Glee Club: “We Wish You ...”

The Penn Glee Club, led by Bruce Montgomery, will appear on the Christmas day episode of the NBC Today show singing several holiday carols. Last week, 22 members of the Glee Club taped their performance in front of Rockefeller Center’s Christmas tree. They sang “We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Deck the Halls and Jingle Bells.” The group was invited to perform after sending one of their CDs to the producers of the show.

PNC: Webcasts

The Penn National Commission on Society, Culture and Community (PNC), as part of its mission to promote “a robust and diverse public culture in which reasoned & reasonable discourse can flourish,” will sponsor a live webcast this week through its internet site, www.upenn.edu/pnc. Live video and audio from the Commission’s meetings will be at the following times (all EST):

- **December 17:** Session One: 12:30 p.m.; The Context of Public Discourse; led by Robert Weibe, with Andrew Kohut, Jonathan Franzen, Edward Rothstein, and Richard Weisberg.
- **December 17:** Session Two: 5:30 p.m.; The Role of Institutions in Leading Civil Discourse; Barry Mintz, President, J. Paul Getty Trust.
- **December 18:** Session Three: 5:30 p.m.; Creating a National Discourse: Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa; led by Amy Gutmann, with Alex Boraine, Vice Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A variety of connections will be available to make the webcasts viewable, said PNC’s Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Steinberg. Connection speeds of 28.8 kbps, 56 kbps, or ISDN and faster will all be accommodated and optimized. (For an update on the PNC’s work, which includes the affiliations of speakers not otherwise identified above, please see Almanac November 24—Ed.)

Ivy Basketball by Satellite

For the first time in its history, Ivy League basketball—both men’s and women’s—will be broadcast nationally on television. Eleven games will be shown this winter via the DirectTV satellite service’s “Ivy League Friday Nights,” beginning with the January 8 Brown at Princeton game, and culminating with Penn at Princeton on March 2. In addition, as part of an agreement between the NCAA, CBS and DirectTV, fans throughout the country will be able to watch the Ivy League champion’s progress when the Ivy Basketball by Satellite

Council: Forum Focuses on Women’s Safety, Asian/Pacific American Student Needs

At Council on December 9, President Judith Rodin led off with the appointment of Dr. Robert L. Barchi as Provost, and gave the first of several tributes to Dr. Michael Wachter for his service as Interim Provost. Dr. John Keene announced SEC’s adoption of a policy on consultation (Almanac December 8), and said it will come before Council in January.

Except for Dr. David Brownlee’s appearance to take questions on the College House system that had been deferred from October’s meeting, and a Facilities Committee report delivered by Dr. Vukan Vuchic (to be summarized in a future issue), the topics of the Open Forum predominated: women’s safety, the needs of Asian/Pacific American students, and the naming of University properties.

Before the start of the Forum, Dr. Rodin in her standing report had described a comprehensive review of security in academic buildings that led to a number of new steps she outlined (see OF RECORD, below). Noting that some peer institutions are moving in other directions, with Princeton closing access to any 24-hour-a-day buildings, she added: “We need to remember as a community that the opportunity to keep buildings open 24 hours is an academic privilege, and to share our responsibility.”

Dr. Rodin also summarized recent steps that address Asian/Pacific American (A/PA) student issues, and described her visit to Chinese institutions and alumni gatherings.

Women’s Safety: In the Forum, Erin Healy appeared for the Penn Women’s Alliance and the Penn Chapter of NOW asking that Penn reassess the issue of women’s safety on campus. She listed four demands:

- the functioning, visible and regularly maintained emergency alarms be connected to trained security personnel and be installed in every bathroom and in every stall on campus, in new, old and renovated buildings.
- multiple victim advocacy resources beyond that which the Penn Police provide, to offer greater sensitivity to the specific needs of female and male victim survivors, with Penn Women’s Center to regain its role as an integral component of the victim advocacy system.
- more frequent publication of the step-by-step procedure for reporting crimes, publicizing crime statistics, and a list of campus resources, with procedures in place to “avoid misinformation and support the victim survivor’s report of her experience.”
- a mandatory workshop specifically addressing interpersonal violence, violence prevention, and resources for victims of crimes, with sensitivity to women’s needs, to be integrated into all new-student orientations for first-year, transfer and graduate students.

