Dr. Les Hudson, has been appointed to the recently created post of Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives, effective June 15, Provost Robert Barchi announced last week. Dr. Hudson joins the University from Pharmacia Corporation, where he has most recently served as group vice president and general manager, Worldwide Ophthalmology Franchise, responsible for their over $1 billion ophthalmology business. He also brings academic experience to the post, having served as First Professor of Immunology and Department Chair at St. George’s Hospital Medical School in London, England, 1979-1988 and as a Visiting Scientist at Harvard’s Medical School, 1994-1995.

As the Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives, Dr. Hudson will assume responsibility for the development and implementation of Penn’s strategy for technology transfer and entrepreneurial initiatives as well as the University’s Corporate Relations Strategy. He will integrate Penn’s involvement in regional economic development initiatives; develop a cohesive approach to commercialization and long-term multi-dimensional corporate relations; and oversee the Center for Technology Transfer and the new Office of Corporate and Industrial Relations.

“President Rodin and I are delighted that Les will be joining us in this critical position,” said Dr. Barchi. “He has an excellent track record of picking top notch people, identifying innovative research in emerging technologies, and identifying and developing successful new products. Les is the ideal candidate to help Penn develop an overall strategy in these critical areas, align our efforts with those of our faculty, making the best use of the intellectual property our faculty create, and spurring additional economic development in the region.”

Dr. Hudson has successfully led new and turn-around discovery and development R&D organizations for two major pharmaceutical companies, Pharmacia and Glaxo Wellcome (1988-1994) as well as the Massachusetts-based biotech company, Repligen Corporation (1994-1995). While at Repligen, Dr. Hudson also served as Visiting Scientist in the department of cell biology at Harvard Medical School.

“I’m very excited to be joining the University that’s on the move,” said Dr. Hudson. “Being a part of Penn’s senior management team just now is thrilling. I look forward to applying my professional experience to the Vice Provost position and to help Penn build on its innumerable strengths, both commercially and intellectually.”

Dr. Hudson’s professional achievements include the R&D and commercial development of products such as Ultiva, an ultra short-acting opdoid for ambulatory care surgery launched in 1996; Xalatan, used for the treatment of glaucoma and high intra-ocular pressure (1996); and Tecnis intra-ocular lens, a new generation of foldable intra-ocular lens based on wavefront technology, launched in 2002. He has a long track record of successful strategic and operational management of R&D portfolios for both Pharmacia and Glaxo. Dr. Hudson built a new project portfolio for cancer, inflammation and metabolic diseases for Glaxo and built a diabetes and obesity portfolio at Pharmacia Sweden. In five alliance companies, Dr. Hudson has produced a thirty percent return on equity investment.

Dr. Hudson is also known for forming innovative and strategic partnerships. At both Pharmacia and Glaxo he led a team of senior managers who upgraded in-house scientific expertise, and accessed novel technologies and innovative drug candidates through combinatorial chemistry, high throughput screening and molecular-based target discovery.

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**Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives: Les Hudson**

**Annenberg School Dean: Michael X. Delli Carpini**

Dr. Michael X. Delli Carpini, a scholar in American politics, public opinion research and mass media, has been named the Walter H. Annenberg Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication. President Judith Rodin announced Friday.

Dr. Delli Carpini currently serves as director of the public policy program of the Pew Charitable Trusts.

“I am delighted to announce Michael’s appointment as dean of Penn’s Annenberg School. His impressive record of accomplishments in both the academic and public-policy arenas will serve the School well as we build it into an even stronger institution,” Dr. Rodin said. “Having him on our team at Penn is all the more satisfying because it is a return ‘home’ for Michael, who is a Penn alum.”

In Dr. Delli Carpini’s leadership role at the Pew Charitable Trusts, he worked to advance and to sustain improvements in American democratic life by implementing and overseeing initiatives that enhance participation in civic life, renewing the quality and meaning of campaigns and elections and improving government. His impact on the American democratic process is complemented by his academic successes. Before arriving at Pew in 1999, Dr. Delli Carpini joined the political science faculty at Barnard College in 1987 and was named department chair in 1995. He also spent six years, beginning in 1996, as a member of the Graduate Faculty of Columbia University. From 1980-87, he served as assistant professor of political science at Rutgers University.

Dr. Delli Carpini has authored four books, most recently What Americans Know About Politics and Why It Matters. He has also published dozens of journal articles, essays and panel papers on a variety of political and public-policy topics.

He earned both a B.A. in English literature and an M.A. in political science from Penn in 1975. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1980.

“Penn is fortunate to have someone of Michael’s academic caliber join us to lead the Annenberg School,” said Provost Robert Barchi. “He will bring to this job a depth of knowledge and expertise that will further enhance the School’s already stellar international reputation.” Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson has guided the School for 14 years; during her tenure as dean, the School received $350 million in endowments from Ambassadors Walter and Leonore Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation.
OIP and SEVIS

Joyce Randolph, executive director of the Office of International Programs (OIP), discussed challenges of complying with The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), an internet-based computerized system to facilitate the transmission of data between schools and the government, and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), a U.S. federal government program designed to facilitate and monitor the activities of foreign students and exchange visitors. SEVP and SEVIS were mandated by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), and implementation had been set for January 30, 2003.

