Establishment of Jay H. Baker
Retailing Initiative $10 Million Gift:
Cross-disciplinary Focus on Retailing

The Wharton School has announced the creation of the Jay H. Baker Retailing Initiative. Funded by a $10 million gift from Patty and Jay H. Baker, the initiative will expand the School’s curriculum and research activities in retailing and promote faculty and student interaction with industry experts from around the world.

“This is an extremely important gift for the Wharton School and for the University of Pennsylvania, where it will provide a terrific framework for our students and for our faculty to engage the retailing industry,” said President Judith Rodin. “We are so honored by Patty and Jay Baker’s long-standing support of Penn and the Wharton School, and we share their commitment to providing our students with an outstanding and broad array of learning opportunities.”

“We are grateful for the Bakers’ support,” said Wharton Dean Patrick T. Harker. “With one of the best marketing faculties in the world, as well as experts in operations management and diverse but related fields, Wharton is uniquely positioned to explore the complex issues that make retailing such a dynamic field. The entrepreneurial spirit of the School parallels that of today’s retailing industry.”

In addition to a new undergraduate and MBA secondary concentration in retailing, the Baker Retailing Initiative involves several interdisciplinary components:

- An endowed faculty chair
- New courses focusing on retailing and marketing
- A multi-year, cross-disciplinary retailing research project, directed by Dr. Stephen Hoch, John J. Pomerantz Professor of Marketing
- A lecture series to provide opportunities for leaders in retailing and related industries to share expertise and insights with students and faculty
- Endowed support for Ph.D. fellowships to encourage future business faculty to study retailing
- Internships to support undergraduate students as they gain first-hand experience in the retail industry
- An endowed fund to support the above activities on a permanent basis

“I am so excited about bringing together two areas that are deeply meaningful to me—the industry of retailing and the Wharton School,” said Jay Baker. “Our goal is to develop future leaders of the retailing industry by exposing some of the brightest and most talented students to this very vital and dynamic field.”

Mr. Baker, W ’56, is a member of the Board of Directors of Kohl’s Department Stores. He served as president of Kohl’s Department Stores from 1986-1999. Previously, he was CEO of the BATUS (British American Vital and Dynamic) and a Board member of the British American Tobacco Company.

Transforming Residential Life:
$11.5 Million Gift from Alan Hassenfeld, and Jerome and Anne Fisher

Penn’s historic Quadrangle—site of the oldest dormitories on campus—has received a joint $11.5 million commitment from Penn alumni Alan Hassenfeld, C’67, and Jerome Fisher, W ’53, and Mr. Fisher’s wife, Anne. In recognition of their gifts, the University will rename Woodland College House as Fisher Hassenfeld College House and name an entrance to the Quad, the Fisher Hassenfeld Gate at Memorial Tower.

According to President Judith Rodin, the Fisher-Hassenfeld commitment is the lead gift in the transformation of the Quadrangle into three distinct College Houses that provide an exceptionally warm and inviting residential experience for undergraduates. “Alan Hassenfeld and Jerome and Anne Fisher have made a magnificent investment in undergraduate life at Penn. Generations of students will share our gratitude for their generosity.”

Through the four-year Quad Renewal Project, which was completed in September 2002, buildings originally constructed from 1895 to 1935 have been reconfigured to create spaces supporting College House life. There are new lobbies, computer labs, fitness rooms, music practice rooms, lounges with kitchens, libraries, and seminar rooms.

The architectural features of the historically landmarked buildings in the Quad have been restored and the systems updated, including the installation of air conditioning. In addition, the landscape has been enhanced to provide welcoming outdoor spaces for each College House and for all Quad residents.

According to Jerome Fisher, the quality of life engendered by these changes inspired his gift. In the new common areas in the buildings, students and faculty see more of each other outside the classroom and have “close bonding experiences” that will lead to lifelong friendships, he said.

Fisher Hassenfeld College House is the oldest part of the Quad and has undergone the most dramatic changes. It had only one public space before renovation; now it has extensive common spaces—a hallmark of the College House system. Located at the westernmost part of the Quad, it is noted for its triple arches, which have become part of the House’s student-designed coat of arms.

Fisher Hassenfeld Memorial Tower Gate is an icon of the University’s architectural heritage; its silhouette is one of the most familiar Penn forms.
At University Council’s December 4 meeting, the quorum necessary for a vote was present, and the proposed Bylaws changes were unanimously approved before the Open Forum.