Ms. Healy distributed information on a Penn NOW survey of major bathrooms on campus, finding up to 19 inadequate for reasons ranging from lack of any emergency button or rape cord whatsoever, to problematic placement and/or visibility.

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**Building Usage.** Limit the number of buildings being used for 24-hour academic activities. Spaces for after-hours activities within buildings should be limited to specific rooms and floors. Rooms and labs not designated for 24-hour use should be secured to prevent use after hours.

**Building Access.** Limit after-hours access to one door only; this door should be accessible only by card reader or security staff member who checks IDs or otherwise controls access (sign-in/out, or a card reader as in residential buildings).

**Security Officers.** Require the presence of an adequate number of security officers during after hours activities—the number and deployment of officers to be determined specifically for each facility.

**ID Card Visibility.** Require all after-hours building users to prominently display their PENNCards between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**Building Exit Control.** Limit the number of non-emergency exit doors, and ensure they lead to well-lighted, non-secluded areas. All exit doors will be armed with intrusion- and prop-detection alarm devices monitored by Penn Police. Appropriate signage regarding door alarms will be displayed at these doors.

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Deaths

Dr. Raps of Neurology, 38;
Leader in Stroke Care and Research

Dr. Eric C. Raps, one of the nation’s leaders in the prevention and treatment of stroke, died Wednesday at the age of 38.

The William N. Kelley Associate Professor of Neurology at the School of Medicine, who was also director of the Stroke and Neurointensive Care Division at HUP, died of a self-inflicted overdose of medication, a Health System spokesperson said Friday.

“Dr. Raps’ unexpected and tragic death represents not only a profound loss to the medical profession, but a personal loss as well to his many, many friends and colleagues at Penn and around the nation,” said the Health System statement.

A 1982 alumnus of Harvard, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1982, Eric Corey Raps took his medical degree four years later from PennMed, where he won numerous honors including the Spencer Morris Award given to the year’s best medical student. He completed a residency in neurology at HUP, then became a Fellow in critical care and emergency neurology at Columbia’s Neurological Institute.

In 1991, the year he returned to Penn as assistant professor, he became director of HUP’s stroke and neurointensive care unit. His reputation and esteem spread rapidly, and Philadelphia magazine named him to its lists of “Top Doctors of Philadelphia” in 1994 and again in 1996. He was elected to the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurologic Association, among other organizations, and published more than 50 papers in his field.

Dr. Raps made significant advances in the management of critically ill patients with neurologic disease, and conducted extensive research aimed at developing better treatment strategies for the management of stroke victims. One study, still being followed up, suggested a potential link between common decongestants and strokes in young people, according to a colleague, Dr. Steven Galetta, the Van Peter Professor of Neurology.

“From the time he was a medical student, it was clear that he would become one of the great leaders in neurology,” Dr. Galetta told the Philadelphia Inquirer, calling Dr. Raps “a superstar physician” who was at the same time deeply compassionate. “You could feel his actual hurt for his patients’ suffering.” Dr. Galetta said. “He deeply internalized their pain. He was one of the most generous and giving individuals I ever met.”

Dr. Raps is survived by his wife, Maureen McBride Raps; their son, Daniel; his parents, Nathan and Cecile Pollock Raps; and a brother.

Memorial donations can be made to the University of Pennsylvania Stroke Center, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 19104.

Lillie Mitchell, Alumni Records

Lillie Mitchell, a records associate in the Alumni Records Office for 28 years, died on November 24 at the age of 47.

In her role of updating the alumni database and responding to in-person inquiries by companies and alumni, Ms. Mitchell was known for “her wonderful sense of humor, her kindness, and her patience with the impatient,” said Alexis McCann, associate director of information services in Development and Alumni Relations.

