

# From East to West: Penn Holiday Shopping at its Best

## University Museum

### The Museum Shop

The *Museum Shop* houses an exotic collection of gifts for the holiday shopper. Located on the main floor of the Museum, it has a brilliant collection of jewelry including Native American designs of silver and inlaid gemstones. Necklaces, bracelets, pins and earrings are priced from the practical to the extravagant (\$20-\$250). Fine jewelry is also available from countries such as Egypt, Israel, Indonesia and Nepal. Holiday ornaments are also on hand including glass blown bulbs (\$15-\$32) and Polonaise ornaments (\$39-\$65). The Polynesian dragonfly was particularly eye catching. The shop also carries cookbooks from around the world (\$6-\$30), and for the board game enthusiast on your list choose either *Widget*, an Egyptian Archaeological Adventure or *Palenque*, a Mayan adventure game (\$60). Apply your tattoos with the *Henna Body Art kit* (\$25). For the designer conscious on your list *Laurel Birch pens* (\$12), earrings (\$29) and clothes (\$115-\$210) are available. Music from around the world is also available—choose from the world beat of *Jessie Cork* to the Latin jazz sound of *Reencarnacion CD Cubanismo* (\$16.99). —M.A.M.

### The Pyramid Shop

For the children on your list, the assortment of creative gifts from the *Pyramid Shop* will delight children and adults alike: Christmas ornaments from around the world (\$2-\$20); jewelry—including bracelets, necklaces, and earrings—(\$1-\$50); and activity books from India, China, Africa, Ancient Rome and South America (\$9.95). For the jigsaw puzzle lover, the *Denyten-amun*, a puzzle in the shape of a mummy, delights (\$14). A variety of stocking stuffers including paper doll books from Italy, Spain, Japan and the Caribbean, and tattoo books of rainforest frogs, Chinese dragons, and Indian designs are all available (\$1). For the doll collector, consider a Japanese porcelain doll at \$50. The stuffed animal collection includes the *Llama in Pajamas* (\$25) and *Crocky Dilly* (\$20). Pop in on your lunch hour (the shop is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. M.-F., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat., and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sun.).

*Scratch and Save:* The Museum has continued the tradition of the “surprise discount” for shoppers. A card has been mailed to all faculty, staff and students, valid now through December 23, to present upon purchase. As the cashier scratches off the patch on the card it reveals a discount of 15% to 75%. —M.A.M.

## Gift Shops

### HUP

Favorites at *HUP* this year include vivid blue and red velvet bears (\$15.99) and for the toddler in your holiday, green doctor in training scrubs (\$18.99). An assortment of cards and stuffed animals including *Beanie Babies* also await the hurried shopper. —M.A.M.

### CHOP

A wall of miniature cars and trucks greets the shopper at *CHOP*, from rescue cars to Cadillacs and trucks (\$2.99-\$6.99). The stuffed animal room is a delight to browse and buy in. For the cartoon dog lover *Scooby Doo* is a must at \$70.99, while the classic favorite *Winnie the Pooh* is available for \$19.99. Red pigs, pink flamingos and a large variety of *Beanie Babies*

and the holiday favorite, *Pokemon*, are ready to be taken home for the holidays. —M.A.M.

### Penn Tower

This year the *Flower Emporium* again offers a variety of gifts, including *Poinsettias* and *Norfolk pines*, decorated for the holidays (\$5-\$50), and assorted bath and body baskets, goodie and fruit baskets (\$30 and up). The store also houses a gift collection including delightful glass perfume bottles (\$25) and *Beanie Babies* (\$6.50). Other stuffed animals are waiting for you including the giant panda and *Doberman pinscher* (\$4-\$125). —M.A.M.

### Sheraton

The small gift shop in the lobby of the *University City Sheraton* has some Philadelphia-themed gift items, including sweatshirts and tee shirts (\$14-\$35), mugs and replicas of the *Liberty Bell*. They also carry a number of cute stuffed animals, including *Winnie the Pooh* and *Disney* characters, as well as teddy bears (\$5.99-\$45). —L.F.

## 34th and Walnut

### The Gap

Along with its expansion into much of the space along 34th and Walnut, the *Gap* has increased its volume and style of clothes this time around. Whether you are a frequenter of the store or a relative newcomer, expect to go into the *Gap* and see hundreds of tags labeled “a *Gap* gift” during this time of the year. From pre-packaged bath and body sets to comfort moccasins, the *Gap* is full of gift ideas for the clueless.

