Strategic Alliance: Wharton School and Internet Capital Group

Internet Capital Group (ICG), a leading business-to-business e-commerce company, and the Wharton School announced last week a major alliance to support and accelerate the School’s e-business initiative.

The Wharton e-Business Initiative (WeBI) is an academic/industry partnership encompassing research, corporate initiatives and curriculum development in the e-business arena.

“One of the key strengths of WeBI is its ability to leverage the expertise of leading businesses around the world that are dealing with critical e-business issues in real-time,” said Dr. Patrick T. Harker, dean of the School and Reliance Professor of Management and Private Enterprise. “We sought a partnership with ICG because this business builder embodies the vision, leadership, talent and collective knowledge required for a serious dialogue about the future of business, particularly in the B2B marketplace.’’

COUNCIL Agenda

Wednesday, December 6, 2000, from 4 to 6 p.m.
Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

Members of the University who wish to attend as observers should so indicate by calling the Office of the Secretary, (215) 898-7005.

I. Approval of the minutes of November 15, 2000. Time allocation: 1 minute.
II. Status Reports
   A. President
   B. Provost
   C. Chair of the Steering Committee
   D. Chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
   E. Chair of the Undergraduate Assembly
   F. Chair of the Penn Professional Staff Assembly
   G. Chair of the A-3 Assembly
   Time limit for reports and clarifications 25 minutes

III. Update on Disability Issues. Presentation 10 minutes, discussion 10 minutes.
IV. Update on Manufacturer’s Responsibility. Presentation 10 minutes, discussion 10 minutes.
V. Open Forum. Presentation 3 minutes each, discussion 5 minutes each.
VI. Adjournment by 6 p.m.

TO: University Community
FROM: Larry Gross, Chair, Council Steering Committee
William F. Harris, Moderator, University Council

SUBJECT: University Council Open Forum, December 6, 2000

The issues for the University Council Open Forum in the order in which they will be addressed are:
1. Increase the allocation of resources for FLASH and other peer health education groups on campus
2. Lack of Latino student representation on University Council
3. Safety and security, especially women’s issues pending and of current importance
4. Safety and security
5. New life sciences building
6. Ad Hoc Committee on Manufacturer’s Responsibility

Presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Issues that are not on the schedule will be accommodated if time allows. The University Council meeting is from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall. The meeting is open to any member of the University Community who wishes to attend, subject to space limitations. We suggest that people interested in the Open Forum arrive at 5 p.m.

Through the newly named ICG/Wharton Forum on Electronic Business, WeBI and ICG will create and disseminate new research and knowledge that will enable businesses to maximize the opportunities created by the Internet. In addition, this new knowledge will enhance current WeBI educational programs that prepare current and future business executives to lead effectively and efficiently in a rapidly changing business environment.

“The skills, experience and legacy understanding of business evolution within this collaboration represents a cumulative and aggregate B2B knowledge base unmatched in the industry,” said Walter Buckley, president and CEO at ICG. “ICG has spent the past five years building a far-reaching network of B2B companies, and we welcome the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience to propel WeBI while leveraging Wharton’s deep understanding of business evolution and the Fortune 500 to benefit the growth of our partner companies and the overall acceleration of e-business adoption.”

“This partnership marries the most comprehensive research, real-world knowledge and Internet assets and expertise, all of which will accelerate the growth of e-business and fundamentally change the way business is done,” added Dr. Raffi Amit, director of WeBI and the Robert B. Goergen Professor of Entrepreneurship.

The Wharton e-Business Initiative (WeBI) is a unique partnership among business leaders, faculty and students to generate and disseminate knowledge about e-business through research, academic programs and a range of corporate engagement programs.

Internet Capital Group (www.internetcapital.com) is an Internet company actively engaged in business-to-business e-commerce through a network of partner companies. It provides operational assistance, capital support, industry expertise, and a strategic network of business relationships intended to maximize the long-term market potential of more than 70 business-to-business e-commerce companies. Headquartered in Wayne, Pa., Internet Capital Group has offices in San Francisco, Boston, London, Munich, Paris, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Winterfest at Sansom Common

In the spirit of the holiday season, Sansom Common is celebrating now through December 28 on Thursday evenings with entertainment, festivities and food as well as evening shopping. Between 5 and 8 p.m. there will be live music, free gift wrapping at the Bookstore, free admission to the ICA and free coffee at the Sheraton, as well as free metered parking between 34th & 38th, Walnut to Chestnut Streets. See December AT PENN, www.upenn.edu/almanac/v47/n13/dececal.html#winterfest for the weekly highlights like Philadanco, Steel Kings, ice carving and ice skating.

Continuing an Almanac tradition that goes back to the Age of Aquarius, this issue contains the annual supplement on Holiday Shopping at Penn.

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NH-funded Weight-Loss Study

Researchers at Penn’s Weight and Eating Disorders Program have received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a two-year study exploring the benefits of combining the weight-loss medication MERIDIA with diet and exercise counseling.

“We are very excited about this study,” said Dr. Thomas A. Wadden, director of the program and recipient of the grant. “We believe that it will significantly improve the long-term maintenance of weight-loss, which remains the Achilles’ heel of most weight-reduction efforts.”

An additional goal of the study is to help primary care physicians provide more effective weight counseling during routine office visits, according to Dr. Robert Berkowitz, medical director of the study.

“Most doctors feel unprepared to help their obese patients modify eating and activity habits,” Dr. Berkowitz said. “But we’ve learned in a previous study that brief physician counseling was as effective as more intensive group behavior modifications that may be provided by nutritionists. This is important news for doctors.”

In a separate trial, Dr. Wadden and Dr. Berkowitz are studying the use of weight-loss medications by obese adolescents. Together, the two trials are the first such studies of appetite-suppressant medications to be funded by NIH since September 1997, when Redux and fenfluramine (a component of then-phenfen) were withdrawn from the market.

“MERIDIA works by different means than Redux and fenfluramine, and two studies have shown that it is not associated with heart-valve abnormalities,” Dr. Wadden said. The two-year MERIDIA trial follows a similar year-long study that Penn conducted last year, in which researchers observed no significant complications.

“The major concern is that it may significantly increase blood-pressure in a small minority of patients,” Dr. Wadden said. “But we’ve been able to manage that complication by adjusting the medication dose.” Dr. Berkowitz said.

Penn researchers are looking for volunteers between the ages of 25 and 65 to take part in the study. Participants must be at least 35 percent above recommended weight and generally in good health.

The program requires a $300 deposit, which will be returned upon completion of study milestones. The deposit will be waived in cases of hardship.

