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Jim Lehrer, the award-winning executive editor and anchor of The News Hour with Jim Lehrer on PBS, will deliver the Commencement address at Penn’s 246th Commencement on Monday, May 13. The procession enters Franklin Field at 9:30 a.m.; the ceremony begins at 10:15 a.m. and concludes at noon. Approximately 6,000 degrees will be conferred.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1934, Mr. Lehrer received an A.A. degree from Victoria College in Texas and a B.J. in 1956 from the University of Missouri before joining the Marine Corps. From 1959 to 1966, he was a reporter for the Dallas Morning News and then the Dallas Times-Herald. He was also a political columnist at the Times-Herald for several years and in 1968 became that paper’s city editor.

Mr. Lehrer’s newspaper career led him to public television, first in Dallas as KERA-TV’s executive director of public affairs, on-air host and editor of a nightly news program. He subsequently moved to Washington, DC, to serve as the public affairs coordinator for PBS, and was also a member of PBS’s Journalism Advisory Board and a fellow at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Mr. Lehrer went on to join the National Public Affairs Center for Television (NPACT) as a correspondent.

It was Mr. Lehrer’s work with NPACT that led to his initial association with Robert MacNeil and, ultimately, to their long-term partnership. In 1973, they teamed up to provide NPACT’s continuous live coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings. broadcast on PBS. Following that Emmy-winning collaboration, Mr. Lehrer was the solo anchor for PBS coverage of the House Judiciary Committee’s impeachment inquiry of Nixon.

In 1975, the half-hour Robert MacNeil Report, with Jim Lehrer as the Washington correspondent, premiered on channel Thirteen/WNET New York. Over the next seven years, The MacNeil/Lehrer Report (as it was then known) won more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence. In 1983, Lehrer and MacNeil launched their most ambitious undertaking, The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. The 1995-96 season marked the 20th year of their show, as well as Mr. MacNeil’s departure and Mr. Lehrer’s stewardship of the program in its new incarnation, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

Mr. Lehrer has been honored with numerous awards for journalism, including the 1999 National Humanities Medal, presented by then President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mr. Lehrer was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame with Mr. MacNeil and into The Silver Circle of the Washington, DC, Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He has won two Emmys, the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, the George Foster Peabody Broadcast Award, the William Allen White Foundation Award for Jurisdictional Merit and the University of Missouri School of Journalism’s Medal of Honor. In 1991, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In the last four presidential elections, Mr. Lehrer has served as a moderator for nine of the nationally televised debates among the candidates. He has hosted the Emmy Award-nominated “Debating Our Destiny: Forty Years of Presidential Debates,” in which he interviewed former presidential and vice-presidential candidates about their debate experiences.

Mr. Lehrer is also the author of 12 novels, two memoirs and three plays. His latest book, The Special Prisoner, was published in May 2000. A made-for-TV movie of The Last Debate aired in the fall of 2000 on the Showtime Channel. His 13th novel, No Certain Rest, will be published in 2002.

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Strategic Plan Open Forum: Rescheduled
The Open Forum on the Strategic Plan that was originally scheduled for today will be held Monday, January 28, in room 200 College Hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Provost Robert Barchi and EVP John Fry will summarize where they are in the planning process and solicit additional input from the University community.

The new Strategic Plan builds on The Agenda for Excellence (Almanac May 1, 2001) which is available online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. There are 14 strategic planning committees; they have submitted draft reports which will soon be finalized and a draft of the new document will be published in Almanac.
DEATHS

Mr. Kasbekar, Wharton Junior

Yash Kasbekar, a junior in finance information at Wharton, died on January 1, at the age of 20. Mr. Kasbekar was from Burr Ridge, Illinois. Mr. Kasbekar, who transferred from Emory University in 2000, was recently elected executive vice-president of the Inter-Fraternity Council and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was also inducted into Omega, the Greek Honor Society, last semester.

A memorial service will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Flags, Houston Hall.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vithal Kasbekar.

Sajani and Subin Shrestha, OIP and Wharton Computing

Sajani Shrestha, an administrative assistant at the Office of International Programs, died on December 21 at the age of 29.

Mrs. Shrestha began working at Penn as a volunteer at the Office of International Programs in 1996 where she helped organize the International Resource Center and helped develop the OIP website. In September of 2001 she joined the Office of International Programs as an administrative assistant. She was from Katmandu, Nepal.

Mrs. Shrestha is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshi and four siblings.

Subin Shrestha, a senior programming analyst at Wharton Computing, died on December 22 at the age of 27.

Mr. Shrestha received his B.S. and M.S. in Engineering from SEAS in 1995 and 1997 respectively. He joined Wharton Computing in 1998 as a senior programming analyst. He was also from Katmandu, Nepal. He is survived by his mother, Bina Shrestha; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Shrestha on Thursday, January 17, at 4:15 p.m. in rm. 350 Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall.

PA Tax Exemption on Computer Purchases: February 17-24

The Penn Computer Connection announces that during the week of February 17-24, 2002, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared that any individual may buy a personal computer, peripheral device or internet access device tax-free. We’re excited to be able to provide the Penn community with an opportunity to take advantage of both our normal academic discount and the tax exemption.

