginia (8)

Schools of Medicine—125
1. Harvard University (1)
2. Johns Hopkins University (2)
3. Washington University (5)
4. Duke University (3)
5. University of Pennsylvania (7)
6. Yale University (6)

Schools of Engineering—219
1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)
2. Stanford University (2)
3. University of California, Berkeley (2)
4. Carnegie Mellon University (7)
5. Georgia Institute of Technology (7)
6. University of Illinois (6)
7. University of Michigan (6)
8. Duke University (3)
9. University of Florida (4)
10. University of Pennsylvania (33)

Schools of Education—191
1. Teachers College, Columbia (1)
2. University of California, Berkeley (3)
3. Harvard University (4)
4. Stanford University (2)
5. University of California, Los Angeles (3)
6. University of Michigan (8)
7. Vanderbilt University (10)
8. University of Illinois (11)
9. University of Wisconsin (6)
10. University of Pennsylvania (18)

Schools of Nursing—117
1. University of Washington (1)
2. University of California, San Francisco (1)
3. University of Pennsylvania (3)
4. University of Michigan (5)
5. Case Western Reserve University (1)
6. Liberal Arts Ph.D. Programs (1)

Economics
1. Harvard University (1)
2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)
3. Stanford University (3)
4. University of California, Berkeley (2)
5. University of Pennsylvania (11)

History
1. Princeton University (1)
2. University of California, Berkeley (2)
3. University of Pennsylvania (12)
4. Cornell University (1)
5. University of Pennsylvania (5)

Psychology
1. Stanford University (1)
2. University of Minnesota (1)
3. University of Pennsylvania (12)

Sociology
1. University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)
2. University of Pennsylvania (12)
Memorial Service: Dr. Siebert
A memorial service for Dr. Jay Seibert, professor emeritus of periodontics, will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 5 p.m. in Room B-60 Evans Building at the School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Seibert, who passed away on December 20, 1997, had been director of the Postdoctoral Periodontics Program at the School of Dental Medicine during his 24 years of dedicated service to the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Seibert touched the lives of many faculty, staff, students, and patients, said Dr. Anthony Vito, a colleague who is arranging the service.

A memorial fund is being established in memory of Dr. Seibert. DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTOLOGY, ATTENTION: DR. JAY S. SEIBERT MEMORIAL FUND. 4001 SPRUCE STREET/6003.

The following resolution was passed by the University Board of Trustees at the Stated Meeting February 20, followed by a moment of silence.

Memorial Resolution for Julian S. Bers
August 18, 1909 — January 23, 1998

Julian S. Bers (W’31) served the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia community for most of his eighty-eight years, improving the well-being and enhancing the stature of countless people along the way.

Soon after earning his bachelor’s degree from the Wharton School, Mr. Bers took over a scrap-metal business founded by his father in 1890. Demonstrating exceptional vision and business acumen, he converted the business into a lead-smelting and rubber distribution business venture and prospered. Selling the thriving business in 1969, he made his first attempt at retiring, but in less than a year he was back at work as head of Imperial Metal and Chemical Co., where he remained for another 21 years.

Bringing the same kind of energy and dedication that characterized his professional life to his roles as philanthropist and civic leader, Mr. Bers provided leadership for numerous community, social, and cultural organizations. Throughout the years he generously volunteered his time and energy, accepting trustee positions, chairing fund-raising committees for hospitals and universities, and giving free investment advice to nonprofit organizations. In 1991, he and his wife, Janice Smith Bers (ED’39) were cited for 50 years of service to the United Way.

Nowhere was Mr. Bers’ commitment more marked than here at his alma mater, where he was Emeritus Trustee of the University, of the Trustee Board of the Health System, and of the Medical Center Trustee Board. As a Term and Alumni Trustee he was Vice Chairman of the Health Affairs Committee and a member of the Alumni Affairs, University Development, and Budget and Finance Committees, and of the Investment Board. He served Penn devotedly as general chairman of Annual Giving, chairman of the Benjamin Franklin Associates, vice-president of his class, and gift chairman for his 45th Reunion. In 1968, his many outstanding contributions to Penn were recognized when he was awarded the Alumni Award of Merit.

Mr. Bers further strengthened Penn by establishing the Janice and Julian Bers Assistant Professorship in Social Sciences, the Janice and Julian Bers Assistant Professorship in History and Sociology of Science, and the William A. Levi Travel Fellowship. The Medical Center’s Department of Neurology has also benefited greatly from his generous support.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania express their deep sorrow over the death of their colleague and long-time friend, Julian S. Bers, and in recording this official minute, wish to convey to his family their personal affection and esteem for him, as well as the enduring gratitude of the University community.

Council February 11:
School Reviews, Funding, Vending and Police

At Council on February 11, Provost Michael Wachter reported on the selection of five Thouren Scholars who will enter the British institutions of their choice under Penn’s two-way exchange program. (See box, next page.)

School Reviews: Dr. Wachter also gave a progress report on the School reviews now under way:

“As you may know, the School reviews were established in 1996-97 as part of the University’s Agenda for Excellence. It was written into the Agenda, calling for a rigorous normative protocol for external review and assessment of each school and interschool program every five to seven years. This process is intended to provide the schools with the opportunity to evaluate their long-run strategic plans and to receive input from an external review committee which is made up of distinguished academic leaders from that school’s disciplines. These committees are outstanding blue-ribbon committees. It’s great for us to host them and we get enormous help from them. An important part of the process is that it allows each of the schools an opportunity to be thinking in a strategic planning context about what their goals have been and about their success in meeting those goals.

“The reviews we’ve had so far have included the School of Social Work and the School of Nursing last year, and the School of Dental Medicine this year. We will be doing the Graduate School of Education in the spring. In addition, we have been reviewing Penn’s four centers through the Provost’s Office: last year we did the Annenberg Center, which led to a new strategic plan there; we are in the midst of doing the Institute for Contemporary Art. In addition, as part of reestablishing the Fels Program, we did a review of that program last year.

“The goal of this entire process is to allow the leaders in the field to get together with the schools, the deans and the faculty, to think about their programs—whether they are cohesive, coherent, effective and true to their mission, and whether and how they are meeting established school and University goals. It is extremely pleasing to say that the reviews we’ve had have been enormously successful both in terms of process, and also in terms of the feedback we’ve been getting from the review committees on how outstanding the schools are and the progress they are making.