Interested persons should call Shirley or Rebecca at (215) 898-7316 or visit the study’s website at: www.med.upenn.edu/weight.
Advice on Connecting to PennNet from Home

- Struggling with remote access to PennNet?
- Still not connected from home?
  Faculty and staff who have not yet signed up for Internet service from their home can pursue various avenues for assistance:
  - Consult your Local Support Provider for advice on choosing an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
  - Refer to the detailed information on the remote access web site at www.upenn.edu/computing/remote/.
  - Call ISC’s First Call to request a referral if you don’t know whom to contact (215) 573-4778; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Students living off-campus can get help from ISC by calling (215) 573-4778, sending e-mail to help@isc.upenn.edu, or going to the Computing Resource Center, 202 Sansom Place West, 3650 Chestnut St., Monday-Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. There is no technical reason why you should still not be connected to PennNet from your home. Don’t give up—get help today!

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Penn’s Way 2001 Raffle Winners

The following were the winners of the first three weekly Raffle Drawings:

**Week One Winners**

- Kenneth G. Wilson, Information Systems & Computing (ISC)—Epson Printer compliments of Computer Connection
- Yolanda Hayes, Business Services—One pair of Sunglasses from Modern Eye
- Anne Farnum, Development and Alumni Relations (DAR)—Book from University of Pennsylvania Press
- Trudi Sippola, School of Nursing—Five passes for walking tour with the Foundation for Architecture

**Week Two Winners**

- Russell Carroll, ISC—Tennis time at Levy Darlene Jackson, SAS—Gift basket from Parfumerie Douglass
- Monica Taylor, DAR—Book from Penn Press P. Santossou, Business Services—Six passes to the Atwater Kent Museum
- Mike Edwards, School of Dental Medicine—Various items from the Paper Garden
- Lattanya Love, Human Resources—Four tickets to an April 2001 performance of The Choral Arts Society
- Terry Snyder, President’s Center—A class at the Morris Arboretum
- Frances Weber, ISA—A pass to the Katz Fitness Center from DRIA

**Week Three Winners**

- Jennifer Stratton, Dental School—Overnight stay at the Inn at Penn from Business Services
- Katrina Terrell, Business Services—Book of passes to the Class of 1923 Skating Rink
- Tommy McCoy, Business Services—Gift Certificate for $10 for The Bistro

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Penn’s Way 2001 Co-Chairs

- Lee Nunery, Vice President, Business Services
- David Hackney and Carol R. Scheman, Penn’s Way 2001 Co-Chairs
Penn Press Presents

The University of Pennsylvania Press presents not only books with a Philadelphia connection — The Ingenious Dr. Franklin and The Philadelphia Navy Yard — or a Penn connection — Building America’s First University — but has books with an international flavor — Haute Cuisine: How the French Invented the Culinary Profession and The London Monster.

These and many other books from the Penn Press are available at the Penn Bookstore. Visit the Penn Press website, www.upenn.edu/pennpress/ for more information.


The Ingenious Dr. Franklin: Selected Scientific Letters of Benjamin Franklin, Edited by Nathan G. Goodman, “Reading these letters fosters a new affection for our country’s foremost and most beloved inventor” Dava Sobel, author of Longitude and Galileo’s Daughter, Paper $14.95.

The Plants of Pennsylvania: An Illustrated Manual, Ann Fowler Rhoads and Timothy A. Block. Ann Rhoads is director of botany, Morris Arboretum and adjunct professor of biology at Penn and Timothy Block is the Arboretum’s assistant director of botany. Illustrations by Anna Anisko, the Arboretum’s botanical illustrator. The Plants of Pennsylvania provides a means of positively identifying the more than 3,000 species of flowering plants, ferns, and gymnosperms native or naturalized in the Commonwealth. 1,040 pages, Cloth $65.

American Tradition in Painting, John McCoubrey, Penn’s James and Nan Farquhar Emeritus Professor in the Department of the History of Art. First published in 1963, this classic text is accompanied by a new introduction and an epilogue that explore the increased diversity in American art since the book appeared. Cloth $37.50, Paper $17.95.

Haute Cuisine: How the French Invented the Culinary Profession, Amy Trubek, who took her Ph.D. in anthropology at Penn in 1995, Cloth $24.95.

Building America’s First University: An Historical and Architectural Guide to the University of Pennsylvania by Penn faculty members and architectural historians George E. Thomas and David Brownlee. This is the first comprehensive architectural history of the University since the early twentieth century. Cloth $45.

The Philadelphia Navy Yard: An Illustrated History (with 125 archival photos and 10 detailed maps) Jeffery M. Dorwart with Jean K. Wolf. The first complete illustrated history of one of America’s most illustrious military institutions. Cloth $45.

Can’t find that special gift in stores or online? Want to give something different this holiday season?

The Gift of Involvement

Here are some ways to give friends and family opportunities to experience Penn, like...

...Anthropology/Archaeology: Those who treasure the past will be delighted with a full year’s membership in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. They will enjoy free admission, Museum Shop discounts, and Expedition Magazine; and they will be kept up-to-date about the latest discoveries from the Museum’s worldwide fieldwork and research. The gift membership will be mailed. Individual membership is $45, dual membership $55, and household $65. Information: (215) 898-5093 or membership@penn.museum.upenn.edu.

...Art: Members of the Institute of Contemporary Art receive free admission to the exhibitions, lectures and programs, invitations to preview opening receptions and the annual benefit, a calendar listing lectures, programs, tours, and special events, 20% discounts on ICA catalogue purchases, and use of the ICA library by appointment. Students, artists, senior citizens, Penn faculty and staff, $20; individuals $40; dual/family $65; other membership categories from $100 to $1,000, with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: (215) 898-4980.

...Books: Members of Friends of the Library are invited to a variety of special events and receive a newsletter. Membership fees: regular $40, sponsor $100, patron $250, benefactor $500, Red and Blue Society $1,000, Benjamin Franklin Society $2,500. Information: (215) 898-1829 or friends@pobox.upenn.edu.

Annual membership of the Penn Press Associates is available at $100 and $500 levels. Members get to meet authors and publishing professionals, attend publication events, and receive free books and special offers. Information: (215) 898-6263 or cjack@pobox.upenn.edu.

...Readings: Members of Friends of the Kelly Writers House help sustain the Writers House’s seminars, readings and webcasts. Friends will be acknowledged in the Summer 2001 Writers House Annual and online at www.english.upenn.edu/~wh/support/friends.html. Membership fees: $40, $100, $250, $500, and William Carlos Williams Circle $1,000. Information: (215) 573-WRIT.

...Performances: International Music Series The International House presents concerts featuring music from around the world each month through April. Shows include Armenian folk music, Latin jazz, Irish, Scottish and Gypsy music, R&B and Doo Wop. To subscribe: (215) 569-9700.

Penn Presents will stage 19 shows including music, dance and theatre from now through May. Two shows are scheduled for December: Philadanco’s world premiere of “Xmas Philes” (see pg. 11) from December 7-9, and Pinchas Zukerman’s holiday recital on December 9. To subscribe: (215) 898-3900.