“She was an extraordinarily friendly woman who probably knew more people on campus and more alumni than most of us ever will,” Ms. McCann continued. “There were alumni who called her on a regular basis just to chat. The department was stunned and saddened by her loss.”

She is survived by her son, Carl; her mother; and six brothers and sisters.

Correction: In SEC Actions last week (p. 4) the second sentence under “2. Past Chair’s Report on Academic Planning and Budget Committee...” should have said that at that committee’s last meeting, reports were given by the directors of the Annenberg Center and of the new Endowment Office—not that reports were given on the search for those directors.

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Although referrals to multiple committees were discussed—including Safety and Security, Facilities, Libraries—the issue was earmarked for Steering as the next step.

Asian/Pacific Issues: Three speakers addressed this topic, all urging faculty appointments as part of an increased commitment to the students:

• Dr. Eric Cheyfetz, as chair of Council’s Pluralism Committee, identified points in his Committee’s report that were not addressed in the APASAC report and the President’s response to it (Almanac: November 3), including a call for five faculty appointments in the next five years.

• Andrea Lee of the Asian/Pacific Student Coalition, who also noted limitations in having 15 student service administrators for 1700 students, attributed to a lack of faculty mentoring a pattern in which A/P students are involved in culturally relevant activities but not otherwise represented in University activities. He also cited a need for outreach and A/P alumni through campus resources.

Interim Provost Wachter advised of a search for a tenure-track faculty member in history, and of at least one other faculty member potentially elsewhere in SAS. He also urged students to seek out faculty, saying that in most cases faculty will welcome it, and reiterated Penn’s commitment to the Asian/Pacific community. Moderator Will Harris noted that the Pluralism Committee has been asked to make status report on an expedited basis, and would include more on this topic. Dr. Harris took the sense of Council to refer this also to Steering.

Steering will also be the referral point for the final Forum topic, in which Almanac editor Karen Gaines asked Council to consider recommending checkpoints for naming or renaming properties, suggesting input from historians, archivists and others knowledgeable of names’ origins and meaning.

Holiday Stress Workshop

The Division of Human Resources Quality of Worklife Programs is sponsoring a Holiday Stress Workshop offered by experts from PENN-Friends, the University’s Employee Assistance Program. On December 17 Lisa Volpe-Fisher, director of PENN-Friends EAP, will present this workshop, which is designed to provide insights into the situations that create stress around the holidays; opportunities for reducing this stress; and ways to make the holidays a positive experience. This will be an interactive worship during lunchtime, from noon-1 p.m. It will be held at 3401 Walnut Street, Wing A, 5th Floor Conference Room.

If you would like to attend, please call 898-0380 to register. — Marilyn Kraut, Quality of Worklife Programs, Division of Human Resources

The R.A.P. Line is Open

You have an exam coming up, and you’re nervous—not just a little nervous, but 1-never-bought-books-for-this-class-and-I-have-to-read-18-chapters-this-week-nervous. Maybe it isn’t an exam. Maybe you have a research paper due, yet the only research you’ve been doing is on the types of coffee at XandO or the outfits people wore at your last formal. How about if you’re lonely or angry, and just want to talk about or vent your feelings?

We’re here for you.

We’re the Reach-A-Peer Helpline, open 7 nights a week 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call 573-2RAF, or write us at www.upenn.edu/rap-online. — The R.A.P. Line

Moving over the Holiday Break

The Office of Regulatory Affairs will be moving during the Christmas holiday week from Suite 300 in the Mellon Bank Building to 3508 Market Street, Suite 230. Business hours will resume at 9 a.m. on January 4, 1999, at the new location. We ask for your patience and understanding while we try to settle in quickly.

—Ruth Clark, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs
The Gift of Involvement

Last week’s shopping spree took us to campus retail outlets old and new. This week, an update on ways to give someone an opportunity to participate in things, like...