“Finally, what this review process does is to allow the schools to think about what are the best and most effective benchmarks that they want to use to measure their own success. We have received good assistance from the review committees on this, and I look forward to reporting further on this as more reviews take place.”

Funding: President Judith Rodin gave updates on both federal and state funding issues of interest to the University:

“If you heard President Clinton’s State of the Union address,” she said, “you heard of his intention to increase scientific research funding, including the largest increases ever to both the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. If Congress follows that, it would be wonderfully good news for research universities including Penn. As Penn’s president and as one of President Clinton’s advisors in the science and technology, I’ve tried to play a leadership role in encouraging the President to take this move, and will also play a leadership role in encouraging Congress to pass the necessary legislation.”

Arriving at Council straight from Harrisburg, Dr. Rodin reported that the Governor of Pennsylvania has recommended a 3.5% increase in Commonwealth Funds to the Vet School—the nation’s first ranked veterinary medical school and the only one in the Commonwealth. The Governor also proposes traditionally smaller amounts for public schools.

On the federal level, President Rodin was encouraged by the Administration’s suggestion to increase funding for medical schools. “I’m extremely pleased to say that the reviews we’ve had have been enormously successful both in terms of process, and also in terms of the feedback we’ve been getting from the review committees on how outstanding the schools are and the progress they are making.

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Vending: In opening reports and later in the Q & A, GAPSA representatives raised objections to last-minute changes in the proposed legislation on vending which was sent to City Council last week and is scheduled for public hearings in April. Asked to clarify a statement of GAPSA Chair Sanjay Udani to the effect that agreements made on Monday had been broken, Matthew Ruben said:

“At the meeting in chambers with Councilwoman Blackwell on Monday we all agreed on a dozen issues that represented differences among various proposed ordinances submitted by the Penn Consumer Alliance, the Vendor Association and the Administration. There were a number of remaining issues. However, in the copy that was received by us today—it was faxed directly to the Councilwoman yesterday—in contravention of her explicit direction that it be shown to us first—more than half of those agreements are not implemented in the Administration’s revision of the ordinance. In fact, on some of them they have explicitly informed us that they are reneging for reasons which are not explained,” he said. He detailed as points of disagreement:

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Moral Distinctions?

Executive Vice President John Fry's response to the letter calling upon the University to divest its holdings in companies doing business in Myanmar suggests that there exists a serious moral debate about conditions in that country and that the University will be making a moral distinction by withdrawing support from the programs of genocide, forced and slave labor, imprisonment of dissenters, house arrest of an elected President, and recognizing the difference between the current junta in Myanmar and South Africa.

These are the programs that the present military junta of Myanmar has put in place after deposing the democratically elected President, a government which can only exist as a result of the open and concealed subventions of Unocal, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

It may be a moral distinction for John Fry, but the genocidal attacks by the military junta on the Mon, the Arachnese, the Karen and other minority peoples aimed at seizing slave labor for forest clearing and pipe line construction are well known and well advanced. These actions are not mere moral distinctions but serious infringements of the international charter of human rights.

The University of Pennsylvania, to its everlasting credit, once before responded to the continued destruction of human beings and human rights by the system of apartheid in South Africa by divesting itself of holdings because of that system. Without suggesting any direct comparison between Myanmar and South Africa, nonetheless a similar principle is involved. Under this principle the University cannot continue to indirectly support the genocidal treatment of minority populations.

— Robert Rutman, Emeritus Professor of Animal Biology, School of Veterinary Medicine

Connections' in Art

This is a plug for the current art exhibit on view at the Arthur Ross Gallery in the Furness Building titled Connections, Contemporary Japanese and Korean Printmakers. The artists whose works are on view are students from those two countries. Some have been associated with Penn’s Print Studio and the Seoul Print Workshop.

For me, the show succeeded somewhat in demystifying the mysterious East. The works on view represent more than the mere mastery of the materials and the technical equipment involved in printmaking. A thoughtful reading of these prints tends to put a human face on the contributing artist. They speak of a love of nature, a sensitivity for color relationships, a respect for geometry and order, and reveal surprisingly, to the occidental viewer's scrutiny.

— Maurice S. Burrell, Art and Interior Design Consultant, Facilities Planning Director, Faculty Club Art Gallery

Thouron Awards to Five

The five Penn students who will go to England next year as Thouron Scholars, according to Dr. Michael Wachter’s announcements at Council and to the Trustees in the Stated Meeting last Friday, are: Shahzad Abaas, a senior in the College, who will pursue a master of philosophy in English literature at Oxford; John Bishop, who graduated from Wharton in December, who will pursue a B.A. in honors in politics, philosophy and economics, also at Oxford; Libby Copeland, a senior in the College applying for a master of philosophy in creative writing at the University of Anglia; Michael Gaber, a senior from Wharton applying for a master of philosophy in international relations at the London School of Economics; and Kathryn Minarik, who will graduate from the College this year, also applying for a master of science in social psychology, also at the London School of Economics.

In the fall, six British Thouron Award winners will come to Penn, five of them to study on the main campus and the sixth at the New Bolton Center of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Speaking Out welcomes reader contributions. Short timely letters on University issues can be accepted Thursday noon for the following Tuesday’s issue, subject to right-of-reply guidelines. Advance notice of intention to submit is appreciated.—Ed.
Research Foundation Awards Made in the Fall Cycle 1997

Dr. Daniel Albert, Rheumatology, Medicine; Prediction of Outcome of Total Joint Arthroplasty for Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis of the Hip.

Dr. Haim Bau, Mechanical Engineering, SEAS; A NC Milling Machine for the Processing of Pre-Fired Ceramic Tapes and Other Materials Relevant to Minute (On-Chip) Chemical and Biological Laboratories.

Dr. Philip Berkey, Radiology, Medicine; Automated Radiologic Follow-up: A System to Facilitate Capture of Radiologic-Pathologic Correlation Data.

Dr. Charles Bernheimer, Romance Languages, SAS; Publication of the Queen of Decadence: Salome in Modern Culture.

Dr. Lizzam Bolinger, Radiology, Medicine; Magnetic Resonance Studies of Pilocarpine Induced Epileptic Seizures.