Under SEVIS, Penn is required to compile and maintain report information about international students and exchange visitors, and to report such information periodically to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly INS) and to the Department of State (DOS). Ms. Randolph said that OIP has been busy recently updating technological and informational resources in preparation for compliance with the requirements of SEVIS. See the OIP web site www.upenn.edu/oip for information.

At Penn there are about 5,800 individuals for whom SEVIS documents will be required; thus far nearly 1,000 have been issued by OIP with more than 5,000 still to be done by August 1, 2003, when data on all currently enrolled students and affiliated scholars, and their accompanying dependents, must be entered into SEVIS. New documents will be issued.

Colleges and universities must be approved by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and the DOS and have been using SEVIS this semester for all new students and scholars and for certain changes in status of current students and scholars.

Wendy White, vice president and general counsel for Penn, and general counsel for UPHS, said that the impact of The USA PATRIOT Act requires the FBI to have a subpoena or a court order if they want information. She told Council members that if any member of the Penn community is in doubt about whether or not it is appropriate to divulge information, call the Office of the General Counsel, (215) 746-5200. She said that she felt it important to notify the Penn community not to be intimidated.

President Rodin mentioned that there are multiple ways that Penn can and will be involved in the Unational Mission. She cited the speech she gave at Commencement last May (www.upenn.edu/president/rodin/commence02.html).

GAPSA presented a Resolution “related to the USA PATRIOT Act and other recent legislation and regulations’ impact on international students and scholars” which GAPSA adopted was essentially the same resolution previously approved by SEC. All Council members present voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

University Council supports the administration of the University in its efforts to join the administrations of other colleges and universities throughout the United States in order to urge the executive and legislative leaders of the government of the United States to work together to monitor present and future governmental actions in order to ensure that freedom of speech is fully protected and educational institutions of colleges and universities are not jeopardized. Areas of concern include restrictions on who may do research using certain biological materials, restrictions on the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, the right to request searches, limitations on visas for foreign students and scholars, increased monitoring of public and private communications, and the proposal to broaden current security classifications to include areas of sensitive information. University Council should remain involved with this matter.

Correction:
On the front page of last week’s issue, amidst the ten newest recipients of the 2003 Lindback Awards and Provost’s Awards, a photograph of the late Dr. Alvin H. Johnson, associate emeritus professor of music, (Almanac March 28, 2000) inadvertently appeared where there should have been a photograph of Dr. Alan T. Charlie Johnson, associate professor of physics and astronomy. The Lindback winner’s photo appears here. Almanac regrets the error.

Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives

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Dr. Hudson has also built and led successful teams in both the corporate sector and in academia. In the early 1990s, he built the first Discovery organization for Glaxo in the U.S. As the vice president for research, he appointed the key leadership team which built an organization of 400 scientists in just four years. At Pharmacia, he appointed a new international leadership team and built new metabolic diseases discovery capability from a series of small, diverse business units. As chairman of immunology at St. George’s Hospital Medical School, he appointed 14 academic staff and built a research and teaching department which integrated cell and molecular biology.

Dr. Hudson graduated in 1968 from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London, with a B.S. in zoology. He received his Ph.D from the Faculty of Medicine at the department of immunology, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, University of London in 1975.

He has published over 80 original papers, books and review articles in immunology, cancer, cell biology and e-business. He is also a frequent contributor to the plenary sessions of national and international meetings.

PPSA Nominations: May 15

The Penn Professional Staff Assembly (PPSA), an organization of administrative and technical staff who serve the teaching, research and business missions of the University, has the following positions on its Executive Board available for the coming year: Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair Elect, and three positions for Members-at-Large.

All monthly-paid staff are asked to self-nominate or submit names for consideration to ppsa@pobox.upenn.edu no later than Thursday, May 15, 2003.

The home department and campus extension of the nominee should be included. A supporting statement can be included, if desired. The nominating committee will review the names and contact the nominees. A list of candidates will be prepared and distributed to the PPSA membership prior to the election which will occur during the annual meeting on May 29, 2003.

Questions on the nominating and election process? Contact ppsa@pobox.upenn.edu.

— Anna Loh, Vice Chair, Penn Professional Staff Assembly
Dr. Diebold: Guggenheim Fellow

Dr. Francis X. Diebold, the W.P. Carey Term Professor in Economics in SAS, and a professor of finance and statistics in the Wharton School, has received a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation for a study of financial asset returns and underlying economic fundamentals. The Guggenheim Fellowships are awarded annually for distinguished scholarly achievement and exceptional promise for future accomplishment in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts.

Dr. Judd: New Directions Fellowship

Dr. Cristle Collins Judd, associate professor of music, has received a New Directions Fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The New Directions Fellowships Program was inaugurated to encourage and strengthen scholarship that crosses disciplinary boundaries in the humanities. Toward this goal, it provides opportunities for award winners to pursue additional substantive and systematic training outside their specialties. Dr. Judd’s award is for work on Medieval Arabic writings about music as part of a forthcoming book entitled The Diffusion of Musical Knowledge: Studies in the History of Music Theory.