...Anthropology/Archaeology: Those who treasure the past will be delighted with a full year’s membership in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Those special people will enjoy free admission, Museum Shop discounts, and Expedition Magazine; and they will be kept up-to-date about the latest discoveries from the Museum’s worldwide fieldwork and research. The gift membership will be packaged in an Egyptian-style decorative tin. Individual membership is $45, household $60. Information: 898-5093.

...Art: Members of the Institute of Contemporary Art receive free admission to the exhibitions, lectures and programs, invitations to preview opening receptions and the annual benefit, a calendar listing lectures, programs, tours, and special events, 20% discounts on ICA catalogue purchases, use of ICA library by appointment. Students, artists, senior citizens, Penn faculty and staff $20; individuals $40; dual/family $65; other membership categories from $100 to $1000, with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: 898-4980.

...Books: Members of Friends of the Library are invited to a variety of special events and receive a newsletter. Membership fees: student $10, regular $35, sponsor $100, patron $250, benefactor $500, Benjamin Franklin Society $1000, or life membership $1500. Information: 800-390-1829 or friends@pobox.upenn.edu.

...Dance: The Dance Celebration and the NextMove Festival, presented by Dance Affiliates and the Annenberg Center, will present ten different companies during the spring semester, with three in January—Doug Varone January 12-14, Moiseyev Dance Company, January 25 and Murray Louis and Nikolais Dance January 28-30. There are several subscription plans to save money and get the best seats. Call the Box Office: 898-3900.

...Films: International House’s Neighborhood Film/Video Project sells discount passes for their screenings, $20 for four shows. Information: 895-6542.

...Flora: Give a membership to the Morris Arboretum, the state of Pennsylvania’s official arboretum and you’ll receive a gift certificate good for 10% from the gift shop. With membership comes: free admission, 15% course discounts, the quarterly newsletter, all the plant sale benefits, access to the Reciprocal Admissions Program, gift shop discounts, invitations to events and lectures, and use of the shuttle for the disabled. Membership fees: Student $20, Regular $45, Franklnia $65, Chestnut $125, Holly $250, Oak $500, and Laurel $1000.

For your favorite rose-lover, give a copy of The Encyclopedia of Roses or Gardening with Roses ($29.95 each) by Arboretum rosarian Judith McKeon. Or, for someone who wants to know about all the local flora, The Vascular Flora of Pennsylvania: Annotated Checklist and Atlas ($50) by the Arboretum’s director of botany Dr. Ann Rhoads and William McKinley Klein, Jr. All are available by calling the Morris Arboretum Gift Shop at 247-5777 (ext. 0).

...Food: Dining Service offers 25-meal coupons for convenient meals on campus—breakfast $100, lunch $178 and dinner $262. Another option is to give a Value Card, in any denomination, for use at CHATS. Information: 898-7585.

The Faculty Club is offering a special as an incentive to join: faculty and staff who have not been members get the first year of membership free; you could make a deposit into a declining balance account for the new member to enjoy meals at the Club’s cafeteria or Hour Glass restaurant. Information: 898-4620.

Hillen Foundation offers a University of Penn tee-shirt with the name of the institution in Hebrew, $15. Information: 898-7391.

Sights and Sounds of the Season

...Sports and Fitness: The Class of 1923 Ice Rink has a discount book of 10 admission passes to any public skating session for $40 with a PENNCard or $50 for public. Is Santa bringing ice skates this year? Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Six weeks of group lessons, beginning January 3, are available for ages 5 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The registration deadline is Dec. 27. Cost $75. Information: 898-1923.

The Penn Women’s Gymnastics Team offers a 1999 wall calendar featuring a color cover of the team and 12 photos of team members for $15. Information: 898-5316.

Levy Tennis Pavilion memberships are $10 students and spouses, $20 faculty, staff and spouses, $35 alumni, $70 public, $25 senior citizens, guest fee $5; valid through August 1999. Information: 898-4741.