Men’s boxers are two for \$20 while a woman’s camisole set is \$19.50. If you are looking for warm slippers by the fire, women’s snowflake mules are \$34 and men’s comfort moccasins are \$29.50, each nicely wrapped in a holiday box. Basics are always an alternative. Hats start at \$16.50 and pro-fleece scarves and gloves are both \$12.50. In the usual *Gap* array of colors, delicately knitted scarves are around \$34. On the pricier end, fleece jackets and winter polyester vests for him and her are always available at the *Gap*.

In the bath and body category the store has snazzy scented candles, soaps, and lip gloss sets. They have even put together a gift-set with soap, perfume, body wash and bath powders for \$29.50 or the more selective can choose three of the following for \$18—body lotion, bath and shower gel, body wash, or body mist. For those who still are not sure what to get, the *Gap Card* is always an option. It is like a gift certificate, except you can keep reloading the card with money, if you get more generous as the season moves on.

### University Jewelers

Don’t let the word jewelry scare you off if you are working with a budget during the holiday season. The 14 K yellow and white gold jewelry along with sterling silver jewelry are all discounted at *University Jewelers*, as are *Seiko*, *Movado* and *Pulsar* watches. Even if they aren’t discounted, elegant picture frames for friends, or gold and silver *Cross pens* and personalized plaques for that delightful boss of yours are excellent gift choices. If a brass cup or silver plate embossed with the Penn shield doesn’t strike your fancy, the store features a case full of desk clocks which are labeled “Gifts under \$50, \$75, and \$100,” depending on the shelf.

For those who like to worry about the bill after January 1, *University Jewelers* does have precious

pearl bracelets, sapphire rings, gold necklaces with diamond studs and a variety of set stones. Remembering how the little things can sometimes outshine the brightest of diamonds, the *Jewelers* offers engravings, free gift wrapping, and friendly service with any purchase. —F.P.

### Modern Eye

Okay, so this may not usually be the first store name that pops into your head when you write down your holiday gift list, but why eliminate it? Someone you know may need some help in the optics department. During the holidays, frames are 20-60% off with the purchase of a complete pair of glasses. Let’s just hope that you know what type of frames your friend likes to wear. Other options are contact lenses, eyeglass cases, and snappy sunglasses. And here’s a new idea: this year *Modern Eye* has gift certificates in any amount. —F.P.

### Roses Florist

Flowers are a timeless gift to give during the holidays, and *Roses* offers that and more. Christmas cactuses and traditional *Poinsettia* plants (\$3.99 and up) are available this time of year, as are *Norfolk pine trees* (starting at \$5). And then there is the usual array of irises, Asiatic lilies, and carnations, among many other colorful flowers.

If the smell of pine doesn’t put you in the buying spirit then maybe one of the store’s collectable *Beanie Babies* will. These stuffed animals, along with an assortment of stuffed bears, elephants, and monkeys are cute and cuddly gifts for the kids. Hand-sized and carefully crafted bears and birds are delights for collectors, while bear mugs and wooden or metal picture frames (from \$8 to \$15) can always be a special gift for those on your list.

For those who are looking for decorations for their dorm room or their office, rather than holiday gifts, *Roses* also has miniature Christmas trees and wreaths that you can decorate. Miniature candles (\$4.99), decorative candle holders, and glossy vases can always spruce up any bare apartment. For your convenience, if you don’t feel like lugging one of those flower baskets or holiday plants home on the plane why not have *Roses* deliver it for you personally? On-campus delivery is \$2.50, delivery within Pennsylvania \$6, and out-of-state and Canadian delivery \$8. —F.P.

### The Camera Shop

From modern *Kodak Advantage* film to *Nikon* digital cameras, obviously this is the place to head to for all of your photographic needs. If you have a professional photographer in the family, he or she can never have too many rolls of film. If you have a friend that is a sheer gadget buff then you may opt to buy him or her a panoramic camera, a re-vamped *Polaroid* camera, or the newer digital cameras, like the *Olympus D-450Z* with a digital zoom (\$499.99). Or if you simply know of someone who loves to take pictures during the holidays you can buy him or her a disposable camera for only a few bucks, while the computer savvy may relish a *PC PhotoShop* starter kit that will let them put their home photos onto the computer (\$9.99).

