Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor: Robert Rescorla

Dr. Robert Rescorla has been named as the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Psychology in the School of Arts and Sciences. This chair is the first of five Browne Distinguished Professorships created earlier this year by a $10 million gift from Mr. Browne, C’69, a University Trustee and Chair of the SAS Board of Overseers (Almanac February 1, 2000).

“Because we have designed the Browne chairs to be among the most prestigious honors we bestow on our faculty, it is important that the inaugural appointee be a professor of singular distinction as a scholar, educator, and University citizen” said SAS Dean Samuel H. Preston. “Bob Rescorla’s extraordinary achievements in all three areas will set a high standard for SAS faculty.”

A world-renowned psychologist, Dr. Rescorla studies simple learning processes such as Pavlovian conditioning and instrumental learning. In a survey published 10 years ago in The American Psychologist, Dr. Rescorla was cited as one of the 10 most important contemporary psychologists.

Deputy Provost Peter Conn welcomed Ambassador Li Zhaoxing to the University last Friday when the ambassador from the Peoples Republic of China came to Van Pelt-Dietrich Library to present a gift to Penn. The 101-volume encyclopedia (below) encompasses a 5000-year history of China, 10 areas of Chinese culture, cultures of 56 ethnic minorities and 10 major subjects such as literature, history, philosophy and economics. It took over 200 professors eight years to complete and contains 40 million Chinese characters. A Chinese news crew was on hand to film the presentation for Chinese television.

Two Packard Awards

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has made a $625,000 award to each of two Penn faculty members. Dr. Ted Abel, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Joseph Jarrett, assistant professor of biochemistry and biophysics, are two of the Packard Foundation’s 24 “most promising science and engineering researchers at universities in the U.S."

This award will support five years’ research for Dr. Abel, a Swarthmore alumnus who took his M.Phil. in biochemistry from the University of Cambridge and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1993. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior, College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Columbia University before coming to Penn in 1998.

Dr. Abel is currently conducting research on the role that certain brain structures may play in mental illness. He has hypothesized that changes in the strength of synapses affect learning and memory and may play an important role in a variety of brain disorders.

Dr. Abel recently received the Freedman Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) (Almanac September 26).

Dr. Jarrett also won a $625,000 award for his proposal The Design and Directed Evolution of New Enzymes. Dr. Jarrett received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. from MIT in biochemistry in 1993. He came to Penn in 1997, after postdoctorate work in the biophysics research division at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Jarrett’s current research involves the manner in which protein radicals are initially generated and controlled. The primary project focuses on the final step in the biosynthesis of the essential vitamin biotin, which involves the controlled use of carbon radicals. He is also interested in the role of aberrant radicals in oxidative damage, particularly in neurological diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease.

He received a Research Foundation Award in the fall of 1997 for Production and Control of Biological Radicals in Pyruvate Formate-Lyase and Biotin Synthase.
COUNCIL

Agenda for University Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2000
from 4 to 6 p.m.
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

I. Approval of the minutes of September 13, 2000. Time allocation: 1 minute.
II. Status Reports
A. Chair of the Steering Committee
B. Chair of the GAPSA
C. Chair of the Undergraduate Assembly
D. Chair of the PPSA
E. Chair of the A-3 Assembly

Time limit for reports and clarifications: 20 minutes

III. Extended reports by the president, provost and other administrators on the State of the University. Presentation: 30 minutes, discussion: 20 minutes.

IV. Committee Reports
Presentation: 10 minutes, discussion: 5 minutes each.
C. Progress Report of the Faculty Gender Equity Committee.

V. Adjournment by 6 p.m.

SENATE: From the Senate Office

The following agenda is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Burdon either by telephone at (215) 898-6943 or by e-mail at burdon@pobox.upenn.edu.

Agenda of Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2000
from 3 to 5 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of September 6, 2000
2. Chair’s Report
3. Past Chair’s Report on Academic Planning and Budget and Capital Council
4. Nominations to Senate Nominating Committee
5. School of Medicine Faculty 2000 Project Recommendations and Implementation
6. Other new business
7. Adjournment by 5 p.m.

Staff Assembly Meetings
PPSA Meeting October 16, noon-1:30 p.m., Office of Student Conduct, 3700 Spruce Street. E-mail: ppsa@pobox.upenn.edu to arrange access to the OSC.

A-3 Assembly Meeting October 18, noon-2 p.m., Golkin Room, Houston Hall. Contact Regina Contave at (215) 898-1788.

