Christopher H. Browne, chairman of the Board of Overseers of the School of Arts and Sciences and a trustee of the University, has made a gift of $10 million to Penn, according to Friday’s announcement by President Judith Rodin. The gift will be used to fund five professorships to be known as the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professors in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Rodin said that a Browne Distinguished Professorship will be established in each of the three academic divisions of the School of Arts and Sciences—the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences; the remaining two chairs will be used in the areas of greatest need as determined by SAS Dean Samuel H. Preston.

“This gift is the latest evidence of Chris’ unwavering commitment to Penn during more than 20 years as a volunteer, philanthropist and in various leadership capacities,” Dr. Rodin said. “The gift demonstrates his recognition that the excellence of the University depends on the excellence of its faculty, and we are enormously grateful that Chris Browne understands and values both scholarship and citizenship as essential to the future of the School of Arts and Sciences and the University.”

Chairholders will be nominated by a committee comprised of the president of the University, the dean of SAS and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In nominating the chairholders, the committee will consider those faculty members who have achieved an extraordinary reputation for scholarly contributions, as evidenced by professional honors and positions, who have demonstrated great distinction in and commitment to undergraduate and graduate teaching, and who have, through scholarship, teaching and public and professional discourse, demonstrated intellectual integrity and unquestioned commitment to free and open discussion of ideas.

“The members of the faculty who ultimately hold Browne Chairs will set a standard for all faculty by demonstrating exceptional distinction in research and teaching and a deep commitment to the most fundamental values of a university,” Dean Preston said. “There is no question that the exceptional quality of these appointments will establish the Browne Chairs as one of the most highly prized honors that can be bestowed on members of our faculty.”

“This gift provides me an opportunity to give something back to Penn,” Mr. Browne said, “to draw attention to the excellent faculty in the School of Arts and Sciences and to confirm my personal belief that academic distinction should be defined by excellence in research, outstanding teaching ability and a strong commitment to making Penn a forum for open dialogue. I am delighted that I am able to do this, and I consider myself as lucky as Penn.”

Mr. Browne is a 1969 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences who majored in history. He has been a member of the Board of Overseers of the School of Arts and Sciences since 1982 and became the chair in 1999. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University since 1991 and serves on several trustee committees including academic policy and budget and finance. He is also president of The Penn Club of New York.

Mr. Browne’s most recent contributions to Penn include the establishment of the Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics in the Department of Political Science, a generous contribution towards a new life sciences building and support for undergraduate scholarships and the Penn Club of New York.

Mr. Browne is currently a Managing Director of Tweedy, Browne Company LLC, a New York-based investment management firm, and is President of the Tweedy, Browne Mutual Funds. He is a member of the Kennedy School of Government program in behavioral finance at Harvard University where he is a frequent speaker on the topic of behavioral psychology and financial decision making. An amateur architect and landscape architect, Mr. Browne is a member of the Board of Directors of The Institute of Classical Architecture where he has spoken on the Client’s Perspective on Designing a Country House and Garden. He recently acquired one of the more extensive collections consisting of more than 2000 volumes of rare and out-of-print books on architecture, furniture and the decorative arts. Mr. Browne is also a trustee of The Rockefeller University where he established the Christopher H. Browne Center for Immunology and Immune Diseases in 1997.

Locust Walk Advisory Committee
Provost Robert L. Barchi has announced the formation of a Locust Walk Advisory Committee (LWAC) to review the University’s space needs relating to Locust Walk. The LWAC will advise the President and Provost on groups and programs that could be assigned space in available buildings. While it will focus its primary attention on Locust Walk, it will also consider future uses for other buildings, such as the Carriage House in Hamilton Village.

“With the number of spaces that have become available along Locust Walk such as the CA, we have a terrific opportunity to help shape the future of the Walk in a strategic and comprehensive way,” said Provost Barchi. “The Committee will consult with all of the relevant stakeholders, and will also take the work of the Campus Development Plan into consideration as it thinks through the variety of options now available to us.”