Dr. Matter: Medieval Fellow

Dr. E. Ann Matter, R. Jean Brownlee Term Professor of Religious Studies, and department chair, has been named a fellow of the Medieval Academy of America. Dr. Matter is a scholar of Medieval Arabic writings about music as part of a forthcoming book entitled The Diffusion of Musical Knowledge: Studies in the History of Music Theory.

Dr. Wilf: Euler Medal

Dr. Herbert Wilf, professor of mathematics, has been awarded the 2002 Euler Medal from The Institute of Combinatorics and Its Applications (ICA). Dr. Wilf has received the award for distinguished contributions over a lifetime of combinatorial research by a member of the ICA who is still active.

Dr. Hirschmann: Chemists Gold Medal

Dr. Ralph F. Hirschmann, Makineni Professor of Bioorganic Chemistry, has been awarded the AIC Gold Medal by the American Institute of Chemists and the Chemical Heritage Foundation. Dr. Hirschmann was cited being “head of the effort that developed effective drugs to treat hypertension, congestive heart failure, severe infection, river blindness in developing countries, and many other illnesses. His remarkable accomplishments as a researcher include the synthesis of the enzyme fibronectin in solution, the first example of protein synthesis.” The AIC Gold Medal recognizes service to the science of chemistry and to the profession of chemists or chemical engineers in the U.S.

Dr. Culhane: Macy Award

Dr. Dennis Culhane, professor of social welfare policy, has received the John W. Macy Award from the National Alliance to End Homelessness for his individual leadership. Dr. Culhane won the award for his research on the causes of homelessness and for his advocacy of possible solutions. “Dennis is a leading authority in the battle to end homelessness. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber on our faculty, and we are thrilled that his groundbreaking work has been recognized by a premier national organization,” said Dean of Social Work Richard Gelles. The National Alliance to End Homelessness is committed to the ideal that no American should have to be homeless.

Dr. Naylor: Fagin Researcher Award

Dr. Mary D. Naylor, the Marion S. Ware Professor in Gerontology, has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Claire M. Fagin Distinguished Researcher Award. As a leading researcher in gerontological nursing, Dr. Naylor’s works in the areas of quality of care and quality of life for vulnerable older adults and their caregivers has led to the development of a profile of elders at risk, demonstrated the effectiveness of transitional care for elders, and led to enhanced decision making regarding home care referrals. Dr. Naylor will present the Claire M. Fagin inaugural lecture on May 16 (See Alumni Weekend).

Dr. Scott: 2004 Stoll-Stunkard Honor

Dr. Phillip Scott, professor of immunology, and chair of the department of pathology, has been awarded the 2004 Stoll-Stunkard Memorial Lectureship by the American Society of Parasitologists. The honor is given to someone whose prominence in basic research is evident, and who is not necessarily a parasitologist, but who one whose research might enhance investigations on parasites, hence fostering cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches. Dr. Scott is recognized for his studies on the immune response to the protozoan parasite, Leishmania. He demonstrated that distinct T cell subsets are associated with resistance and susceptibility to these parasites.

Dr. Leyden: Investigative Dermatology

Dr. James J. Leyden, professor emeritus of dermatology, has been named an honorary member of the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID). Dr. Leyden has served as director of the American Academy of Dermatology and chairman of the board of the Dermatology Foundation. Dr. Leyden’s research interests have included mechanisms of inflammation in acne, bacterial taxonomy and bacterial production of body odors. SID has more that 2000 members worldwide. The Society publishes the Journal of Investigative Dermatology and is dedicated to the advancement of skin research through information exchange, education, advocacy and technology transfer.

Dr. Kadison: Academies of Sciences

Dr. Richard V. Kadison, Kuenmerle Professor of Mathematics, has been named chair of Mathematics at the National Academies of Sciences. Dr. Kadison who has been at Penn since 1964, is a foreign member of the Danish Royal, and the Norwegian Academies of Science and Letters and the recipient of numerous awards including Guggenheim and Sloan Fellowships and a Fulbright research Fellowship. In 1999 he received the Steele Prize for Lifetime Achievement.

Ebert Memorial Lecture: Dr. Rodin

President Judith Rodin was named the Ebert Lecturer and presented the fourth Robert H. Ebert Memorial Lecture on Academic Medicine and the Public Interest at the Council of Deans Spring Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) earlier this month in Napa, California. Her topic was A Revisionist View of the Integrated Academic Health Center. The Milbank Memorial Fund and the AAMC established the biennial Robert H. Ebert Lecture on Academic Medicine and the Public Interest after Dr. Ebert’s death in 1996 as a memorial to “an exemplary physician, scientist, dean, and foundation executive.” Ebert Lecturers are “persons whose careers and character demonstrate broad and effective concern for medicine and the health of the public.”