...Flora: Members of the Morris Arboretum, Pennsylvania’s official arboretum, receive free admission, 15% course discounts, the quarterly newsletter, plant sale benefits, access to the Reciprocal Admissions Program, gift shop discounts, and invitations to events and lectures. Membership fees are: Regular $50, Franklinia $75, Chestnut $150, Holly $250, Oak $500, and Laurel $1,000. Membership form is available online for printout at www.upenn.edu/morris/member.html. For your favorite rose-lover, give a copy of Gardening with Roses ($29.95) by Judith McKeon. Or, for someone who wants to know about all the local flora: The Vascular Flora of Pennsylvania: Annotated Checklist and Atlas ($30) by the Arboretum’s director of botany Dr. Ann Rhoads and Dr. William McKinley Klein, Jr. All are available by calling the Morris Arboretum Gift Shop at (215) 247-5777.

...Food: Dining Service offers 10- and 25-meal coupons for convenient meals on campus. The 10-lunch coupons are $75.20 and can also be used for breakfast. The 25-meal coupons are $125 for breakfast, $188 for lunch, and $275 for dinner. Information: (215) 898-7585.

The Faculty Club offers faculty and staff in their first year a membership fee, you could make a deposit into a declining balance account for the member to enjoy meals at the Club’s Buffet or Hourglass a la carte Dining Room. Gift certificates for membership and dining are also available. Information: (215) 898-4618 or fsclub@pobox.upenn.edu.

...Hebrew: Hillel Foundation offers a University of Penn tee-shirt with the name of the institution in Hebrew, $15. The Penn Hillel shiron (songbook) is also available for $8. Information: (215) 898-7391.

...Sports and Fitness: The Class of 1923 Ice Rink offers a discount book of 10 admission passes to any public skating session for $40 with a PENNCard or $50 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Six weeks of group lessons, beginning January 7, are available for ages 6 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The registration deadline is January 3. Cost $75. Information: (215) 898-1923.

Levy Tennis Pavilion memberships are $15 students and spouses, $25 faculty, staff and spouses, $40 alumni, $75 public, $30 senior citizens, guest fee $5; valid through August 2001. Information: (215) 898-4741.

The Katz Fitness Center in Gimbel Gym, along with the Penn Fitness Center in Hutchinson, with a variety of weight training and aerobic equipment is the perfect gift for those who have made a New Year’s resolution to get in shape and exercise. Membership for the spring semester is $50 for students, $80 for faculty, staff and affiliates, and $100 for alumni and community members. Information: (215) 898-3833.

The Men’s Basketball Club offers various gift levels from $25 to $1,000 with benefits that increase with the level. Benefits include invitation to Club receptions, Hoopenings, media guide, Club memento, and preferred seating assignments. Information: (215) 898-4717.

...World Culture: International House members receive reduced admission to most International House programs, the International House Newsletter and Calendar with advance notice of upcoming programs and Members Only events, exhibits, lectures, and the chance to meet with graduate students and visitors from over fifty countries studying at Philadelphia universities who live at International House. Student Member $25, Individual Member $30, Family Member $50, Contributing Member $100, Sustaining Member $250, World Member $500, International Member $1,000 or more. — A.L.

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EHRS Training: December

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 employees who work with hazardous substances including: chemicals, human blood, blood products, fluids, and human tissue specimens and radioactive materials. These programs are presented by the Office of Environmental Health & Radiation Safety (EHRS). Attendance is required at one or more sessions, depending upon the employee’s potential exposures.

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. December 5, 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. December 13, 9:30 a.m., BRB II, Room 252.

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 source material. It is intended for employees with direct patient contact, or those who handle clinical specimens, and administrators who routinely work in a clinical environment. Topics include: risks, protection, work practice controls and emergency procedures. This course is designed for employees who have not previously attended Bloodborne Pathogens training at the University. It is available on-line at www.ehrs.upenn.edu.

Laboratory Safety—Annual Update: this program is required annually for all laboratory employees who have previously attended Chemical Hygiene Training. Topics include chemical risk assessment, recommended work practices, engineering controls and personal protection as well as an update of waste disposal and emergency procedures. Faculty and staff who work with human source materials, HIV or hepatitis viruses must attend the Laboratory Safety and Bloodborne Pathogens—Annual Update December 7, 9:30 a.m., BRBII, Room 252.

Laboratory Safety and Bloodborne Pathogens—Annual Update: this program is required annually for all faculty and staff who work with human source material, HIV or hepatitis viruses and have previously attended Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens. Issues in general laboratory safety and bloodborne pathogens are discussed. Topics include bloodborne diseases, risk assessment, recommended work practices, engineering controls and personal protection as well as an update of waste disposal and emergency procedures. Participation in Laboratory Safety—Annual Update is not required if this program is attended. December 15, 9:30 a.m., BRBII, Room 252.

Radiation Safety Training—New Worker: this program provides information on fundamental radiation concepts and requirements for the use, storage 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 (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) under Radiation Safety Programs, Training for Credit.

Radiation Safety Training—Annual Update: this program updates radiators using current Radiation safety issues and practices. It is required of all personnel who work in areas where radioisotopes are used or stored. Training can be completed on-line at (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) under Radiation Safety Programs, Training for Credit.

Radiation Safety Training—Instructor 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. Training can be completed on-line at (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) under Radiation Safety Programs, Training for Credit.

Additional programs will be offered on a monthly basis. Check the EHRS web site (www.ehrs.upenn.edu) for dates and time. If you have any questions, please call Bob Leonzio at (215) 898-4453.

Update

DECEMBER AT PENN

CANCELLATION

The screening of Scary Movie originally scheduled for December 13 has been canceled.

SPECIAL EVENT

5 First Annual Pennmed Global Health Reception: highlights health issues around the world and how to become involved. Susan Gennaro, Pediatrics-Medicine; 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Lobby, BRB II/III (Global Health Interest Group; Medical School.)

Deadlines: The deadline for the weekly update is each Tuesday for the following week’s issue; December 5 is the deadline for the Update in the December 12 issue. The deadline for the January AT PENN calendar is December 5. The deadline for the February AT PENN calendar is January 16, 2001.

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 news, the latest issue or the AT PENN calendar. To register, send an e-mail message with “subscribe” as the Subject to almanac@pobox.upenn.edu and include your name, e-mail address, and mailing address.

Free Flu Shots: Register Now!

Human Resources has received many calls regarding availability of flu shots this year on campus. We are pleased to announce that a limited number of flu shots have been made available by Occupational Medicine for full and part-time faculty and staff of the University of Pennsylvania. These inoculations will be offered on campus, free of charge, on December 5 and 7. Faculty and staff must pre-register on-line through the Course Catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu, where more details can be found.