Dr. Toni Bowers, English, SAS; Force or Fraud: Resistance and Complicity in British Seduction Narratives, 1660-1740.

Dr. Judith Buchanan, Dental Care Systems, Dental Medicine; Evaluation of Virtual Reality Unit in Dental Education.

Dr. Chun-Hung Chen, Systems Engineering, SEAS; An Integer Programming Approach Integrating Simulation and Ordinal Optimization.

Dr. Zhi-Long Chen, Systems Engineering, SEAS; System-Wide Planning: Coordination of Production and Distribution.

Dr. Ram Cnaan, Social Work; The Role of Local Religious Congregations in the Provision of Social Services.


Dr. Charles Emerson, Cell and Developmental Biology, Medicine; Novel Approaches to Investigate Gene Regulatory Mechanisms in Mouse Embryos.

Dr. Fred Frankel, Microbiology, Medicine; Test of a New Safe Vaccine Vector for HIV.

Dr. James Ferguson, Clinical Studies, Veterinary Medicine; Immunosuppression in Dairy Cattle Caused by Rumen Acidosis.

Dr. Jorge Ferrer, Clinical Studies, Veterinary Medicine, International Cooperative Research on the Epidemiology and Pathogenicity of Hantaviruses and Human Leukemia Virus Type II in Endemically Infected South American Indian Communities.

Dr. John Fischer, Materials Science, SEAS; Electron Transporter Screening Facility.

Dr. Douglas Frye, Psychology in Education, Graduate Education; Cognitive Change in Early Mathematics.

Dr. Michael Gamer, English, SAS; Friiblers, Macarones, and Floats: Male Effeminacy and Nation in Eighteenth-Century Britain, 1688-1812.

Dr. Robert Giegengack, Geology, SAS; On the Distributional Impact of Tax Change. An Exploratory Study of HIV Seropositive Individuals' Transition Patterns to a Non-Terminal Illness Model.

Dr. Lynda Hart, English, SAS; Critical Performances.

Dr. Fredrik Hiebert, Anthropology, SAS; University of Pennsylvania Central Asia Archaeology Project.

Dr. William Holmes, Medicine, Medicine; The Social Effect of Protease Inhibitors: An Exploratory Study of HIV Seropositive Individuals’ Transition Patterns to a Non-Terminal Illness Model.

Dr. Jianhua Huang, Statistics, Wharton; Functional ANOVA Modeling for Proportional Hazards Regression.

Dr. Joseph Jarrett, Biochemistry & Biophysics, Medicine; Production and Control of Biological Radicals in Pyruvate Formate-Lyase and Biotin Synthase.

Dr. Jason Scott Johnston, Law; Studies in the Law and Economics of Civil Litigation.

Dr. Thomas Jongens, Genetics, Medicine; Verification that cap is Required for Cell-Type-Specific Proliferation and Encodes a Homologue of Chl 12.

Dr. Madeleine Joullie, Chemistry, SAS; A New Class of Reagents for Amino Acid.

Dr. Randall Kamien, Physics, SAS; Mini-Workshop on the Tenth Anniversary of the TGB Phase.

Dr. Grace Kao, Sociology, SAS; Family Influences on the Educational Outcome of Immigrant Youth.

Dr. William Kerr, Molecular and Cellular Engineering, Medicine; Role of SHIP in B Cell Development and Function.

Dr. Paul Keanan, English, SAS; Studies on Samuel Johnson (1709-84) and Johnsoniana.

Dr. Marisa Kozloski, Chemistry, SAS; Computer-Aided Design of Asymmetric Reaction Processes.


Dr. Edward Lankford, Medicine, Medicine; Mechanism of Cardiomyopathy and Skeletal Myopathy in Cardiomyopathic Hamsters.

Dr. Hsieh-Kung Lin, Pathology, Medicine; Distribution of 3alpha-HSD in Human Prostatic Tissues and Role of Type 3 3alpha-HSD Mediated Growth Arrest in Human Prostatic Cells.


Dr. David Luzzi, Materials Science, SEAS; Construction of an Environmental Transfer Chamber and In-Situ Experimental Device for the JEOL2010F Field Emission TEM.

Dr. Joseph Maldjian, Radiology, Medicine; Functional MRI in Neurological Patients.

Dr. Dewey McCarthy, Biochemistry & Biophysics, Medicine; Mechanistic Evaluation of Cell Wall Biosynthesis and Inhibition.

Dr. Eugene Mele, Physics, SAS; Tenth Annual Workshop on Developments in Electronic Structure Algorithms.

Dr. Naomi Miller, Archaeology, SAS; Environment and Land Use at Tell es-Sweyhat and Hajji Ibrahim, Syria.

Dr. Vladimir Muzykantov, Pharmacology, Medicine; Conjugation of Plasminogen Activators to the Carrier Red Blood Cells.

Dr. Irving Nachamkin, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Medicine; Ganglioside-like Epitopes on Campylobacter Jejuni.

Dr. Elisa New, English, SAS; Monolith Shibboleth: Modern Jewish Image in Folklife, Film and Theory.

Dr. Freida Outlaw, Psychiatric Mental Health, Nursing; The Influence of Church Based Religious Teachings on What and How Single Mothers Teach Their Sons About Sex.

Dr. John Pehrson, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine; The Role of Histone MacroH2A in Chromosome Inactivation.

Dr. Ravinder Reddy, Radiology, Medicine; Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Hyperpolarized 13C.

Dr. Jay Reise, Music, SAS; The Selfish Giant: A Recording by the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Dr. Lauren Rich, Social Work; Later Life Education Among Teenage Mothers and Its Effects on Their Children.

Dr. Virginia Richards, Psychology, SAS; Evaluation of Power Spectrum Model of Masking.

Dr. Jose-Victor-Rios Rull, Economics, SAS; On the Distributional Impact of Tax Change.

Dr. Keith Robinson, Rehabilitation Medicine, Medicine; Cognitive Deficits in Persian Gulf War Veterans.

Dr. Peggy Sanday, Anthropology, SAS; The Original of Matrification Among the Minangkabau of West Sumatra, Indonesia.

Dr. Richard Schultz, Biology, SAS; Request for Hydraulic Micromanipulator and Mechanical Injector to Conduct Mouse Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI).