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 10th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Community Partnerships on April 7. The eight honorees were cited for being “visionaries, architects, and stewards of service learning.” Joining President Judith Rodin (center) and Ira Harkavy, associate vice president and director of the Center for Community Partnerships (far right) are Awardees (left to right): Martin Meyerson, President Emeritus; Liz Hollander, executive director of Campus Compact; Jettie Newkirk, chair, CCP Community Advisory Board; Harris Wofford, former U.S. Senator and Corporation for National and Community Service; Marie Bogle, WEPIC consultant and member of the National Advisory Board of the WEPIC Replication Project; Sheldon Hackney, professor of history and former Penn president; Richard M. Horowitz, of R.A.F. Industries, Inc, and chairman of the Advisory Board CCP. Not shown: Thomas Ehrlich, senior scholar, The Carnegie Foundation and former Penn provost.
Three Goldwater Scholars

Three Penn undergraduates have been named Goldwater Scholars. They are: Jonathan Bronson C'06; Annemarie Fernandes, C'06 and Ramez Haddadin, SEAS'05. The Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established in 1986 by Congress to honor former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater.

Caterino Scholar: Ms. Tabolt

Ms. Nicole Tabolt, C'06, has been selected as the winner of the first doctoral W. Caterino Endowed Scholarship of Young Writers by Kelly Writers House. “Nicole is a poet of real emerging talent. At Penn she has become involved with programs of about 30 such centers nationwide. I have taken (and excelled in) the introductory creative writing workshop and intends to concentrate in Creative Writing,” said Dr. Al Filreis, Kelly Professor of English and director of the Center for Program in Contemporary Writing. Ms. Tabolt will receive the award for the next three years. The Caterino Scholarship Fund was created through the Department of English and director of the Center for Program in Contemporary Writing. Ms. Tabolt will receive the award for the next three years. The Caterino Scholarship was established by Elissa Shaw Caterino (C'83) in memory of Douglas W. Caterino (W'83).

Honor Dental Society

The Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) Honor Dental Society recently inducted 16 new members: Blendi Babameto, Michele Backhaus, Meenakshi Balakrishnan, Daniel Chen, Evan Cheugerman, David Galler, Iris Hirschfeld, Harris Lakistis, Timothy Leung, Rene Lukosiewicz, Frank Meng, Sujatha Nadimpalli, Christoph Overcash, Cyra Ramsey, Mairelys Rodrigues, and Babak Zargar.

The Society also inducted Dr. Eliott Hersh, associate professor of oral surgery & pharmacology, and awarded Dr. Phoebe Lebov, professor of biochemistry in the Department of Biochemistry, an honorary induction.

In addition, Daniel Chen (Den’03) received the 2002 Denstply Award for participating in the 2002 ADA/Denstply Student Clinician Competition.

Excellence in Information Assurance

The National Security Agency has designated the University of Pennsylvania as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education, part of a program intended to safeguard the nation’s information infrastructure by encouraging universities to offer coursework in computer security. Penn becomes one of about 30 centers nationwide.

The three-year designation reflects the NSA’s assessment of Penn as a national leader in training students for careers in computer security, said Dr. Steve Zdancewic, assistant professor of computer and information science and NSA liaison on this effort. It also makes Penn eligible for scholarships and grants through the Department of Defense and other agencies within the Federal government.

The Centers of Academic Excellence program is intended to reduce vulnerabilities in the nation’s information infrastructure by producing a growing number of professionals with expertise in computer security, Dr. Zdancewic said, helping computer security technology evolve to meet threats as they arise.

Dr. Zdancewic’s colleagues on the NSA project include Dr. Michael Greenwald, assistant professor of computer and information science; Dr. Carl Gunter, associate professor of computer and information science; Dr. Andre Scedrov, professor of mathematics; and Dr. Jonathan M. Smith, professor of computer and information science.

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has been cited in Best Doctors of America numerous times for his clinical expertise in Pediatric Nephrology. He has an international reputation for his studies, over the past 34 years, on the hemolytic uremic syndromes.

Dr. Robert Cato is assistant professor of medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine. After graduating Alpha Omega Alpha from Cornell University Medical College in 1993, he did his internal medicine residency at Penn, and went on to start a new practice at Presbyterian in 1996. He is Medical Director of the Penn Center for Primary Care, and Chief of the Division of General Medicine at Presbyterian Medical Center. He is the recipient of the 1998 Maurice Attie Faculty Teaching Award, and the 2001 Sylvan Esman Outstanding Primary Care Physician Award. He is actively involved in medical student and resident education both in the hospital and in his practice.

Dr. David Stern graduated from Dartmouth College, with a degree in chemistry and biology. He attended Penn’s School of Medicine and at graduation in 1996 was awarded the Gate Pharmaceuticals Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Medicine. He trained in internal medicine at HUP, and served as Chief Medical Resident in 1999-2000. At the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Dr. Stern serves as Chairman of the Clinical Champions Committee and Medical Director of the Community Based Outpatients Clinics, and has a full-time Primary Care practice. He serves as clinical assistant professor of medicine in the Associated Faculty, and enjoys teaching both on the inpatient wards and in his outpatient office. Dr. Stern strives to inspire students and residents with his intellectual curiosity and commitment to his patients, and hopes his students learn as much from him as he does from them.