In order to qualify for the tax exemption, the purchase must be made during the period beginning February 17 and ending February 24. This is a short window and there are several guidelines that we must adhere to strictly, however, we will make every effort to accommodate the Penn community.

In anticipation of the exemption period, we have increased our in-stock inventory. For those orders that cannot be filled immediately, payment must still be made in full during the designated period; delivery will occur once the items become available.

For more information regarding the sales tax exemption, visit our website at www.upenn.edu/computers.

—Jeff Rulsing, General Manager, Penn Computer Connection

Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Disease

Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program 2002 Competition Call for Proposals

Penn’s Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Disease seeks applications to its Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program. Proposals should be related to the focus of the Center, which encompasses molecular studies on the biology or disease of the alimentary tract, pancreas, and liver. Relevant investigations include those in developmental biology, nutrition, regulation of gene expression, growth, differentiation, and carcinogenesis, the biology of stem cells, molecular genetics, gene therapy, and immunology, including growth factors and cytokines. Grants range from $10,000 to $15,000 for a 12-month period, and are eligible for one competitive renewal. Penn, CHOP, Wistar, and Fox Chase faculty members with U.S. citizenship or permanent visas who meet the requirements below are invited to apply.

1. New investigators who have never held extramural support (R29, RO1, PO1).
2. Investigators who wish to apply their expertise in other areas of biomedical research to a problem in digestive and liver disease.
3. Investigators in digestive and liver disease who wish to study an area that represents a significant departure from currently funded work.

Completed proposals are due Monday, March 6, 2002.

For applications and additional information, please go to the Center’s website at www.uphs.upenn.edu/molecular/ or e-mail: kaislisa@mail.med.upenn.edu.

—Lisa Kaiser, Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Disease

Study and Research in Germany

General Description of the Program: The program is intended to provide an opportunity for qualified American university graduates and post doctoral scholars in the social sciences and related disciplines (sociology, political science, economics, history) to familiarize themselves with the current state of research in their field in the Federal Republic of Germany and to conduct independent research. Applicants should have a special interest in contemporary or past German or European affairs and/or German-American relations (particularly comparative studies).

In addition, the program is designed to promote an exchange of information and opinions between Americans and Germans on social and political topics. For this reason, applicants will be expected to show an ability and willingness to engage in political dialogue.

The Friedrich-Ebert Foundation will be able to provide about 15 study and research fellowships for the academic year 2002-2003. There are three types of fellowships being offered on an open competitive basis: Pre-Dissertation/Advanced Graduate Fellowships; Doctoral Research Fellowships; and Post-Doctoral/Young Scholar Fellowships. The closing date for the submission of applications for the academic year 2002-2003 is February 28, 2002.

Further information and the application form are available on the foundation’s website at: www.fesny.org/fellowship.html.

—Joyce M. Randolph, Executive Director, Office of International Programs
Penn Presents: Rush Tickets

Starting January 21, PENN Presents Latin Jazz Series will make Rush tickets available for Brazilian singer, pianist and composer Tania Maria.

She will perform at 8 p.m. on January 26 at Zellerbach Theatre in Annenberg Center. Faculty and staff Rush tickets are $15 each, while student Rush tickets are $10.

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Thanks for Generous Holiday Donations

There are no words to adequately describe your generosity during the holiday season. Many benefited from your willingness to give. Thank you to President Rodin for hosting her Annual Holiday Party where over 300 toys and gifts were donated.

Thank you to the following departments (coordinates’ names are in parentheses) that brought joy to families during the holidays by “adopting” them:

- Business Services (Marie Witt)
- Department of Anesthesia (Nicole Parker)
- Department of Radiation Oncology Research (Edith McLaughlin)
- Facilities Planning and Operational Services (Robin Rozen)
- General Council (Helen Logan)
- Human Resources (Maria Chaney)
- Law School (Joanne Verrier)
- Perelman Quad (Kris Patterson)
- Radiation Oncology (Edith McGlaughlin)
- School of Dental Medicine (Dee Stenton-Schillig)
- School of Dental Medicine Library (Joanne Hemingway)
- Systems Department Library (Nancy Rose)
- Wharton School Dean’s Office (Jennifer O’Keefe)
- and Wharton School Marketing Department (Marcia Longworth).

Special thanks to Ms. Carol Penn from Human Resources whose sorority adopted two families and to Dr. Michael Perillo from the School of Dental Medicine for adopting a family in the memory of his cousin, Matthew.

Thank you to the entire University community for donating over 700 gifts and toys. Thank you to the Dropsite Volunteers that collected all the toys and made it possible for us to respond to request for donations from the following groups in the neighborhood: Bridges to the Community; Caring about Sharing; Grands as Parents; McMichael School; Penn’s Health Annex; People’s Emergency Shelter; and Potter’s House Mission. Thanks to Amy Forsyth for coordinating a Coat Drive and thanks to Tom Hutt for his donation to the Carroll Park Community Council Food Bank.