Members of the Locust Walk Advisory Committee include:
Robert Barchi, Provost, Chair
Jennifer Blyth, Director of External Affairs, Office of the President
Jerome Byam, Chair, UMC
Peter Conn, Deputy Provost
Eric Eisenstein, Chair, GSAC
John Keene, Professor of City and Regional Planning and Past Chair, Faculty Senate
Linda Koons, Executive Assistant to the Provost
Kendra Nicholson, Chair, GAPSA
Jorge Santiago-Aviles, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Faculty Master, Kings Court English College House
Michael Silver, Chair, UA
Valarie Swain-Cade McCoullum, VPU

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Death of Dr. Kay

Dr. Calvin F. Kay, emeritus clinical professor and former chief of cardiology at the School of Medicine and HUP, died of heart complications on January 21 at the age of 87.

Dr. Kay received his B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1932, and his M.D. from Penn in 1935. He served his residency at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, and then rejoined Penn as an instructor in the School of Medicine in 1940. He served as a Major in the Army from 1942 to 1946, while continuing to teach at Penn, as an associate from 1941 to 1945, and as an assistant professor from 1945 to 1953. In 1945, he was named chief of the renal disease section in the department of medicine, and in 1952 he was named chief of the cardiac section. He became a full professor in 1962.

When Penn founded its Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center in 1961, Dr. Kay served as its first director. He also served as director of the Robinette Foundation, established in 1928 to study treatment and prevention of diseases of the heart and circulatory system. After Dr. Kay’s retirement from practice in 1971, he served as the deputy executive vice president of the American College of Physicians, as well as continuing his affiliation with Penn as professor of clinical medicine. He was granted emeritus status in 1980.

Dr. Kay published more than 46 articles on cardiovascular and renal subjects in medical periodicals and textbooks.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Frances Stoeltzing Kay; two daughters, Jean McCoy and Patsy Helmetag; six granddaughters; one great-granddaughter.

Consultation Committee

On January 17, Dean William N. Kelley announced that Arthur Andersen had been retained to assist the School of Medicine with its financial stabilization plan. The membership of the Consultation Committee, with whom the Andersen consultants will work includes the following: the School of Medicine Administration represented by Senior Vice Dean Richard Tannen; Vice Dean Michael E. Black; Susan Croll, Executive Director, Administration; and Christopher Kops, Director of Finance Administration. The Committee also includes:

- David A. Asch, Associate Professor, General Internal Medicine
- Leslie Dutton, Chair, Professor Biochemistry & Biophysics
- Charles P. Emerson, Jr., Joseph Leidy Professor and Chair, Cell and Developmental Biology
- Dwight L. Evans, Professor and Chair, Psychiatry
- Garrett A. FitzGerald, Chair, Pharmacology and Director, Center of Experimental Therapeutics
- Howard C. Herrmann, Associate Professor, Cardiovascular Medicine
- Priscilla A. Schaffer, Chair, Microbiology Medicine
- Jerome F. Strauss, III, Luigi MastroianniProfessor and Associate Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Peter G. Traber, Chair, Medicine
- Mark L. Tykocinski, Chair, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

This Consultation Committee, chaired by Richard Tannen, will report on a weekly basis to the School of Medicine Task Force co-convened by Provost Robert Barchi and Dean William Kelley, and consisting of John Fry, Steven Schutt, Michael Masch, Richard Tannen, Michael Black, and Christopher Kops.
University Laboratory Animal Resources Training

University Laboratory Animal Resources announces the following upcoming Education and Training opportunities for Penn faculty/staff.