Dr. Bruce Shenker, Pathology, Dental Medicine; SDM Flow Cytometry Facility Upgrade.

Dr. Gregory Smitzer, Otolaryngology, Medicine; A Preparative Centrifuge for Oto-rhinolaryngology Research.

Dr. Joseph Spear, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine; A New Method for Probing Mechanisms of Antiarhythmic Drug Action.

Dr. Norton Taichman, Pathology, Dental Medicine; The Biology of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor in Human Saliva.

Dr. Charles Thayer, Geology, SAS; El Niño History and Ocean Paleotemperatures Recorded in Pacific Coraline Sponges.

Dr. Janet Theophano, Folklore, SAS; Household Words: Women Write for and from the Kitchen.

Dr. John Vohs, Chemical Engineering, SEAS; Acquisition of X-ray Photoelectron Spectrometer.

Dr. Eric Weinberg, Biology, SAS; Maternal Control of Anterior-Posterior Identity in the Zebrafish.
Revised Research Foundation Guidelines

Also Available on the Web (http://www.apenn.edu/VPR/VPRHP.html) and in Deans’ Offices

Statement of Purpose

The Research Foundation encourages the exploration of new fields across a broad spectrum of disciplines. In doing so, the Foundation expands opportunities for faculty to attract support and resources from external sources while encouraging work in fields that are traditionally underfunded. The Research Foundation is principally for faculty.

The Foundation supports two levels of grants. The first level, Type A grants, provide support in the range of $500 to $5,000. The second level, Type B grants, provide support in the range of $5,001 to $50,000. You may be interested to know that last year about half of all proposals were funded and that they were funded at half of the amount requested (on average). The standard application for a Type A grant is briefer than that for a Type B grant, reflecting the funding levels. However, the review criteria for Type A and Type B grants are similar, and several general factors are considered in evaluating an application for either type of grant. They are:

- Its contribution to the development of the applicant’s research potential and progress.
- The quality, importance and impact of the proposed research project.
- Its potential value for enhancing the stature of the University.
- Its budget appropriateness in terms of the project proposed, including consideration of need and availability of external support.

The Application Process

The Research Foundation Board will review both Type A and Type B applications in the fall and spring of each academic year.

Proposals are limited in length to ten single spaced pages and should contain a brief description of the research and the specific needs which the grant will cover. The proposal should include:

1. The Research Foundation Proposal Cover Sheet*. Failure to fully complete the Cover Sheet or exceeding page limitations will risk disqualification from the competition.
2. 100-word abstract of the project for the educated non-specialist.
3. Amount of current research support (including start-up packages).
4. Other pending proposals for the same project.
5. List of support received during the past three years. Include funds from external sources such as school, department, or Research Foundation. If you were funded by the Research Foundation in the last three years, please submit a brief progress report with publications and grants proposed or received (no more than one page).
6. A one-page biographical sketch of each investigator listing educational background, academic positions held, and five recent publications.
7. A three- to four-page mini-proposal, outlining the project and its significance.
8. A budget that justifies the specific items requested and assigns a priority to each item.

Research Foundation support for Type A proposals will focus on:
- Seed money for the initiation of new research.
- Limited equipment requests directly related to research needs.
- Travel expenses for research only.
- Publication preparation costs.
- Summer Stipends, with preference for applications from Assistant Professors.

Type B Proposals are limited in length to fifteen single spaced pages. The proposal should include:

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2. 100-word abstract of significance of the project for the educated non-specialist.
3. Amount of current research support (including start-up packages).
4. Other pending proposals for the same project.
5. List of research support, including titles, amounts, and grant periods, received during the past three years. Include funds from University sources such as school, department, or Research Foundation.
6. A brief curriculum vitae including publications for the principal investigator and each researcher listed on the proposal.
7. A proposal of not more than nine single spaced pages giving the objectives and scholarly or scientific significance of the proposed work, a description of the research plan and methodologies to be employed, a description of the significance and impact of the project, a description of how a Research Foundation grant will facilitate acquisition of future research funds.
8. Budget (one page). Budget items should be listed in order of priority.

Research Foundation support for Type B proposals focus on several areas of need. These are:
- Matching funds, vis-a-vis external grant sources.
- Seed money for exploratory research programs.
- Support for interdisciplinary research initiatives.
- Faculty released time.

Requests for student tuition and dissertation fees will not be considered by the Foundation.

Applications for the fall cycle are due on or before November 1 of each year, while spring cycle applications are due on or before March 15 of each year. All research projects involving human subjects or animals must receive Institutional Review Board approval prior to funding. Questions concerning human/animal research should be directed to Mrs. Ruth Clark at 898-2614. All research projects involving the use of hazardous or biohazardous materials and/or radioactive materials, must receive approval from the Office of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (OEHRS) prior to funding. Questions about this approval process should be directed to (OEHRS) at 898-4453.

An Original and Ten Copies of the proposal with the cover sheet should be submitted to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, 212 College Hall/6381.

Research Foundation Proposal

Cover Sheet (Revised 9/97)

(Adapted for this space from the original form)

Principal Investigator ____________________________
Rank ________________________________________
Phone Number ______ E-mail Address ________
Department ____________________________
School ____________________________
Campus Address ___________ Mail Code ______

Business Administrator
- Name ____________________________
- Phone __________________________
- E-mail _________________________

Title of Proposal ________________________________

Amount Requested ____________________________

Does the project involve the use of any of the following:
- ___ Human subjects?
- ___ Animals?
- ___ Radioactive material/radiation producing equipment?
- ___ Potentially infectious agents, including human blood or tissue?
- ___ Carcinogens?
- ___ In vitro formation or recombinant DNA?