GAPSA’s status report noted that a GAPSA/UA/GSAC Joint Taskforce on Graduate Student Teaching will be making a preliminary report to those three organizations in January, with a final report later in the spring. GAPSA is working with GSAC to disseminate information about the NLRB’s decision and has created a webpage accessible through www.gapsa.upenn.edu. The Graduate Student Center third floor renovation is expected to be completed by Spring Break.

President Rodin also reported that the University’s response (Almanac November 19) to the Gender Equity Report “underscores the University’s commitment to promoting gender equity and to improving Penn’s comparative position on this issue relative to peer institutions.” Her report also reiterated her opposition to divestment. “Penn will not support divestment from Israel, boycotts of Israeli scholars and scientists, or any effort to stifle the free expression of diverse ideas and opinions about the Middle East conflict by our faculty and students.”

She also pointed out that Penn continues to have an early decision process. Only 3,401 applicants reflects an increase of 13% over last year. The first of the three topics presented by students during the annual Open Forum portion of the meeting was Early Decision. Lincoln Ellis, C ’04, contended that the early decision process benefits wealthier students who do not have to compare financial aid packages of different institutions. He expressed concerns about diversity and how the Early Decision process impacts minority students.

President Rodin responded to the request for statistics by explaining that the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid gets data about the applicants, and that for the last two years, the Early Decision pool has actually been “significantly stronger than the regular pool.” She also said that Penn’s financial aid offer is the same regardless of when the student applies.

New business. There was no new business.
Council’s Open Forum (continued from page 2)

get involved with citizens’ complaints against the Penn Police. Shaun Gonzales of UMC, said that the UMC member on the Public Safety Advisory Board resigned this semester to avoid giving the impression that the Board was sufficient.

Chief of Police Tom Rambo said that the complaint process has been revised and that the appeal process allows a complainant to go to the Vice President of Public Safety or to the Public Safety Advisory Board, chaired by Dr. Dennis Culhane, of social work. Complaint forms are now available not only at the UPUPD headquarters, but at the many resource centers throughout campus.

Deaths

Lois Porten, Rehab Medicine

Lois Porten, an administrative/research assistant in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, died on December 7 at HUP from severe cardiovascular complications at the age of 61.

Mrs. Porten was part of the University community for 38 years. She initially began her affiliation with Penn at the Moore School of Engineering in 1959, working on ENIAC. She left in 1964 and returned in 1973 serving in administrative roles in the Registrar’s Office, Department of Physiotherapy, and Vice Dean’s Office in the School of Medicine until 1993.

In 1993, she became an administrative assistant in what is now Rehabilitation Medicine. The position involved not only administrative tasks, but also patient education about the risk of healthcare acquired infections and hand hygiene. “She excelled in this role because of her friendly, warm personality,” said Dr. Salcido, department chairman who noted, “I was struck with the enthusiasm in her voice. She made the world a better place.”

Mrs. Porten is survived by her husband, David and her son, Jeffrey, C’89. Memorial donations may be made to UPHS, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, 3400 Spruce Street, 5 West Gates, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

New Home in New Year for OIP

On January 15, 2003, Penn’s Office of International Programs will be relocating to the following address:

Office of International Programs
University of Pennsylvania
3701 Chestnut Street, Suite 1W
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3199

Please note this change of address in your directory.

The office phone numbers and fax numbers will remain the same:

International Student & Scholar Services 215-898-4661
Penn Abroad 215-898-9073
OIP Administration 215-898-4661
Fax number 215-898-2622

To enable staff to get settled and organized, the Office of International Programs will be closed for three days, Wednesday, January 15 through Friday, January 17, 2003. Since Monday, January 20, is a holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., please note that the Office of International Programs will reopen in its new location on Tuesday, January 21, 2003. Thank you in advance for your patience during this period. Our goal is to make sure that we are ready to serve the University community from our newly renovated and more spacious suite of offices. Please pass this information along to students and other colleagues.

— Joyce M. Randolph, Executive Director, Office of International Programs

Dr. Eugene Wolf, Music

Dr. Eugene K. Wolf, professor emeritus of music, died on December 12 at the age of 63.

Dr. Wolf received his bachelor’s degree in music theory from Roch-ester’s Eastman School of Music in 1961, and earned M.A. and Ph.D. in musicology from New York University in 1964 and 1972 respectively. He joined the Penn faculty in 1973 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor of music in 1975 and became full professor in 1985. He served as director of graduate studies and chair of the music department. He became emeritus professor in 1998.