- March 2, 2000: The Jackson Laboratory Seminars: Special Topics for Breeding, Raising & Maintaining Genetically Engineered Mice. Registration required by February 28 to kedar@pobox.upenn.edu.
  1 p.m.: Slide Tour of the Jackson Laboratory presented by Barbara Witham, TIL Field Development.
  2 p.m.: Genetically Engineered Mouse Models: Considerations and Recommendations for Their Use; Carol Cutter Linder, Senior Technical Information Scientist.
  3 p.m.: Evaluation of the ‘Different’ Mouse; Terrie Cunliffe, Beamer, DVM.
- March 24, 2000: Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA); 2 AWIC Computer Workshops. To register: e-mail kedar@pobox.upenn.edu.
- April 12, 2000: IACUC Orientation to Animal Research Seminar: A Mandatory Training Session; 1:30-3:30 p.m; Auditorium, BRBII.
- April 12, 2000: Mandatory Training for Credit; Radiation Safety: Laboratory Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DEP), for all personnel working with hazardous substances including: chemicals, human blood, blood products, fluids, and human tissue, and radioactive materials. These programs are presented by the Office of Environmental Health & Radiation Safety (EHRS). Attendance is required at one or more session, depending on the employee’s potential exposure.
- Introduction to Laboratory Safety at Penn (Chemical Hygiene Training); Provides a comprehensive introduction to laboratory safety practices and procedures at Penn and familiarizes the laboratory employee with the Chemical Hygiene Plan. This course is designed for employees who have not previously attended Laboratory Safety at the University. Required for all University employees who work in laboratories. February 8, 9:30 a.m. BRB II, Auditorium.
- Introduction to Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens; This course provides significant information for employees who have a potential exposure to human bloodborne pathogens. Topics include a discussion of the Exposure Control Plan, free Hepatitis B vaccination, recommended work practices, engineering controls and emergency response. This course is designed for employees who have not previously attended Bloodborne Pathogens training at the University. Required for all University employees potentially exposed to human blood or blood products, human body fluids, and/or human tissue. February 15, 9:30 a.m. Auditorium, BRB II.
- Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens (In a clinical setting); * Required for all University faculty and staff who have potential clinical exposures to blood and other human tissue. February 15, 10:00 a.m. University Laboratory Animal Resources announces the following upcoming Education and Training opportunities for Penn faculty/staff.

Penn Center for AIDS Research

Call for Proposals: 2000 Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program

The Penn Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) seeks pilot project applications to its Developmental Core. Proposals regarding any aspect of HIV/AIDS clinical care, epidemiology, virology, immunology, structural biology, vaccine development, or prevention are considered relevant to the goals of the Developmental Core. The CFAR is particularly interested in proposals that bridge programmatic areas, for example, virology and epidemiology, and that address areas that are not represented in research already ongoing at the CFAR institutions (Penn, the Wistar Institute, and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia). Some examples of such potentially underrepresented areas are 1) abnormalities of lipid metabolism associated with the use of protease inhibitors, 2) the use of tetramer technology for the analysis of cellular immune response, and 3) health services research.

Grants range up to $45,000 for one year, and are generally not renewable. Faculty members holding appointments at the CFAR institutions who meet the following requirements are invited to apply:

- New investigators who have never held extramural support from the NIH.
- Investigators who have not previously worked in HIV/AIDS.
- Investigators who have worked in HIV/AIDS who wish to study an area that represents a significant departure from their currently funded work.

Completed proposals are due Monday, April 3, 2000.

To request an application and additional information please see the CFAR web site at www.med.upenn.edu/aids/ or contact Wendy Marvili, CFAR administrative coordinator, phone: (215) 573-7354 or e-mail: aidsres@mail.med.upenn.edu.

EHRs Training: February

The following training programs are required by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DEP), for all personnel working with hazardous substances including: chemicals, human blood, blood products, fluids, and human tissue, and radioactive materials. These programs are presented by the Office of Environmental Health & Radiation Safety (EHRs). Attendance is required at one or more session, depending on the employee’s potential exposure.

- Radiation Safety Training—New Worker; This program provides information on fundamental radiation concepts and requirements for the safe handling and disposal of radioactive materials at Penn. Personnel working in laboratories where radioactive materials are present are required to attend this training before beginning their work followed by annual attendance at the training program described below. Training can be completed on-line at our website (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) under Radiation Safety Programs, Training for Credit. Alternatively, New Worker Training is given on February 17, 3 p.m. in the EHRs conference room.
- Radiation Safety Training—Annual Update; This program updates radiosotope users on current Radiation safety issues and practices. It is required of all personnel who work in areas where radiosotopes are used or stored. February 11, 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, BRBII; February 18, 10:30 a.m. Auditorium, BRBII.
- Radiation Safety Training—Irradiator Users; Individuals interested in becoming authorized to use an irradiator must first receive operational training from the irradiator licensee and radiation safety training from EHRs. February 16, 10:30 a.m. 1412 Blockley Hall.

