Penn Bookstore

The Penn Bookstore kicks-off the holiday season with its 25th Annual Sale-A-Bration, December 14 through 16, offering storewide savings of 20%. Completing the festive mix of giftware found in the store will be the traditional appearance of elves will be served on Thursday, December 14, 5 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with a musical performance by the Arpeggio Jazz Trio. Also that day, gift-wrapping (normally $2) will be free with any Penn Bookstore purchase and shoppers will get the opportunity to 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; domestic/smaller electronics; lighting; storage; boxed cards; wrap boxes; wraps & bows; gift bags; backpacks; postcards; school spirit outerwear; and AT&T prepaid phone cards.

Let’s not forget the books, now. Truly a mega-store, the Penn Bookstore is a picture-perfect definition of one-stop-shopping. With it’s massive in-store stock and two large levels of wall-to-wall books, spanning the equivalent of one city block, the Bookstore may seem overwhelming, at first, for those of us who get shopping anxiety around the holidays. Nevertheless, the proficient signage demarcating sale items and offering gift ideas and multiple, conveniently located information desks/cash registers make the shopping quick and easy.

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 puzzles to all sorts of Madeline toys. Add the plush Madeline toy with a backpack ($34.95), Rag rats, Winnie-the-Pooh and Friends, Disney’s 101 Dalmatians, Harry Potter and Dr. Seuss paraphernalia are also well represented.

Walking 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 prepurchased 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) – can add the personal touch to the face of even 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).

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 textural and handcrafted items, 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 walkmans, CD cases and racks, and select box sets. Though the Bookstore’s CD shop sells a 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 4) 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.

Holiday Shopping On Campus 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 is complete without the traditional Sale-A-Bration at the Bookstore — this year is the 25th annual celebration. The Museum also has its own Take Five-to-Save, 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.

Penn Book Center

An old favorite among the scholarly community, the Penn Book Center, at 34th and Sansom, offers a gift shop filled with items to please any Penn student, faculty, employee or friends. At the Book Center you’ll find a wide assortment of picture frames, framed and unframed prints that feature everything from fine art to cartoons to sports to animals ($9.95-$11.95). Sale tables 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 ($125). Store hours are Mon.-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 holiday approach; orders can take anywhere from three days to a week.

House of Our Own Bookstore

For the anti-shopping shopper, weary of the overbearing commercialism of the holiday season, there’s no place like House of Our Own, a beautiful and cozy shop located at 34th and Sansom. Add a room filled with used books (treasures waiting to be found!) which are, on average, much lower in price than the huge selection of new books downstairs, House of Our Own has an entire second floor filled with used books (treasures waiting to be found!) which are, on average, much lower in price than the huge selection of new books downstairs. Never used, there’s no place like House of Our Own—less ($9.95 and up). Give Roman coins ($3.75) or one-off jewelry ($15-$20) plus jewelry ($5-$15) makes the perfect gift. The Museum Shop 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 sale includes a bright colored wooden animal sculptures from Mexico, Dragon crabs, horned bulls, 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 Batik—cats, dogs, coast, and silk scarves and ties inspired by ancient Roman coins and Batik—cats, dogs, coast, and jackets and one-of-a-kind embroidered jackets from India.

Books, holiday cards, Egyptian jewelry, board games, tee shirts, mugs, limited edition blown glass, Polonaise Christmas ornaments, distinctive mousepad wrapping paper and more will be part of the Coupon Sale. —T.B.

Pyramid Shop

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 Moke 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, kangaaroos, elephants, gorilla and more ($9.95 and up). Give Roman coins ($3.75) or great stocking stuffers—tattoos, 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 scrabs 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, 2000, 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.
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. 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 all are the accessories for your computers and lots and lots of software.
They have a website www.upenn.edu/cex. 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 gardener look for your list there is the Aptek PenCan 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 hardware 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 on inclusion Box and Chicken Run, or you can go for the classics like The Wizard of Oz. Ever wonder what movies are out on tape? Get the latest Video Movie Guide 2001 ($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. You can do anything to 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 to 12 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 hats, gloves, mittens and sweatshirts. In 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. —A.L.

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.
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 Kissing bough 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 candy gift, Kahl Candles, 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 $18 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 of Pennsylvania, the store 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 ($5) and holiday-related, from card sets, wrapping paper and decorative gift bags to tables, racks and shelves overflowing with Hanukkah, Christmas and other seasonal items. As an added bonus, Messages is having a special promotion on seasonal boxed cards: buy one, get the second for half-price.

