



A World of Holiday Shopping at Penn



Books

The Bookstore has a wide assortment of best sellers, magazines, journals, and posters. There, one can find all types of calendars, from aviation to swimsuits to cats. In terms of books, The Bookstore carries textbooks, of course, and has a separate section for each of many different academic or non-academic interests. To quote a few titles: *The Russian Century: A Photographic History of Russia's 100 Years*, by Brian Moynahan (\$45); Thomas Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (\$9.95); Douglas Hofstadter's *Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* (\$18); and Milton Friedman's *Economics in Theory and Practice* (\$34.50/hardback; \$18.95/paperback). The Bookstore has an excellent selection Cliffnotes. Its strength is its size and its generality.

An alternative source for textbooks, *The Penn Book Center* will order books. But this is often unnecessary, given the depth with which this store's tomes address many intellectual fields. As well as an impressive selection in literature, with separate sections for Random House, Oxford, and Viking Penguin publications as well as their regular alphabetical section, the Book Center also has the latest from various academic fields. One can buy Frank Brady's *Citizen Welles: A Biography of Orson Welles* (\$12.95); and *Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles*, by Peter Grose, or *Lenin: A New Biography*, by Russian archivist Dmitri Volkogonov (\$30 each).

At *House of Our Own* lies a treasure for bibliophiles. It carries both new and used books, providing the only source of good used books on campus. This is a store where *The Aeneid of Virgil* still sells for 95¢; for the same price: John Gardner's *Grendel*. Even hardbacks sell for low prices used: *God Knows*, a biblical creation of Joseph Heller (\$5).

When it comes to medical books, *Dolby's Medical Book Store* is the place to be. This store has not only books, but also PennMed paraphernalia, lab coats, and office/school/lab supplies. Books from fields dealing with every aspect of medicine fill the shelves: for the surgeon, *Surgical Secrets*, by Charles Abernathy and Alden Harken (\$32.95); for the veterinarian, *Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine*, by John August (\$80); for the neurologist, *Textbook of Pain*, by Patrick Wall and Ronald Melzack (\$225); for the budding anatomist, *The Anatomy Coloring Book*, by Wynn Kapit and Lawrence Elson (\$16). —Z.M.

The Islamic world celebrates Muhammad's birth during Maulid Al-Nabi, in early December, with firecrackers, new clothes, and gift exchanges.

For Children

The University Museum's *The Pyramid Shop* has international gifts, all under \$40, for kids.

The shop offers knick-knacks sure to delight any child. Colorful animal figurines from Mexico (\$11-\$34). Stocking stuffers: change purses with animal designs (\$1.25) and hand-made flutes from recycled materials (\$2.50), both from India.

Games and activities: wooden pyramid puzzles in small (\$18) and large (\$32) varieties, *Tangoes*®, an ancient Chinese puzzle game (\$10.25), or *Curiosity Kits* (\$12-\$18), for making American Indian pottery, stone carvings or an African mask.

The shop also carries books about life in different countries, such as a giant jungle pop-up book of endangered rain forest animals (\$28).

While you're in the area, check out the *University Museum Shop*. Sundries: Peruvian ocarinas—wooden animal whistles—(\$7-\$15) and South African magical rainsticks that sound like rain when turned upside-down (\$20-\$85).

For the baby born with a silver spoon in his/her mouth: Native American sterling baby rattles (\$48) and baby bracelets (\$15-\$25).

Gifts for the precocious child: *Giant Book of the Mummy*, a book about Egyptian life (\$24) and *Exploration Kits* produced by Museum professors, such as "Lost Civilizations" by Christopher Jones and "Pyramid Explorer's Kit" by Lee Horne.

At the opposite end of campus, *The Bookstore* has more than just books for kids. It has a wide variety of stuffed toys (\$10-\$35)—some wearing Penn shirts. Especially merry: the teddy with santa hat, t-shirt and holiday greetings from Penn.

Activity kits for hands-on fun: kids can build their own kaleidoscope (\$16.95) or telephone (\$25) or have *Fun with Hieroglyphs* (\$19.95), using the guidebook, rubber stamps, and ink pad.

For the musical and artistic child: *Lion King* songbook with a recorder and easy-to-play instructions (\$9.95) or the *Kids Video Art Kit* on how to draw the Flintstones (\$16.70).

Little gifts: origamikits (\$2-\$3) and rubber stamp note boxes with designs like Classic Pooh.

The Bazaar Shop at International House is a great place to find stocking stuffers: paperdoll books depicting international dolls and costumes, sticker books, stained glass coloring books, and fairy tale books (all just \$1). Also available: activity kits for making African trading bracelets or American Indian moccasins. —J.T.