To Register:
1. Go to www.hr.upenn.edu
2. Click on “Course Catalog” icon located near the top of the page.
3. Scroll down to “Browse by Category”.
4. Select “Health Promotions” from the drop-down menu and then click “Go” — 8 flu shot times will appear with 2 different dates and locations.
5. Click on your preferred date and time - A full description will appear.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the “Register for this Course” icon.
7. Follow the registration instructions and PRINT YOUR CONFIRMATION SHEET.

Please:
* Bring this Confirmation Sheet and your PENNCard with you when you come for your shot.
* Wear clothes that make it easy to access your upper arm.

If you are unable to register on-line, please contact Oma Rosenthal at (215) 898-5116 or rosenthal@hr.upenn.edu...
—Division of Human Resources

December: The Bottom Line

The December, 2000 issue of The Bottom Line is now available at www.finance.upenn.edu/udf/bline.html
Check it out for information regarding:
• Links to BEN/FinMIS, Salary Management, and Payroll Closing Schedules
• Penncash Changes
• BEN Update
• Information from the ABA
• FinMIS Tips & Tricks
• Treasurer’s Holiday Office Hours and Gift Transmission Information
• Financial Training Department Calendar December 2000 - March, 2001

Financial Training Department

Corrections

Bonnie Motley Bowser is the Penn’s Way coordinator for Human Resources not the Medical School Human Resources coordinator as previously identified.

In the November 21 issue of Almanac, Dr. Robert Maddin, Dr. John Christian and Dr. John Underhough were omitted from the list of recipients of the Medal for Distinguished Achievement. They received the award in November of 1996 at the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. We regret the errors.
—Ed.

Almanac Takes a Break

The last issue for the fall semester will be December 19. The next issue is January 9, 2001. No issues will appear December 26, or January 2, 2001. Breaking news, if any, will be posted to Almanac Between Issues on our website, www.upenn.edu/almanac.
Philadanco’s World Premiere of Xmas Philes at Zellerbach

Philadanco’s holiday concert, The Night Before Christmas, will be performed in the Zellerbach Theatre of the Annenberg Center December 7 through 9. The varied program for shows represents the holiday season as celebrated by different American cultures. Philadanco ushers in the Yuletide Theatre of the Annenberg Center December 7 through 9. The varied program for shows represents choreographed by Gene Hill Sagan to the music of Maurice Ravel. The “Exotica” of Kwanzaa and the African-American Diaspora, choreographed by Ronald K. Brown to the music of Wunmi and others; and The Joy of Chanukah, choreographed by Milton Myers to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach: The “Exotica” of Kwanzaa and the African-American Diaspora, choreographed by Ronald K. Brown to the music of Wunmi and others; and The Whirl of “La Valse” for a New Year’s Eve Celebration, choreographed by Gene Hill Sagan to the music of Maurice Ravel. Xmas Philes will be featured as part of WHY’s Philadelphia Perfroms! series, to be televised on December 15 and 24.

Tickets: $33, $31, $29 for the evening shows; $30, $28, $26 for the Saturday matinee. For tickets call (215) 898-3900 or visit www.PENNPresent.org.

Discounted Rush Tickets for Penn faculty/staff $15 and students $10 are available at the Annenberg Center Box Office, noon-5 p.m. as well as 30 minutes prior to the performance. PennCard is required for the discounts.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for November 20 through November 26, 2000. Also reported were 22 Crimes Against Property: (including 6 thefts, 2 retail theft, 3 burglaries, 7 theft from auto, 2 fraud, 1 auto theft and 1 city ordinance violations. Full reports on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/v47/114/crimes.html). Prior weeks’ reports are also on-line.—Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of November 20 and November 26, 2000. 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 (215) 898-4482.

18th District Report
10 incidents and 2 arrests (5 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults and 1 homicide) were reported between November 20 and November 26, 2000 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street and Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

11/20/00 3:15 PM 3402 Sansom St. Robbery
11/22/00 1:20 PM 4316 Chestnut St. Homicide
11/22/00 4:00 PM 529 49th St. Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/22/00 6:22 PM 4800 Spruce St. Robbery
11/23/00 1:40 PM 4220 Baltimore Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/23/00 11:51 PM 1004 45th St. Robbery
11/24/00 9:25 AM 4900 Cedar Ave. Robbery
11/25/00 12:07 AM 5200 Market St. Robbery
11/26/00 3:53 PM 4942 Chestnut St Aggravated Assault
11/26/00 7:00 PM 4827 Walton St. Aggravated Assault
11/20/00 6:22 PM 4800 Spruce St. Robbery
11/20/00 3:00 PM 4302 Sansom St. Employee robbed by unknown male with weapon
11/20/00 3:10 PM 3402 Sansom St. Employee robbed by unknown male with weapon
11/23/00 11:54 PM 4238 Chestnut St. Complainant assaulted by boyfriend/Arrest
11/25/00 9:05 AM 3400 Spruce St. Patient threatened to kill staff

HELP WANTED

Administrative Asst P/T. Hillel on Penn campus seeks responsible, organized individual to work 20 hours per week. Strong computer and communication skills required. Word, Excel, DonorPerfect preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to Gail Cantor, Hillel, 202 S. 35th St. Philadelphia, PA 19104 or fax (215) 898-8259.

THERAPY


The University of Pennsylvania’s journal of record, opinion and news is published Tuesdays during the academic year, and as needed during summer and holiday breaks. Its electronic editions on the Internet (accessible through the PennWeb) include HTML and Acrobat versions of the print edition, and interim information may be posted in electronic-only form. Guidelines for readers and contributors are available on request.

CLASSIFIEDS—UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH
Participants needed for hypertension pharmacuetical study. Must be diagnosed as hypertensive and able to keep morning appointments. $30. Contact Virginia Ford, MSN at HUP Hypertension Program. (215) 662-2410 or (215) 662-2638.

Premenstrual Syndrome do you feel irritable, depressed, moody, or anxious before your period? You may be eligible for free evaluation and treatment in the PMS research program. Appointments are available in Philadelphia, Radnor, Chestnut Hill, PA and Mt. Airy. For more information, call (215) 662-3529 or 1-800-662-4487, PMS Program, Univ. of PA Medical Center.

Experiencing neck and shoulder pain for three months or more? You may be eligible for a study at the UPenn Pain Medicine Center involving free Botox injections. Call Lisa Bearm at (215) 662-8736.

To place a classified ad, call (215) 898-5274. Almanac is not responsible for contents of classified ad material.