PPSA Brown Bag Lunch Series October 19, Leroy D. Nurney, Vice President Business Services, noon, Cafe 58, Irvine Auditorium.

Correction: In last week’s Honors & Other Things, the piece on WXPN was inadvertently missing the name of the Program Director of the Year, Bruce Warren. We regret the omission. —Ed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following response was sent September 26, 2000 to Howard E. King, Esq., at King, Partich, Holmes, Paterno & Berliner, LLP, in Los Angeles in regard to Napster.

On Access to Napster

Dear Mr. King:

We have had an opportunity to review your letter of September 8, 2000, and to consider your request that the University of Pennsylvania ban access by its community to the Napster Internet site. First, we can assure you that as an academic institution whose members regularly both produce and use copyrighted materials, we fully understand and take seriously our obligation to carry out our teaching, research and other activities in a manner that respects the intellectual property rights of others. Our policies prohibit the use of the University’s electronic resources to intentionally infringe intellectual property rights, and the University investigates and takes appropriate action when allegations of specific infringement are brought to our attention. We will continue to do so.

At the same time, we believe that free inquiry and expression are absolutely essential to carrying out our educational and research missions. We are therefore deeply committed to protecting the ability of our community members to employ traditional and emerging technologies for these purposes, consistent with the requirements of law. In keeping with this commitment, we provide broad access to the Internet and its resources, and have not undertaken to restrict access to any site based on its content.

In deciding whether to employ or regulate the use of technologies, whether they be copying machines, computers, the Internet, or applications such as Napster, the University’s responsibility is at once to respect the legal rights of the creators of intellectual property, and to do so in ways that do not restrict legitimate uses of the technologies or hamper their development.

We find your request troubling because it asks us to impose a blanket ban on access not simply to specific unlawful material, but to a tool that facilitates access to a broad range of materials. You ask, in effect, for the University to impose a particularly blunt and overly broad form of censorship on all uses of the technology to address your concerns about its possible misuse. I am sure you can appreciate an educational institution’s reluctance to collaborate in restricting access to all information available through an information sharing tool as a method of eliminating access to those that may not be properly available.

Consistent with the University’s approach to a range of issues that implicate competing values, we believe it is more appropriate, and ultimately more effective, to educate members of our community about the legal rules and University policy regarding use of copyrighted materials, and to remind them that in using technologies we all have a responsibility to respect the legal rights of others.

This year the University conducted computer ethics training for incoming freshmen to promote responsible use of computing resources through discussion of scenarios involving issues such as electronic harassment and copyright infringement. We believe this and similar educational efforts are the right approach to addressing the potential misuse of technologies. Simply blocking access to Napster’s site does little to instill the respect for the rights of copyright holders that is ultimately the greatest protection against infringement of those rights.

Finally, as you know, whether Napster in itself violates the rights of copyright holders remains an unresolved issue that is pending in the courts. Moreover, given the rapid pace of technology change, an effective ban may never be feasible and would likely require an ever escalating set of technical measures that would be fundamentally inconsistent with respect for our users’ right of free inquiry.

Under these circumstances, we have concluded that it would be inappropriate for the University to impose a ban on access by the University community to Napster.

Sincerely,
Judith Rodin

A New Name for an Old Building

A dedication, to celebrate the grand reopening of 3601 Locust Walk, was held yesterday in the former CA building. The event introduced the Penn community to a new cultural and performing arts center, as well as a new undergraduate research hub and fellowship office, as recommended by the Locust Walk Advisory Committee and announced by President Judith Rodin (Almanac April 11, 2000).

The 71-year old building, which Penn purchased last year (Almanac November 9, 1999), now houses the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Greenfield Intercultural Center, La Casa Latina, the Pan Asian American Community House, the Performing Arts Council, Student Performing Arts, and UMOJA.

The selection committee for the building’s name consisted of five students and five staff representatives from the offices of the building. The contest was publicized across campus via newsgroups and listservs, student advisors, SAC and the DP. The winner is Erick S. Guerra, Col ‘01—selected from over 250 entries. He will receive a $500 gift certificate to the Penn Bookstore. The interim name is The "ARCH"—The "Arts, Research and Culture House."

Review Committee for Veterinary Medicine Dean

President Rodin and Provost Barchi have announced the membership of a review committee for School of Veterinary Medicine Dean Alan Kelly, who has completed his first six years in office.