In the Netherlands, children put carrots and hay in their shoes for St. Nicholas' horse, on December 6, St. Nicholas Day. If they've been good, their shoes will be filled with candy and presents.

Clothing

The Gap offers classic clothing with an unmistakable style. In addition to the standard jeans, khaki's and sweaters, it has more eye-catching items like women's black wool overalls (\$68), colorful mohair cardigans (\$42), and interesting ties (\$16.50). Women's silvery white velour t's and nylon-blend skirts, shimmery acetate dresses, and metallic black-and-silver turtlenecks defy description. More conservative: wool and leather gloves, cords, jackets, pullovers, flannels, sweats, t-shirts and turtlenecks (\$11-\$50). For even fewer George Washingtons, try socks (\$6), tights (\$10), and check out the sale racks, too. Men's winter coats in nylon or cotton blends (\$98-\$128). For simplified shopping, go to the front counter, where pajamas, slippers, and blankets in winter plaids are pre-packaged (\$26.50-\$60).

Clothing is *Urban Outfitters'* specialty. For the adventurous woman: tops in shimmering metallics and slick neons. Other tops, vests, dresses, and hats in velour, velvet, wool, and angora are hard to find elsewhere. Men's clothing is somewhat less outrageous, but the plaid flannels, striped cardigans, and jackets are unmistakably stylish. More conservative: classic blue and multi-colored jeans, sweaters, thermals, and cords (\$25-\$60); men's wool winter coats (\$120).

Urban's accessories (from \$10)—sunglasses, belts, socks, tights, and jewelry—add style to any outfit. Boxer shorts (\$12), wool caps (\$15 or \$18),

cotton scarves (\$24) and leather gloves (\$24) protect from winter's bite. Leather backpacks (\$39.99) are another welcome gift.

Another great place to shop is, of course, the *Penn Bookstore*. Cover friends and family from head to toe with creative expressions of loyalty to Penn. Sweatshirts in truly diverse styles (\$24.95-\$69.95). Penn symbols show up on dozens of jackets, turtlenecks, tops, shorts, sweatpants, hats, towels, flannel slippers, socks, sweaters, even scrunchies and earrings. For the little ones: Penn jumpsuits, hats, t-shirts, and sweats.

Non-Penn items not to be overlooked: swimsuits, goggles, and swimming accessories, suede gloves (\$18), and a unique array of cotton, silk, and rayon-blend women's socks (\$8).

Not too far from the *Bookstore*, check out *University Sportswear's* Penn gear in Stouffer Triangle. The buy-one-get-one-free deal on selected hats (\$14.98), t-shirts (\$10.98) and sweatshirts (\$38.98-\$43.98/adults; \$14.98/kids) can stretch holiday cash. Other items: new t-shirts and sweatshirts for Penn football, lacrosse and basketball, bibs (\$5.98), green and blue "Charles River" anoraks (\$44.98 and \$54.98); and shorts, boxers, sweatpants, infant t-shirts, and socks, school sweatshirts and "game hats" (\$11.98).

Campus T-Shirt in Houston Hall is more compact, easily manageable, and lower-priced than similar outlets. The Penn sweatshirt with flower-print cloth letters gives a twist on the original. It also has Boathouse Row and Philadelphia t-shirts. Prices: T-shirts (2/\$15), Penn and Wharton sweatshirts (2/\$40), long-sleeved t-shirts (\$17.95), and athletic caps (\$9.95). Don't miss the multi-colored Penn athletic cap—it's a fun look for an adventuresome person on your list.

While you're in Houston Hall, stop by *Campus Jewelry* to pick up accessories for the ladies in your life: earrings, scarves and nylons (\$5-\$15). This tiny shop also lets you create your own earring styles. There are gold and silver hoops in three sizes; for an additional \$5-\$10, choose from a variety of charms to hang from the hoop.

If you want reasonably priced, well-respected brands of shoes in a spectrum of styles, try the *Natural Shoe Store* on 40th St. They have boots, shoes, and sneakers for men, women and kids.

For women: versatile Rieker leather shoes (from \$58.95), Birkenstocks (from \$74.95), and Dr. Marten's (around \$90). A unique gift: Halfinger's extremely comfortable slip-on "hut shoe," made of wool (\$34.85). Leather boots are on sale (\$14.95-\$58.95). Dressier heels and flats are \$18.95-\$64.95. Athletic shoes are \$29.95-\$58.95.

Men's Timberland boots in Gore-tex and leather are on sale (\$74.95). Other men's shoes—penny loafers, moccasins and beautiful dress shoes—are \$40 to \$80, much less than retail. Brands include Bass, Rockport, Clark's, and Timberland.