Please indicate below which Committee you would prefer to review your proposal:

- ___ Biomedical
- ___ Humanities
- ___ Social Science & Management
- ___ Natural Science & Engineering

Signatures:
Dean ________________________________________
Department Chair ____________________________
Principal Investigator __________________________

ALMANAC February 24, 1998
Dear Penn Community,

Below, you will see a new format for the Job Opportunities. This change was prompted by several realities. One, usage of the Penn Jobs website has been increasing enormously (approximately 16,000 hits the week of January 24), and at the same time printing costs have escalated. Our department and others continue to manage our budget with cost containment in mind. Two, access to the Internet is available via desktop and/or via campus computer labs to all Penn staff. In addition, virtually all public libraries in the Delaware Valley provide Internet access. Finally, as the job market and work environment change, Internet exposure is becoming a valued competency. Therefore, please note the following changes:

- Printed in Almanac will be titles, and other minimal information for new positions for the week as space permits.
- Full job descriptions and qualifications will be on the Penn jobs website: www.upenn.edu/hr/
- Copies of full postings of new jobs will continue to be available by Wednesday mornings in the Penn Job Application Center, located in the Funderberg Information Center, ground floor, 3401 Walnut Street. The Job Application Center is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- We will continue to mail the new postings to approximately 50 community organizations each week, and will ask these organizations to post the jobs wherever possible.
- New positions will continue to be posted in the following locations: School of Medicine, (Blockley Hall), School of Dental Medicine, and the Wharton School.

We are sensitive to the fact that this may impact and/or inconvenience some staff and community members. Questions or comments can be directed to askhr@pobox.upenn.edu.

—Alicia Brill, Manager of Recruitment Services, Division of Human Resources

**Where to Find the Job Opportunities—Here and Elsewhere**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**Contact:** Anna Marcotte  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IV** (020196AM)  
**GRADE:** P6; **RANGE:** $32,857-42,591; 2-19-98  
SAS External Affairs

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCI.**

**Contact:** Alicia Brill  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II** (020249AB)  
**GRADE:** G10; **RANGE:** $19,261-23,999; 2-19-98  
CIS

**COORDINATOR, INSTRUCTION LAB** (020235AB)  
**GRADE:** P5; **RANGE:** $29,664-38,677; 2-16-98 MSE

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

**Contact:** Sue Hess  
**ACCOUNTANT/FINANCIAL ANALYST I** (067-94SH)  
**GRADE:** P6; **RANGE:** $32,857-42,591; 2-20-98 Student Financial Services

**COORDINATOR V** (020244SH)  
**GRADE:** P5; **RANGE:** $29,664-38,677; 2-19-98 Division of Public Safety

**GRAD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**Contact:** Anna Marcotte  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I** (020228AM)  
**GRADE:** G9; **RANGE:** $17,614-21,991; 2-19-98 LED

Human Resources  
Q & A
- You can e-mail your questions to askhr@pobox.upenn.edu. We hope to answer the most frequently asked questions in this space soon in order to keep you up-to-date about Employment at Penn!  
- Interested in temporary employment? Or, temporary employment while you look for a full-time position at Penn?  
- Contact the sole-source provider of temporary services at Penn, Today’s Penn Temps, at 573-9600, or stop by their office in the Funderberg Information Center.

**MEDICAL SCHOOL**

**Contact:** Anna Marcotte/Lynn Nash-Wexler  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III (37.5 HRS)** (020152AM)  
**GRADE:** G11; **RANGE:** $21,961-27,866; 2-16-98 Office of CME

**COORDINATOR V** (020216AM)  
**GRADE:** P5; **RANGE:** $29,664-38,677; 2-19-98 Office of CME

**PROJECT MANAGER I** (091415AM)  
**GRADE:** P5; **RANGE:** $29,664-38,677; 2-18-98 CCEB

**COORDINATOR SR** (020247LW)  
**GRADE:** P4; **RANGE:** $26,986-35,123; 2-18-98 Radiology

**COORDINATOR SR** (020246LW)  
**GRADE:** P4; **RANGE:** $26,986-35,123; 2-19-98 Infectious Diseases

**LAB TECH II** (40 HRS) (020141LW)  
**GRADE:** P8; **RANGE:** $18,481-23,132; 2-16-98 Medical School/Neuroscience

**LAB TECH II** (40 HRS) (010134LW)  
**GRADE:** G8; **RANGE:** $18,481-23,132; 2-19-98 Medical School/Neuroscience

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST JR** (40 HRS) (010109LW)  
**GRADE:** P1; **RANGE:** $20,291-26,368; 2-16-98 Physiology

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST JR** (020218LW)  
**GRADE:** P1; **RANGE:** $20,291-26,368; 2-16-98 Physiology

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST I** (020217LW)  
**GRADE:** P2; **RANGE:** $22,351-29,098; 2-16-98 Radiology

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST I (05697LW)**  
**GRADE:** P2; **RANGE:** $22,351-29,098; 2-19-98 Genetics

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST II** (020241LW)  
**GRADE:** P3; **RANGE:** $24,617-31,982; 2-18-98 Radiation Oncology

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST II (020245LW)**  
**GRADE:** P3; **RANGE:** $24,617-31,982; 2-19-98 Pulmonary

**STAFF ASSISTANT V** (020239AM)  
**GRADE:** P5; **RANGE:** $29,664-38,677; 2-20-98 Cancer Center

**NURSING**

**Contact:** Sue Hess  
**MANAGER, MARKETING COMMUNICATION** (111896SH)  
**GRADE:** P6; **RANGE:** $32,857-42,591; 2-17-98 Nursing

**PRESIDENT**

**Contact:** Sue Hess  
**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, MUSEUM** (40 HRS) (020236SH)  
**GRADE:** G12; **RANGE:** $26,133-33,725; 2-16-98

**LIBRARIAN III** (020242SH)  
**GRADE:** P4/P5; **RANGE:** $26,986-35,123; 2-19-98 Information Processing Center

**PROVOST**

**Contact:** Sue Hess  
**ASSISTANT GRADUATE DIRECTOR II** (020235SH)  
**GRADE:** P6; **RANGE:** $32,857-42,591; 2-16-98 ULAR

**RESEARCH SPECIALIST I** (020243LW)  
**GRADE:** P2; **RANGE:** $22,351-29,098; 2-19-98 Genetics

**PROGRAMMER ANALYST II** (020237SH)  
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**VACATION**

Pocono Chalet, 3BDR/1B, Near Jack Frost/Big Boulder. Firewood incl. $375/weekend  
(215) 898-9928.