Additional programs will be offered on a monthly basis. Check EHRs web site (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) for dates and time. For more information, call Bob Leonzio at (215) 898-4453.
TALKS

1 Isoprenoids and the Senses; Joseph Rabinowitz, Biochemistry; 11:30 a.m.: Seminar Room, Monell Chemical Senses Center. 3500 Market St (Monell Chemical Senses Center).

2 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Challenge to America; Bernard LaFayette, director, Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island; 1:23 p.m.; BRBII Auditorium (School of Social Work).

3 Pleckstrin and Integrin Mediated Cell Spreading; Charles S. Abrams, Hematology/Oncology Division; 4 p.m., Physiology Conference Room, 411, Richards Building (Pennsylvania Muscle Institute).

Deadlines: The deadline for the weekly update is each Monday for the following week's issue; for the March At Penn calendar it is February 15.

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The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

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The University of Pennsylvania's journal of record, opinion and readers and contributors are available on request.

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Crimes Against Persons and Society

1/17/00 4:17 AM 4039 Chestnut St. Male wanted on warrant/arrest

1/18/00 2:42 PM 3400 Spruce St. Unwanted e-mails received

1/18/00 3:45 PM 3650 Chestnut St. Unwanted telegram received

1/20/00 1:16 AM 3900 blk Walnut 2 males cited for underage drinking

1/20/00 11:00 PM 214 S 41st St. Unwanted calls received

1/22/00 1:33 AM 3910 Irving St. Unwanted calls received

18th District Report

9 incidents and 4 arrests (including Robberies, and rape) were reported between January 17, 2000 and January 23, 2000 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street and Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

1/17/00 11:15 PM 5100 Walton Robbery

1/18/00 1:10 AM 4600 Larchwood Rape

1/18/00 3:38 PM 4823 Chester Robbery

1/19/00 12:30 PM 4820 Chester Robbery

1/20/00 1:50 AM 4900 Locust Robbery

1/21/00 2:00 AM 5100 Chestnut Robbery

1/21/00 10:20 AM 4245 Walnut Robbery

1/23/00 12:00 PM 700 Chester Robbery

1/23/00 2:05 PM 4730 Paschall Robbery

The King of Latin Music at Annenberg Center

Tito Puente and His Latin Jazz Ensemble will perform at Zellerbach Theatre in Annenberg Center on Saturday, February 26 at 8 p.m. Puente, known as the “King of Latin Music,” redefined the role of percussionists in big bands as the drummer for Machito’s band in the 1940s. He went on to lead his own band, and is well-known for his extraverted personality and flamboyant stage presence. He has also made 116 recordings and received four Grammy awards.

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The February Go West? Third Thursday in University City is at the University Museum on February 17 for the opening of the eighth annual Margaret Mead Traveling Film and Video Festival, of cultural documentary films, organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The Third Thursday Dinner and a Movie Night includes 2-for-1 dinner specials at seven area restaurants and half-price admission to the Film Festival. For more information see www.gowest.org.

This year the festival offers five specific themes: Body, Art, Music, Identity, “The Gypsy in Cinema, Technology and Tradition, Spirit of the Community and Identity and Gender.” Festival screenings take place in the Museum’s Harrison Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on February 17, 18 and 19, and at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. on February 19. General admission is $6, students, senior citizens, Museum members and PENNcard holders $3. Saturday morning and afternoon programs are free with Museum admission. For more information contact the Education Department at (215) 898-4015 or see www.upenn.edu/museum.

Volunteers needed for a weight loss study. Call the Weight and Overweight  teenagers, for your employment needs. Penn’s Job Application Center at 3550 Market Street, Suite 110, is open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays where computer stations are available for you to browse the openings and/or apply on-line.

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