Thank you all for your generosity!
— Isabel M. Mapp, Associate Director, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Volunteer Services; Director, Penn Volunteers In Public Service, Center for Community Partnerships

New Art & Community Series at Esther M. Klein Art Gallery

The Esther M. Klein Art Gallery at the Science Center has launched the premier exhibition of its new “Art & Community Series.” This new series features the artwork of small, independent community centers and grass roots organizations that use art to positively effect neighborhoods and communities throughout the Philadelphia area. Not unlike some of the city’s high-profile nonprofits such as Project H.O.M.E and the Village of Arts & Humanities, these smaller organizations work with marginalized neighborhoods and populations making similar efforts to enhance the lives of their constituencies. These organizations are often neighborhood-specific and each one offers a unique and unfiltered glimpse into the life of the city.

This first Art & Community Series exhibition features the artists of Coalition Ingenu, a small, nonprofit organization that uses art to positively effect the lives of marginalized people who have histories of homelessness and mental illness. Coalition Ingenu “works with mental health centers and support systems, homeless shelters, and rehabilitation programs to promote and encourage creativity as a means to psychological and emotional well-being; and to create a complete system for the recognition of outstanding expressions of creative energy by self-taught artists marginalized by extraordinary circumstances.”

“It is important to note that while these artists all operate under extraordinary circumstances, it is not their circumstances that are the focus of the exhibition. Rather, we aim to draw attention to Coalition Ingenu and its mission to promote the exceptional and individual creative visions of the artists who have become part of the Coalition Ingenu family,” said Dan Schimmel, curator of Esther Klein Gallery.

For more about Coalition Ingenu or to view images visit: www.kleinartgallery.org/current_files/cur_coa/cur_coa.htm.

Penn’s Way 2002
Campaign: Commitment to Our Community

We would like to thank those who participated in Penn’s Way 2002. A campaign report will be published as soon as the final figures are received.

—Valarie Swain-Cade McCoilum
—Mitchell Marcus
—Penn’s Way Co-Chairs

Week 6 Raffle Winners
1. Dinner for 2 at the White Dog Cafe/ $15 gift certificate to the Black Cat—Robert Whitlock, Veterinary
2. 2 tickets to performance of Arden Theatre Company—Steffan Crowther, Development/Alumni Relations
3. 2 tickets to a performance at International House—Christopher Connors, Development/Alumni Relations
4. 4 tickets to the African American Museum—Chenequa Green, Development/Alumni Relations
5. 5 CDs from WXPN—Burton Woskoff, Transportation/Parking
6. Pair of sunglasses from Modern Eye—Peggy Butterworth, ISC
7. $25 gift certificate for Penn Bookstore—Esfandiar Haghighi, Mathematics
8. 2 $10 gift certificates for Houston Market—Paul Dziomba, Finance
9. Mini-umbrella—Donna Haynesworth, Athletics
10. 2 Penn T-shirts—Elizabeth Kemperman, Development/Alumni Relations

Grand Prize Winner
Apple iBook Laptop Computer—Ilene Rosenstein, VPU/CAPS

Emergency Closing Reminder
Penn’s Emergency Closing Policy (Policy 707) has recently been slightly revised as noted in Almanac, October 23, 2001.

The Snow Day Child Care program was published in the October 30, 2001 issue of Almanac.

Both are available in full on the web:
www.hr.upenn.edu/policy/policies/707.asp and www.upenn.edu/almanac/v44n10/bulletins.html.

Information about University closings and other modifications of work schedules is available from Penn’s special information number: (215) 898-MELT, through communications from the Division of Public Safety, and from KYW News Radio 1060 AM, where Penn’s emergency radio identification codes are “102” for day classes and “2102” for evening classes.
—Division of Human Resources

Quality of Worklife Workshops: 2002 Spring Semester

Human Resources is pleased to offer the following workshops on topics related to dependent care issues and emotional well-being. Descriptions of these QOWL workshops and the required online registration procedures are at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/workshop.asp.

These hour-long workshops (followed by an optional half-hour for discussion and role-play) are presented by experts from:

• Our LifeBalance provider of child care, school, and elder care resource and referral services for University faculty and staff (reached at 1-888-203-6847 and www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/worklife/default.asp) and
• Our Employee Assistance Program provider of one-on-one counseling services for University faculty and staff and their immediate family members (reached at 1-888-321-4433 and www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/wellness/eap.asp).

Workshops:
Beating the Winter Blues (EAP)
Thurs., January 24 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

Helping Your Child Achieve in School: Assisting with Homework (LifeBalance)
Thurs., February 7 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

Handling the Difficult and Angry Customer (EAP)
Thurs., February 21 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

Legal Issues for Older Relatives (LifeBalance)
Thurs., March 7 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Personality Styles: Identifying Yours and Working with Them (EAP)
Thurs., March 21 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

The Juggling Act: Balancing Work and Family (LifeBalance)
Thurs., April 4 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

Stress Management (EAP)
Thurs., April 18 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room 223, Houston Hall

Resolving Conflicts with Teens (LifeBalance)
Thurs., May 2 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Room G16, Irvine Auditorium

Questions?
Contact Orna Rosenthal at (215) 898-5116 or rosenthal@hr.upenn.edu. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to these sessions.

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