Of course you can always purchase a photo album or personalized picture frame for your brother, best friend, and even your dog, so family members and friends can hold on to those special memories. There is also a *Camera Shop* at *Hamilton Square*. —F.P.

## University of Cards

Don't let the store name deceive you. Sure it has the largest collection of cards near Penn's campus, but *University of Cards* carries just about everything else too. For the lighthearted you can purchase the Jerry Springer Show...the Game. For kids there are Big Bird and Oscar banks and Sylvester and Tweety mugs. For the detail-oriented or those with a lot of time on their hands there are freestanding 3-D puzzle sets of the Eiffel Tower or Big Ben. Don't forget those friends with bundles of school spirit. From mugs to sweatshirts, the store carries Penn momentos.

But don't let yourself bypass the more sophisticated gifts this year either. They have a large selection of precious crystal figurines in the shape of everything from a bear to a leaping frog, colorful candles and elegant candle holders, and picture frames of every shape and style. For those crazy, crafty, or eclectic friends and family members you can pick up a cookie jar that makes noise, magnets with funny sayings and pictures, magic capsules, or card games. There are other gifts that are just plain fun, like a wind-up plastic gorilla, hilarious key chains, and executive toys perfect for the corner of a desk.

If stationary is what you are looking to give, the store has glittered stickers, inspirational bookmarks, autograph books, pint-sized books about celebrities or those full of inspirational words, and diaries complete with lock and key. Food is always another option. The sweet tooth will get them every time. University Cards has a bakery selection of brownies, chocolates, jelly beans, Christmas mix candy, and even Pez. And since it is that time of the year, you may want to pick up some Christmas wrapping paper or a menorah and dreidel before you head out of the store.

—F.P.

## Penn Book Center

Who knew that books could be so interesting? Reading material to suit any taste is available at the *Penn Book Center*, where cookbooks and intellectual novels run aplenty. For those overly-excited about Anthropology or Physics you can always pick up the usual hard-covered textbook for a holiday gift. But you may opt to purchase reading material that is a little less challenging and even quite intriguing.

The art critic or painter may enjoy a book full of Impressionist paintings or the *Art Lovers Travel Guide to American Museums 2000*, while the photographer may cherish a book full of inspirational photos, like *Century*. The chef can get lost in a book complete with recipes from crème brûlée to lobster thermidor or a book to fulfill their cravings like, *Diners of Pennsylvania*. For those obsessed with the comics page maybe *49 Dogs*, *36 Cats*, and *a Platypus*, a book of animal cartoons, is an option or you can buy *Our Dumb Century: 100 Years of Headlines* for the aspiring journalist in the family.

Besides reading material, the Center has beautiful calendars in stock featuring everything from Van Gogh's paintings to glossy pictures of the sites around Philadelphia.

Attention Africana enthusiasts! The newly released *Africana Encyclopedia* is available at the Penn Book Center. Wrap one up for your loved one this holiday season. —F.P.

## Stay Tuned ...

Keep an eye out for Part Two of Holiday Shopping at Penn, featuring "Gifts of Involvement" due for publication in next week's *Almanac*.

## Sansom Street

Avril 50

*Avril 50* is not only a place of magazines and cigars. It has a wide selection of coffee blends (\$11-\$12 per lb.), and is the only place at Penn that sells a wide variety of aromatic loose teas (\$6-\$13 per 1/2 lb.) like Japan Genmaicha. You'll also find calendars, engagement books, and cards for all occasions. You can also have your choice of any exotic products prettily wrapped-up as a personalized gift, or you can treat all your friends equally by purchasing a gift certificate. If you're not enticed by *Avril 50* yet, and are a chocolate lover then keep reading. They have a vast selection of international chocolates—from countries like Belgium, Holland, Germany, England, France, Italy, and Switzerland—which can be purchased individually (\$.45-\$.50) or in gift boxes (\$5-\$16). You'll be walking out with visions of chocolates dancing in your head... —A.G.

## Saturn Club

The best place to shop and treat yourself at the same time. Located right behind Black Cat, this stylish salon carries a wide selection of product lines including Aveda, Biolage, and Crew. These products along with *Saturn*'s hair accessories (\$.75-\$12), oils and incense, body glitter (\$4), temporary tattoos (\$3), self-massagers (\$15), nail polish (\$4-\$6), or manicure sets (\$4) can be combined into personalized gift sets. Gift certificates in any dollar amount, or for a specific service, ranging from manicures (\$12) to massages, also make an attractive gift option. Also, certificates over \$40 are 10% off until Christmas. But there's more. Before you leave, definitely check out the Personal Blends section by Aveda. This is where you can make your own blend of essential oils to create a fragrance that will take your senses on an aromatic journey. —A.G.