Dr. Wolf was recently elected the first honorary member of the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music (Almanac November 19). He was an internationally renowned expert on the style and history of 18th-century chamber music. Other awards he received include the Alfred Einstein Prize of the American Musicological Society, the Richard S. Hill Award of the Music Library Association (with his wife, Jean K. Wolf), a Guggenheim fellowship, a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies, and a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship. Dr. Wolf wrote numerous articles and essays, as well as his 1981 book *The Symphonies of Johann Stamitz: A Study in the Formation of the Classical Style and The Symphony at Mannheim: Johann Stamitz, Christian Cannabich*, written in 1984, with his wife. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Maria; and son, John.

There will be a memorial service for Dr. Wolf at 1 p.m. today, at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, in Bryn Mawr.

Donations may be made to the planned Eugene K. Wolf Travel Fund for Graduate Research in Europe, c/o the American Musicological Society, 201 S. 34th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Almanac Schedule

This is the last issue of *Almanac* for the semester; *Almanac* will resume weekly issues as of Tuesday, January 14, 2003. The deadline for that issue will be Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

Breaking news will be posted to “Almanac Between Issues” as necessary and the Express Almanac will be e-mailed to those who have subscribed.

— Ed.

Academic Calendar Changes

Starting in AY 2003-2004, the University will have a two-day Fall Break. Also, beginning in Fall 2003, classes will start on the Wednesday after Labor Day. See the recently revised and updated Three-Year Academic Calendar on page 8 and on *Almanac*’s homepage.

Speaking Out

Disappointed by Selection

I am very disappointed to read that Archbishop Desmond Tutu was selected as the commencement speaker in 2003 (*Almanac* November 5). If memory does not fail me, he had expressed anti-Israeli sentiment and I would be grateful for evaluation of this fact.

— Malcolm R. Freedman, C ’59, D ’64, GM ’67

Response

Archbishop Desmond Tutu was selected to receive an honorary degree at Penn and to speak at Commencement in recognition of his profound contributions to human rights and of his visionary leadership in healing a society wracked by injustice and violence. The honor Penn will bestow upon Archbishop Tutu does not imply an endorsement of every one of his public statements, only of his undeniable and fundamental role in ending apartheid in South Africa and overseeing the work of that country’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Given the great diversity of the Penn community, it is unlikely that each member will approve of all recipients of the University’s honorary degrees. The criterion for selecting the awardees ensures, however, that they are all most worthy of the honor.

— Leslie Laird Kralhy, Secretary

Trustees’ Council of Penn Women: 2003-2004 Grant Program

The Trustees’ Council of Penn Women (TCPW) invites members of the University community to apply to its 2003-2004 Grant Program. Grants ranging from $1,000—$5,000 will be made to individuals or organizations selected by TCPW’s Grant Committee.

The TCPW Grant Program is available to an individual who, or organization that, promotes the following:

- women’s issues
- the quality of undergraduate and graduate life for women
- the institutional advancement of women
- the physical, emotional and psychological well-being of women

The TCPW Grant Committee is inclined to give favorable consideration to projects that:

- affect a broad segment of the University population
- move the University community to a higher awareness of women’s issues
- provide seed money for pilot programs that show potential for becoming ongoing self-supporting programs

For an application, please stop by the reception area of Sweeten Alumni House, 3533 Locust Walk, or contact Carol Tunstall at tunstac@wharton.upenn.edu to request a grant application by e-mail. Applications must be submitted no later than February 14, 2003. Awards will be announced during the last quarter of 2003 and funds will be distributed thereafter for projects in the 2003-2004 academic year.

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JANUARY AT PENN

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Cancer Center Grants: January 15 Deadline

The Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania announces the availability of three types of seed money grants for faculty to conduct cancer-related research projects:

**American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants for Junior Faculty**

Through its American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG), the Abramson Cancer Center will provide partial support to full-time University junior faculty for cancer-related research. The stated purpose of the ACS IRG is to provide seed money to junior faculty members (e.g., Assistant Professor) to initiate promising new research projects so they can obtain preliminary results that will enable them to compete successfully for national peer-reviewed research grants. Hence, investigators who have a peer-reviewed national research grant or have previously received support from the Cancer Center ACS IRG are not eligible. Seed money grants from $5,000 to $20,000 will be awarded for the exploration of new treatments in basic, clinical and control research. Behavioral sciences or health services research related to cancer are eligible for these awards. Covered costs include laboratory personnel costs (non-faculty), data manager or research nursing support, laboratory supplies, animals, and small equipment; no travel or patient costs are allowed. The award period for the ACS IRG will be one year: from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

**Cancer Center Pilot Project Grants**

The Abramson Cancer Center will provide seed money grants up to $25,000 to Penn faculty members at any level for innovative cancer research projects that have the potential for national peer-reviewed grant funding. Investigators who have already received peer-reviewed funding for their proposed projects will not be eligible for this award. Investigators who have not previously conducted cancer research, but are proposing a cancer-related project are encouraged to apply. Covered costs include faculty salaries, laboratory personnel costs, data management or research nursing support, laboratory supplies, animals, and small equipment; no travel or patient costs are allowed. The award period for the Pilot Projects grant will be from March 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003.

