Dental Med: Groundbreaking April 5

On Monday, April 5, the School of Dental Medicine will break ground for its Robert Schattner Center, a state-of-the-art clinical facility that will link the School’s historic Evans Building with the newer Leon Levy Center to create a unified Dental campus, with a single entrance, along 40th Street between Spruce and Locust Streets.

Construction of the Schattner Center is the first phase of the School’s Gateway Campaign, an ambitious program of renovation and construction that will bring School facilities into the 21st century, Dean Raymond Fonseca said.

The cornerstone of the School’s capital campaign is a record-setting gift from Dr. Robert Schattner, a 1948 alumnus of the School whose commitment of $4 million to create and furnish the Center represents the largest gift in the Dental School’s history. Dr. Schattner, president of Sporicidin, is the inventor of Chloraseptic mouthwash. In 1987, the American Association of Entrepreneurial Dentists named Dr. Schattner “Dentist of the Year.” Dr. Schattner has also been recognized by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind and by the Association for Physical and Mental Rehabilitation for his work with the physically handicapped.

The Center is expected to open by Fall 2000, housing many of the School’s facilities for patient care, including a new patient admissions and emergency clinic, an oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic, and a specialized facility for medically compromised patients, including those with HIV. Plans for the 55,000-square-foot building also provide for patient meeting areas, conference rooms, faculty offices and a gallery to display the art collection donated to the School by its nineteenth-century benefactor, Thomas Evans.

More than 16,000 people now use the School’s clinics for their care, the Dean said.

Faculty Senate Officers Elected for 1999-2000

No additional nominations were received by the deadline and therefore the Senate Nominating Committee’s slate of nominees is hereby declared elected. Effective May 5, 1999, the Faculty Senate Officers for the coming year will be:

Chair: Peter J. Conn (English)
Past Chair: John C. Keene (city & reg’l plng)
Chair-elect: Larry Gross (communication)
Secretary: Rosane Rocher (S. Asia reg. st)
Past Secretary: Martin Pring (physiol/med)
Secretary-elect: Sarah H. Kagan (nursing)

Newly elected as at-large members of the Senate Executive Committee for 3-year terms:

- Anita Allen Castellitto (law)
- Stephen Gluckman (medicine)
- Ann Mayer (legal studies)
- Tukufu Zuberi (sociology)

Newly elected as an at-large member of the Senate Executive Committee for a 2-year term:

- John Richetti (English)

Newly elected as an assistant professor member of the Senate Executive Committee for a 2-year term:

- Barbara von Schlegell (religious studies)

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New Working Group on Alcohol Abuse

The following charge was sent in a letter Monday by Provost Robert Barchi to a new working group that will advise him and the President on alcohol abuse. Its members are Michael Bassik, UA Vice Chair; Samantha Berend of the Tangible Change committee; Dr. Herman Beavers of English; Dr. David Brownelee of the College House System; Dr. Valerie Swain-Cade McCoolum, VPUL; Bill Conway, UA Chair; Dr. Peter Conn, Senate Chair-elect; Stephen Fechheimer of IFC, Elizabeth Gonzalez, former Student Conduct; Rebecca Iverson of the Panhellenic Council; Michael Kraver, former Sigma Alpha Mu President; Megan MacDonald of DART; Ramon Marmolejos of BIG-C; Mark Metzl, IFC President; Melanie Redmond, C’01; Jed Ryan of the Penn Drinking Project; Jeffery Snyder, IFC’s former Vice President for Rush; and Sanjay Udani, former GAPSA Chair.

The death of Michael Tobin at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity last weekend drew into painful focus the issue of alcohol abuse in our community. This tragic event occurred in a weekend that witnessed three other alcohol-related incidents, one of which resulted in the hospitalization of a student.

We cannot allow alcohol abuse to threaten the life and health of our students, friends and colleagues. We cannot tolerate alcohol abuse in our community.