CLASSIFIEDS—PERSONAL

For the Administra-
Can the World Cope? The Challenge of Ethnopolitical Conflict

was presented by the School of Arts & Sciences on November 29, 2000. The daylong conference investigated recent conflicts in Kosovo, Rwanda, Kashmir and Jerusalem from anthropological, historical, political and psychological points of view. Reporters, like Christopher Hedges of The New York Times who witnessed events in Bosnia and Kosovo, scholars, like Penn professor Ian Lustick, whose studies are concentrated in the Middle East, and diplomats like Joseph Montville of the Center for Strategic and International Studies who is an expert on conflict resolution, discussed the critical issues that arise before, during and after ethnopolitical conflict and attempted to answer these questions: Why does this happen? Why is this happening now? Is reconciliation possible?

Penn Press plans to publish the proceedings of the Symposium.

The 2000 Merriam Symposium highlighted the work of Penn’s Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict. The Center has taken the lead in creating a multi-disciplinary approach to training and research in the area of ethnic group conflict. The Asch Center was established in 1997, when Martin E. P. Seligman, Fox Leadership Professor of Psychology at Penn, was president of the American Psychological Association and Peter Suedfeld was president of the Canadian Psychological Association. They jointly called for new initiatives to understand and ameliorate the devastating conflicts caused by ethnopolitical violence.

The Asch Center has established collaborative arrangements with a network of international sites that currently include organizations in Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

The Merriam Symposium is one of many programs and activities of SAS made possible by a generous bequest from John Merriam, one of the Delaware Valley’s leading real estate developers. Mr. Merriam graduated from Penn in 1931.

For more information visit the web site at www.sas.upenn.edu/home/merriam
HOLIDAY SHOPPING ON CAMPUSS AND ON THE WEB

As Almanac once again sent its elves all over campus to find the best gifts of the season, they found the shops on campus have much to offer shoppers whether they want to visit the traditional venues or their online counterparts. A new on-line Penn shopping destination is www.shopatpenn.com/ with links to eight options from Annenberg Center to WXPN. Holiday shopping at the Bookstore complete without the traditional Sale-A-Bration at the Bookstore. This year is the 25th annual celebration. The Museum Shop celebrates its return to campus which adds an element of surprise with their Scratch and Save Sale. From books to bikes—from computers to cosmetics—from teas to ties—there are more choices than you might suspect.

MUSEUM SHOP

Run to the December 5-22 surprise coupon sale at the Museum Shops. Bring your red postcard and PENNCARD for a chance to save from 15-75%. This year’s selection includes brightly colored wooden animal sculptures from Mexico. Dragons, crabs, horses, cats, dogs, monkeys, elephants, in blue, purple, red, and yellow delight the eyes and make great gifts.

Enamel miniature teapots and vases in various shapes and exciting colors are painted and numbered by Kelvin Chen ($24-$26).

A collection of Venetian glass necklaces, bracelets, and earrings in iridescent colors are a must for the jewelry lovers on your list.

There is a room full of African artwork. Soapstone sculptures of animals and human forms in pale mauves and beiges, deep blues and black.

Silk scarves and ties inspired by ancient Roman coins and British cats, dogs, coast, and jaguars filled with used books (treasures waiting to be found) which are, on average, much lower in price. Keep an eye out for holiday specials and extended hours this season.

MUSEUM SHOP

Upstairs, shoppers will be relieved to find the Penn Café, where they can take a break from their holiday purchasing pursuits, though even the Penn Café has an entire Godiva chocolate gift center as well as coffees and coffee-related items for the holidays. Predominantly containing textiled and handcrafts, the upstairs level also has a music department on the end opposite the Café. Complete with listening booths, the music department has special holiday themed CDs on sale ($6.99) as well as portable CD players and walkman, CD cases and racks, and select box sets. Though the Bookstore’s CD shop sells wide range of genres, including pop, classical, jazz, new age and world music, it is also the only place to purchase CDs of your favorite Penn singing and instrumental groups. Penn authors’ books, as well as books about Penn and Penn Press books (see page 28) are prominently displayed in the center of the upper level, making it easy to share the heart of Penn with loved ones this holiday season.

PEN BOOK CENTER

For the anti-shopping shopper, weary of the holiday rush, but also a must for the jewelry lovers on your list.

Walk back on the first level, shoppers will come upon items from the University of Pennsylvania Collection. Classy and school spirited gifts from this collection can get pretty pricey, but prepackaged gifts—such as decorated Penn beer mugs containing Penn chocolates ($7 to $22)—or charming teddy bears bearing a knit Penn sweater and a Santa hat or yarmulke ($20 to $50) are available. For the face of the Grinchiest officemate. Some other gift items are a wide assortment of picture frames, framed and unframed prints and calendars that feature everything from fine art to cartoons to sports to animals ($9.95-$11.95).

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The Penn Book Store kicks-off the holiday season with its 25th Annual Sale-A-Bration, December 14 through 16, offering storewide savings of 20%. Customers who have their picture taken with Santa. And that’s not all . . .

Now through December 22, Barnes & Noble offers holiday discounts of 25% off all glassware and ceramic mugs; jewelry; domestics/small electronics; lighting; storage; boxed cards; wrap boxes; wrap & bows; gift bags; backpacks; posters; school spirit outerwear; and A&T-prepaid phone cards.

For children, the Bookstore provides a wonderful haven called Penn & Me: the Funderburg Community Bookstore. Featured items include the Madeline collection, anything from books and handcrafted calico arteries, to a plush Madeline toy with a backpack ($34.95). Rugrats, Winnie-the-Pooh and Friends, Disney’s 101 Dalmatians, Harry Potter and Dr. Seuss paraphernalia are also well represented.

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Table sales throughout the store encourage shoppers to browse and the window display on the Sansom Street side of the store features affordable gifts of interest such as TheBeatles Anthology ($45), The New Yorker Cartoon Collection ($30) and Jewish Art Masterpieces ($13). The Store is open Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Shoppers are advised to place any special orders in advance as the holidays approach; orders can take anywhere from three days to a week.

For the kids on your list the Pyramid Shop offers a nice change of pace from the Nintendo and pooh chi dogs on their lists. With a great selection of books from around the world, and games and toys you’re not likely to find elsewhere—take the walk. The Make A Mummy discovery kit shows what a tomb looks like and provides a model and wrap to wrap your own mummy. There is also the wildlife toy and book collection of animals including polar bears, tigers, pandas, kangaroos, elephants, gorilla and more ($9.95 and up). Give Roman coins ($3.75) or great stocking stuffers of tattoos or Egyptian jewelry, flowers and stickers and transfers ($1).

They have a great selection of handmade Christmas ornaments from around the world ($2-$32). An ancient Mesopotamian school tablet, Sumerian pictograph tablet, and ancient Egyptian heart scrubs sell for $9.95 and come with descriptive information.