The members are:
Jill Beech, Clinical Studies, NBC, Chair
Elizabeth Arbittier, 4th year VMD Program Steven Bensinger, VMD/Ph.D. Program Thomas Gemmill, Alumni and Overseer Mark Haskins, Professor, Pathobiology, Veterinary Medicine Joan Hendricks, Professor, Clinical Studies, Phila., Veterinary Medicine Adrian Morrison, Professor, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine Yvonne Paterson, Professor, Microbiology, Medicine
David Schmittlein, Professor, Marketing, Wharton
Richard Rammn, Senior Vice Dean, Medicine
Salabimond, Professor, Biology, Arts and Sciences

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Below are the researchers whose work was chosen for funding in the Spring Cycle 2000.

Katrina Armstrong, Internal Medicine, Medicine; Identifying and Reaching Populations at Risk: The Paradox of Cancer Control

Anita Berrizbeitia, Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, GSFA; Brown Fields and Post-Closure Landfills: The Regeneration of Toxic, and Waste Sites for Public Use

Marcia L. Budarf, Pediatrics, Medicine; Mes, A Mouse Model for Connective Tissue Developmental Defects

Brenda Casper, et. al, Biology, SAS; Evaluation of Arbucular Mycorrhizal Fungi from Naturally Occurring Metaliferous Serpentinite Soil, Industrially Contaminated Soil, and Non-Contaminated Soil for Use in Heavy Phytoremediadion

Robin Clark, Linguistics, SAS; Focus Structures in Hmong

Diego Conteras, Neuroscience, Medicine; Dynamic Oscillatory Pattern in Cortical Networks Studied

Kostas Daniilidis, et. al, Computer and Information Science, SEAS; Adding the Sense of Touch to Telepresence

Paul DeWeer, Physiology, Medicine; Identification of Heterologously Expressed Sodium Pump Amino Acid Residues Essential for the Binding and Function of Carbohydrate Active Enzymes

Peter Dodson, et. al, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine; Jurassic Dinosaur Faunas, Southern Montana

Julie Fairman, Nursing; Gendered Domains of Health Care: The History of the Nurse Practitioner Movement, 1960-1980

Sherman Frankel, Physics & Astronomy, SAS; Longitudinal Study of Correlated FMRI and Cognitive Tests in a Selected Group of Mentally Active Elderly

Elaine Freedgood, English, SAS; Objects Outside Exchange: Anglo-American Anti-Commodity Discourse, 1860-Present

Michael Gamer, English, SAS; Novel Realisms

Farah Jasmine Griffin, English, SAS; Lady of the Day: Myths and Meanings of Billie Holiday

Gary Hatfield, Philosophy, SAS; Re-Thinking the History of Modern Psychology and Philosophy

Alan T. Johnson, Physics and Astronomy, SAS; Mesoscopic Phenon Phenomena in Carbon Nanotubes

James M. Kikkawa, Physics and Astronomy, SAS; Optical Studies of Magnetic Oxides Using a Coherent Control System

Michael Kochman, Gastroenterology, Medicine; A Protective Randomized Controlled Study of Intraleisonal Corticosteroids for Anastomotic Esophageal Strictures

Branko Kolarevic, Architecture, GSFA; Relations-Based Form Generation in Conceptual Design

Abba M. Krieger, Statistics, Wharton School; Modified Procedures for Controlling the False Discovery Rate in Multiple Comparisons

Ramul Kumar, Philosophy, SAS; Constructualism and the Contours of Commonsense

Elaine Lake, Nursing; Nursing Expertise Measures for Outcomes Research

Paul A. Liebman, Biochemistry/Biophysics, Medicine; Biochemical Basis of Protein Aging

Sue Marcus, Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Medicine; Random Effects Responses-Surface/Extrapolation

Dewey McCafferty, Biochemistry and Biophysics, Medicine; Matching Funds for the Purchase of a Peptide Synthesizer

Jeremy McNerney, Classical Studies, SAS; An Archaeological Survey and Excavation of Ermopos, Turkey

Barbara Medoff-Cooper, Nursing; Predictors of Failure to Thrive in Infants with Congenital Heart Disease

Eugenio J. Miravete, Economics, SAS; Complementarity and Persistence of Innovation Profiles

Vladimir Musykovantov, Environmental Medicine, Medicine; Nuclear Targeting of Non-Viral Nucleic Acid Vectors

George Pappas, Electrical Engineering, SEAS; Architectures for Future Avionics Systems

Bob Perelman, English, SAS; Imaginary Poems: Poetic Hoaxes and Poetic Innovation

Andrew M. Rappe, Chemistry, SAS; Virtual Crystal Studies of Piezoelectric Oxides

Muredach P. Reilly, Medicine, Medicine; Protein Kinase C in Atherosclerosis

Paul Rosenbaum, Statistics, Wharton School; Observational Studies

David L. Rousseau, Political Science, SAS; American and Japanese Perceptions of the Rise of China