Even as we mourn the loss of alumnus Michael Tobin, a 1994 graduate of the College, we must take action to prevent another such tragedy.

It is with this seriousness of purpose that I invite you to participate in a working group which will help us define the scope and nature of the problem and also present recommendations on how best to tackle this troubling trend. We will look specifically and immediately at the policy we have just instituted which prohibits alcohol from being served at registered parties. We will consider carefully the nature and duration of this suspension and of any additional measures that should be taken.

Impacts of the Shelby Amendment: Letters by April 5

To the University’s Research Community

On February 4, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposed a change to Circular A-110, the document that governs federal research grant policy, to ensure that all “published data from federally sponsored research used for policy and rulemaking” be made available through procedures established under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This proposed change was the result of an amendment to the Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations Act (HR 4328), sponsored by Senator Shelby (R-AL). Unfortunately, there were no Congressional hearings or debate on this amendment.

While we all support the open exchange of information and ideas, the proposed regulation would have a number of negative and unintended consequences for the conduct of research under federal awards. A similar amendment was offered and defeated in the House Appropriations Committee last year because of serious concerns by some members of Congress about the negative impacts to federally-funded research.

After the OMB issued its proposed rules to implement the “Shelby amendment” in February, significant concern was expressed by the federal agencies, the scientific community, and some members of Congress, that implementation of the proposed changes would be bad for science and burdensome for the science agencies and the faculty conducting federally-sponsored research. Specific issues of concern include:

- There is no clear definition of “data,” which could range from notebooks to biological material to videotaped interviews.
- There is no clear definition of “publication,” which could range from publication in a scholarly journal to a “power point” demonstration.
- There is no adequate description of who would be required to pay for the production of data, and the agencies have no administrative structure to oversee this requirement.
- It is not clear how patient privacy and confidentiality of medical records would be maintained.
- The method of enforcement of the measure is unclear as is the method for protection from the misuse of data.
- There are patent, privacy, and intellectual property concerns as well as liability issues.
- Premature release of research findings could be misleading and create many problems in areas of public health and safety. For example, premature disclosure of data could alter the behavior of study participants, thereby significantly impacting the validity of research findings.

It is important to note that there are legitimate concerns within the scientific community, among policymakers, and in the many sectors affected by federal policy and rulemaking about the accessibility and sharing of research data. In fact, at least two federal agencies, the National Weather Service and the United States Geological Survey, have developed systems to share data and make data “public” in a reliable and responsible way. There have also been a number of federal policies and policy proposals from various research agencies to promote more open sharing of data that is appropriate to the research and provides adequate protections. Such efforts tend to be field-specific.

This is not to suggest that there has been or will be a uniform federal policy to deal with these complex issues. Rather, it appears that the time may be ripe for carefully planned and coordinated consideration of the subject. Because the proposed changes to A-110 did not receive the appropriate level of Congressional consideration before the measure was passed into law, input from interested parties will be critical in order to assist the OMB as the agency determines its course of action. Written comments should be submitted to the following address by April 5, 1999. However, the OMB will continue to accept comments after that date.

F. James Charnley, Policy Analyst
Office of Management and Budget
Room 6025, New Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20503

Judith Rodin, President, and Robert Barchi, Provost

Deaths

For Ed Lane: May 14

A gathering is announced, in remembrance of Edward F. Lane, for Friday, May 14, at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Club Tea Room. The promised obituary of Mr. Lane is being prepared by his family for publication at a future date.

Dr. Herbert Nickens, Leader in Minority Health

Dr. Herbert W. Nickens, a former assistant professor of psychiatry at Penn who went on to groundbreaking positions in national minority health affairs, died on March 22. The 51-year-old vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges was believed to have suffered a heart attack while playing tennis in Kensington, Md., according to the Washington Post.

A 1969 Harvard alumnus, Dr. Nickens came to Penn initially to take his M.D. in psychiatry, which he received in 1973 along with a master of arts degree in sociology. He also won Penn’s History of Medicine Prize that year, and later was to win the Philadelphia Medical Society’s Kenneth Appel Award and the Laughlin National Psychiatric Endowment Fund Award.