Grand Shoe at 38th and Spruce has a small selection, but is still worth dropping by for its dressy shoes. For women: classic but fashion-conscious styles by Nine West, Glacée and Liz Claiborne in leather, suede and fabric. Besides flats, heels and boots, the store has casual lace-ups, penny loafers and slip-ons (from \$50) and a small selection of kid's shoes, and Tretorns and Etonics.

For men: dress shoes (from \$75) and more casual Dexter, Bass and "Boks" brand leather shoes and boots. All prices seem to be at least \$10 below retail. Every shoe in the inventory is on sale for around 20% off through Christmas.

Everyone at 3401 knows that *Foot Locker* sells

shoes for every sport, and athletic wear like Fila sweats. Yet its offering of clothing goes beyond sportswear, and is not to be missed: earth-toned "wool blanket" coats (\$64.99), nylon-shell jackets and leather-collared barn jackets (from \$100), turtlenecks and other long-sleeved cotton knit shirts (from \$17), Columbia brand "Sauvie" sweaters (\$49.99), backpacks (\$22.97), and athletic team caps (from \$8.97). — L.B.

In Mexico, Posadas mark the eight days before Christmas. As Joseph and Mary seek shelter a singing procession follows them. When the celebrants are finally made welcome, the breaking of a candy-filled piñata is the high point of the festivities.

Computer Gifts

Shopping for computer gifts this season can make you see red and end up costing a lot of green. But there's a terrific selection of novelty and stand-by gifts available around campus, from Radio Shack to the Book Store's Computer Connection to Software Etc. in the Shops at 3401.

Everything—including economical stocking-stuffers as well as those big-ticket blockbuster items—is within walking distance of campus.

Radio Shack on 40th St. has plenty for the computer-minded. For the typist on the move: the Tandy cordless mouse (\$49.99) gives untethered control over your PC's mouse. Anyone in a less serious mood will delight in the wide range of joysticks, a bargain for arm-chair computer aviators (\$14.95-\$24.99). There are, of course, plenty of those ubiquitous printer cables and ribbons to go around as well. But if kicking back and relaxing is the more the style you're shopping for, get Card Games by Hoyle (\$39.99), the PC-compatible game package with 50 different versions of solitaire, and poker, cribbage and bridge games.

Of course, if software is high on your shopping list, a stop into Software Etc. is a must. Stocking hundreds of software packages for business, entertainment and education—including CD-ROM multimedia—for both IBM-compatible and Macintosh users, Software Etc. is the premier location for finding any kind of software.

On the Macintosh this winter, there are many hot software titles in the entertainment category, all in stock and on sale at Software Etc. PGA Tour Golf II (\$54.99) is sure to be a hit for those cold winter days when going to the course just isn't practical. SimFarm (\$44.95) a spin-off of the popular SimCity game, lets players run their own farm, from the comfort of their own living room. If hitting little white balls and watching corn grow seem too boring, maybe a few action games for IBM will make a difference. Doom II (\$59.99) features realistic graphics and machine-gunning that won't quit. SpectreVR (\$59.99) brings full-color graphics and an enemy with artificial intelligence to challenge even the best.

Some more constructive items are available, however. Don't let friends get lost—pick up Street Atlas 2.0 for Windows (\$129.99), which shows every U.S. street and lets you zoom in on cities, area codes, or even phone numbers. Shopping for kids is also easy, and there are loads of titles that are sure to satisfy. Math Workshop (\$44.99) incorporates games and music with improving critical math skills, while Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing for Kids (\$49.99) will help little ones mind their p's and q's.

In addition to software, Software Etc. does have a lot of "Etc." on hand, too. Boost a multi-media computer's output with Koss Hard Drivers 50 self-amplified speakers (\$39.99). These powerful speakers have separate bass and treble controls,

headphone jacks, and dual inputs...just in case you need to plug in your Discman.

Software Etc. also has games for Sega (\$19.99-\$62.99) and Super Nintendo (\$19.95-\$79.99).

The closest shop stop for computing, however, is tucked into the back of the Penn Bookstore. *The Computer Connection* is a lot smaller than Software Etc., but it's the best one-stop place around for computer gifts. In addition to the lowest prices on popular business and entertainment software around, although a valid PennCard is required for any software purchase, there are lots of great accessory gifts at affordable prices. The CurtisClip (\$5.95) is perfect for the person whose computer desk is cluttered. Attaching to the monitor, the clip opens up and holds several documents next to your screen—no more hunching over to read from that errant scrap of paper.

Even a qualified computer nerd will smile at the MouseTop Mouse Cover (\$4.95), a furry little creature that fits snugly over any model. To go along with it, check out some of the snazzy mouse pads (\$5.50-\$6.95) with M.C. Escher, Betty Boop and the Grateful Dead illustrations. — S.S.