The Dean’s Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching was established in 1987, and honors exemplary teaching and commitment to medical education specifically in the basic sciences. This year it is presented to Dr. Joshua P. Metlay. Dr. Metlay is an assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology in the Division of general internal medicine and Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Dr. Metlay graduated from Cornell University Medical College, completed his residency training at the University of Pittsburgh and completed his fellowship training in General Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. His research focuses on the emergence of antibiotic resistance among respiratory pathogens. For the past three years, he has directed the Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics course for first year medical students. In addition, along with Dr. Katrina Armstrong, he co-developed the course Clinical Decision Making, which is a novel case-based course that teaches first and second year students how to apply principles of epidemiology to arrive at recommendations surrounding difficult medical decisions. The core concept underlying both of these courses is that the knowledge of the basic science of epidemiology is an essential skill that is required to sustain the practice of medicine in an environment of rapidly expanding new information. Strong enthusiasm by students for these courses is a testament to the important and unique role of epidemiology in the medical school curriculum at Penn.

The Scott Mackler Award for Excellence in Substance Abuse Teaching was established in 2000 by the Penn/VA Center for Studies of Addiction and the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Mackler is known for his excellence in teaching medical students, residents, post-doctoral fellows, nurses and other Penn faculty in many different departments in the area of substance abuse. This year the award is presented to Dr. Kyle Kampman, assistant professor of psychiatry at Penn and the VA Medical Center. He is Medical Director of the University’s Treatment Research Center. Dr. Kampman is active in educating medical students, psychiatric residents, substance abuse fellows, primary care physicians and other healthcare professionals. Dr. Kampman’s primary research interests lie in the development of medications to treat cocaine and alcohol dependence and the study of stimulant withdrawal syndrome. He is currently Principal Investigator of a large trial looking at combinations of medications for the treatment of cocaine dependent patients with severe cocaine withdrawal symptoms.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching by an Allied Health Professional was established in 1996-1997 to recognize outstanding teaching by allied health professionals (e.g.; nurses, physicians assistants, emergency medical technicians). This year the award is presented to Dr. Reed D. Goldstein, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry in the associated faculty of the School of Medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from LaSalle University, M.A. in psychology from NYU and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from St. John’s University. Dr. Goldstein serves as attending psychologist on the Inpatient Psychiatry Unit, as well as on the Consultation-Liaison Service at Pennsylvania Hospital. He is supervisor of psychology interns, post-doctoral fellows, medical students and residents in psychiatry. Dr. Goldstein has made medical student teaching one of his top priorities at Pennsylvania Hospital. Dr. Goldstein has long been involved in clinical research related to depression, personality and neuropsychology. Special Dean’s Award was established in 1989-90 to recognize outstanding achievements in medical education by faculty members, particularly in the development of new, innovative educational programs. This year the award was presented to Dr. Steven C. Larson. Dr. Larson graduated from Haverford College with a degree in fine arts. He graduated from Penn Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at The Graduate Hospital. He returned to Penn to complete his fellowship training in emergency medicine at HUP. Upon completion of his training, Dr. Larson joined the faculty in the newly formed Department of Emergency Medicine as an assistant professor. Since 1993, Dr. Larson has volunteered his services at Project Salud, a migrant health center in southern Chester County. He has served as the medical director since 1998. In 1994, Dr. Larson established Frontline Medicine, a program at the School of Medicine created to provide medical students, residents and faculty with the opportunities and resources to examine and study critical issues in the area of global health. In 1996 he was awarded the Haverford Alumnae Award for Service to Humanity. In 1997 he was the first Penn recipient to receive the North Beth Israel Humanism in Medicine Award. He received a Penn Medical Pearls Teaching Award in 2001. He recently received the 2003 Penn Martin Luther King Community Service Award.

**Medical Student Government Awards**

The School of Medicine’s graduating class selects the recipients of these two awards each year; one is for basic science teaching and the other is for clinical medical teaching. They are both for faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching medical school classes.

**The Basic Science Teaching Award**

Dr. Helen Davies, professor of microbiology, has received the MSG Teaching Award for Basic Science. This is the thirteenth time she has won this award. Dr. Davies received a Lindback Award in 1977.

**The Clinical Medical Teaching Award**

Dr. Steven L. Galetta, Van Meter Professor of Neurology, is this year’s recipient of the MSG Teaching Award for Clinical Medical Teaching. Dr. Galetta received the Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education in 2002 and has been the recipient of Dinon and Lindback awards.
May Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Penn Community,

Following is our monthly posting of community service opportunities. Each month, Penn Volunteers In Public Service (Penn VIPS) lists a post of volunteer opportunities that represents the many requests we get from the surrounding community for assistance/partnerships. Penn VIPS undertook its annual Penny Drive recently to benefit Vare Charter School. We are still in the process of counting and will share with you the totals in June. Thank you for your support of this venture. Please contact me via e-mail (sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu) or (215) 898-2020 to volunteer for any of the programs. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Participate in Career Day at University City High School: Wednesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or any parts thereof. Help prepare students for post secondary education and the world of work. Motivate students and guide them in their choice of careers in the coming years by sharing your experiences.

Become a mentor for a veteran: Penn’s Veterans Upward Bound Program, http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~dasp/veteransUpwardBound_home.html, invites you to consider volunteering as a mentor for a VUB Student. They are envisioning an opportunity for current VUB students to be paired with experienced and successful college students or college graduates. They are anticipating that the time involved would be minimal, perhaps a face to face meeting an hour or so twice a month, but phone contact and/or e-mail contact on a weekly basis. The goal in mentoring is to offer lots of encouragement and motivation. Most VUB students want to further their lives through education, but academically they often don’t know how to do this (this is where the VUB staff and instructors come in) and they often get overwhelmed, frustrated, and disheartened with the demands of the college environment. So where we all come in.