He interned at Chestnut Hill Hospital, and after completing a residency in psychiatry at Yale, 1974-75, he returned to Penn as a resident and a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. After serving as an instructor in psychiatry in 1977-79, and chief resident during part of that period, he was named to the faculty as assistant professor and to the directorship of HUP’s psychiatry emergency services in 1978.

In 1979 he took the additional post of Faculty Assistant to the President and the Provost.

Dr. Nickens became director of the Office of Policy, Planning and Analysis of the National Institute on Aging in 1985, and in 1986 he left Penn to become the first director of the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

He then joined the AAMC, where since 1988 he has been vice president for minority and community programs, specializing in initiatives aimed at training more minority physicians and improving minority health standards.

Dr. Nickens is survived by his wife, Patrice, and their two daughters, Caitlin and Chloe; his parents, Norman and Clarice; and a sister, Norma Allen.

Margaret F. Willson, Reading Specialist at GSE

Margaret Fraser Willson, an instructor at the Graduate School of Education for more than 30 years, died on March 22 of congestive heart failure. She was 71 years old.

Mrs. Willson was born in Philadelphia, and graduated from Penn in 1949. She taught at Penn from 1959 through 1989, concentrating on helping educators teach reading to children and adults.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Robert A. Willson and a son, Robert C.F. Willson. Contributions may be made to Chester County Library, attn: Harriet Garosh, Children’s Books, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341.

ALMANAC March 30, 1999
At Council March 24

All of the Council officers who delivered opening statements at Council last week began with condolences to the family of 1994 alumnus Michael Tobin, and President Judith Rodin’s remarks foreshadowed the suspensions and other new steps that she and the Provost would announce later in the week. [See statement, right.]

News emerging from their reports:
• President Rodin announced approval of the Consultation Policy (Almanac December 8, 1998) and the CCTV Monitoring Policy (Almanac January 19, 1999), to be published Of Record.
• Provost Robert Barchi announced that work on the Library’s Rosengarten Reserve Room will be accelerated. Setting aside a rule that requires full funding to be in hand before work can begin, the University will start the $2 million construction project this summer and complete it in the summer of 2000. As with earlier Library renovations, he noted, work is confined to summers to avoid closing facilities.
• Dr. Barchi also described a new outreach program in educational planning in University City, open to Penn and the community, to be detailed more fully in a future issue.
• GAPSA Chair Doug Hagan announced new legal advisory services for graduate students in disputes with off-campus landlords.
• Undergraduates living off-campus will also have access to the services for landlord disputes, UA Chair Bill Conway said.
• PPSA Chair Terri White announced an upcoming lunchtime program to inform staff of University-based education and training that are open to them, from baccalaureate and advanced degree enrollment to professional development and supports in place for employees who are also students. The two-hour program, 12:2 p.m. on April 8, is open to support staff as well as to the PPSA’s administrative and professional (A-1) membership.
• She also announced that the PPSA annual election meeting will be held May 20.

Report on Public Safety

Vice President Tom Seamon addressed the multiple issues given on the agenda, in a report to be summarized in the April 6 issue. At the request of Penn NOW co-chair Erin Healy, Associate VPUL Barbara Cassell responded briefly, asking that ten recommendations by the students be read into the record; they will also appear next week.

Report on Graduate Housing

A GSAC representative commended the GAPSA report (Almanac February 23), and in response to Mr. Hagan’s summary at the meeting, Dr. Larry Moneta of Housing Services said his office is working with GAPSA and GSAC on the questions raised. He cited plans to cluster graduate activities around space that has been created as part of Sansom Common.

Minority Presence

Dr. Phoebe Leboy’s compilation of existing data (Almanac March 23) was praised by the President and Provost as well as by a delegate of UMCC. Mr. Hagan urged that the ownership of this data be pinned down, for future updates; and a speaker asked that a longitudinal study of Asian faculty members be developed.