## Black Cat

A Christmas tree in a bar of soap (\$8)? A candle in the shape of sushi (\$4.50)? These aren't the only surprising pieces you'll find here. *Black Cat* carries many interesting gift ideas, from scented candles (\$3-\$40) to herbal cuticle creams (\$5), to bottles of aromatherapy (\$6.50). They have a vast array of charming and amusing handmade crafts, decorative pieces, pottery, and woven goods, usually with an animal motif, and this season they are featuring a selection of goods from Whole World Products. These products, recognizable by their little yellow cards, are a collection of traditional and folk art pieces (\$7-\$50) from all over the world, made of recycled materials and created by the underprivileged and often unemployed. Whether you're looking for a unique housewarming gift, feel the need to support a charitable cause, or just want to check out the sushi candles, you should stop in, the atmosphere will definitely put you in the holiday spirit! —A.G.

## Bucks County Coffee

*Bucks* welcomes its fourth holiday season on Sansom Street by bringing back mistletoe, their aromatic blend of cinnamon, French vanilla, and hazelnut coffee beans. Packaged and wrapped, this seasonal specialty, along with Bucks' other 3/4 lb. coffee blends, go for \$7.95. Some other gift ideas include decoratively wrapped chocolate covered pretzels and graham crackers for \$5.25, Bucks County Coffee mugs with coffee blends for \$3.30, and gift certificates of any amount. So when you check out Bucks' holiday treats, be sure to stay for the yummy fat free cherry cobbler muffins! —A.G.

## Sansom Common

Penn Bookstore

The Penn Bookstore has much more than just books for the holidays. New this year are Penn Christmas tree ornaments (\$15). Also on a holiday theme are boxed and loose Christmas and Chanukah cards, including cards from the Museum of Modern Art. Other seasonal items include fuzzy slippers with Santa on them (\$13), neckties with Christmas and Chanukah themes (\$18-\$25) and festively dressed Boyds Bears (\$8-\$28).

Of course the Bookstore also has many items with Penn logos. This includes a wide range of apparel, including two new sweatshirt styles, but there are also many other Penn items, including: teddy bears with Penn shirts (\$15-\$50), tote bags (\$20-\$30), cuff links (\$39), leather organizers (\$22.98-\$34.98) and leather portfolios (\$30-\$50). For those with more to spend there are also coasters with a display stand (\$65 for 2, and \$110 for 4) and clocks (about \$100-\$230). The Bookstore also has a range of Penn baby items including: bibs (\$8), cups (\$3), socks (\$7.48) and rattles (\$3). There are also two baby gift sets: a Penn bottle, rattle and shirt for \$24.98, and a "Snoopy Loves Penn" set with two shirts and a pair of socks for \$29.98. One hint: If the lines get too long at the Bookstore, check out the gift shop in the Inn at Penn. It carries many of the same Penn items.

The clothing selection does not end with Penn sweatshirts, however. There is also a range of men's clothing that includes shirts, pants, jackets, robes, pajamas, belts and ties from names like Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein. For women there is a selection of rayon scarves (\$6-\$25) as well as an eclectic selection of purses.

The Bookstore's CD shop sells music from a wide range of genres, including pop, classical,

## Books from the Penn Press

Each year there are many new and interesting books available from Pennsylvania Press. This year's crop includes books on subjects, figures, decorative arts, financial planning and landscape design available at the Penn Bookstore.



*Daphne du Maurier, Haunted Heiress* by John Welsh Centennial Professor of Literature at Penn. \$24.95. A reevaluation of the best known for her novel *Rebecca*, a cultural figure.

*Across the Open Field: Essays on Landscapes* by Laurie Olin, Practicing Landscape Architecture at Penn. He is a Park, NYC, and the Sculpture Center Gallery of Art, Washington. \$42. A exploration of the English countryside and understanding the relationship of landscape illustrated with his own sketches.

*Mark Twain, A Literary Life* by Mark Twain, Distinguished Professor of English at Penn. Carolina. \$34.95. An outstanding study of America's most beloved writer.