The Katz Fitness Center in Gimbel Gym, along with the Penn Fitness Center in Hutchinson, with a variety of weight training and aerobic equipment is the perfect gift for those who have made a New Year’s resolution to get in shape and exercise. Membership through May 22 is $50 for students, $80 for faculty, staff and affiliates, $100 for alumni and community members. Information: 898-8383.

The Men’s Basketball Club offers various gift levels from $25 to $1000 with benefits that increase with the level. There is also the Family Plan which includes 4 tickets (2 adults and 2 children plus 4 hot dogs and sodas) for $30. Information: 898-9231.

...the World: International House members receive reduced admission to most International House programs, the International House Newsletter and Calendar with advance notice of upcoming programs and Members Only events, exhibits, lectures, and the chance to meet with graduate students and visitors from over fifty countries studying at Philadelphia universities who live at International House. Individual Member $30, Student Member $25, Family Member $50, Contributing Member $100, Sustaining Member $250, World Member $500, International Member $1000 or more.

— M.F.M.
Winter Break ’98 Safety: Special Checks of Residences

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Winter Break ’98 (December 23, 1998 through January 10, 1999) 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 to conduct Special Checks of Residential Properties during the following time frame:

5 p.m. Tuesday, December 22 to 7 a.m. Monday, January 11.

Students, faculty and staff who live within the following geographical boundaries—Schuylkill River to 43rd Street and Baltimore Avenue to Market Street—may list their residence 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. If any are discovered, the officers will take appropriate action ranging from arresting the perpetrator to conducting an interior check of the property with subsequent notification to the listed occupant.

If you would like to list your residence for Special Checks during Winter Break ’98, please pick up an application at the Penn Police Headquarters, 4040 Chestnut Street or the Special Services Department, 4026 Chestnut Street. You need to complete and return the application to either location prior to vacating the premises. Or, you may request “Special Checks” via the web. Complete the application form on the Public Safety website at www.upenn.edu/police and follow the instructions to submit. Below, you will find Safety and Security Tips to help keep your time away from Penn a safe and happy one. For more extensive safety tips, we also have an excellent pamphlet by J.J. Bittenbinder, Tough Target: Street Guide to Staying Safe. Stop by the Special Services Department for a copy.

The Division of Public Safety wishes you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

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

Safety and Security Tips:

If You are Leaving Penn for Winter Break:

• Register your residence with Public Safety for Special Checks during the Break.
• Secure or remove all valuables (i.e., jewelry, computers, stereos, televisions, etc.). All valuables should already be engraved with your Social Security or other identifying number. Engravers are available at the Special Services Department, 4026 Chestnut Street. (Refundable deposit of $10 required).
• 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.
• Your answering device message should never indicate that you are not at 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.
• Make sure that 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 regarding these security devices before you leave for Break!

Know Your Emergency Numbers:
Division of Public Safety, Penn Police Department, 4040 Chestnut Street
On Campus: 511
Off Campus: 573-3333
Non-Emergencies: 898-7297/7298
Special Services: 898-4481/6600
Penn Detectives: 898-4485
Philadelphia Police Department
Emergencies: 911
11th Police District, 5510 Pine Street
General Business: 686-3180
SEPTA Police Department
Emergencies: 580-4131

If You are Remaining at Penn During Winter Break:

• Use one of the interior automated teller machines (ATMs). (Contact Special Services, 898-4481, for locations of interior ATMs). Avoid withdrawing money at night. Check the amount withdrawn only after you are safely inside your residence or office. 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 place 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 (7433) for the vehicular escort service or 898-WALK (9255) for the walking escort service between the hours of 6 p.m. to 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 visitors you don’t know.
• If accosted, don’t resist! Don’t panic! Get a good description, direction traveled, etc.—and report the incident to the police as soon as possible.
• Know the locations of Penn’s blue-light emergency telephones. Open the box, lift the receiver or push the button to talk.
• Report any suspicious activities to the police as soon as you can: Where, What, Who, When and How.