Library

Dr. Karin McGowan’s upbeat report on the Library’s merits and needs will appear in a future issue of Almanac.

FROM THE
PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

An Open Letter to the University Community

The following message to students was published in The Daily Pennsylvanian Friday, March 26, and is reprinted here for the larger community.

Alcohol Abuse: The Steps We Must Take

A member of our Penn family is dead. His death was premature. His death was tragic. His death was alcohol-related.

The full gravity of alcohol abuse has now landed squarely in the heart of our campus. Even as we mourn the loss of alumnus Michael Tobin, a 1994 graduate of the College, we must take action to prevent another such tragedy. As an initial step, we have suspended Phi Gamma Delta, the fraternity where Michael Tobin died. It will remain on suspension until investigations by the University and the fraternity’s national organization are concluded. This is the third serious alcohol-related fraternity infraction on campus this year.

The course of action we announce here comes after careful thought and many months of collaboration with students to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol abuse and to create a host of social activities on campus that are not defined by alcohol. We have made progress together in achieving a healthier, more vibrant academic and social environment. Witness the efforts of D.A.R.T.; Winterfest and Lovefest; last spring’s Pancake Breakfast; a new class on alcohol and behavior; a new campus coffeehouse; a new late-night diner; Penn P.M., which offers fun, late-night events in the College Houses; Writers House and Civic House, which are always humming.

However, as the events of last weekend have made all too clear, the message is still not getting through loudly enough or strongly enough. Too many Penn students—a distinct minority, but still too many—either can’t or won’t hear.

We are among the many, many members of the Penn community—faculty, administrators, students, and staff—who care deeply about you. We want you to have the best education and the best experience here during your college years. We want you to be healthy and we want you to be safe.

The University’s alcohol and drug policy (on-line at www.upenn.edu/osl/alcohpol.html) is clear. It prohibits underage drinking and the supply of alcohol to underage and inebriated individuals, and specifies that University disciplinary sanctions will be imposed, in addition to the sanctions imposed by federal, state, and local authorities for violations of the law.

The following steps will guide the University’s actions over the next month, particularly during Skimmer and Spring Fling. In the long-term, we mean to consider, with counsel from a number of students, faculty, and professionals around the University, the future of alcohol at Penn. In the interim, the steps we will take are:

• As of today [March 26], the policy allowing alcohol to be served at registered undergraduate parties is suspended. We will immediately enter into serious and substantive discussion with student and faculty leadership with regard to the nature and duration of this suspension and of additional measures that should be taken.
• If the University discovers that alcohol is served at any party to either minors or already intoxicated individuals, then the hosts will bear full responsibility for their actions. Students and organizations found to be in breach of University regulations will be sanctioned according to the University’s alcohol and drug policy.
• At Skimmer, which occurs off-campus, we will firmly support enforcement by the Philadelphia Police of city and state alcohol regulations.
• At Spring Fling, we will strongly enforce the University’s alcohol policy. Officers of the Division of Public Safety and Liquor Control Enforcement agents will be present throughout the weekend. There will be no post-Fling block party on Sansom Street.
• Notice of the University’s alcohol policy and our enforcement of it is being given to area bars, restaurants, and alcohol suppliers, and we expect their help and cooperation.

We take these steps out of concern for every person on this campus. We know that the large majority of Penn students do not abuse alcohol, but we also know that alcohol-related events traditionally escalate during the final weeks of the academic year. In the wake of last weekend, we are taking these steps because we do not want another member of our Penn family to be a victim of alcohol abuse. That must never happen again.

Judith Rodin
President

Robert L. Barchi
Provost
On Community Housing

As a former 20-year resident of University City, I read with great interest the report on Penn’s expanded community housing programs (Almanac March 2).