**LAB EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**

**REMEDY at Penn** ( www.med.upenn.edu/remedy) has lab equipment for donation to any Penn/CHOP research lab in need of it. If a receiver cannot be found within Penn, will donate to area educational organizations (e.g., local high schools). Inquiries: Andrew Krakowski, 573-3308 or evenings 563-1695;  
e-mail krakowski@h.sas.upenn.edu.

To place classifieds: (215) 898-5274.
Safety During Spring Break: Special Checks of Residences On and Near Campus

Spring Break 1998 (March 6–March 16, 1998) is approaching quickly. Traditionally, this is a time of lower occupancy and greater opportunity for crime. Therefore, we need to be more safety and security conscious. In order to reduce the opportunity for crime (i.e., criminal mischief, burglaries, etc.), the Division of Public Safety is again offering Special Checks of Residential Properties from 11 p.m. on Friday, March 6, to 7 a.m. on Monday, March 16.

Faculty, staff and students who live within the following geographical boundaries—Schuylkill River to 43rd Street, and Baltimore Avenue to Market Street—may list their residences with the Penn Police Department for Special Checks during the period it will be vacant. Penn Police officers will periodically check the exterior of the property for signs of criminal activity or security breaches, and if any are found, they will take appropriate action ranging from arresting the perpetrator to conducting an interior check of the property with subsequent notifications to the listed occupant.

If you would like to list your residence for Special Checks during Spring Break 1998, please pick up an application at the Penn Police Headquarters or the Special Services Unit (4026 Chestnut Street). You need to complete and return the application prior to vacating the premise. Please allow (Penn) a safe and happy one.

— Susan A. Hawkins, Director of Special Services, Division of Public Safety

If Leaving Penn for Spring Break

• Secure or remove all valuables (e.g., jewelry, computers, stereos, televisions, etc.). All valuables should already be engraved with your Social Security or other identifying number. Engravers can be borrowed by contacting the Special Services Unit (4026 Chestnut Street, 898-4481).
• Close and lock all windows; Close all shades, drapes and blinds. Lock and bolt entrance doors to rooms or apartments.
• Use timers on lights and on a radio or television to give your residence the appearance of being occupied.
• Register your residence with Public Safety for Special Checks during the Break.
• Your answering device message should never indicate that you are not home. Always use plural nouns even if you live alone (e.g., “We’re not available to take your call right now”). Don’t use your name(s).
• Make sure your exterior lighting works and turn all lights on. Preferably, exterior lights should be on a timer or photoelectric cell. If not, contact your landlord with regard to installing these security devices before you leave for Break.

If Remaining at Penn During Spring Break

• Use one of the ten automated teller machines (ATMs) located inside University buildings and avoid withdrawing money at night. Check the amount withdrawn only after you are safely inside your office or residence. Never display money in a crowd. Carry only necessary credit cards and money.
• Carry your wallet in an inside coat pocket or side trouser pocket.
• Carry your handbag tightly under your arm with the clasp toward your body. Never let it dangle by the handle.
• Keep your wallet or handbag closed and with you at all times. Never put it on the seat beside you, on the counter next to you or under a seat when dining.
• Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you; Trust your instincts. Stay in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
• Walk with your head up, shoulders back and your eyes scanning the people around you.
• Use the “buddy” system or the Penn Transit System when traveling at night. From non-University exchanges, dial 898-RIDE for vehicular escort service or 898-WALK for the walking escort service between the hours of 6 p.m. and 3 a.m. daily.
• If you are expecting guests or workers, do not open your door until you know it is the right person(s). Always ask to see identification of callers you don’t know.
• If accosted, don’t resist! Don’t panic! Get a good description of the assailant (i.e., approximate age, race, sex, height, weight, clothing description, direction traveled, etc.) and report the incident to the police as soon as possible.
• Know the locations of Penn’s Blue Light Emergency phones. Open the box, lift the receiver or push the button to talk.
• Report any suspicious activities (e.g., someone looking into cars or pulling on doors; a vehicle repeatedly circles the block, etc.) as soon as you can: where, what, who, when and how.
• Know your emergency telephone numbers:
  — Division of Public Safety Penn Police Department 4040 Chestnut Street
    On Campus Emergency (Univ. exchanges: 898, 417 and 573): 511
    Off Campus Emergency: 573-3333
    Non-Emergencies 898-7297 / 7298
    Special Services 898-4481 / 6600
    Penn Investigators 898-4485
  — Philadelphia Police Department 18th Police District 5510 Pine Street
    Emergency Telephone Number: 911
    General Business Number: 686-3180
  — SEPTA Police
    Emergency Number: 580-4131

A Primary Care Database

A new information system is available to provide researchers with comprehensive, cross-sectional, and longitudinal view of health care delivered throughout UPHS.

According to Dr. Alan L. Hillman, associate dean for Health Services Research at the School of Medicine, the database integrates patient information from many of the computer systems within UPHS, and can assist researchers in all phases of their work, from generating hypotheses to preparing grant proposals to conducting patient-oriented research.

The new database is the first in the Penn Health System to integrate data from IDX (the scheduling and billing system used by all CPUP and most CCA practices) with the HUP inpatient medical records database.

The database also includes most HUP laboratory data (both inpatient and outpatient), cardiac catheterizations, emergency department visits, and pharmacy data (currently pharmacy data is available on a subset of the Health System population). Data from other clinical departments will be integrated in the next few months. The database now contains demographic and diagnostic information on more than 180,000 patients and more than 1.5 million visits to primary care clinics and the HUP emergency department since January 1994. Also, it contains information about more than 68,000 patients involved in more than 100,000 HUP admissions. More than 14,000 patients in the primary care population have at least one admission.

The database can facilitate retrospective case-control and cohort studies, and can track patients prospectively for randomized controlled trials. When developing proposals for external funding, researchers can quickly ascertain whether an adequate sample of patients with certain characteristics or diagnoses exists within UPHS.

As UPHS moves toward an electronic ambulatory medical record, discrete elements of the history and physical exam will be integrated. Identifying patients for research will be easier, and less time will be devoted to abstracting charts manually. In the near future, the database will include functional status measures as well. The availability of clinical and administrative data, plus functional status measures on the same patients, will greatly enhance outcomes research throughout UPHS.

Dr. Hillman and his colleagues are ready to assist UPHS researchers in using the new database. Depending on the level and term of assistance, a fee may be assessed to cover this service. For more information, please call Mark Weiner, at (215) 898-5721 or visit the OADHSR website: www.med.upenn.edu/hsr.