Bruce Routledge, Anthropology, SAS; Landscape Chronology in the Wadi an-Nakhayla, Jordan

Jean-Pierre Saint-Jeannet, et. al, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine; Request for a Light Thermal Cycler for Detection and Quantification of Gene Expression in Cell Populations of the Nervous System

Richard Saltz, Rehabilitation Medicine, Medicine; Comparative Effects of Experimentally Induced Pressure Ulcers in Young and Aged Rats

Ivan S. Salgo, Anesthesia, Medicine; Applications of Advanced Ultrasound Technology in Myocardial Mechanics

Barbara S. Savage, History, SAS; A New Heaven and a New Earth: African American Religion, Politics, and Culture in the Intervening Years

Jeffery G. Saven, Chemistry, SAS; Theoretical Approaches to Combinatorial Libraries of Folding Chain Molecules

Andre Seedorf, et. al, Mathematics, SAS; Association for Symbolic Logic, Annual Meeting 2001

Susan Schachter, Pediatrics, Medicine; Pulmonary Specific Expression of Prostaglandin Synthase for Therapy of Pulmonary Hypertension

Harold Schiffman, South Asia Regional Studies, SAS; An English Dictionary of the Tamil Verb

Henry Shuman, Pennsylvania Muscle Institute/Physiology, Medicine; Energy Transduction in Biological Molecules

Rudra Sil, Political Science, SAS; Cosmopolitan, Native, and Syncretist Conceptions of ‘Rights’: Nation-Building and Labor Incorporation in India, Russia, and Japan

Kent Smetters, Insurance & Risk Management, Wharton School; Catastrophic Risk

W. J. Smith, Biology, SAS; Acoustic Field Equipment for Conservation Surveys

Susan Ngira Snyder and Steven Izenour, Architecture, GSFA; American Auto Urbanism

Matthew H. Sommer, History, SAS; Same-Sex Union in Eighteenth-Century China

Joseph Spear, Animal Biology, Veterinary Medicine; A Novel Model of Gender and Seasonal Dependent Variation in Cardiac Electrophysiology and Susceptibility to Arrhythmias

Paul Stein, Dermatology, Medicine; Characterization of TML-1, a Putative Adaptor Molecule Involved in Signal Transduction from SRC Family Tyrosine Kinases

David Stern, Jewish Studies Program and University Library, SAS; Workshop in Medieval Hebrew Codicology and Paleography

Max Teagm, Physics, SAS; Microwave Background Cosmology

Joyce Thompson, Nursing; Perception and Views of Adolescents, Parents and Guardians Regarding Promotion of Adolescent Reproductive Health in a Selected Community in Uganda, East Africa

Petra E. Todd, Economics, SAS; Evaluation of the Impacts of Mexico’s PROGRESA Program on School Attendance, School Performance, Child Health and Schooling Quality

Valerie Weaver, Pathology, Medicine; Reciprocal Interactions Between Integrins and Ion Channels in Expression of the Malignant Breast Phenotype

Sidney Wong, City & Regional Planning, GSFA; Using Information Technology in Empowerment Zone Development

Richard L. Zettler, University Museum, SAS; The Palaeoethnography of an Early Mesopotamian State: Archaeological Investigations of a Mid-Third Millennium B.C. Cemetery at Tell es-Sweyhat, Syria

Tukufu Zuberi, Sociology, SAS; The Southern African Migration System

The University’s internally-funded Research Foundation makes awards twice each year, reviewing proposals from faculty under the guidelines presented by the Vice Provost for Research in this issue, on the next page. These guidelines are also available in each Dean’s office, and are now on the Web at www.upenn.edu/VPR/VPRHP.html. Below are the researchers whose work was chosen for funding in the Spring Cycle 2000.
Research Foundation Guidelines

(Revised 10/00)

Statement of Purpose

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

The Foundation supports three levels of grants. The first level, Type A grants, provide support in the range of $500 to $7,500. The second level, Type B grants, provide support in the range of $5,001 to $50,000. The third level, Type C international grants, provide support in the range of $5,001 to $150,000. A Type C grant may be combined with either a Type A or a Type B grant, but the maximum total award is $50,000. Type C grants were formerly administered by the University’s Office of International Programs and were known as the International Programs Fund. They have now been integrated into the University’s Research Foundation. The standard application for a Type A or Type C grant is briefer than that for a Type B grant, reflecting respective funding levels. In the review process, criteria for all types of grants are similar, and several general factors are considered in evaluating an application for the three types of grants.