Given its marvelous housing stock, and its extraordinarily easy access to Center City, thanks to readily available public transportation, most of UC has done a better than average job of resisting the kinds of urban blight that has taken over so many city neighborhoods in the last 20 years. But in recent years, it became evident that the presence of Penn (and other educational institutions) had become more of a curse than a blessing. Because Penn brings so many students into the area every year and provides an inadequate stock of affordable on-campus housing for those students, the real estate market is full of speculators (including Penn itself) resulting in dangerously low rates of owner-occupancy. This low rate of home ownership, combined with the extreme volatility of the student rental market and the reactionary nature of that market, created a serious threat to the viability of University City when a relatively small number of students were victims of serious crimes in the area.

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Speaking Out welcomes reader contributions. Short, timely letters on University issues can be accepted by Thursday at noon for the following Tuesday’s issue, subject to right-of-reply guidelines. Advance notice of intention to submit is appreciated.—Ed.
Open Enrollment 1999-2000: April 19-30

You will soon have the opportunity to elect your benefits for the new plan year, July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 during Open Enrollment which begins April 19 and runs through April 30, 1999.

You will find enrollment this year easier than ever with two convenient choices—use the Internet or call the Penn Benefits Center. In response to requests by faculty and staff, we have created an Internet web page with links to provider directories, to allow you to enroll on-line, 24-hours-a-day, and print your confirmation statement at the time of your enrollment. You can log on from your home or office or use a computer at either of the following locations: Rosengarten Reserve (ground level of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library) or Today’s Penn Partnership Office (3550 Market Street, Suite 110). You may also enroll by calling the Penn Benefits Center at 1-888-PENNBEN (1-888-736-6236).

Look for additional Open Enrollment information in Almanac in upcoming weeks. We will publish medical/dental rates, provide a dental plan comparison and information on the new vision care program.

We are pleased to offer the following changes/additions to the benefits program for 1999-2000:

- OptiChoice Vision Care coverage will be available through Clarity Vision. You can visit a network provider, including Scheie Eye Institute, or receive a reduced reimbursement when you go to an out-of-network provider.
- MetLife replaces Prudential as administrator for the Dental Plan for 1999-2000. The level of coverage in the MetLife Preferred Dentist Program will be the same as that provided under the Prudential Dental Plan.
- The three-year waiting period for Family Dental coverage is discontinued effective July 1, 1999.
- Health Care and Dependent Care Pre-Tax Expense Account current elections will automatically continue for the same amount for the new plan year unless you cancel or change your elections during Open Enrollment.

Benefits Fairs
The following Benefits Fairs will give you the opportunity to talk with providers and pick up new provider directories:
- Faculty Club, Alumni Hall, Monday, April 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Wednesday, April 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Health and Welfare representatives will be available from:
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- PENNCare
- Keystone
- Aetna US Healthcare
- Penn Faculty Practice Plan
- MetLife
- Clarity Vision
- CNA Insurance

Additional information on other benefits/programs not subject to open enrollment will be available from:
- TIAA/CREF
- Financial Planning Services
- U.S. Savings Bonds
- PennFriends
- Fire & Occupational Safety
- Vanguard
- Social Security Administration
- HR Benefits
- Quality of WorkLife
- CGS (tuition benefit)

OF RECORD Summary of Benefits

This is a summary of the annual reports for the University of Pennsylvania Plans named above for the Plan Years beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998. These Plans are sponsored by the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, whose Federal employer identification number is 23-1352085. The annual reports have been filed with the Internal Revenue Service as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

It is also required under the terms of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 that these Summary Annual Reports be furnished to Plan participants. To facilitate publication, the reports for the Plan year ended June 30, 1998 have been combined. Consequently, portions of this summary may refer to the Plans in which you are not currently participating.