*The New Working Woman's Guide to Retirement Planning: Saving and Investing Now for a Secure Future* by Priddy Patterson, Deloitte & Touche. \$19.95 "Every woman should read this book."—Olivia S. Mitchell, Executive Director Pension Research Council, Wharton School

*European Ceramics* by Robin Hiatt, Victoria and Albert Museum. \$35. A full-color history from the Middle Ages to today by a leading expert.



jazz, new age and world music. Two Penn Glee Club CDs are sold there (\$15.99 each). The shop also features other items, including CD storage units, including a 5-shelf organizer for \$29.98, and personal cassette players (\$29.95-\$48.98) and CD players (\$69.99).

Some other gift items that can be found at the Bookstore are a wide assortment of picture frames, framed and unframed prints and calendars that feature everything from fine art to cartoons to sports to animals (\$9.95-\$11.95).

Finally, the Bookstore also has a huge selection of books. Very prominently featured is *University of Pennsylvania: A Photographic Portrait*, which features over 150 beautiful color photographs of the Penn campus. It is exclusively available at the Penn Bookstore (\$39.95). A "gift books under \$20" display features such popular titles as the *Zagat Survey 2000 Update for Philadelphia Restaurants*, the *2000 Farmer's Almanac* and *Seuss-isms for Success*. Other special displays feature new releases, books by Penn authors and holiday books.

The Bookstore will be holding its annual Holiday Spree on December 8-10 and 15-17. This great sale will give you 20% off on anything in the store that is not already discounted, except for textbooks, software, CDs, magazines and periodicals, and cafe items. —L.F.

#### Computer Connection

As the seconds tick off those large, intimidating millennium clocks, Y2K seems as imminent as a nor'easter forecasted with digital precision, to slam into the coast, and all you can do is prepare...

Well, that's the sort of trepidation manufacturers of Y2K software believe you have—or should have. *Computer Connection* offers a wide range of the better Y2K software titles for the cautious and anxious PC owners (suddenly i-Macs

don't seem so impractical) on your gift list. For solutions to a millennium-long problem, most of these Y2K de-buggers come at bargain prices: McAfee's *Year 2000 ToolBox* (\$16); and the more comprehensive Y2K survival Kit (also by McAfee) which includes an update feature that makes all your applications Y2K ready; virus detection, and hardware protection (\$30). Also at Computer Connection, Power Quest offers you a *Second Chance* to get your PC ready for the date-bug (\$40).

The must-have Millennium updates—minus the panic factor—include *Microsoft Office 2000* (\$99), and *Encarta Encyclopedia 2000* (\$105). If you wish to go for a more practical (pricey) gift, then purchase the Y2K-ready Palm Pilots (around \$230). Also consider the *Palm V Modem*, which is a great accessory for the *Palm V pilot*, because it allows you to send and receive e-mail on the road and is also compatible with your GSM phone (\$169). A protective-case for the palm-pilot demands even more pragmatism of your wallet (\$65). —E.A

#### Ma Jolie

One of the newest kids on the block at Sansom Common, *Ma Jolie* brings its progressive Manayunk boutique styles to the University community. Coordinates ranging from urban casual to classically sophisticated deck the halls at Ma Jolie, with such designer labels as "Free People", "Co-op", "Grassroots", "Ministry" and "ABS Allen Schwartz" stocked, as well as their own "Ma Jolie" line. Suits for the modern woman in both beautiful day and evening styles are only the beginning of what shoppers will find there this holiday season. Capes, shawls, feather boas and cashmere sweaters will surely dress up any outfit. Their leather goods—from trousers and jackets to backpacks and handbags—are hip yet classy and sophisticated. In vogue this holiday season, according to Ma Jolie employees, is crystal beaded jewelry; bracelets are anywhere from \$20 to over \$100. They also carry custom antique jewelry that is to die for—if the price tag doesn't give you a heart attack first. With the most impressive selection of evening gowns on campus, Ma Jolie can be considered a New Years Eve 2000 headquarters of sorts—if you really want to treat yourself. Shoppers will be pleasantly surprised by the infants clothing and accessories section, offering cute cute clothes by "baby dot com" for any newborn through infant (\$18-\$38). A great stocking stuffer for toddlers is the "Blues Clues" dog, a stuffed animal on a keychain, at \$6. Gift-wrapping is free and gift cards—pre-paid debit cards in any amount—make wonderful gifts for the more finicky princesses in your life. —T.B.