Scratch and Save: The Museum has continued the tradition of the “surprise discount” for shoppers at both the Museum and Pyramid Shops. A card has been mailed to all faculty, staff and students valid today through December 22, to present upon purchase. As the cashier scratches off the patch on the card it reveals a discount of 15% to 75%. Shop on line at www.upenn.edu/museum/PublicServices/shops.html. —M.A.M.
Black Cat

A trip to the Black Cat gift shop is a trip around the world, a truly global experience with products from practically every part of the national and international community. The quaint shop on Sansom Street now has a counterpart on the web (www.blackcatshop.com)—both offer an eclectic assortment of products made from recycled materials and handmade items from a variety of cultures.

From handmade colorful Armenian mittens and apple-scented candles ($5) to a mirror in a wooden frame from Zanzibar ($65) there is also a range of prices as well as country of origin. The Brazilian Rain Forest hand puppets are adorable ($10) critters: jaguar, bat and squirrel. A company in Oregon has turned bike chains into earrings and bracelets. Meanwhile, another company, Motherboard, uses reclaimed circuit boards to create clocks, notepads and clipboards. Think you've heard it all? Not until you see the purses ($60) from Relan made from real billboards! If you are old enough to remember the time when such things didn't exist, then you'll want to read, Do You Remember Technology: Geeks, Gadgets & Gizmos and Do You Remember TV: The Book That Takes You Back ($10.95).

The Black Cat even has a whimsical selection of clever board games. A mother-daughter company in Pennsylvania makes rustproof vases, platters and candle plates that are hand-cast from recycled aluminum cans and auto parts. Hand-crafted picture frames from Italy ($40) would enhance any photograph. The sleek wooden letter openers from Korea ($11) and the 12-inch rules with names of Women Rulers, Native American Rulers and Rulers of the World printed on the flip side would make special stocking stuffers. The soft-soled moccasins for kids ($21) will keep the little one's feet warm and colorful. Hemp socks ($15) and shoelaces ($4) are just a pair of the many items made from hemp, including paper and personal care products. Of course, the Black Cat carries a full line of White Dog cookbooks, aprons, mugs and more.

They also have quite a selection of jewelry, some is made of sterling silverware. Their selection of scarves is so nice you might also see it for yourself or the special lady come holiday time.

For a gift that looks like you went to the ends of the earth to get it, there's nothing like a whirlwind trip to a shop that has cornered the market on the unusual and unexpected. —M.F.M.

Saturn Club

Nestled behind Black Cat and White Dog Café, along Moravian, is Saturn Club, which provides the expected services along with skin care, nail polishes, hair care products, and hair accessories such as head bands and barrettes. Tempted to try a tattoo? They have temporary tattoos. For the holidays, they have gift sets, some have a picture frame, shampoo and conditioner ($15) while others include a candle instead of frame. Know someone who has tension in their back? Hit the Spot massage ($18) is intended to relieve their stress. Gift certificates are available. The shop is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon-Sat.

—M.F.M.

Sprint

A new store at 3401 Walnut, the Sprint Store has cellphones for those of you who have until now resisted the urge. They carry a variety of cellphones including Sprint, Motorola, Nokia, Qualcomm, Samsung, and Sonyo. There are plans ranging from $29.99 for 1,000 minutes per month to $84.99 for 2,000 minutes a month for the family. They also carry adapters, and covers. Or visit www.sprintpcs.com.

—M.A.M.

Computer Connection

No time like the present to start the little one on computers. Jumpstart Baby ($35) is perfect for the 9-24 month-old who can't wait to get their little hands on a computer. With CD and large mouse, babies can learn about shapes, music, color, clothing and animals. For the older kids on your list there is the Dr. Seuss, Blues Clues and Dinosaur Hunter Deluxe software ($19.99).

For the really big kids on your list the Mac Cube looks good on any computer table ($2,249). But the must-have for that student is the Palm Pilot. They are available ($149-$439) as are all the accessories for your computers and lots and lots of software.

They have a website www.upenn.edu/ccx. By the way, they have price categories on the website for making shopping easier. —M.A.M.

Camera Shop Inc.

From minimum to maximum this store has it all for your photographic needs. Start a little one off taking pictures with the Talking Big Bird Camera ($14.99) or the Barbie 35 mm Camera Kit for ($17.99). For the computer savvy there are digital cameras from the Kodak i-Zone ($99.99) to the Olympus D-360L ($299) to Nikon Coolpix 880 Zoom ($799). For the gadget lover on your list there is the Aiptek PenCam Trio. It is a digital camera, camcorder and a web camera in one ($79.99).

Of course, there are video cameras, film, picture frames and photo albums available. You can shop on line for these items and much more at www.ritzcamera.com. —M.A.M.

Radio Shack

Other than the usual audio and video products that you expect at Radio Shack, it also carries items such as radio control cars ($14.99 -$99.99) and internet accessories like web cameras. Want to get someone a cell phone this holiday? Radio Shack carries a comprehensive stock of cell phones, including Motorola, Ericsson, Sprint, and Nokia. If you want to save a walk to 40th Street, you can also shop on-line at www.radioshack.com.

—A.L.

Video Library

You’ll find little surprises at the Video Library if you’re willing to walk that extra block to 41st and Locust. You can get videos of recent movies as well as classics like Toy Story 2 ($8.99). Be sure to look at the overstock shelf that carries used videos for sale ($1 to $10.95). Here you can get Toy Story 2 or Girl, Interrupted ($9.95). If you know someone who will have fitness on their New Year’s Resolutions list, get them Jane Fonda exercise videos or better yet, Cher Fitness videos ($2.95) on the overstock shelf. If you can’t make up your mind as to what videos to buy, simply get a gift certificate. You can put any amount on a declining balance, and the recipient can use it for both rentals and purchases at the Library. —A.L.

Spruce Street Records

As the only place left on campus entirely devoted to music, Spruce Street Records is a great place for shoppers who would rather buy their music in person and close to home than on-line or downtown. Open Mon-Sat., 11 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. and Sun., noon-5 p.m. Spruce Street carries a large selection of new CDs at regular prices ($12 to $16) as well as rare LPs and box sets (prices vary). Unlike the Penn Bookstore’s music department, Spruce Street Records boasts a large and diverse collection of used CDs for much less (around $7 or $9) which are well worth perusing. Shoppers even have the option to sell their old CDs, should the ol’ holiday budget need a little extra padding. Gift certificates are available, if you aren’t sure what to buy, but if you need any help, the owner, Jim, is friendly and very knowledgeable. Special orders for those hard-to-find CDs, like imports, are not an obstacle, either, and can be ready for pickup in as soon as 24 hours. —T.R.