Kwanzaa, December 26-January 1, is a seven-day holiday celebrating African American culture and emphasizing community and family. Candles of red, green, and black are lit—the colors representing the struggle for hope, for the future, and for the people, respectively.

Museum Gifts

The University Museum Shop has a wide selection of distinctive collectibles sure to surprise and please almost anyone. Hand-carved wooden masks from Africa (\$175-\$1,500). Other beautiful pieces for the home include Southwest clay pots made by famous artists such as Nampeyo (\$200-\$1,400), colorful Peruvian cloth *aprileros* of rural scenes with little dolls (\$72), and Cycladic reproductions from Greece depicting a harpist, flutist, thinker, and couples (\$50-\$200). For that special doctor or lawyer: a reproduction of Sumerian tablets inscribed with the earliest known medical prescriptions (\$48) and laws (\$35).

Gifts for men: Native American sterling silver belt buckles (\$60-\$200), money clips (\$20-\$40), key rings (\$10-\$30), and bolos (\$200-\$400). Native American fetishes, small animal figurines of carved stone symbolizing different spirits, from the Zuni tribe (\$18-\$65), are quite popular. Unusual games, including the Sumerian game of Ur (\$31.50), the oldest known game in the world featuring eight pyramid-shaped dice, the Egyptian game of Senet (\$24.95), originals of which were found in King Tut's tomb, and an African solitaire game with soapstone animal shapes (\$40), also make great gifts.

For women: unique gifts, including a wide variety of jewelry. Popular collections include Native American jewelry, regular and pawned jewelry which was made and worn by Native Americans and then pawned (\$20-\$800); Baltic amber jewelry (\$40-\$400); sterling silver Morris Coin pendant (\$74), a replica of a Classical Greek coin issued after 405 B.C.; a sterling silver pin (\$42.50) of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory; and a nickel silver Athenian Owl pin/pendant (\$14.95). Also available: a wonderful Israeli perfume, "Abishag," based on a combination of aromatic plants mentioned in the Bible (\$7.95).

In addition to such international treasures, the Museum Shop has a varied selection of books featuring two thousand titles and covering subjects such as archaeology, ancient history, and current cultures. Especially popular among Penn faculty

is *The Buried Past: An Archaeological History of Philadelphia* autographed by Dr. John Cotter, one of the authors and curator emeritus of American Historical Archaeology. The shop's collection of world music (\$16.50/CDs, \$10.95/cassettes) from such places as Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East, also make great gifts.

The Bazaar Shop at International House also offers unique international gifts. For the Christmas season, the shop carries very colorful holiday ornaments from such countries as Thailand, Peru, China, and Japan (\$1.50-\$6.95). The Twelve Days of Christmas International Ornament Collection (\$100) is a special limited edition set featuring hand-crafted ornaments.

The shop also carries unique treasures such as that Haitian oil drum art, colorful wall ornaments shaped like different houses (\$30-\$48). Egyptian hand-made boxes with inlaid mother of pearl (\$12-\$60). Tea sets from China and Japan (\$15-\$40) and sake sets from Japan (\$22) are also popular. A unique stocking stuffer is a set of Yin-Yang fortune telling sticks featuring eight numbered sticks that tell your fortune for one week depending on the combination picked (\$8.95).

Gifts for men include hand-carved and painted wooden boxes from Poland (from \$30), small Kenyan mask boxes made from soapstone (\$16), and world music from a mixture of different cultures (\$15.95/CDs; \$10.95/cassettes). Gifts for women: more than twenty colorfully patterned silk scarves from India (\$8-\$20) and a wide variety of jewelry from 25 different countries (\$3-\$90)—French enameled jewelry (\$30-\$55), amber jewelry (\$12-\$90), and African jewelry mainly from Kenya (\$10-\$50) are especially popular. — J.T.

Observed for over 2,000 years, Hanukkah is an 8-day Jewish celebration in November and/or December. Songs, stories, presents, prayers and the lighting of the menorah are associated with this holiday.

Music & Videos

Classical Choice, Discovery Discs' former neighbor, is now at 38th and Walnut with an expanded listening bar and selection of new and used jazz and classical CDs. The store still honors the membership it shares with Discovery. Holiday sales (ending December 24): 10% off Christmas CDs, \$1 (regularly under \$10) and \$2 (regularly over \$10) off Billie Holiday and Beethoven CDs. Popular new choices: Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos' "Chant Noel" and Cecilia Bartoli's "Mozart Portraits," each \$12.98. Specially priced discs by Naxos (\$5.49 or 3/\$15 for members) and Philips (2/\$13.95) make it easy to build a classical music library.