In the center of the store, you’ll see a horse-shoe-shaped register area, which doubles as a confectionery display case; it showcases delectable holiday treats such as holiday malt balls, speckled with green and red ($4.95/lb.) and chocolate-dipped pralines with covered in toffee crumbs ($11.95/lb.). Oversized plusshtoy, mainly bears, ($30 to $75). And you can’t miss the largest collection of miniature Santa’s on campus: made of resin, they average $50 and range from $10 and up. They have free gift wrap, engrave and have gift certificates available along with friendly service. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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 tobaccocon 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, averaging $5 per pound. From Tokyo to Paris, from Germany to 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 the English chocolate “Milka”, the French “Michel Cluizel” and “Valrhona”, and the Belgian “Côte d’Or”.

Calendars and engagement books make timely and sophisticated gifts, and Avril 50 has them as well as pretty paper to wrap it all up in. Their elegant seasonal stationery ($12.95-$15.95) complete any holiday package. For those who would like to add exoticism to their gift-giving this season, Avril 50 has imported kohaks from the Middle East with its special style of tobacco in a tin.

— T.B.

Messages

Second kid on the block at Sansom Common this year is Messages. Located on Walnut Street—between Steve Madden and The Ivy Grille—Messages is open seven days-a-week (Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m.) and offers all the answers to your gift-giving wishes. This spacious store is fully stocked with just about every greeting card you can imagine, from card sets, wrapping paper and decorative gift bags to tables, racks and shelves overflowing with Hanukkah, Christmas and other seasonal items. As an added bonus, Messages is having a special promotion on seasonal boxed cards: buy one, get the second for half-price.

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— 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 sweaters big and loose 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 clingly, the selection of dresses and jackets for the holidays is great.

Of course the jewelry is the perfect accessory to the outfits. Beads in all colors, light and dark necklaces and bracelets are great fun to wear. 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 Janezee 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 Common’s 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 Common, Urban Outfitters is no indication else 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 different ideas for ensembles befiting 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 patchwork clutch made of wool 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 pants ($48), the adorable clutch, hat ($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 shipping seems to be 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 this time of the year—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 mitts and bars of glycerin soap. With special in-store only promotions, shoppers can shop and choose from the many lip shines and fragrances to create their own gift.

Gap’s website, www.gap.com, not only has outfit ideas (too numerous to count), but they have provided web surfers with their entire winter print ad campaign; so if you saw something in a magazine or on a billboard, ordering the items from that very ad is merely a click away. Though they don’t have a campus shop, GapKids and BabyGap are both online at www.gapkids.com and www.babygap.com. —T.B.

Steve and Barry’s
Steve and Barry’s not only has a complete stock of Penn clothing and paraphernalia, it also has the best deals. Or a longsleeve t-shirt and get three other items (t-shirts, boxers, or hats) free. Or get two pairs of shorts for the price of one. There are other bargains on sweatshirts and windbreakers. Not into clothing? Steve and Barry’s also carries stuffed animals wearing Penn shirts or ties, keychains, mugs and glasses, wallets, and stickers, all with Penn logos on them. —A.L.

Steve Madden
The Steve Madden store has certainly “held its own” at Sansom Common as the only shoe store on the east side of campus. Complementing its surrounding boutiques, this store is sure to provide the finishing touches to any holiday outfit or gift. There is literally something new at Steve Madden every day, as one of their staff told me, they constantly replenish their stock with the most popular sellers, or “classics” as they call them, as well as the newest in footwear fashion. The big thing this season (besides the beloved knee-high boot) seems to be a hybrid of the sneaker or running shoe and the leather dress shoe. Steve Madden has them in spades ($50 to $108). They even have a fuzzy slipper to wear any given shoe and what outfit would suit it best!

But if you’re having trouble picking out a present for your favorite shoe manic in your life, gift certificates are available in any amount. Although the store is open 7 days-a-week (Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun., noon-6 p.m.) “mystery” 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.

Grande 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, Grande 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. —T.B.

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 Danskis clogs. Saucony sneakers are perfect for those hipsters or to be worn around the house. Some items 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 Perfumerie
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 Clinque, Lancôme, Estée Lauder, Elizabeth Arden, Gucci, Shiseido, Origins, Hard Candy, Clarks, 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 can 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? You’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, I. Eyeworks, Lunor, Freudenhaus, and Lafont. —M.A.M.