Bike Line

This store stocks plenty of bike accessories that would make great gifts. If someone you know bikes all seasons, Pearl Izumi gloves will keep their hands warm this winter ($39-$45). These also work well as cross-country skiing gloves. Warm riding jackets made from reflective materials are also available. Has the biker complained to you about the hard saddle? Oasis gel saddles designed by urologists will ensure a comfortable ride. For those who park their bikes in the city, better get the ultimate New York City Lock by Kryptonite. Although this chunky chain link lock costs $100, replacing a stolen bike will cost much more. For the child biker in your family, 12- and 16-inch bikes are just their size ($110-$150). This holiday season, Bike Line will be open on Sundays for last-minute shopping, and from December 10 the store will take 10% off all clothing. Also, don’t miss the daily sale that is only available at the University City store location, featuring a different item everyday. If you like, browse the on-line catalog at www.bikeline.com before you visit the store.

—A.L.

Eastern Mountain Sports

You don’t have to be an extreme sports aficionado to take advantage of the sales at EMS. Now through December 10, expect to find high quality outerwear such as Columbia, North Face and EMS’s own line at sale prices, for instance, their most popular item, a men’s fleece jacket or pullover ($39.50). Another sale, on the heels of their current one, runs from December 11-17, and knocks 20% off all insulated outerwear as well as all hats, gloves, mittens and sweatshirts. As always, EMS carries a wide selection of Leatherman tools ($20-$80). On a more playful note, the store also offers seasonal items such as a plush polar bear, moose or otter in a can ($10/ea.); youth and toddler teddy bear hats, too cute to bypass ($14.99); National Parks Monopoly ($35); and high quality stuffed animals ($25-$50). The best thing about EMS is the store itself; the service is friendly, the staff is well informed, and there is an abundance of informative pamphlets and signs next to almost every display of merchandise. As always, gift certificates are available in any amount.

Shopping on-line at www.emsonline.com has the added advantage of a “Holiday Gift Guide” detailing the 100 most popular presents EMS has to offer. EMS on-line also has helpful sections like “ideas for women,” “toys for the techie,” and “great gear under $50.” Remember to order all your items before noon on December 18, for guaranteed delivery by Christmas. —T.B.
Roses Florist

This year, although Roses Florist has less space than before, there is still plenty to choose from. A variety of Christmas decorating plants including poinsettias ($3.99 and up), wreaths ($10 and up), the Keepsake box and small decorated Christmas trees for those with little time ($7.99) are perfect. Irises, Asiatic lilies, roses, of course, and many more flowers round out a great array for bouquets and arrangements.

In addition to flowers there is an unusual candle gift, Kahl Candlepots, which are hand-made ($11.95 and up). There is an assortment of picture frames, cards, vases, and baskets. Roses carries a collection of Gund stuffed animals and small Winnie-the-Pooh characters that can adorn your packages ($9.99).

Want gifts delivered? There is a $3.50 charge for campus, $6 in state, $8 in the United States and $12 to deliver to Europe. If you want to send a Christmas arrangement, they start at $30. Mention seeing this information in Almanac and get free delivery on campus through the holidays.

—M.A.M.

The Paper Garden

Formerly University Cards, the shop has relocated to 3402 Sansom Street and occupies two floors. One of the many fun things in the store is a collection of pop-up Christmas cards, ($5), for that person on you list who collects Christmas cards. They have a large collection of stuffed animals, including Harry Potter journals ($8.99-$12.95) and stationery ($10.95).

In addition, they have academic weekly calendars ($9.99-$19.99), photo albums ($24-$30), address books ($5.99 and up), candles, and stationery by the sheet (.15-.30), gift wrap, and paper goods. Need candy, boxes of cards, stick- ers, balloons? The Paper Garden is the place to go. —M.A.M.

Houston Hall Card Shop

Since Houston Hall’s reopening this year, there is a new card shop at the west end of the lower level. More spacious than the old one, it has much more than cards. The boxed Hanukkah and Christmas cards are now on sale: buy one box and get the second for 50% off. Looking for Advent calendars or 2001 calendars? They have some of both types including the official 2001 Millionaire calendar ($10.99) for the fan of that popular TV show.

Want to spice up your life? They have an assortment of aromatic spiced candles with delectable scents. Mugs, mugs and junk, mugs ($12.99) are all over the place. The shop has an old-fashioned candy counter where you can buy by the pound. Santas are plentiful here in many variations on the theme.

The stuffed animals are downright exotic: frogs, oysters and otters are among the menagerie. The Gund snowpeople ($26) are charming and get this season, Avril 50 has imported hookahs from the Middle East with its special style of tobacco in a tin. —T.B.

Innovations

Avril 50

To step inside Avril 50 is to experience the smells and tastes of other worlds as well as their magazines without leaving campus. This Sansom Street tobacconist is one of the few shops in the city that carries the world’s most authoritative magazines for the graphic artist, photographer, techie or designer. Why not share the news of other nations with a friend and give them a gift certificate?

Or coffees by the pound ($10-12) or half-pound ($5-6). Avril 50 also carries aromatic loose teas, from Earl Grey to passion fruit, available from some of the most famous factories in Japan a bit higher ($12 per half pound). While stuffing your stockings, remember chocolates from Belgium, Holland, Germany, England and Switzerland (under $4). New this year is a popular British tea called “Fortnum & Mason”, as well as candy cane milk chocolate, Starburst, chewing gum, big chocolate-dipped pretzels with covered in toffee speckled with green and red ($4.95/lb.) and a confectionery display case; it showcases delectable scents. Mugs, mugs and jumbo mugs ($7.99) are perfect. Irises, Asiatic lilies, roses, Japanese anemones, and small poinsettias ($3.99 and up), wreaths and garlands, featuring the Liberty Bell. Even though it may be small, the shop has an assortment of practical gifts such as a glow-in-the-dark alarm clock, photo albums, picture frames and snowglobes.

—M.A.M.

Sharon’s Gift Shop

Sharon’s Gift Shop has a variety of stocking stuffers like mugs, key rings and magnets. The angel dolls have their own names—Hope and Faith—and personalities. If you want to give a little piece of Philadelphia, they have things to make anyone feel welcome such as collectible souvenirs and tons of specialty items featuring the Liberty Bell. Even though it may be small, the shop has an assortment of practical gifts such as a glow-in-the-dark alarm clock, photo albums, picture frames and snowglobes. —S.R.

Penn Tower Gift Shop

The Penn Tower Gift Shop has a great selection of gifts for those who carry a serious thirst. The shop has a 10% off cash and carry on flowers if you are a Penn employee. —M.A.M.

HUP Gift Shop

The HUP Gift Shop has men’s silk socks and ties, stuffed animals including the grinning Grinch ($19.99) and the snowman that sings and dances to Jingle Bells ($21.99). Cards, and a selection of costume jewelry help the hurried shopper complete their work.

—M.A.M.

CHOP Gift Shop

The CHOP Gift Shop has some cute stocking stuffers including puzzles, games and stuffed animals. They also carry a selection of angels for decorating the house or office.

—M.A.M.