The summer cycle begins with a student orientation on Thursday, May 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and classes begin on Monday, May 12. There will be an orientation for mentors.

Mentor a student: How would you like to help prepare a University City or West Philadelphia High School Student for the world of work? Hire them to do general office work and expose them to their areas of interest? We have students interested in the medicine, law, computers and much more. Hire a student to work in your department. Students earn academic credits and are paid through the YouthWorks Program for their internship.

Computers Needed: Is your department upgrading its computers? Would you like to donate your used computers to a worthy cause? The Center for Community Partnerships and a group of volunteers are working to provide computers to West Philadelphia schools, churches, families and nonprofit agencies.

Join us by donating your used computers to this cause. Visit our web site at: www.upenn.edu/ccp/computerdonations.

Move Out Drive: Leaving campus? Travel light. Donate your clothing, computers and other articles. Bring donated items to: Isabel Mapp, Center for Community Partnerships, 133 South 36th Street, (near the corner of 36th & Walnut Streets), Room 515 on the 5th Floor.

Exciting Volunteer Opportunity: Saturday, May 10, 3-10:30 p.m., University of Pennsylvania Museum; The Delaware Valley Friends School’s Annual Auction Gala. Delaware Valley Friends School is the only secondary Quaker school in the region for children with learning differences. The Annual Auction Gala is their largest and most important fundraising event of the year, with a goal this year to net $45,000. It takes many volunteers to make this event happen. They need volunteers to work from 3-6 p.m. setting up the auction items on tables and creating attractive displays. From 6-9 p.m. volunteers will be working at registration, checking in guests, and monitoring the item tables. At 9 p.m. volunteers will begin packaging purchased items in the lobby. At 10 p.m. they will check out, handling the payments of items, and some will act as runners, getting the items to the winners. Some volunteers will work all night.

All volunteers will receive a very nice boxed dinner and 10 DVFS dollars to be used towards any items at check out, handling the payments of items, and some will act as runners, getting the items to the winners. Some volunteers will work all night.

RESEARCH

Earn $100 for up to 7 hours of testing. Healthy volunteers needed for research study examining several primary senses (smell, taste, hearing, balance, and cognitive function). If you are between 24 and 71 years of age please call (215) 662-6850.

Do you have high cholesterol? Do you want to lower your cholesterol naturally, without taking medication? Doctors at the University of Pennsylvania are launching a new study looking at the effects of adding the food, flaxseed, to a low-fat diet on lowering cholesterol levels and improving other risk factors for heart disease. The entire study lasts approximately 4 months and involves 2 short outpatient visits at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. There is no medication involved with this study and participants will be compensated for their time and effort. If you are generally healthy, between the ages of 45 and 75, have high cholesterol, and think you might be interested in this study, please contact Shilpa Balka at (215) 662-9040 or e-mail her at balka@sas.upenn.edu.

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Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding Tickets

All Penn faculty and staff are invited to join the Association of Business Administrators Steers Committee for a special showing of Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding at The Venice Plaza, 18th & Snyder in South Philly. For info., see: www.tonylovevitna.com Bring family and friends to share the occasion. This would be a great Mother’s Day gift. Tickets are $30 (normally $59) which includes parking, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, open bar, show, and dancing to a live band.

To reserve tickets, contact Janice Brown (janiceb@pobox.upenn.edu).

Faculty Club Annual Meeting: May 7

Dear Faculty Club Members:

Please come to the Annual Meeting of the Faculty Club on Wednesday, May 7, in the Harrison Room. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and should be finished by 5 p.m., to be followed by a reception for all in attendance. This meeting provides both information and opportunity for you to discuss Club business with Board members and comment on the matters before the group. It is also an opportunity for you to support your colleagues who act on your behalf to keep the Club functioning.

The issues before us are financial and functional. You have read about them in the Newsletter in the past few months. The Board works with Marie Witt, Associate Vice President of Business Services, to keep costs for the Club as low as possible but it continues to require subsidy. Negotiations and conversations with the Executive Vice President and Provost reveal that the University will agree to provide subsidy up to a certain amount, but no higher. We want to continue functioning at the level we have come to expect and need your input in making important decisions.

I trust that you appreciate that the Board is working to do its job of being good citizens, responsible for managing the Faculty Club with limited resources. We are always open to comments and suggestions to make the Club a better place for all its members.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

—Elza L. Ramsden, Chair, Board of Governors

Morrise Arboretum Volunteers

The Morrise Arboretum is seeking volunteers to help with the Annual Spring Plant Sale and the Garden Railway Display.

The Plant Sale features high-quality trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, many of which are rare or unusual or difficult to find at other retail outlets. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the Sale; horticulture experience is not required. The Sale hours are Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, May 11, noon-4 p.m.