Judging from the crowds looking at new CDs (from \$10) and the list of used CDs (from \$5), and sounds of cash registers in the Houston Hall store, Discovery Discs will have a green Christmas. Hot items: "Pulp Fiction" Soundtrack and Sade's "Greatest Hits." Coming soon: "The Wax Trax! Black Box" not-so-limited-edition box set. The youngest member of the Discovery family, The Hole, filled the space left vacant by Classical Choice's move with live and import CDs and posters. Discovery membership (\$7/lifetime) perks: 7% off purchases, use of Discovery-related store listening bars, and 14% more credit on used CD trade-ins. The used CD list is updated daily.

Spice up the holidays with CDs (many \$6.99-12.99; regular CDs \$15-17.99) from Boyz II Men or Alvin and the Chipmunks from Sam Goody. Or, do it unplugged with "Acoustic Christmas" with Art Garfunkel, Harry Connick, Jr., and Wynton Marsalis. For the videophile: exercise and music

videos, and classic, kids' and popular movies (many \$14.95). Bela Lugosi is alive and well on the \$9.99 video rack, in "The Corpse Vanished"; also on this rack: Elvira's Two-Tape Set with "The Brain That Wouldn't Die" and "The Crawling Hand." Members of "Replay," the frequent-buyer program (\$9.95/year), get a \$15 award certificate when purchases total \$150.

Like the name says, *Spruce Street Records and Tapes* does carry vinyl (now on sale at 50% off)—and is one of the only places around that does. Not heralded in its name is the very extensive selection of CDs, both new (starting around \$12.99) and used (\$1.99-9.99). During the holidays, purchases of new CDs are \$1 off for Penn faculty and staff with ID. A current popular pick: rap music, including Black Sheep's latest, "Non-Fiction." Customers can check out music before buying it at the listening bar. Can't find the right music? Give tickets to a show at the Trocadero or Khyber Pass.

University City's newest music store, *Vibes*, at 38th and Walnut, stocks new and used CDs and cassettes, magazines, and sheet music (new releases \$11.99; regular CDs \$12-14 and used ones \$7.99). Store gift suggestions: "The Best of Sting," Nirvana "Unplugged" and the eagerly-awaited new album by Pearl Jam, "Vitalogy," just released this Monday. *Vibes* has a large collection, labelling about one fifth of its music "Alternative."

To celebrate the holidays, this month rentals from *Mega Video* (new releases, \$3.20/night; regular videos, \$2.30/night) are three for the price of two, Mondays through Wednesdays. The Christmas catalog lists videos for sale, including new releases "Snow White" and "Speed." Relive Christmas Past with videotape transfer service: movie transfers start at 10¢ per foot, slide transfers at 30¢ each, and photo transfers at 50¢ each.

The *Video Library's* holiday videos make it more fun to watch the Grinch and Charlie Brown Christmas specials—no commercial breaks. Feature-length Christmas videos: "Nightmare Before Christmas," "The Nutcracker" and "The Muppet Christmas Carol." Rent Christmas videos (\$1.75/night) or regular stock (\$2.25 and \$2.75/night). Videos for purchase can be special ordered in time for holiday giving if ordered soon. —M.S.

One of the most joyous days of the Christian year is Christmas, December 25. North Americans celebrate the birth of Jesus with a number of customs from around the world.

Penn Paraphernalia

The *Bookstore* keeps cropping up in this review because it is the most complete shop in the area and is the premiere outlet for "Penn" gifts to fit any budget. Frugal shoppers will have no problem filling stockings with insignia pins (\$4.50) and keychains (\$4.95). If you need a stocking, the *Bookstore* has those too (\$7.95). Maybe a mug with a Penn scene (\$3.95-11.95) or a picture frame with the shield (\$7.95).

More luxurious: a Waterford crystal vase (\$225), stained glass shield (\$99.95), leather and glass coasters (\$125), or Penn chair (\$335).

The *Sweeten Alumni Center* has a small case of Penn-oriented gifts: a handsome viewbook of Penn (\$39.95), a Penn dictionary (\$25), and notecards (\$8). The Center also has infant sweaters, mini-versions of the traditional red and blue (\$39.95) and bow-ties (\$25.00). Seiko watches with the Penn seal on a 14 kt. gold-finished dial in a wrist watch with leather strap (\$200) or bracelet strap (\$265) or pocket watch style (\$245).

Shopping on the eastern end of campus? The Penn Tower Hotel Gift Shop has many Penn Bookstore items, including sweatshirts. —K.N.

On the traditional Scottish holiday Hogmanay, December 31, pieces of oat cake are handed out to poor children, who go from door to door calling out "Hogmanay."