—Division of Public Safety

Raffles to Benefit Operation Santa Claus

In order to raise the necessary money to fund this year’s event, the 11th Annual Operation Santa Claus, I am also running two raffles.

• A Princess Diana Beanie Baby bear (purple bear), donated by the University of Cards. Some people have paid hundreds of dollars for this bear.
• A tee-shirt from the Philadelphia 76ers, a black t-shirt with the 7ers logo.

Raffles for either prize are only $1. All proceeds will go towards gifts and the cost to have the party for the children from the orphanage and the senior citizens from the area nursing homes (Almanac December 8) on Monday, December 21 at the Faculty Club.

Anyone interested in a chance can reach me at 212 Franklin Building or call me at 898-7234. Thanks as always!

—Yvonne Oronzio, Student Financial Services
University City Holiday House Tour: December 20

A dozen sites in University City are on this year’s Holiday House Tour, to be held Sunday, December 20, 1-5 p.m. starting from the newly-restored Marigold Dining Room at 45th and Larchwood and ending with a holiday party, 4-6 p.m., in The Gables Bed and Breakfast, 46th and Chester.

This year’s tour of the National Historical District west of campus is jointly sponsored by the University City Historical Society and University City Pride.

The twelve stops on the tour, dating from the 1860s to the 1920s, are eight private homes, a 1904 church with windows by Tiffany, two elegant bed-and-breakfast hotels, and a popular romantic restaurant established in 1934. Natural woodwork, leaded glass and Victorian room decor are among the special features of the houses, where traditional Christmas greens and family heirlooms will share the spotlight with collections of Santas, sea shells, ceramic and paper miniature houses, decorations from Eastern Europe, art pottery, and more. Dining tables will be set for holiday celebrations, including a silver 25th anniversary.

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 November 30 through December 6, 1998. Also reported were Crimes Against Property: 45 total thefts & attempts (including 1 burglary, 1 possession of stolen property, 2 thefts of autos & attempt, 3 thefts from autos, 5 thefts of bicycles & parts, 5 incidents of criminal mischief & vandalism, and 1 incident of forgery & fraud. Full reports on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/v45/n15/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 November 30 and December 6, 1998. The University Police actively patrols from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River 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: Threats & harassment—3
12/01/98 11:14 PM Class of 28 Dorm Unwanted calls received
12/04/98 1:44 AM Morris Dorm Unwanted calls received
12/04/98 7:51 PMRalston House Complainant threatened by known person

38th to 41st/Market to Baltimore: Robberies (& attempts)—3; Aggravated assaults—1
11/20/98 3:00 AM 4000 Blk Spruce Complainant assaulted by suspect with gun
11/30/98 7:18 PM 3900 Blk Ludlow Complainant robbed by suspect with gun
12/01/98 4:14 PM 106 S 36th St Unknown suspect attempted to rob establishment
12/03/98 8:13 PM 22 S 41st St Complainant robbed by suspect with gun

41st to 43rd/Market to Baltimore: Simple assaults—1
12/03/98 12:56 AM 43rd & Ludlow Complainant struck and kicked by suspect

30th to 34th/Market to Civic Center: Threats & harassment—1
12/02/98 12:00 AM Hill House Unwanted calls received

18th District Crimes Against Persons

14 Incidents and 2 Arrests (including 2 aggravated assaults and 10 robberies) were reported between November 30, 1998 and December 6, 1998 by the 18th District, covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street and Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

11/30/98 2:58 AM 4000 Spruce Aggravated Assault
11/30/98 7:59 PM 4800 Chester Robbery
11/30/98 11:30 AM 4237 Walnut Robbery/Assault
11/30/98 7:13 PM 3900 Ludlow Robbery
12/01/98 12:50 PM 4733 Chestnut Robbery/Assault
12/01/98 6:55 PM 4598 Chestnut Robbery
12/01/98 4:10 PM 106 S 38th Robbery
12/01/98 4:05 PM 4200 Chester Robbery
12/03/98 8:07 PM 4100 Ludlow Robbery
12/04/98 2:28 PM 5000 Market Robbery
12/04/98 2:30 PM 4600 Chestnut Robbery
12/04/98 1:15 PM 311 48th St Robbery
12/06/98 11:05 AM 4901 Baltimore Aggravated Assault
12/06/98 2:40 AM 4600 Market Robbery


All eight of the houses on the tour are the homes of members of UC Pride, University City’s organization of gay and lesbian neighbors. They will be among the hosts at the end-of-the-tour party at The Gables.