**Cancer Center Collaborative Pilot Project Grants (New Program)**

The Abramson Cancer Center will provide Collaborative Pilot Project Grants up to $75,000 for Penn faculty members to conduct cancer-related research projects. Proposals must be submitted by two or more Penn faculty members. All full-time University faculty are eligible to apply. The Cancer Center Collaborative Pilot Projects Program funds innovative, collaborative cancer research projects that have the potential for future peer review funding. The proposed area of research cannot be funded through an existing or prior research grant. Among the factors of high value to the scientific reviewers will be: translational research impact, new collaborations (researchers have not previously worked together), researchers representing more than one discipline or department, novelty of the research concept, and translational research impact, new collaborations (researchers have not previously worked together), researchers representing more than one discipline or department, novelty of the research concept, and research addressing a high priority area. The award period will be one year from the date of the award notice from the Cancer Center (estimated start date of April, 2003).

*For More Information or an Application: University faculty from all Schools and Departments are invited to obtain application forms and instructions from Cancer Center Administration, 1635 Penn Tower, (215) 614-1994. The deadline for all three grants is January 15, 2003.*

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**Penn’s Way 2003**

For information about Penn’s Way 2003, e-mail pennsway@pobox.upenn.edu or visit their web site at www.upenn.edu/pennsway.

To be eligible for Week 6 prizes, pledge envelopes must be in by noon on December 20. Winners will be contacted on January 3, 2003.

**Week 6 Raffle Prizes**

- $100 gift certificate from the Penn Bookstore
- Two tickets to the Pennsylvania Ballet
- Free month’s parking from Parking Services
- Framed University photo from Publications
- Set of ten CDs from WXPN
- Epson C-62 printer from Computer Connection

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- $50 Gift Certificate for Pod
- Four vouchers for one-hour court time at Levy Tennis Pavilion
- Five $10 gift certificates for Houston Market
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**Summary Annual Report**

**Health Benefits Program for Eligible Employees**

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**Insurance Information**

The plan has contracts with Aetna/USHealthcare, Inc. and subsidiaries, UPHS Point of Service, Independence Blue Cross, Pennsylvania Blue Shield and Keystone Health Plan East to pay medical claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2001 were $50,548,722.

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**Your Rights To Additional Information**

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. Insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers, is included in that report.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the Office of the Plan Administrator, c/o Joanne M. Blythe, Retirement Manager, University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 527A, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, (215) 898-9947. The charge to cover expenses for mail or delivery is $10. For more information, contact ADP FSA Services, P.O. Box 1853, Alpharetta, GA 30023-1853; Fax: 678-762-1879. To submit a claim for reimbursement for expenses incurred on or after July 1, 2002, the University contracted with Aetna/USHealthcare, Inc. and subsidiaries, to pay medical claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2001 were $50,548,722.

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You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report.

You also have the legally protected right under ERISA to examine the annual reports in the offices of the Employer at the address for the Plan Administrator, above, and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-5638, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

—Division of Human Resources
A Peek at Penn’s Past
(called from old issues of Almanac)

This Month in Penn’s History

10 Years Ago
• 12/1/92—Report by the VPU on Residential Planning for the 21st century at the University concluded that an “increase in the concentration of upperclassmen can improve the intellectual environment of the University, reinforce a stronger sense of community...and improve the quality of student life.”
• 12/15/92—Employees taking graduate courses were subject to federal income tax and FICA tax since President Bush vetoed the Revenue Act of 1992 which contained an extension of the exclusion of employer-provided educational assistance from gross income.

20 Years Ago
• 12/7/82—An advisory committee to President Sheldon Hackney proposed that the scientific and humanistic strengths of the University should be mobilized to reduce and eliminate the threat of nuclear war and provided a forum.
• 12/14/82—Senate Chair Murray Gerstenhaber’s column focused on what he described as a misunderstanding of tenure, by academic administrators “as granting primarily security for the individual, while in truth it is the main form of protection for universities as institutions.”