Sundries

Smiles may be small but the selection surely isn't. Crammed from ceiling to floor with an eclectic assortment of goodies, something from this shop can accessorize everything from an outfit to your mantel. Handpainted roses adorn frames (\$20) to display treasured photographs. Earrings of all styles, shapes and sizes (\$18-30) are invitingly displayed under glass, yours for the asking. For the verbally inclined, fabric covered blank books (\$9) to record all your wishes and dreams. Add a candle to decorative coppertone candle-holders (\$24) to light up holiday nights. The breeze through wind chimes (large, \$65; small, \$12) will remind your loved ones of your thoughtfulness.

Despite the name, *University of Cards* has more than cards. Drive your friends crazy with Magic Eye 3-D posters (\$14.95), or a mesmerizing lava lamp (\$30). Lion King figurines (\$19) are made to melt anyone's heart. Crystal figures, including a rose (\$35) are among the more delicate treasures here. Asher candy (\$9/lb.) is always popular, as are the Far Side cards (\$10).

Shopping for an eclectic bunch? *The Black Cat* has gifts ranging from the coolly sophisticated to the mildly absurd. Inlaid wood marquetry frames (\$13-40) have classic good looks and reflect impeccable taste. Handblown glass, wood, papier mâché, or ceramic ornaments (\$5-10) dress up the duller of trees. Who can resist silly stocking stuffers like cat soaps (75¢) or plastic frogs (\$3)? If you want to give the bare basics, try socks and boxer shorts (\$10-20) in designs from ships to ears of corn. Delight a long-haired beauty with funky barrettes (\$19) made from bottlecaps or colorful West African bracelets crafted from telephone wire (\$8). On the "brighter" side, dragonfly globe lamps (\$205) to bathe your loved ones in light. For aspiring chefs, how about wooden salad servers (\$19) with animal-shaped handles?

Someone on your list inevitably has everything. This year, give her the world. Literally. *Avril 50* is stocked with lots of foreign and domestic newspapers and specialty magazines. Add a Museum of Modern Art greeting card (\$10-13), and a William Wegman T-shirt (\$15.95); then wrap up the package in Zodiac print wrapping paper (\$1.75/sheet). Maybe you'll be inclined to indulge in coffee (over 50 flavors, \$7.99/lb), chocolates (from \$5.99) and Belgian chocolate covered espresso beans. Mmmmmmm.

Way down under, in the Houston Hall mini-mall, *Houston Hall Cards and Gifts* is the perfect place to find Gund stuffed animals (\$10-30), trolls (\$2.99) and aromatic sticks (15¢ or 8/\$1) to waft glorious scents through the house. To celebrate a friend's first lunar voyage, consider an astronaut keepsake ornament (\$24). For those busy office workers who refuse to color within the lines, there are oldstyle tins of Crayolas—yup, all 64 gorgeous wax sticks of joy—to relieve stress and release the inner child.

CHOP's *The Daisy Shop* is an oasis within the sometimes sterile world of doctors, nurses and x-ray machines. It is the haunt of Father Frost ornaments (\$7-12) and merry jingler pins (\$3.50); Gold patterned holiday mugs (\$7) keep tea and coffee toasty to warm up wintry mornings. There are bracelets (\$17.50) and lots of other jewelry to choose from; and mouthwatering candy to linger over. Inspirational verse cards (\$2.50) are an alternative to the usual holiday sentiments, expressing feelings that outlast the season.

Give someone truly 'seasonal' greetings with painted ceramic spice shakers (\$20/pair) or animal print salt and pepper shakers (\$9.98) from the *HUP Gift Shop*. Wildlife print tote bags (\$15.98) will enliven even a mundane shopping expedition. Horticulture enthusiasts will enjoy eye-catching hanging metal window rooters (\$15-25) with colorful impatiens flowers in glass globes. For your extraterrestrial friends, perhaps a cosmic magnetic sculpture of stars (\$15.98) will keep them down on earth more often. —S.C.M.

New Year's Eve, Omisoka, is observed in Japan by settling financial accounts, eating a special noodle dish, and taking a hot bath and a well-deserved rest. Celebrating continues over the next three days, with an exchange of greetings over cups of hot "sake" and decorated "mochi" cakes.

Fancy Foods and Flowers

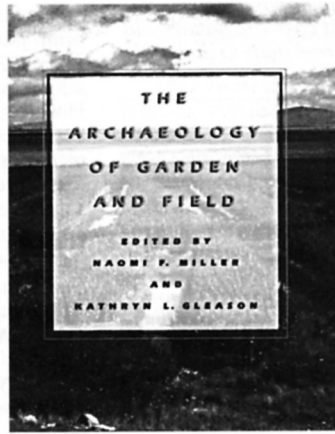
Delicious delicacies are found all around campus (and for train-loving suburbanites, on the way home at 30th Street Station where a careful selection of bakeries, delis, fishmonger and grocers bring the best of Philadelphia's goods to within walking distance of East Campus shoppers).