—From a Penn Health System News Release
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Some University-related events that are not on campus but open to Penn people:

Prayer for the City: February 26

Next in the College Alumni Society’s series highlighting alumni authors is Buzz Bissinger, C ’76, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of A Prayer for the City and Friday Night Lights. Normally held on campus, the series goes to Center City on February 26 for Mr. Bissinger’s reading from A Prayer for the City at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s Reception Room in Philadelphia City Hall; discussion follows.

On Community Tensions: March 8

University Chaplain William Gipson is the guest minister who will address past and present tensions between Penn and the surrounding communities in a sermon entitled The University, the West Philadelphia Community, and Racism, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church, Baltimore Avenue & 48th St.

Hazardous Shipping: March 12

Shipping Infectious and Biological Substances, a day-long symposium sponsored by Penn Environmental Health and Radiation Safety and presented by SAF-T-PAK, Inc., will be given March 12, 7-9 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, near the Philadelphia Airport. The cost is $189/person or $100/person in groups of 3 or more. Information: 898-4453 or 1-800-814-7484.

Penn Composers Guild: March 22

Music composed by Penn graduate students will be performed by students of the Curtis Institute of Music on March 22 at 8 p.m. at the Curtis Institute, 1726 Locust Street. More information: Penn Music Department, 898-6244.

Celebrating Rochberg: March 31

For the 80th birthday of the composer/teacher and longtime chairman of music at Penn, the Pinkas/Hersh piano duo will celebrate with a performance on March 31—George Rochberg: A Life in Music—at 8 p.m. at the Curtis Institute of Music, 1726 Locust Street. More information: Music Department at 898-6244.

Finding the Annenberg Library

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French Garden Art: A Campus Symposium and Exhibit

Experts from the U.S. and France will give a two-day symposium, "Tradition & Innovation in French Garden Art: Chapters of a New History," on campus February 28 and March 1, coinciding with the opening of the 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show in Center City, which this year focuses on France with a theme of "La Passion du Jardin.

The Penn symposium is open to the public, sponsored by the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, the French Institute for Culture and Technology and the Morris Arboretum. In conjunction with it, Penn Libraries have developed an exhibition, "Masters, Gardenists, Amateurs: Images and Narratives of the French Garden," which will be in the Rosenwald Gallery on the sixth floor of the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center, February 27-March 24. This selection from the library is "meant as an introduction to the primary literature and visual sources, and it helps to renew or awake interest in the history of French garden art."

For more information visit the Library's E-Friends Newsletter at www.library.upenn.edu friends/news/ff97/298up6.html.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department
Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for February 9, 1998 through February 15, 1998. Also listed are Crimes Against Property: 39 total thefts & attempts (including 6 incidents of criminal mischief & vandalism); 3 thefts from autos, 2 thefts of autos, 2 incidents of burglaries & attempts & attempts, and 1 theft of bicycles or parts. Full crime reports are in this issue of Almanac on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/v44/n23/crimes.html). —Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of February 9, 1998 through February 15, 1998. The University Police actively patrols from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from 34th Street to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at 898-4482.

Crimes Against Persons

34th to 38th/Market to Civic Center: Robberies (& Attempts)—1; Threat & Harassment—3
02/10/98 11:23 PM Houston Hall Currency taken
02/11/98 9:55 AM Cyclotron Complainant pushed
02/11/98 2:39 PM Class of 28 Dorm Harassing e-mail sent
02/14/98 6:05 AM Grad B Tower Unwanted calls received

38th to 41st/Market to Baltimore: Robberies (& Attempts)—1; Simple Assaults—1; Threats & Harassment—2
02/11/98 9:20 PM High Rise North Unwanted mail received
02/13/98 1:51 PM 4000 Blk. Walnut Vehicle taken
02/14/98 5:05 AM Harrison House Complainant pushed
02/14/98 7:29 PM 317 S. 41st St. Unknown caller made threats

30th to 34th/Market to University: Threats & Harassment—1
02/09/98 8:36 PM Blau House Complainant being harassed by male

Outside 30th to 43rd/Market to Baltimore: Robberies (& Attempts)—2; Aggravated Assaults—1; Threats & Harassment—1
02/10/98 4:46 PM 11th and Bainbridge Complainant robbed
02/11/98 3:47 AM 6320 Keystone St. Unwanted phone calls received
02/12/98 12:55 AM 48th and Spruce Complainant robbed
02/13/98 11:00 AM 4446 Sansom St. Complainant assaulted

Crimes Against Society

34th to 38th/Market to Civic Center: Alcohol & Drug Offenses—1
02/10/98 2:04 AM Unit Blk. 38th Suspect driving under influence/Arrest

18th District Crimes Against Persons

9 Incidents and 0 Arrests were reported between February 9, 1998 and February 15, 1998, by the 18th District, covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street and Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

02/09/98 12:01 AM 4500 Chestnut Robbery
02/11/98 1:35 PM 4700 Walnut Robbery
02/11/98 4:55 PM 4600 Woodland Robbery
02/11/98 11:23 PM 3417 Spruce Robbery
02/11/98 11:48 PM 4600 Chestnut Robbery
02/12/98 12:45 AM 4534 Spruce Robbery
02/13/98 10:42 PM 4442 Sansom Aggravated Assault
02/13/98 11:51 PM 4801 Walnut Aggravated Assault
02/14/98 9:36 AM 4600 Osage Robbery

Update

FEBRUARY AT PENN

TALKS

25 Whither the Whiteness of Whiteness: The Problem of Passing as an Analytic Category; Earl Louis, Michigan; 4:30 p.m.; Room 329A, 3401 Walnut (Hist-Hispanic-American Studies).

26 A Gap in an Ellipsis Paradigm: Some Theoretical Implications; Howard Lasnik, UConn; 4:30 p.m.; IRCs, 400A, 3401 Walnut (IRCS).

How to Have a Fiscal Crisis, Philadelphia-Style; Robert Inman, finance and economics; 5-7 p.m.; Room 285-86 McNeil (Urban Studies).

Invisible Bibliographies: The Case of the Saxo-Sisters—Three 17th-Century Women Writers; Maria R. Wade, Illinois; 8 p.m.; Max Kade German Center (Germanic Languages & Literatures; Germanic Association).