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

The Application Process

The Research Foundation Board will review Type A, Type B, and Type C applications in the fall and spring of each academic year. Applications for the fall cycle are due on or before November 1 of each year, while spring cycle applications are due on or before March 15 of each year. If the date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the following business day. All research projects involving human subjects or animals must receive Institutional Review Board approval prior to funding. Questions concerning human/animal research should be directed to the Office of Regulatory Affairs at (215) 898-2614. All research projects involving the use of hazardous or biohazardous materials and/or radioactive materials must receive approval from the Office of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (OEHRS) prior to funding. Questions about this approval process should be directed to OEHRS at (215) 898-4453.

An original and ten copies of the proposal with the cover sheet* should be submitted to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, 212 College Hall/6381.

Fall Deadline November 1

Type A Proposals are limited in length to ten single spaced pages and should contain a brief description of the research need and the specific needs which the grant will cover. The proposal should include:
1. The Research Foundation Proposal Cover Sheet*. Failure to fully complete the Cover Sheet or exceeding page limitations will risk disqualification from the competition.
2. 100-word abstract of the project for the educated non-specialist.
3. Amount of current research support (including start-up packages).
4. Other pending proposals for the same project.
5. List of research support received during the past three years. Include funds from University sources such as school, department, or Research Foundation.
6. Two-page biographical sketch of each investigator listing educational background, academic positions held, and five recent publications.
7. A three to four page mini-proposal, outlining the project and its significance.
8. A budget that justifies the specific items requested and assigns a priority to each item.

Research Foundation support for Type A proposals will focus on:
• Seed money for the initiation of new research.
• Travel expenses for research only.
• Publication preparation costs.
• Summer Stipends, with preference for applications from Assistant Professors.

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

Type C Proposals are limited in length to ten single spaced pages and should contain a brief description of the research and the specific needs which the grant will cover. The proposal should include:
1. The Research Foundation Proposal Cover Sheet*. Failure to fully complete the Cover Sheet or exceeding page limitations will risk disqualification from the competition.
2. 100-word abstract of the project for the educated non-specialist.
3. Amount of current research support (including start-up packages).
4. Other pending proposals for the same project.
5. List of research support received during the past three years. Include funds from University sources such as school, department, Research Foundation, or International Programs Fund. If you were funded by the Research Foundation in the last three years, please submit a brief progress report with publications and grants proposed or received (no more than one page).
6. A one-page biographical sketch of each investigator listing educational background, academic positions held, and five recent publications.
7. A three to four page mini-proposal, outlining the project’s objectives, significance in strengthening the University’s international dimension, design, procedures, implementation, time frame, and a description of how a Research Foundation grant will facilitate acquisition of future research funds.
8. A budget that justifies the specific items requested and assigns a priority to each item.

Research Foundation support for Type C proposals will focus on:
• Area and international studies, within the context of Penn’s Agenda for Excellence.
• International collaborative research, particularly involving institutions with which Penn has formal cooperative agreements.
• Comparative international research.
• Multi-school initiatives.
• Seed money for the initiation of new research.
• Travel expenses for research and collaboration.
• Publication preparation costs.
• Matching funds, vis-a-vis support from deans and external grant sources.

The following are not eligible for support as Type C awards:
• Ongoing program support.
• Physical plant.
• Equipment.

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

* The Research Foundation Proposal Cover Sheet is available from the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, 212 College Hall and online at www.upenn.edu/VPR/RFGForm.html.

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Launched in March 2000 by the Division of Business Services, shopatpenn.com offers Penn friends, affiliates, and admirers direct access to the many cultural resources and offerings of the University via the web. Through the site, on-line customers may purchase hand-crafted reproductions from the Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, tickets for performances at the Annenberg Center, unique objects d’art from the Institute of Contemporary Art, great literature and scholarly publications from Penn Press, and a selection of merchandise from the Penn Bookstore.

Since its launch, the site has had approximately 1,500 visitors per week. Also featured on the page are banner advertisements/links for various University organizations. To become a shopatpenn link or to advertise on the site, please e-mail shopatpenn@pobox.upenn.edu.