The Garden Railway Display returns for its sixth year. The theme this year is Americas: Covered Bridges, Mills and Burns and features historic buildings, tunnels and overhead trestles created entirely of natural materials, creating an enchanting landscape. The Display is open daily June 16-October 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers welcome visitors, distribute materials and introduce visitors to the wonders of the Arboretum. Shifts are three hours with flexible scheduling. Required training workshops will be held on May 20, 10-11:30 a.m. and May 21, 6-8:30 p.m. For more information about either of these opportunities or to register, call Flo Freedman at (215) 247-5777, ext. 170.
Update

APRIL AT PENN

FILM

30 Cinema Paradiso; Italian with English subtitles; introductions, 7 p.m.; screening, 7:30 p.m.; Q & A with director Giuseppe Tornatore, 9:30 p.m.; International House (Center for Italian Studies).

SPECIAL EVENT

29 Holocaust Remembrance Day Name Reading Vigil: all day name reading vigil of Holocaust victims; 12 a.m.-9 p.m.; College Green (Hilbel’s Holocaust Education Committee).

TALK

30 Saul Gorn Memorial Lecture: Moshe Vardi, Rice University; 4:30 p.m.; Wu and Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall (Computer and Information Science; Institute for Research in Cognitive Science).

Deadline: The deadline for the Summer AT PENN calendar is May 12. For info, see www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/caldead-real.html.

CLASSIFIEDS—PERSONAL

FOR RENT

Great Beach! Weekly rentals—Ocean City (Gardens) beachblock, reasonable, sleeps six, all conveniences, parking, call Steve (610) 565-1312.

Almanac is not responsible for contents of classified ad material.

To place a classified ad, call (215) 898-5274.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

Community Crime Report

Abou the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for April 14-20, 2003. Also reported were 24 Crimes Against Property (including 19 thefts, 2 burglaries, 2 auto thefts and 1 fraud). Full reports are on the Web (www.upenn.edu/almanac/v49/n31/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 known to the University Police Department between the dates of April 14-20, 2003. 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) 898-4482.

04/14/03

3:13 PM 4000 Pine Males knocked complainant to ground, took phone

04/15/03

11:18 AM 40 & Spruce Males out after curfew

11:21 AM 40 & Walnut Males out after curfew/Arrests

04/16/03

4:09 AM 40 & Walnut Males out after curfew

04/16/03

9:32 AM 3911 Walnut St Unauthorized withdrawal from account

04/16/03

9:40 PM 3333 Walnut St Complainant receiving harassing phone calls

04/17/03

5:02 AM 3420 Walnut St Male exposed himself to complainant

04/17/03

9:20 PM 4100 Chestnut Male acting disorderly/Arrest

04/18/03

10:22 PM Unit block 41 St Complainant robbed by two unknown males with gun

04/19/03

12:10 AM 4000 Pine Males out after curfew/Arrests

04/19/03

1:59 AM 300 block 41 St Complainant assaulted by juveniles after exiting cab

04/19/03

8:19 AM 3805 Locust Walk Charges made to credit card without authorization

04/19/03

8:48 PM 4201 Walnut St Male trespassing/Arrest

04/20/03

1:39 AM 40 & Pine Males attempted to take items from complainant

04/20/03

2:26 AM 401 S 40 St Cash taken from complainant by force

04/20/03

9:11 PM 300 block 40 St Males assaulted complainant/Arrests

Countdown to Summer

There are only three issues of Almanac remaining in the spring semester (May 6, May 13 and May 27—which will include Summer AT PENN), so if you anticipate a need to publish information of concern to faculty and staff, please contact Almanac promptly to reserve space.

During the summer there will be a mid-July issue.—Ed.

During Finals: Escorts from Library

As in past years, the Division of Public Safety, working with the Undergraduate Assembly, has reinstated the Public Safety Walk-back Program. During finals, from Monday April 28 through Thursday May 8, an Allied Security Officer will be posted at ‘the Button’ on Locust Walk from 12 a.m.-3:30 a.m. Approximately every 1/2 hour the officer will enter Rosengarten Library to determine if any student would like an escort. The Penn Walker will then perform the escort and return to repeat the process.

The Division of Public Safety is providing this service in addition to its normal Walking Escort Program. Escorts to campus locations will be provided by specially trained uniformed Allied security officers. Escorts are dispatched by radio and will accompany you from one campus location to another, to a Penn Transit Stop or to an on-campus SEPTA regional transit stop. Escorts are available, 7 days a week, from 8 a.m to 3 a.m. To request a Walking Escort, call (215) 898-9255 (988-WALK).— Domenic Ceccanecchio, Director, Security & Technical Services

A Peek at Penn’s Past

(culled from old issues of Almanac)

This Month in Penn’s History

40 Years Ago

1963—Creation of University Council announced to replace duplicating committees of the Faculty Senate.

1963—New town homes completed at 45th and Spruce Streets. Penn invited faculty and administrative staff to make University City their home.

1963—Twenty-four campus buildings, including the Annenberg School, Bennett Hall, and Houston Hall, were designated as fallout shelters.

30 Years Ago

1973—Construction began of Penn Tower Hotel.

1973—As a result of the “Stop Rape” sit-in of women students, faculty and staff, Penn announced immediate measures to improve campus safety, including new outdoor lighting, additional emergency telephones and escort services.