Tickets are available only on the day of the tour, starting no earlier than 12:30 p.m. at The Marigold; they are $12 with children under 12 touring free if accompanied by adults. The Marigold Dining Room is open for brunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the day of the tour, with prices ranging from $9.95-$13.95. For reservations, call the Marigold at 222-3699. For other information, call the University City Historical Society at 387-3019, or University City Pride at 552-$131.

Update DECEMBER AT PENN

MEETINGS

16 SemesterWrap Session; Graduate/Professional Women’s Organization; 5:30 p.m.; Room B24 GSE (GPWO).
18 Professional Development: A Holistic Approach [based on] Penn Culture Study; Felice J. Tilin, Penn and Thomas Jefferson University; noon-1:30 p.m.; Room 24A Law School (Association of Women Faculty & Administrators).

Deadlines: The deadline for the Update in the January 12 issue is January 5. The deadline for February At Penn is January 12, 1999.

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The 105th Congress adjourned on October 21 after bringing a contentious appropriations process to a close. Congress passed only five of the thirteen Fiscal Year 1999 (FY 1999) appropriations bills as free standing legislation, and the eight remaining appropriations bills were included in a massive omnibus bill (HR 4328). These appropriations measures, summarized below, provide funds to the agencies that support critical university-based programs and research. In addition to these important spending bills, Congress also passed the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, an extensive piece of legislation addressing a range of issues that impact Penn’s missions of teaching, research, and service. In general, federal programs upon which the University relies fared well in an environment that was particularly supportive of university research.

Research Budgets
Congress increased the research budgets that support critical innovation at our nation’s universities, including the University of Pennsylvania. Last year Penn’s faculty received $278 million to fund federally-sponsored research projects, and this year it is expected that the University’s federal funding for research will increase to over $320 million, an increase of 15 percent. Last year Penn ranked tenth in the nation in federally-funded research and third in total National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding.

Federal investment in research enjoys bi-partisan support. Such funding is viewed widely as a wise investment in better health, economic development, and international competitiveness. Total federal support for research and development (R&D) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 is expected to exceed $80 billion for the first time in history, for a total of $80.2 billion, 5.3 percent more than FY 1998. Of that amount, a relatively small portion, $17.5 billion, supports university-based basic research.

In keeping with the current favorable climate for research, the 105th Congress gave a big boost to agency research budgets, especially the NIH and the National Science Foundation (NSF), the two largest sources of funds for Penn faculty. Every major R&D agency, except NASA and the Department of Energy, received increases well ahead of the expected 2.0 percent inflation rate. This is good news indeed especially in the context of generally flat federal budgets for research since 1986. Sizable increases at NIH and NSF in FY 1999’s budget suggest that Washington regards basic research as a measure of “our strength as a nation,” as President Rodin stated last spring in testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space.

The FY 1999 individual agency boosts included:

**National Institutes of Health (NIH):** The NIH research budgets received the largest dollar increase in history, a nearly $2 billion or 14.1 percent increase in its R&D budget to $14.9 billion. The NIH overall was allocated $15.6 billion for FY 1999, putting the NIH budget on a course toward the bipartisan Congressional goal of doubling NIH’s budget in five years. The Department of Health and Human Services, which funds NIH, awarded approximately $208 million to University of Pennsylvania research projects in FY 1997.

**National Science Foundation (NSF):** NSF received $2.8 billion for its R&D budget in FY 1999, $216 million or 8.4 percent more than FY 1998. The NSF awarded Penn research projects nearly $22 million for FY 1997.