University of Pennsylvania Collection

In May, the University unveiled a new line of Penn-branded merchandise under the University of Pennsylvania Collection. Most of the merchandise reflects a partnership between Business Services and various campus organizations, which provided content or inspiration for the design. The present line of Collection items includes:

- Silk scarves and ties inspired by items in the University Museum of Archeology and Anthropology’s Roman and Etruscan exhibits
- Hand-crafted reproductions of ancient medical and legal tablets from the University Museum of Archeology and Legal Services and various campus organizations
- Merchandise reflects a partnership between Business Services, and/or sometimes to provide assistance.

Recently, Penn VIPS conducted its Annual School Supplies Drive. Once again, the event was quite successful due to your generosity. We were able to donate needed school supplies to area community service agencies, local after-school programs and to families. Your generosity is appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the following programs, please let me know via e-mail (sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu).

—Isabel Sampson-Mapp, Associate Director, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Volunteer Services Director, Penn Volunteers In Public Service, Center for Community Partnerships

October Volunteer Opportunities


After-School Computer Tutors Needed: Make a difference in a child’s life through volunteer one afternoon a week at Turner Middle School located at 59th & Baltimore Avenues. Teach students how to surf the internet, type a book report, make a graph and design a flyer. Sponsored by the Supporter of Our Community Civic Association (SOCCA).

Did you always want to teach? Well, here is your opportunity. Join Community Schools, teach your interest and share your skills. Lea/ West Philadelphia Community School Program, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon Teach: GED, Math, English, Driver’s Education, Computers, Public Speaking, Auto Mechanics, Dance, etc. University City High School Community School Health and Fitness Night Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Teach: Taekwondo, Aerobics, Healthy Cooking, Weight Lifting, etc.

Philadelphia Cares Day, October 21 Are you interested in making Philadelphia’s public schools a better place for children? The sixth annual Philadelphia Cares Day will bring together volunteers from across the Delaware Valley to provide critically needed services for schools throughout the city. Volunteers will paint murals and hallways, landscape schoolyards, whitewash graffiti, and more. Join the Penn team for Philadelphia Cares Day. A team of volunteers will work together to beautify a Philadelphia public school, bringing smiles to the faces of hundreds of children. On that day, 7,500 volunteers will meet and head out to 100 schools.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer A group of us will be participating in the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides 5 Mile Walk to raise money in the fight against breast cancer. The event is to be held on Sunday, October 29, starting at the steps of the Art Museum. An information session is being held on October 6, at noon and again at 1 p.m. Are you interested in joining us?

Help prepare a University City High School or a West Philadelphia High School student for the world of work Join the School-To-Career Program at the University of Pennsylvania coordinated by the Center for Community Partnerships and the Division of Human Resources. Hire high school students to do general office work and expose them to their areas of interest. We have students interested in medicine, law, computers, business and much much more. Students can earn academic credits in lieu of pay for their first year of internship. Some students are available to work during the school day and others are available from 3-5 p.m.

Psychologists How would you like to provide an internship for a senior from Girard College? The high school seniors is interested in psychology and available to participate in an internship. The shadowing program is a new requirement for students attending Girard College.

Mentors needed for Penn’s WorkPlace Mentoring Program, now in its 7th year of operation. Volunteer to mentor an 8th grade middle school student one day a month. Students come to campus the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. They participate in a group program and then visit with their individual mentor in the mentor’s workplace. Students depart campus around 1:30 p.m. Each mentor receives training and support. Join the many other mentors involved in this program.

Tutors Needed SouthWest Community Services located at 64th & Woodland Avenues needs tutors for their program. Tutor students from the hours of 3-6 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Work with high school students and young adults in GED program.

The Police Athletic League of Philadelphia has numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the city. Activities will include coaching athletic sports to helping youngsters during a homework club. The hours of operation are 2-10 p.m., Mon-Fri. There are 23 centers located throughout the city. PAL is looking for individuals that can dedicate at least three hours a week in a center.

Volunteer for the ReadSeed Program An educational enrichment program for youngsters in the Mantua area. The program is held at the Mantua Kalio Art Center located at 34th & Brandywine Streets on Saturdays from noon-2 p.m.

Writers House wants you to Tutor Lea School Students involved in the Gear Up Program. Help 7th graders with their writing assignments and their creative writing assignments. Tutors meet with Lea students at the Lea School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for a six week session.

ZAT Community Enrichment Corporation 518 South 60th Street, near Larchwood & 60th Streets—"Working to improve the quality of life for special members of the West/Southwest community.” Volunteer to teach in the Adult Basic Education Program. Teach basic computers and provide tutoring.