#### Steve Madden

Kick off the Y2K festivities with some hot new heels from the *Steve Madden Store*. Like Ma Jolie, Steve Madden is another new addition to the Sansom Common family, and with the loss of 9 & Co., it is the only shoe store on the east side of campus. Most boots and shoes are on sale now for \$50 (from \$80). Dress shoes range from \$59-\$89; casual, basic versatile styles are anywhere between \$49-\$99; and ankle to knee-high boots start at the sale price of \$55 going all the way to \$160. Steve Madden offers other non-shoe items like fashionable and reasonably priced handbags and backpacks. Wire necklaces (\$14) and bracelets (\$10) are popular with pre-teen girls and 20-somethings alike. For a more unconventional stocking stuffer idea, consider toe rings at \$8 or pony hair animal print wrist bands at \$18. Asian mysticism seems to be a trend that has gained more popularity with the millennium approaching and Power bead bracelets are on everyone's arm—Steve Madden has them in all

varieties at \$15. Show your favorite teenage girl how "with-it" you can be by putting hair jewels (\$12) and keychains with fuzzy coin purses in animal prints (\$15) in her stocking this year.

Fuzzy slippers make great gifts for virtually anyone and Steve Madden has them in pastels as well as leopard, dalmatian and zebra prints on sale for \$29 (originally \$39), but if you're having trouble picking out a present for that special shoe lover in your life, gift certificates are available in any amount. Although there is a sale in progress now, "moonlight madness" sales (where the store stays open later than usual) may be in the wind later on this month so keep checking in with the store for details. While you're there, ask about the Mad Money Card. It'll save you 10% off any purchase for one year. —T.B.

#### Douglas Parfumerie

Douglas Parfumerie has become a fast favorite of University shoppers of all ages because of the many designer and brand name perfumes and cosmetics they carry. There's definitely something for everyone. With a plethora of fragrances suiting a wide range of people and pocketbooks, Douglas has set up in-store shopping aids that can make anyone perfume or cosmetic-literate. The Smell machine, for one, has a computer screen that operates by touch—select the scent which interests you and a faint yet distinct fragrance is emitted by the machine—you get enlightened without having something sprayed on you and the smell stays where it belongs—in the store. Computer-assisted shopping, such as the Clinique cyberface, offers cosmetic suggestions for skin type and shape, and there is an i-Mac with Web access conveniently available where you learn more about the various products Douglas carries. A center display of various gift sets and offers makes it easy to comparison shop without walking all over the entire store, and signs detailing specials throughout the store are prominently displayed. Origins, Clinique, Clarins and Shiseido counters (among others) are represented and if you are in need of unique or rare fragrances that you just can't find anywhere, Douglas is more than willing to try and track them down at one of their other stores.

Besides the myriad perfumes (each with its own holiday gift offers) Douglas exclusively offers exquisite silver and gold shimmering bath foam in decorative glass bottles that sells for \$5-\$12.50; or celestial keepsake boxes (\$8-\$13.50). It is a budget friendly store that offers: 10% off all purchases \$25+ with any student ID; gift certificates in any amount; free gift-wrapping; and free shipping within the continental US. You'll find everything from fragrances to Candy Kisses® lip balm (set of 3 in Bear or Snowman tin, \$7) and Power beads (stone-\$15; wood-\$7); aromatic candles to Chinese take-out purses (\$17.50) and "barrel" makeup bags (\$12.50).

Good gift ideas under \$20: *for her*, leopard print fuzzy slippers (\$10) with matching makeup purse (\$8); *for him*, travel case containing Men's grooming items (\$19.50); and *for friends*, gift cans (\$14.50-\$20). One called "Urban Survival Kit" contains eye soother, hand cream, aromatherapy calming face mist, a mini wooden massager, a CD called "guitar by the sea" and a pamphlet which guides you to a relaxed state.

The Douglas tip for Year 2000: *glitter*. Hard Candy® offers an eye shadow compact called "disco 2000"—4 high quality glitterific shades perfect for those millennium party-goers (\$28). Don't forget the bubbly! A commemorative Douglas "2000" bottle of bubble bath makes a great party gift (\$10). —T.B.