Faculty & Staff Scholarship
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania maintain a Plan providing scholarships to full time faculty and staff. The University provides these benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Position Discontinuation and Staff Transition Plan
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania maintain a Plan to provide transitional support and to facilitate economic adjustment to eligible staff members whose employment is terminated involuntarily without fault. The University provides these benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Long-Term Disability Plan for University Personnel
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania maintain a Plan providing long-term disability benefits for eligible employees. The University provides these benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

PreTax Health Care Expense Account
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania maintain a Plan providing reimbursement of health care expenses funded through salary reduction agreements for eligible faculty and staff. The University provides these benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Pennsylvania Annuity Plan—Basic Financial Statement
Funds contributed to the Plan are allocated toward the purchase of individual annuity contracts issued by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Total premiums for the Plan year ending June 30, 1998 were $64,380.

Faculty Income Allowance Plan
The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania maintain a Plan providing for early retirement benefits for eligible faculty members. The University provides these benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Your Rights to Additional Information About These Plans
You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report of any of these Plans, or any part thereof, on request.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report(s), or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Vice President of Human Resources who is the Plan Administrator, Room 538A, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 898-6884. The charge for each full annual report is $2.50, and the charge for any single page is 25 cents.

In addition, you have the legally protected right to examine the annual reports at the University of Pennsylvania, Benefits Office, Room 527A, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. You also have the right to examine the annual reports at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department of Labor should be addressed to Public Disclosure Room, N5638, Room 527A, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. The charge for any single page is 25 cents.

— Division of Human Resources
Penn Relays Carnival
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Franklin Field, 235 S. 33rd St. Join the fans at the 105th running of the Penn Relays. Pick up complimentary tickets at the Penn ticket office (235 S. 33rd St.), weekdays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mention the “daughters” offer and bring Penn ID. Ticket Office 898-6151.

Nike Track Test at Penn Relays
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Franklin Field (Relays Village) 235 S. 33rd St. The Athletic Department knows that when girls play, everyone wins. Your daughter can try her hand at various track and field event skills at the Nike Track Test. You must have Penn Relays tickets to participate (see above).

The Penn Perspective
Human Resources Training and Development will be presenting The Penn Perspective, a specially designed institute for University of Pennsylvania administrators and department chairpersons, on June 8-10, 1999. The primary goal of the 17th annual program is to provide participants with a broad understanding of the University's structure, mission, and the challenges facing Penn today.

The intensive three-day program consists of lectures and presentations by many of Penn’s senior officers and academic administrators, followed by time for questions and discussion. Topics include: Penn’s academic foundation; management and fiscal practices; human resources; research; student life; computing; development and alumni relations; as well as current University issues. The schedule is arranged so that the 50 participants, who represent many academic and administrative areas, have free time to informally meet and interact with each other.

The cost to the department is $195 per person which covers tuition, materials, continental breakfasts and lunches. Application forms, please contact Human Resources/Training and Development at 898-3400.
Home Sweet Home

Renters’ Housing Fair: April 6
Those planning to rent off-campus in the near future can meet property owners and managers at the Annual Rental Housing Fair, Tuesday, April 6, from 4 to 11 p.m. at Locust Walk. Realty companies will be represented along with tenants’ right groups, utility companies, and other organizations involved in off-campus living. More information: Office of Off-Campus Living, 898-8500.

Home Buyers Housing Fair: April 7
The Office of Community Housing, which administers the Guaranteed Mortgage Program for Penn faculty and staff, will hold its annual Home Buyers Housing Fair on Wednesday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Faculty Club’s Alumni Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Faculty and staff can meet bankers, realtors, insurance brokers and more. Employees can also secure their own personal credit report for $2, and those who complete a housing survey are eligible for prizes. More information: Community Housing, 573-9725 or 898-7422.

University City Saturday: Community Tours April 17
Houses in the near-campus community will be on view in the eighth annual University City Saturday, April 17. The hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the information center is in the auditorium of St. Francis de Sales, 917 S. 47th St.

University City Saturday allows prospective home buyers to meet with representatives of organizations committed to the area and learn exactly what the community has to offer. Information will be available from many of University City’s neighborhood associations, schools and churches. There will also be representatives from different banks and mortgage companies.