November Preview: Shadowing Day—Thursday, November 16. Let a high school student spend the day at work with you and teach them about the work you do.
Meet Over a Different Menu!
Join friends, colleagues and neighbors—after work or class—on 3rd Thursdays, beginning this month:
October 19 • November 16 • December 21 and indulge in a 2-for-1 dinner* at any one of the University City restaurants listed below.
To obtain the 3rd Thursday special, see www.universitycitydistrict.org, or ask your server for the 3rd Thursday special discount. Info: 1-888-GOWEST-7 or www.universitycitydistrict.org.
Participating restaurants include:
Ivy Grille (American)
3611 Walnut St. (at Inn At Penn)
(215) 823-6222
Mad 4 Mex (TexMex)
3401 Walnut St. (frontons over Moravian Court)
(215) 382-2221
Marigold Dining Room (American, BYOB)
501 S. 45th St. (1 block north of Baltimore Ave.)
(215) 222-3699
Paladion Restaurant & Bar (American)
3601 Locust Walk
(215) 387-3463
The Restaurant School (American)
4207 Walnut St. (Oct. 19 & Nov. 16 only)
(215) 222-4200
Shula’s Steak 2 (American)
3800 Chestnut St. (Sheraton University City)
(215) 386-5556
Sitar India (Indian, BYOB, excludes buffet special)
60 S. 58th St. (between Chestnut & Market)
(215) 662-0818
Zocalo (Mexican)
3600 Lancaster Ave.
(215) 895-0139
*Excludes beverages, tax, and gratuity and may not be used with other promotions.

Belgian Fellowships
The Belgian American Educational Foundation (BAEF) will award one-year fellowships for advanced study or research during the 2001-2002 academic year, at a Belgian university or institution of higher learning.
The BAEF will award up to eight fellowships, each carrying a stipend of $17,000 that includes lodging and living expenses in Belgium for one year, as well as round-trip travel expenses. If the fellow chooses to remain less than the full 12 months, the stipend will be prorated accordingly. The fellowship period must be at least 6 months.
In addition to the stipend, the Foundation will provide health insurance. No other allowances will be granted.
Applicants must be U.S. citizens and either have a Masters degree or equivalent degree, or be working towards a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Candidates under the age of 30 with a reading and speaking knowledge of Dutch, French or German are preferred.
The applicant must be nominated by the Dean of the Graduate School or Professional School of his/her University and must furnish a completed application form with all its appropriate attachments. Application blanks will be mailed on request to eligible candidates.
Completed applications are due no later than January 31, 2001.

Summary Annual Report
Health Benefits Program for Eligible Employees of the University of Pennsylvania

This is a summary of the annual report of the Health Benefits Program for Eligible Employees of the University of Pennsylvania, EIN 23-1352685, Plan No. 503, for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. The annual report has been filed with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, as required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Insurance Information
The plan has contracts with Aetna/USHealthcare, Inc. and subsidiaries, UPHS Point of Service, Independence Blue Cross/Pennsylvania Blue Shield and Keystone Health Plan East to pay medical claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 1999 were $35,828,863.
Because some are so-called “experience-rated” contracts, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 1999, the premiums paid under such “experience-rated” contracts were $30,754,401 and the total of all benefit claims paid under these experience-rated contracts during the plan year was $30,605,751.

Your Rights to Additional Information
You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. Insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers, is included in that report. To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 527-A, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, (215) 898-3359.
You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report.
You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan (Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 527-A, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228) and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-5638, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

—in Marilyn K. Kraut, Manager, Quality of Worklife Programs

In the Event of a Philadelphia Teachers Strike
Resources & Options for Penn Faculty & Staff
Whose Children Attend Philadelphia Public Schools

To all Penn faculty and staff:
On Tuesday, September 5, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers authorized a strike if an agreement with the City was not reached. We hope that a strike is averted. However, we recognize that if a settlement is not reached, parents of children enrolled in the Philadelphia schools may need contingency plans for their children. We want to remind you of resources and options already provided by the University to which you can turn in this situation.
Penn provides free dependent care resource and referral services for faculty and staff through the LifeBalance Program. At www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/worklife/select “LifeBalance online” for a tip sheet on How to Find Back-Up Child Care During a Strike. This website also has information about existing and expanded school-age child care resources to use during the strike. If you are asked for a logon and password and do not have that information from former mailings, please contact the Quality of Worklife Office at (215) 898-0380. If you prefer, you can call the LifeBalance Program at 1-888-203-6847 for one-on-one assistance. They are expecting your calls.
The University has established guidelines for requesting flexible work arrangements. These are described in detail at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/worklife/flexoptions. These arrangements must be approved by your supervisor and be respectful of the research, education and service missions of the University.
The University has a generous paid time off plan. In combination with the other options mentioned above, this may support your efforts to manage the impact of a school strike. We are encouraging supervisors to be understanding about the short-notice and unpredictability of this situation, however, we want to keep in mind that the business needs of the University are primary.
We also want to let you know that the Parent Infant Center’s After-School Program will be operating for full days during the strike and can accommodate an additional 35 school-age children until 3 p.m. This program, at 4205 Spruce Street, has a long relationship with the University. For more information, contact Katie Martin at (215) 898-3417. The Penn Children’s Center cannot expand its program to accommodate school-age children. They are filled to license capacity because they are allowing the children graduating to kindergarten from their program to stay on through the strike.