At the *Bookstore*: a new twist to everyone's favorite—pizza—a Grand Chocolate Pizza (\$7.50) or a tin of La Tempesta almond-hazelnut biscotti (\$22); stocking stuffers: marzipan fruit (\$3.15) or an assortment of Gummies—bears, dinosaurs, penguins or the Gummy Zoo (\$1.65). Also available: Rainforest cashew and Brazil nut crunch (\$12.29)—proceeds benefit Rainforest preservation. Around the corner, the *Flower Emporium* (like the Penn Tower Flower Shop), carries not only Christmas Cactus plants and poinsettias but fruit, snack or gourmet baskets. If you know someone who adores panda bears in a big way, they have the biggest one around, 50" tall and selling well I've been told (\$135). *The Seed* has cappuccino makers, 2-piece bamboo steamers and coffees and teas.

In Houston Hall, *Roses* has mistletoe (\$2.50), as well as an array of holiday plants and several special FTD bouquets like the Starlight bouquet (\$49.95) and Joy to the World bouquet (\$32.50) that can be sent anywhere. *The Card Shop* has banana chips (\$1.99), peanut brittle (\$2.59) and little packets of teas, hot chocolates, and apple cider—perfect stocking stuffers or basket-fillers. Something new is nearly something old—a Russell Stover tin from the 1931 Collection filled with chocolates and hard candies (\$6.95). *Burger King* has a collector series of eight glasses featuring Disney classics, (89¢ each with purchase). *Auntie Anne's* fills a box with a dozen hand-rolled pretzels in gourmet flavors for \$15.60.

On Sansom Street are snug shops bulging with good things. The new *Bucks County Coffee Co.* has plastic mugs in many sizes like The Cargo, for the really thirsty on your list, as well as festive ceramic mugs for the holidays. Plus 24 varieties of coffee beans ranging from French roast (\$8.50/lb.) to Costa Rican (\$11.95/lb.), and chocolate-covered espresso beans (\$11/lb.) Their neighbor, *The Black Cat*, has organic fruit spreads (\$6), gourmet vinegar and pasta sets (\$21) and food for those with less of an appetite or who are watching their weight—wooden apples, bananas made in Haiti (\$5) and a truly unique set of, yes, Bacon-n-eggs lights (\$23)—no cholesterol.

If someone you know needs a night out, why not a gift certificate to *The Palladium*, *Le Bus*, *The White Dog*, and right at the heart of things, *The Faculty Club*? Even *Cinnabon* sells gift certificates for those who would rather have a treat at home, and bottles of their special cinnamon (\$4.95) for bake-it-yourselfers. —M.F.M.



Presents from the Penn Press

The University of Pennsylvania Press catalog of *Forthcoming Books for Fall 1994-Winter 1995* highlights an array of new titles and some of their previously announced popular titles. A number of their offerings are books by Penn authors such as the *Sentimental Twain: Samuel Clemens in the Maze of Moral Philosophy*, by Dr. Gregg Camfield, assistant professor of English (\$34.95 cloth); *The Archaeology of Garden and Field*, edited by Naomi F. Miller, research specialist in archaeobotany at the Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology, University Museum and Dr. Kathryn L. Gleason, assistant professor of landscape architecture and project director of the Penn excavations at Caesarea Maritima, Israel (\$28.95 cloth); *The Graduate School Funding Handbook*, by April Vahle Hamel, with Mary Morris Heiberger and Julie Miller Vick both of Career Planning and Placement Center at Penn (\$13.95 paperback). An especially colorful choice is *A Burst of Brilliance, Germantown Pennsylvania and Navajo Weaving*, the catalog of an exhibition organized by the Arthur Ross Gallery, on view through February 12, edited by Dilys Winegrad, director and curator of the Gallery (\$19.95 paperback). There are many other titles to choose from—some of general interest and some for the specialists. To obtain a catalog from the Press call 898-6261 or to order a book call 800-445-9880.

Gifts Ideas for Special People Who Love . . .

...**Antiquities:** A *University Museum* membership, \$45 for the year for a household, comes in a mummy tin that can be sent by the Museum to the recipient. Membership includes free admission, free guest passes, discounts on parking, publications and non-credit classes, 10% discounts in the Museum Shop and Pyramid Shop, *Expedition Magazine*, and special events listed in a members' newsletter. Memberships can be charged over the phone: 898-4026.