**Department of Energy (DOE):** DOE received $7 billion for its R&D programs, an increase of $714 million or 11.4 percent. The DOE budget contains large increases for numerous programs across DOE’s three missions in energy, science, and defense. DOE awarded approximately $9.4 million to University of Pennsylvania research projects in FY 1997.

**Department of Defense (DOD):** The DOD has an R&D budget of $38.5 billion in FY 1999, a $1.1 billion or 2.9 percent increase over last year. The DOD awarded approximately $10.7 million to University of Pennsylvania research projects in FY 1997.

**Department of Education:** The Department of Education has an R&D budget of $231 million in FY ’99, a 10.7 percent increase over last year. The Department awarded approximately $16.2 million to Penn research projects for FY 1997.

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):** The NEH was level-funded at $10.7 million for FY 1999.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

The Higher Education Act (HEA), first enacted in 1965, authorizes most federal student-aid programs and contains numerous regulations that apply to colleges and universities. The reauthorization of the law, which is required every five years, becomes an occasion for Congress to examine its policies regarding higher education generally. This year was no exception. The Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, signed into law by President Clinton on October 7, contain many important provisions impacting colleges and universities. The following are some of the changes important to the higher education community:

- **Student Financial Aid.** By providing grants and loans to needy students and families, HEA strives to make higher education accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay tuition. A recent report issued by the Education Resources Institute and the Institute for Higher Education Policy indicates that, with the exception of relatively small increases in the Pell program in the past two years, the real value of financial aid grants has declined substantially over the past twenty years. Because the real value of federal aid dollars has declined, a greater commitment from the federal government for student financial aid is necessary to make college accessible to all students.

  Reauthorization of HEA this year included favorable treatment of student aid programs. The Act authorizes an increase in the maximum Pell grant to $4,500 for 1999-2000, a 4.2 percent increase, and provides $619 million in funding (an 0.8 percent increase) for the campus-based student aid programs, which include the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), College Work-Study, and the Perkins Loan programs. These programs are a particularly effective means of assisting students from low and moderate income families to attend Penn and many other colleges and universities in the Commonwealth. In addition, the legislation also lowers the interest rate that borrowers pay on their student loans to 6.8 percent from 7.6 percent while students are in school, and 7.46 percent from 8.25 percent once they are in repayment. Projections show that this interest rate reduction could save a student with a debt of $20,000 about $1,000 over the life of the loan. Last year Penn students received about $10 million in federal grants (including Pell, SEOG, and federal work-study), and borrowed another $100 million in federal loans.

- **Graduate Education.** The Graduate Assistance in the Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program and the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program are the only federally-funded graduate scholarships through the Department of Education. By identifying the best students in the country in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, the Javits Program remains one of the only standing sources of support for graduate education. The GAANN Program supports students in areas of national need such as the sciences, engineering, foreign languages and area studies. The HEA amendments maintain the current levels of funding for these important programs. In addition, the law establishes the Thurgood Marshall Legal Education Opportunity Program to provide support to minoritys attending law school.

- **Voluntary Early Retirement Incentives.** The HEA amends the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) to clarify that tenured faculty, whose principal retirement plan is a defined contribution plan, are permitted to have the same kind of age-based early retirement incentives already available to other employee groups.

- **New Crime Reporting Requirements.** The HEA extends the list of crimes that colleges and universities must report to include manslaughter and arson, and expands the category of “hate” crimes. In addition, among other requirements, the campus crime provisions define “campus” for crime reporting purposes to include: buildings or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area; property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area but controlled by another person; and all public property that is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution.

- **Other Reporting Requirements.** The Higher Education Act requires universities to provide data annually to the Department of Education regarding tuition, fees, and financial assistance as well as expenditures and revenues from and for intercollegiate athletics. The Act also permits, but does not require, disclosure of information regarding violations of alcohol or drug-related laws or institutional policies as well as the names of students who violate campus codes of conduct regarding crimes of violence and serious offenses.
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