Non-buying visitors—architecture buffs, home renovators in search of ideas, and those who simply want to know the neighborhood west of 40th Street—are also welcome. More information: University City Promotions, 552-8518.

‘Best’ for the Neighborhood
The March 17 Philadelphia Weekly’s “1999 Best and Worst” list says the Best Urban Alternative to Suburban Living is: “UNIVERSITY CITY: Huge, exquisitely detailed Victorian homes can be had for the cost of a Center City trinity in America’s original streetcar suburb. If wide, tree-lined streets, friendly neighbors and a plethora of ethnic restaurants don’t entice you, how about the new Sansom Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report 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.

18th District Crimes Against Persons

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 March 15, 1999 through March 21, 1999. Also reported were Crimes Against Property: 24 total thefts & attempts (including 4 burglaries & attempts), 1 theft of auto (2 attempts), 6 thefts of bicycles, 4 thefts of parts, 4 thefts of autos) and 6 incidents of criminal mischief & vandalism. Full reports on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/v45/n26/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 March 15, 1999 and March 21, 1999. 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: Sexual assaults—1; Aggravated assaults—1
03/15/99 3:13 PM 3400 blk Chestnut Complaintant touched by unknown male
03/16/99 5:30 PM 3401 Walnut St. Employee reported being assaulted

38th to 41st/Market to Baltimore: Threats & harassment—1
03/20/99 11:27 AM Hamilton House Unwanted call received

41st to 43rd/Market to Baltimore: Aggravated assaults—1
03/17/99 8:08 PM 4247 Locust St. Complainant assaulted by suspect with knife

Crimes Against Society

34th to 38th/Market to Civic Center: Disorderly conduct—1
03/18/99 3:27 PM 3600 blk Spruce Male cited for disorderly conduct

38th to 41st/Market to Baltimore: Disorderly conduct—1
03/18/99 12:31 AM 3900 blk Sansom Disturbance on highway/arrest

Take Back the Night
The annual Take Back the Night march and speeches will take place on College Green on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. It is cosponsored by NOW and STAAAR. The event is focused on issues of sexual violence and provides survivors of rape or sexual assault a chance to have a voice.

Educational Opportunities Forum
Penn Professional Staff Assembly (A-1) announces an Educational Opportunities Forum which will be held on Thursday, April 8, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Iron Gate Theatre, 3700 Chestnut Street. Presenters will include the Educational Opportunity Center, College of General Studies, Organizational Dynamics, Higher Ed Division of Graduate School of Education, Wharton Evening School, Wharton Management Certificate Program.

An Information Fair will include the Center for Professional Development, Training and Development, Tutoring and Learning Resources, Library, Recreation, Career Services. Bring your own lunch, beverages will be provided.

Therapy
Shari D. Sobel, Ph.D. Psychotherapy (215) 747-0460.

For Sale
Modern duplex (1, 2 BR), near Veterinary School, separate entrances, utilities; 2 parking spaces, patio/yard, $137,000. (215) 222-4369.

To place a classified ad call (215) 898-5274.
Call for Volunteers for 1999-2000 Committee Service: Deadline April 20

To: University Faculty, Penn Professional Staff Assembly, and A-3 Members

From: 1998-99 University Council Committee on Committees

RE: Volunteers Needed for Committee Service

The University Council 1998-99 Committee on Committees invites you to nominate yourself or others for service on University Council Committees. Council committees serve as advisory bodies in shaping academic/administrative policy, in the administration of honorary degrees and long-term disability, and in assisting the administration of operations such as the bookstore and libraries. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to learn about the administrative structure of the University and have input into its decision making.

Membership on the committees listed is open to both faculty and staff and we invite individuals who have previously served to volunteer again. We also encourage faculty and staff who have not previously participated to volunteer so that committees may have a mix of new ideas and experience. Most committees are also open to students; their participation is being solicited here.

Please submit nominations by April 20, 1999, using the form at right.