30 Years Ago
• 12/5/72—President Martin Meyerson announced the adoption of the Personnel Benefits Committee’s recommendation to extend tuition remission benefit to A-3 and A-4 employees.
• 12/12/72—Proposed procedures to resolve grievances of nonacademic personnel in cases alleging violation of equal opportunity principles or policies was presented. For Comment.

40 Years Ago
• 12/6/62—President Gaylord Harnew stressed the “primacy of the intellectual environment” in the Integrated Development Plan, which mapped the course for Penn’s educational and physical development between then and 1970.

Update

DECEMBER AT PENN

READING/SIGNING
19 Inga Saffron; Caviar: The Strange History and Uncertain Future of the World’s Most Coveted Delicacy; 12:30 p.m.; Penn Bookstore.

TALKS
18 Hybridoma Evolution using Morphogenics Technology; Luigi Gross, Morphotek, Inc.; 4 p.m.; Grossman Auditorium, Wistar Institute (Wistar).
19 Acute Stress Symptoms and PTSD in Violently Injured Youth; Joel Fein, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine; Nancy Kassam-Adams, CHOP; 9:30 a.m.; first floor, 3440 Market St. (Firearm Injury Center at Penn).

Deadlines: The deadline for the February AT PENN calendar is January 14. For submission information, see www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead.html.

Winter Break Safety: Special Checks of Residences
In order to reduce the opportunity for crime (i.e., residential mischief, burglaries, etc.), the Division of Public Safety is again offering to conduct Special Checks of Residential Properties during the following timeframe: midnight, Friday, December 20 through 7 a.m., Monday, January 13. Students, faculty and staff who live within the following geographical boundaries: Schuylkill River to 33rd Street and Baltimore Avenue to Market Street—may participate.
You need to complete and return an application prior to vacating the premise. Applications may be picked up at the Penn Police Headquarters, 4040 Chestnut Street or on the web.

The Public Safety website has an online Request For Special Property Check Form at www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/lpsform0030.asp, along with complete instructions and security tips.

—Division of Public Safety

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 December 2-8, 2002. Also reported were 10 Crimes Against Property (including 7 thefts: cell phone theft, 1 act of vandalism, and 1 burglary). Full reports are on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/94/10/16/crimes.html). Prior weeks’ reports are also online.—Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made to the University Police Department between the dates of December 2-8, 2002. The University Police actively patrol 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) 898-4488.

10th District Crime Report
10 incidents and 3 arrests (including 6 robberies and 4 aggravated assaults) were reported between December 2-8, 2002 by the 10th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th St. & Market St. to Woodland Ave.

Thursday, December 5
12:02/02
4:53 PM
3400 Walnut St
Complainant assaulted by unknown male
12:02/02
5:21 PM
3400 Walnut St
Complainant assaulted by male/Arrest
12:02/02
1:40 AM
4000 Chestnut St
Male acting disorderly/Arrest
12:06/02
2:15 AM
4000 Locust St
Male driving intoxicated/Arrest
12:06/02
11:01 AM
3900 Spruce St
Male acting disorderly/Arrest
12:06/02
11:41 AM
3400 Chestnut St
Complainant Assault
12:07/02
4:32 AM
3908 Spruce St
Complainant assaulted by unknown males

Friday, December 6
12:02/02
4:53 PM
3400 Walnut St
Aggravated Assault
Robbery
12:03/02
5:55 PM
4900 Market
Robbery
12:05/02
6:40 PM
4427 Walnut
Robbery
12:06/02
2:40 AM
3900 Woodland
Aggravated Assault/Arrest
12:06/02
2:40 AM
3900 Woodland
Aggravated Assault/Arrest
12:06/02
11:39 AM
3401 Chestnut
Robbery
12:06/02
9:57 AM
900 45 St
Robbery/Arrest
12:07/02
4:00 AM
3908 Spruce
Robbery
12:07/02
4:30 PM
4000 Market
Robbery
12:08/02
8:55 AM
4600 Market
Robbery

The University of Pennsylvania’s history and future are shaped by its diverse community of students, faculty, and staff. This issue highlights recent events and achievements at the University, including academic programs, research projects, and community initiatives. The University of Pennsylvania Police Department’s Community Crime Report provides updates on crime incidents on campus, while the classifieds section offers opportunities for students and staff to connect and engage with the wider Penn community. The special checks of residences initiative aims to reduce opportunities for crime and promote safety awareness among residents. Overall, the issue captures the dynamic and vibrant life at the University of Pennsylvania, reflecting its commitment to excellence and inclusivity.
# University of Pennsylvania
## Three-Year Academic Calendar, 2002-2003 through 2004-2005

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