...**Art:** *Institute of Contemporary Art* members get a year of free admission, previews, talks, films, performances, and discounts on catalogues, prints, symposia, and lectures. Artists, students, senior citizens and Penn faculty and staff pay \$20; individuals, \$30; families or households, \$50. A Participating membership costs \$100; Contributing, \$300; Director's Circle, \$500. Information: 898-7108.

...**Books:** A membership with the *Friends of the Library of the University of Pennsylvania* includes a subscription to the newsletter *Bibliotheca*, free admission to the Library's lecture series, and invitations to cultural tours, exhibit openings and social events. Give a \$10 student membership, a \$35 regular membership, \$100 Sponsor membership, \$250 Patron membership, \$500 Benefactor membership, \$1000 Benjamin Franklin Society membership, or \$1500 Life Membership. Benefactor, Ben Franklin and Life members get a year of free book borrowing privileges. Information: 573-3609.

...**Cinema:** A \$20 discount film pass for any five movies shown by the *Neighborhood Film/Video Project* at International House throughout the year (a \$10 savings over the regular ticket price). Information: 895-6542.

Members (\$25; \$15 for students) of the *Philadelphia Independent Film/Video Association* at International House take part in workshops, discussions and screenings and have access to the group's library and database and Philadelphia Equipment Bank. Information: 895-6594.

...**Flora:** Give a plant lover something that's guaranteed to bloom: Holland bulbs from the *Association of Alumnae*. Choose from: nine purple crocuses in a blue delft bowl (\$13); scarlet, white, or pink amaryllis or four paperwhites in a white delft bowl (\$16); miniature red amaryllis in a white delft bowl or five tête-à-tête narcissi in a wicker basket (\$18). Shipping/handling charges and taxes (for shipments to Pennsylvania addresses) are additional. Order by *December 10* for holiday delivery. Information: 898-7811.

Or, give a membership to the *Morris Arboretum*, the state of Pennsylvania's official arboretum. Members receive benefits at over 100 public gardens and arboreta nationwide, Morris Arboretum guest passes, a quarterly newsletter, and discounts on Arboretum classes, the spring plant sale and invitations to lectures and other events. Membership plans: Student (\$20), regular (\$40), Franklinia (\$60), Chestnut (\$125), Holly (\$250), Oak

(\$500), Laurel (\$1000). For information: 247-5777, Ext. 147 or 155.

...**Food:** For convenient meals on campus, try Dining Services' ten-meal coupons for breakfasts (\$42), lunch (\$70) and dinner (\$105). For 25-meal coupons the rates are, respectively, \$98, \$168, or \$2626. For information: 898-7585.

Or, a *Faculty Club* membership, or gift certificates for lunch or dinner in the Hourglass Room (for members and non-members alike). Or, give a deposit to a member's Declining Balance Account. Contact Martha Huggins at the Club, 898-4620. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

For holiday parties: reserve a room at the Faculty Club. Call 898-3464 for information.

Hillel Foundation serves Kosher à la carte lunches (starting around \$3) and dinners (starting around \$10). An activity card is \$25 and discounts Sabbath meals and activities. For information: 898-7391.

...**Music:** A ticket to the University's *Night at the Orchestra* January 23 at the Academy of Music, in memory of Martin Luther King and a benefit for the Marian Anderson Study Center of Penn Libraries (see page 2 of this issue for details)

...**Sports and Fitness:** *The Class of 1923 Ice Rink* has a 10-pass booklet to the rink for \$30 for those with a PennCard and \$45 for those without. For the budding figure skater: seven weeks of group lessons for \$70. For information: 898-1923.

Levy Tennis Pavilion memberships are \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff, \$35 for alumni. Court fees and lessons are available for an additional fee.

Hutchinson Gym offers membership in its fitness center which includes Nautilus and aerobic machines. Membership through August is \$100 for students and \$155 for everyone else. For information: 898-2060.

...**The Stage:** This year, why not satisfy the cravings of a theatre-buff, or introduce someone to the magic of the stage, with tickets to a play or dance performance at the *Annenberg Center*? Coming this season: David Mamet's *Oleanna*, *Hansel and Gretel* (December 16-20), and Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*. Call the box office at 898-6791.

...**The World:** *International House* members get discounts on international films, concerts, workshops and Bazaar Shop purchases and learn about other cultures by meeting I-House residents and participating in cultural programs. Members also receive discounts to stay at International Houses in Australia, Korea, the U. K. and U.S. Membership fees: \$25 (students), \$30 (individuals), \$50 (family), \$100 (contributing), \$250/sustaining member; \$500/world member; \$1000 or more (international member). Information: 387-5125.