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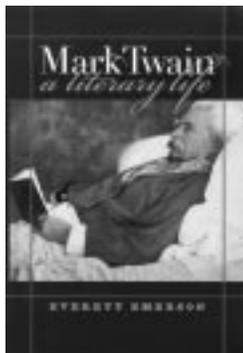
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## Eastern Mountain Sports

You don't have to be a mountaineer to take advantage of the sales at *EMS*. Now through December 12 expect to find high quality outdoor-wear such as Columbia, North Face and *EMS*'s own line at sale prices. For instance, their most popular item, a men's fleece jacket or pullover, is \$39.50. For the serious nature enthusiast, the store offers equipment for a variety of activities, such as camping, hiking, and rock-climbing. Some of the items include backpacks, blankets, hiking boots, binoculars, cookware, and even snowshoes! In particular, *EMS* carries a wide selection of Leatherman tools (\$20-\$80).

On a more playful note, the store also offers oversized tins of Altoids (\$10); custom wooden ornaments (\$8); the Swiss "bob" sled (\$19.50) in a very durable plastic; and high quality stuffed animals (\$25-\$50). The best thing about *EMS* is the store's atmosphere: the service is friendly and knowledgeable and there are informative pamphlets next to almost every display of merchandise. As always, gift certificates available in any amount and you can shop on-line at [www.emsonline.com](http://www.emsonline.com). —T. B.

## Urban Outfitters

Have you ever noticed that *Urban Outfitters* does not advertize? Besides their elaborate window displays amongst the shops at Sansom Common, there is no indication elsewhere of what the store has to offer. In keeping with the air of mystery surrounding this Sansom Common staple, all I can tell holiday shoppers is what they may go and see for themselves. The look this season at *Urban Outfitters* appears to be bedouin/gypsy with a bit of Eastern mysticism thrown in for good measure.

With their clever floor displays, *Urban Outfitters* has really made it easy for its shoppers to keep their gift ideas fresh and diverse. Walk through and see for yourself! —T.B.

## Westward on Walnut

### Eckerd

For Christmas cards, lights and tree decorations, *Eckerd's* is inexpensive and close to home, but there are a few good gift ideas too. There are quite a few children's videos for sale (about \$20 apiece), located behind the counter. There is also a fairly decent selection of electronics, little toys and stuffed animals, and attractively packaged candy. And perhaps the most perfect gift of all—a holiday tin of Russell Stover chocolates with Elvis's smiling face on the cover. —D.S.

## Spruce Street

### Spruce Street Records

As the only place left on campus that's all about music, this little store is a great place for those who'd rather buy their CDs in person and close to home than on-line or downtown. The store carries a large selection of new CDs at regular prices (\$12 or \$13), but also boasts a huge and diverse collection of used CDs for much less (around \$7 or \$8) which are well worth browsing through. Gift certificates are available, if you aren't sure what to buy, but if you need any help, the staff is friendly and very knowledgeable. Special orders like imports are not an obstacle either, for those hard-to-find CDs, and if you go early enough they could arrive just in time for the holiday season. —D.S.

## House of Our Own Bookstore

This wonderful little bookstore carries an eclectic mix of literature from all over the world

and nearly every area of interest imaginable. The small, homey environment is a pleasure, a welcome break from the hectic holiday rush, and the staff is friendly and quite helpful. This is a good place to find non-mainstream books and magazines for someone who appreciates the original and off-key. And aside from the huge selection of new books downstairs, *House of Our Own* has an entire second floor filled with used books (treasures waiting to be found!) which are, on average, much lower in price. Keep an eye out for in-store holiday specials as the season progresses. —D.S.

## Steve and Barry's

The place to buy Penn apparel on campus, *Steve and Barry's* has an amazingly diverse collection of sweatshirts, tee shirts, fleeces, vests, and hats embroidered, printed and stamped with Penn and Wharton logos. And the deals! Hats (\$16), fleece vests (\$54), and hooded sweatshirts (\$58), all buy one, get one free! Doesn't suit you? Buy one long-sleeved or embroidered tee shirt for \$27, and get two free! (See the signs in the store for specifics—some of the deals allow you to pick different free items.) But perhaps that special someone has too many sweatshirts already? Well, how about any of a wealth of other Penn paraphernalia: bumper stickers, glasses of all shapes and sizes, stuffed animals, key chains, check holders, pens, wallets, and oversized coffee mugs, all proudly displaying Penn and Wharton logos. A great way to show everyone how much you love not only them, but also the University. —D.S.