1973—Study by the West Philadelphia Corporation showed a 40% increase in jobs and 51% increase in home values in West Philadelphia over the past 6 years.

20 Years Ago

1983—After an incident at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Penn moved to withdraw its recognition.

1983—The new Botany Club organized by members of the biology department began the task of restoring the Bio Pond.

10 Years Ago

1993—President Sheldon Hackney was nominated to chair the National Endowment for the Humanities.

1993—American contralto Marian Anderson, an honorary degree recipient of the University, passed away at the age of 96.

1993—Penn’s endowment topped $1 billion for the first time in its history.

1993—The University administration approved the ResNet program to wire student dormitories with data, voice and video networks.

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Art Recalls Us To Our Humanity

by Peter Conn

The University of Pennsylvania is home to a broad array of extraordinary artistic and cultural activities and collections. From the world-class musical and theatrical performances at the Annenberg Center to the groundbreaking visual programs at the Institute of Contemporary Art, from the cross-cultural richness of the exhibits at the University Museum to the multitude of written and spoken performances at Kelly Writers House, Penn offers its students and faculty a quite literal cornucopia of artistic opportunities.

The Music Department, often in partnership with Penn’s College Houses, provides hundreds of lessons, rehearsals and concerts each year. The Penn Humanities Forum, organizing its programs on broad themes such as human nature, time, and belief, offers broad public access to the most advanced scholarly work in the humanistic disciplines. For twenty years, the Arthur Ross Gallery has organized innovative exhibitions of art from all periods and countries.

Add to all this the nationally-prominent programming of WXPN, the distinguished books published by the Penn Press, the splendid special exhibits in the Van Pelt Library, the celebrated paintings and works of sculpture located all over campus, and landmark Penn buildings whose architects include such faculty and graduates as Paul Cret, Louis Kahn, and Robert Venturi. The list is long indeed.

These valuable resources enhance the daily life of our community and contribute importantly to graduate and undergraduate education as well. As President Judith Rodin stated in the Pennsylvania Gazette in the fall of 2001: “All the cultural offerings and performances at Penn point back to a core mission of this University: the cultivation of our humanity through the intense study and practice of the arts.”

In the same article, Dr. Rodin also said: “For all our passion, talents, resources, and academic firepower, I believe all of us—faculty, students, administrators, and alumni—have only begun to mine our full teaching and learning potential in arts and culture.”

Three years ago, to help realize that potential, the administration convened the Provost’s Council on Arts and Culture. This group comprises the directors of Penn’s cultural institutions, along with academic leaders, and representatives of the offices of development, business, and communications. The Council has identified projects of shared interest, and has facilitated collaboration between and among the various centers.

To mark the vital place of arts and culture at Penn, and also to signal the increased attention these activities will command in the future, the University’s new strategic plan, Building on Excellence, includes among its highest academic priorities a section entitled “Arts, Humanities and Society.” This section calls on us to take fuller advantage of the University’s scholars, artists, and cultural institutions.

Among other recommendations, the plan urges that we incorporate artistic and cultural experiences more centrally into our curriculum, that we devise mechanisms to bring visiting artists and humanities scholars more frequently to campus, and that we build on our admirable record of involvement with the Philadelphia community and its artistic resources. Finally, the new plan calls for the establishment of what I will call a cultural “venture fund,” a pool of resources that would support new initiatives across all the areas of art and culture, in particular those that would encourage partnerships between the various programs and the University’s schools and departments.

To celebrate the progress that we have made, and to mobilize ourselves for the work ahead, President Rodin is hosting “Arts Day at Penn” in early May. On that occasion, the boards of all the artistic and cultural organizations will meet together for the first time in the University’s history. They will visit many of the major venues, participate in a plenary planning session, and attend a reception at the President’s House in the evening. The occasion is both substantive and symbolic: providing the opportunity to take stock of recent accomplishments and signaling the re-doubled energy with which all of us will be proceeding in the months and years to come.

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Why so much attention to the arts and the humanities?
Many years ago, in a poem called Asphodel, the great modern poet—and Penn alumnus—William Carlos Williams (M ’06) wrote:

> It is difficult to get the news from poems yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there.

I am writing this essay in the shadow of war. At such anxious and dangerous times, the value — indeed the necessity — of art and the humanities comes into even sharper focus.

By a profound coincidence, it was just a couple of months ago that a design created by a team of Penn architects, including Daniel Libeskind and GSFA dean Gary Hack, was selected for the re-construction of the World Trade Center site. Beyond our satisfaction and pride in the accomplishment of our colleagues, that decision offers an occasion to ponder the connections between the domains of art and politics.

The vision Libeskind and Hack offered encompasses both an exuberant, soaring tower and a reverent memorial space below-ground, elements that combine a life-affirming embrace of the future’s openness with a steady focus on the tragedy of the past. In short, the image and its implications embody much that we all seek from the arts and humanities in a perilous world.

Art is neither escapist nor therapeutic nor ornamental. The arts and humanities help us to define and ennoble our individual experience and our shared humanness, to connect the past and the future, and to engage and comprehend both the beauty and the suffering that inevitably mingle in our lives.

These are the truths that motivate us as we reflect on the role that the arts and humanities must play in the educational programs of a great university.