University Jewelers

University Jewelers has a large selection of watches that are for your personally late friend or relative, including Mavado, Seiko, Pulsar and Toso. For the jewelry lover on your list the selection of costume jewelry help the hurried shopper complete their work.

—M.A.M.
ma jolie

Even if you think you won’t buy here, go in and take a look. Scarves, silk, and wool in colors that will warm on the coldest night. Knit hats that just snuggle around your ears ($20), and sweatshirts and socks and bright and tight-priced from practical to not are a delight to the eyes. For the party season it’s velvet, velvet, velvet. Soft and clingy, the selection of dresses and jackets for the holidays is great.

For the very little ones on your list why not start them out in style? ma jolie has a small but fun collection of one piece outfits for newborns to about two years. The Janezz in a Jar is great, 100% cotton pajamas in a plastic jar ($26.88). For the collector of retro there is the Felix The Cat Snack Box ($18). Also a nice collection of wooden puzzles. Gift certificates are available.

They too have a website www.majolie.com if you want to shop on-line. —M.A.M.

Urban Outfitters

OPEN 24 HOURS is plastered all over the glassy facade of Sansom Commons’ own Urban Outfitters, providing a sigh of relief to last-minute shoppers of all ages. Upon closer inspection, however, passersby will realize that the sign refers not to the store itself, but to the newest addition in the ever-changing Urban Outfitters repertoire—their website—www.urbn.com. Not to fear, late-shoppers, the store itself is one of the few at Penn which stays open late. Mon.-Wed., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sat., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.). Besides their presence on the web and their elaborate window installations amongst the shops at Sansom Commons, Urban Outfitters is no indication of where of what the store has to offer. So, in keeping with the air of mystery surrounding this Sansom Common staple, all I can tell holiday shoppers is what they may go and see for themselves. The look this season at Urban Outfitters appears to be young and hip, with a bit of rock ‘n’ roll thrown in for good measure.

With their clever floor displays, Urban Outfitters has really made it easy for its shoppers to keep their gift ideas fresh and diverse. Walk through and see for yourself, or shop on-line at www.urbn.com. The website offers diverse ideas for ensembles befitting men, women and the home, with gift certificates available in $25, $50, $100, $150 and $500, to boot! —T.B.

The Gap

Bucking the traditional reds, greens, blues and golds, The Gap has painted the winter holiday season in cool, yet vibrant pastels taking shoppers—young and old—by storm. On her must-have list is the “chunky” turtleneck sweater ($48); the tribal clutch pattern in cozy wool with a great classic fit. Choose her favorite shade and add the matching chunky scarf, hat, or mittens to complete her look. The “candy cane crew” ($48) is a striped lambswool sweater that makes a great gift when paired with matching socks ($16.50; scarf, $22). The top holiday item for teens and the young-at-heart alike is The Gap’s luxe stretch velvet boot-cut jeans ($58) “because it’s your favorite jean dressed up”—also available in satin and glitter materials. For men, Gap offers a supersoft fleece pajama top ($26) paired with plaid pj pants ($29.50), perfect for lounging at home. Boxers are packaged in sets of 3 ($25) in seasonal prints and prepackaged pajama sets for both him ($48, in flannel) and her ($49.50, in fleece) give loved ones a warm feeling inside and out this winter.

Being a part of a big chain lets The Gap work to your advantage providing gift certificate options for any amount, which may be redeemable at any Gap, Gap Kids, Baby Gap or Gap Outlet. Quick, easy and convenient shopping to the motto: all of their staff have undergone special “holiday training” to accommodate the shopper on-the-go. Whether you frequent the store or are a relative newcomer, expect to go into The Gap and see signs labeled “Here’s the gift” during the month of December—it doesn’t get any easier than that. From prepackaged bath and body sets to comfort moccasins, The Gap is full of gift ideas for the clueless.

The Gap merchandise is mostly casual and sporty, but there are some elegant gift sets that seem tailor made for “Secret Santa” or “Pollyanna” purposes. GapScents’ return this season with “dream” (a unisex scent), and “Blue No. 655” for him and her. GapScents come in gift sets ($2-$35), including candles, fragrant bath beads, terrycloth wash mitts and bars of glycerin soap. With special in-store only promotions, shopping for gifts can be a fun and easy experience. An array of unique and special gifts are sure to put a smile on the face of someone you love. For the last minute shopper, The Gap has “moonlight madness” sales (where the store stays open later than usual) may be in the wind later on this month so keep checking in with the store for details.

Or, shop on-line at www.stevemadden.com, where each shoe in stock has its own name and personality. There are even suggestions on how to wear any given shoe and what outfit would suit it best!

Grand Shoes

This little shoe shop on Spruce carries mostly dress shoes for men and women. From conservative pumps to funky faux-fur boots and soft walking shoes to sandals, Grand Shoes has it all. You can also get some nice leather bags here to go with your shoes. The store will have a 20% off holiday sale, so be sure to drop by for some bargains.

Natural Shoe Store

Not only does Natural Shoe Store carry name brands like Nine West, Saucony, Steve Madden, and Dr. Martens, just about every shoe in the store is on sale. Does someone you know need a good pair of walking shoes? Get some Birkenstock sandals or Danskin clogs. Sauceny sneakers and hipster styles for the new hipster in your family. ($36.95-$42.95). For the athletic ones, Nike Air sneakers are as low as $59.99. In case it snows more this winter than the last one, get some warm Timberland boots ($68.95 to $108).

Douglas Parfumerie

If you have to do any holiday shopping someone on your list will want something from here. Bubble bath skin toner, baths salts, holiday soaps, candles, boxed sets for men and women of fragrances and skin products it’s here. No walking through department stores being sprayed with every scent imaginable. Go in, browse and buy. All the well known manufactures including Clinique, Lancôme, Estée Lauder, Elizabeth Arden, Gucci, Shiseido, Origins, Hard Candy, Cliners, and Ahava have value packs.

There are train cases, cosmetic brushes, umbrellas, purses, an eclectic collection of sponges and body brushes. Douglas provides a 10% discount to those with a PENNCard for purchases of $25 or more and free shipping anywhere in the U.S.

The paint cant Pajama Party Kit for Six or the Goddess Gathering Kit for Four ($37.50) add up to excitement. But, should four goddess be in one room at the same time? These could be the start of a fun night. Douglas Parfumerie also has a website, for those who want to shop way past bedtime, www.douglascosmetics.com. —M.A.M.

Modern Eye

How about a gift for yourself while you’re shopping for others? They’ve put it off long enough. Glasses that actually have the right prescription is a good idea. Modern Eye has a large selection of frames including Ray Ban, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Armani, Vogue, Gucci, and Union Bay. However if you want to really treat yourself take a look at their exclusive lines like, l.a. Eyeworks, Lunor, Freudenhaus, and Lafont. —M.A.M.