## The Grand Shoe Store

A tiny little store chock full of men's (\$50-\$100) and women's (\$40-\$120) dress shoes, *Grand Shoe* also offers all the necessities to protect shoes in the harsh winter months. It is a repair shop too, so if anyone has a favorite pair of sneakers, boots, sandals or dress shoes they've always been meaning to fix, this is a good place to bring them. Be sure to have cash or a credit card, though, because they don't accept personal checks. —D.S.

## Dolbey's

You might not expect this store to have much in the way of holiday gifts, as it specializes in medical textbooks and dictionaries, but it actually has some fun gift ideas for the non-doctors of the world. Scrubs are extremely comfortable (around \$30); and there is a wide selection of comfortable clogs (around \$45) that are good for people who work on their feet all day. It would probably be pretty funny to give someone a crazy medical poster of all the proteins and how they connect to each other too, which *Dolbey's* offers. And of course, there is the ever-popular stethoscope for that younger brother, sister, cousin, nephew or niece who just can't wait to go to med school. —D.S.

## CVS

Located on the western end of campus, *CVS* is a useful stop for all the little but necessary things you may need for the holidays. You'll find ribbons and wrapping paper, tree ornaments and lights, and nicely boxed candies and chocolates at pretty affordable prices. This is also the place to find cute prewrapped stocking stuffers that start a little under \$3. From groceries to cosmetics, they're all here, so if you feel like getting creative and putting together your own homemade gift set, then *CVS* is the place to stop by. You can even make use of their millennium products: check out the little year 2000 champagne bottles with chocolate in them; they're pretty cute. —A.G.

## Hamilton Square

### Natural Shoe Store

The *Natural Shoe Store* on 40th at Hamilton Square prides itself in the fact that regardless of the season, its merchandise is always on sale, and "'tis the season" means even more sales. They are offering up to 60% off all clearance merchandise, 40% off all Timberland boots, about 5% off sneakers, up to 10% off for junior sizes and women's running shoes. Nike *Air* leather, water-proof boots (a \$99 value) retail for \$68.95. An excellent gift idea would be the Adidas *Tursion* system basketball sneakers (\$59.95). —E.A.

### Radio Shack

The *Radio Shack* on 40th Street offers some great gift ideas with the latest audio and video technology available at discount prices. A 15-CD disc Carousel DVD player (\$149.99) allows you the all-important versatility of DVD players—the ability to play audio CDs as well as DVD-full length movies. Full editing capabilities also come with this cool box of digital marvel. The most popular audio equipment this season though, has to be the 7-piece Home Theater audio system, a \$500-value which retails for \$399.99. It features surround sound, 7 humongous pieces of decibel-pumping, nerve-jarring, hair-raising 3-dimensional sound amplification for the hard-core music fan—or sound fan.

Portable CD players or Walkmans are always great gift ideas, and some of the better ones are available at budget-friendly prices: a really good walkman with the best features (\$49.99) and CD players with full kit features including a protective case, car-kit feature, headphones and adapter (\$99). *Radio Shack* also carries sizable remote-controlled cars for the children on your gift list (\$17.99). —E.A.

### Game Gallery

Some of the best products manufactured with the millennium in mind are video games—particularly sports video games and with almost all the professional leagues in full swing—'tis also the sports season. So what sports fan wouldn't relish the idea of simulating the first season of the millennium, and thereafter? *Game Gallery* offers some of the more popular EA Sports 2000 titles for the Sony PlayStation, like *NBA Live 2000* (\$47), *Madden 2000* (\$45) and *NHL 2000* (\$47). For the hard-core soccer fan on your list, *FIFA 2000* (\$48) offers gameplay with all 12 MLS teams, literally hundreds of European clubs, World Cup teams, as well as numerous "classic" teams. With all 29 NBA teams, rosters, great graphics, and user-friendly options, EA Sports had to do something special for the millennium, with *NBA Live 2000*. "Jordan is Back!" declares EA Sports, as the title allows you to pit the greatest players of all time (yes, including MJ) against each other on an outdoor playground! Get your copy for only \$46.99. *Madden 2000* (EA Sports) and *NFL Quarter-Back Club 2000* (989 Sports) for the Nintendo 64 video game console, both feature great N64-quality graphics, all 31 NFL teams, season and playoff modes.

If you opt not for sports games this time around, new arrivals in the PlayStation library like *Resident Evil 3 Nemesis* (\$54.99), *Final Fantasy VIII* (\$54.99), and *Tekken 3* (\$34.99) are some of the popular non-sports video game titles there. —E.A.

Coming next week: "Gifts of Involvement".