27 Dual Career Couples and Academic Jobs; Jacques Sadashige, classical studies; noon-1 p.m.; Room 285-86 McNeil (CPS).

Linguistic Determinism and Theory of Mind, Jill de Villiers, Smith College; noon-1:45 p.m.; IRCs, Room 400A, 3401 Walnut (IRCS).

The Geography of U.S. Environmentalism: Policy Implications; Clinton Andrews, Rutgers; 12:15 p.m.; Room 1203, Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall (Institute for Environmental Studies).

SPORTS

24 Registration period for Intramural Tennis and Badminton Tournaments, through March 3. See www.upenn.edu/recreation for deadlines & schedules or call 898-8383.

Combined Issue March 3/10

Today, February 24, is the deadline for the Update that will appear in the March 3/10 issue; that Update will cover two weeks—March 4 through 18—since there will be no issue during spring break. Staff will be on duty to assist contributors. The deadline for the April At Penn calendar is March 17.

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By this benchmark the Penn Press has over the past couple of decades published a dozen or so bestsellers.

Notable among these are two books by longtime members of the Penn faculty: *Depression*, by Aaron Beck, and *Witchcraft in Europe*, by Alan Kors and Edward Peters. These two books differ radically in kind and intended readership. The former is a pioneering work in its field that nonetheless sells steadily in retail bookstores. The latter is a source book of primary documents that enjoys extensive course-connected use.

Last fall the Penn Press published a book that had the distinction of reaching bestseller status within a few weeks of its publication.

With 15,000 copies in print three months after first publication, James O’Gorman’s *ABC of Architecture* offers in a mere 35,000 words (120 printed pages) an introduction to the field of architecture— to the history, structure, and criticism of the built environment. It can in such brief compass, of course, do no more than provide a “slender toehold” (the author’s words) on a discipline as aesthetically and technically challenging as any. That the book is a “model of brevity and clarity” and “may be the best-written work on the subject in English for lay people,” to quote the *New York Times* review, testifies to the author’s judicious solution to the tricky pedagogical and literary problem that confronts anyone who attempts to reach readers beyond those who are professionally interested: how much clarity can you achieve without overdiluting subject matter? The accessibility of O’Gorman’s text, its editorial and stylistic simplicity in other words, is deceptive. Though the book reads as though it might have been written at a single sitting, in fact it is the product of more than three decades of teaching undergraduates in the liberal arts. The book’s author is a dedicated teacher; the book itself is educational in intent. The best books for students often reach out beyond the classroom.

O’Gorman has written books that are technical, specialized, addressed to colleagues or aspiring colleagues and begin with the assumption that readers will automatically want to know what he has to say. These are the kinds of books—scholarly monographs—that have traditionally been the stock in trade of university presses, but that university presses nowadays complain often remain too long in stock and in which there is too little trade. At this university press we have no thought of abandoning scholarly monographs. Indeed, we accept that publication of scholarly monographs is one of our chief reasons for being, inasmuch as the Penn Press is the publishing arm of a research institution. But more than a research institution, Penn is an educational institution, and a mission increasingly central here is teaching. The publication of books that communicate to students and general readers, that share knowledge and insight with an audience not composed for the most part of specialists, is likewise increasingly central to the mission of the University of Pennsylvania Press.

In those academic subjects we have targeted for concentrated list development, the Press’s editors are methodically seeking out authors who have already underway works of the sort just described. We are also working closely with scholars whose manuscripts might be broadened with the help of additional editorial advice and counsel, and we are commissioning new books from scholars able and willing to rise to the challenge of writing for a wider audience. As the Press’s humanities editor puts it in connection with one new editorial initiative in his area of responsibility, “the idea is not to produce books that would be conventional, research-driven, academically correct works so much as to give authors whom we find interesting a platform from which to write energetically and idiosyncratically.” And we are applying this newly entrepreneurial approach to list-building to all the areas in which we are active, or aim to be active, as a publisher.

For our overall editorial strategy is to publish programmatically in selected fields and, within those selected fields, to publish for the full spectrum of readers: for professionals and other specialists, for students, and for serious general readers. We do this in part so that we can continue to publish research-level books. More important is our determination to make a meaningful contribution to the educational mission of the University and to enhance the Press’s own—and by extension, the University’s—reputation. Although we are not interested in publishing bestsellers only (as if that were possible!), we are single-minded in our determination to see that Penn Press books find their way in to the hands of as many readers as feasibly possible. The objective is to publish books for the range of people who will read our books and use them, who will find them enjoyment as well as enlightenment.

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*Anatomy of a Bestseller* by Eric Halpern

Eric Halpern is director of the University of Pennsylvania Press.
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Spring Break begins after classes.
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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
14 The Art of Calligraphy: explore the traditions of Chinese and Korean script-making; for kids age 8-12; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., contact Hana Kim at hana@upenn.edu. 
16 Lanakila Hana: learn about the children in China, Japan and Korea who are affected by the character of a girl. For ages 6-12; 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. 
21 The Writers House on Kid's Corner: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for more info, call 573-8571. Also March 28 (Writers House). 
29 Family Afternoon: What in the World is about the area in Memphis about the area in Memphis and teach children greater in the hands-on workshop accompanied by a local group of dancing and singing. For kids age 6-12; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 

EXHIBITS
Admission donations and hours
9 Arthur Ross Gallery: First Floor, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Sun.-noon, 5 p.m. 
11 University Museum: 34th and Spruce St. Mon.-Fri., noon-5 p.m., Sat.—Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 
13 Pennsylvania Art Galleries: free, Tue.—Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 
19 The Annenberg Center: Foshay Room, discount for Penn students, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 
29 Fisher Fine Arts Library: free, Tues.—Fri., 10 a.m.—5 p.m.


4 The Link Between Oncogenes and Thermogenesis; Coactivator-Regulated Transcription by GCBox Motifs. By Donald Lamm. W.W. Norton: 10:30 a.m.-noon; Physiology.


9 AALKAC International: A 10 a.m.-noon; Medical Alumni Hall Room B-3.

10 Determinant of War. By Nicholas Wilcox. Harvard: 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Center for Research on War and Peace.

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