To have an idea of a particular committee’s work, you may wish to review their 1997-98 annual report printed in Almanac on the following dates: Community Relations and Student Affairs Committees, 11/10/98; Pluralism, Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics, and Safety and Security, 4/21/98; Facilities, 11/24/98; Bookstore, Communications, International Programs, Library, Open Expression, Personnel Benefits, and Research Committees are in a center insert to this issue.

These published reports can also be found on the PennWeb via Almanac’s homepage: www.upenn.edu/almanac; or you may fax requests for back issues to Almanac at (215) 898-9137.

1998-99 University Council Committee on Committees

Chair: Martin Pring (physiology/medicine)
Faculty: Seymour Mandelbaum (city & regional planning)
John Richetti (English)
Cynthia Scalzi (nursing)
Susan Sturm (law)

Students: Tiffany Keebaugh (GAPSA)
Nick Goad (UA Nominations and Elections Committee)

PPSA: Pat Rose (Career Services)

A-3: Deborah Smiley-Koita (Career Services)

Ex officio: Peter Conn (English)
(Faculty Senate chair-elect)

Staff to the Council Committee on Committees:
Tram Nguyen (Office of the Secretary)

Staff to the Faculty Subcommittee:
Carolyn P. Burdon (Office of the Faculty Senate)

Committees and their Work:

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee considers matters of undergraduate and graduate professional recruiting, admissions, and financial aid that concern the University as a whole or those that are not the specific responsibility of individual faculties.

Bookstore Committee considers the purposes of a university bookstore and advises the director on policies, developments, and operations.

Communications Committee has cognizance over the University’s electronic and physical communications and public relations activities.

Community Relations Committee advises on the relationship of the University to the surrounding community.

Disability Board continually evaluates the disability plan, monitors its operation, and oversees the processing of applications for benefits and the review of existing disability cases.

Facilities Committee keeps an eye on the planning and operation of the University’s physical plant and all associated services.

Honorary Degrees Committee does most of its work, intensively, during the fall term; solicits recommendations for honorary degrees from faculty and students and submits nominations to the Trustees.

International Programs Committee is advisory to the director of international programs in such areas as international student services, foreign fellowships and studies abroad, exchange programs, and cooperative undertakings with foreign universities.

Library Committee is advisory to the directors of libraries on policies, development and operations.

Personnel Benefits Committee deals with the benefits programs for all University personnel.

Pluralism Committee advises on ways to develop and maintain a supportive atmosphere for all members of the University community.

Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics Committee has cognizance of all programs in recreation, intramural and club sports, and intercollegiate athletics; advises the athletic director on operations and recommends changes in policy when appropriate.

Safety and Security Committee advises and recommends the means to improve safety and security on the campus.

Student Affairs Committee has cognizance of the conditions and rules of undergraduate and graduate student life on campus.

Note: Faculty who wish to serve on the Research Committee or Committee on Open Expression may use the form below. Please do not use e-mail. Nominations will be forwarded to the appropriate Faculty Senate committee. Please forward names and contact information to Carolyn P. Burdon, Faculty Senate Office, Box 12 College Hall/6303, tel. 898-6943; fax 898-0974.

Call for Volunteers for 1999-2000 Committee Service

Please respond by April 20, 1999

For Faculty volunteers, mail the form below to: Carolyn P. Burdon, Faculty Senate Office, Box 12 College Hall/6303. Please do not use e-mail.

For Penn Professional Staff Assembly volunteers, mail to Patricia Rose, Director, Career Services, Suite 20, McNeil/6209, or e-mail at ppsa@pobox.

For A-3 volunteers, mail to Donna Arthur or mail T-113 Law School/6204 or e-mail at darthur@oxylaw.

Committee(s) of interest: ____________________________________________________________

Candidate: ____________________________________________________________

Title or Position: ____________________________________________________________

Campus Phone: ___________________________ e-mail:__________________________

Campus Address: ____________________________________________ Mail code:_____

Please specify if you think that you are especially qualified for or interested in serving on a particular committee.

Please do not use e-mail.

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