—Marilyn K. Kraut, Manager, Quality of Worklife Programs

For additional information: e-mail emile.boulaep@yale.edu or call (203) 777-5765.
Girl Talk for Women’s Way: Three Stars for One Premiere

PENN Presents Carol Kane, Marty Moss-Coane and Gail Shister in the award-winning play, The Virgin Monologues by Eve Ensler, based on her interviews with more than 200 women. The show opens with Ms. Kane tonight and runs through October 15—starring Ms. Moss-Coane (October 10-15) and Ms. Shister (October 15)—at the Annenberg Center’s Zellerbach Theatre. For tickets call (215) 898-3900. This Philadelphia premiere will benefit Women’s Way.

Update

OCTOBER AT PENN

TALKS


Arteriolar Adaptation and Mechanical Stress: What are the Cellular Role Players and Molecular Mediators? (Viva?; Thomas C. Skalak, Univ. of Virginia; noon; 2nd fl. conference rm., Vagelos Research Labs (IME, Bioengineering).

5 Functional Influences on Free Energy Landscape: Susan Marqusee, University of California at Los Angeles; noon-3 p.m.; Terrace Rm., Logan Hall (French Institute for Culture & Technology).

6 A Conversation on Deconstructing Scholarly Assumptions or How to Reconstruct the Universe: Michel Meister, History of Art; 3 p.m.; Rich Seminar Room (210), Jaffe Building (History of Art).

Deadlines: The deadline for the weekly update is each Monday for the following week’s issue; for the November At Penn calendar it is October 17. See www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead.html for details on event submission.

All Aboard Express Almanac

Want to be apprised of late-breaking news and time-sensitive information that is published only on Almanac’s website? We will inform you as soon as we post such items if you are on board Express Almanac. A free electronic service, Express Almanac is sent whenever we add something significant to our website: Between Issues, the latest issue or At Penn calendar.

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18th District Report

9 incidents and 2 arrests (8 robberies, and 1 aggravated assault) were reported between September 18 and September 24, 2000 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street and Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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New Houston Hall Food Operations at Perelman Quad

Houston Hall food operations opened on September 27, another step in the completion of the University’s student center complex, Perelman Quadrangle. Managed by Bon Appetit Management company in partnership with Campus Dining, the Houston Bistro and the Houston Market provide a wide range of menu options for the University community. Bon Appetit features high quality, freshly prepared foods and offers a vast array of choices at Houston Hall. Please come over and check us out! We have something to please every palate. We look forward to welcoming the entire University community.

The Houston Bistro
First Floor, adjacent to the Hall of Flags, Houston Hall
Hours of operation: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 a.m., Monday through Friday; closed Saturdays and Sundays.
Served menu items during peak service hours (11 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday), and continuous counter service.
Pub style menu featuring hearty sandwiches, home style soup, chowder or chili in bread bowls, oversized salads and desserts.

Houston Market
Ground Floor, Houston Hall
Hours projected to be 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Fridays; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays.
Houston Market features a multi-cuisine servery, featuring 5 concept menus with unique offerings:

1. Blaze!—Daily selection of grilled sandwiches and entrees, including burgers, grilled chicken, tofu and black bean burgers, fresh cut fries and chips.
2. Ciao!—Fresh dough, brick oven pizza, pasta with choice of sauce and add-in.
3. Global Fusion—International selections, focusing on specialties from Mexico, Guatemala, Jamaica, Africa and the Pacific Rim.
4. The Wall—Salads tossed to order, specialty salads; hoagies to order and wraps to go.
5. Pronto!—Grab ‘n’ Go bakery, snacks, bottled beverages, soups, pick up salads and other quick pick up items.

—Nancy McCue, Project Manager, Campus Services