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Blanchard Professor of Chemistry: Larry Sneddon

SAS Dean Rebecca Bushnell has announced that Dr. Larry Sneddon has been named the Blanchard Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Sneddon has been a member of Penn’s chemistry faculty for more than three decades. He served as department chair from 2002 to 2005 and is also a longtime member of the Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter. From 2005 to 2007, he held the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Term Chair in Chemistry.

A leading inorganic and materials chemist, Dr. Sneddon is currently overseeing research on the syntheses and properties of a wide range of molecular, polymeric and solid-state materials. His interdisciplinary research on advanced ceramics has led to the formation of these technologically important materials in previously unattainable nano- and micro-structured forms. Most recently, he is leading a new research program focused on the development of methods for chemical hydrogen storage, a key technology needed to enable the use of hydrogen as an alternative energy carrier in transportation applications.

Dr. Sneddon has coauthored more than 200 publications, and he has delivered presentations at over 150 conferences. His work has been published in leading chemical and materials journals, including the Journal of the American Chemical Society, Inorganic Chemistry and Chemistry of Materials. In recognition of his contributions to the chemical sciences, he has been awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Award for Senior US Scientists, the Boron in the Americas Award for Distinguished Achievements in Boron Science and a fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Most recently, he received the US Department of Energy’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Hydrogen Storage Research and Development. His honors at Penn include a Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (Almanac April 15, 1997).

The Blanchard Chair in Chemistry was endowed by a gift from Misses Anna, Harriet and Maria Blanchard in 1907. The first Blanchard Professor was Edgar Fabs Smith, who also served as provost. The previous holder of the Blanchard Chair was the late Nobel laureate Dr. Alan MacDiarmid.

Establishment of Institute for Regenerative Medicine

The University of Pennsylvania is launching the Institute for Regenerative Medicine, a new cross-disciplinary endeavor to investigate and harness the therapeutic potential of stem cells in the treatment of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, degenerative diseases, wound healing and aging. Two renowned Penn scientists, Dr. Jonathan A. Epstein and Dr. Ralph Brinster, have agreed to lead this consummately collaborative, inter-school and interdisciplinary initiative.

“The discovery of the remarkable properties of adult stem cells is transforming our understanding of basic biology, as well as disease processes,” President Gutmann said. “PENN researchers are positioned at the forefront of this exciting new development. The Institute for Regenerative Medicine will foster new and significant campus-wide research collaborations to explore the frontiers of stem cell biology and pave the way towards the discovery of lifesaving therapies. I am delighted that two eminent Penn scientists, Dr. Jonathan Epstein and Dr. Ralph Brinster, have agreed to lead this cross-disciplinary initiative.”

The Institute for Regenerative Medicine will complement existing Penn centers and institutes including the Abramson Cancer Center; the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism; the Institute for Neurological Sciences; the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics; the Penn Cardiovascular Institute; and the Genomics Institute. It will also draw on existing Penn programs in basic cell and organ biology, extensive animal modeling opportunities, practical and experiential expertise in tissue engineering, innovative translational research programs and ready access to pediatric and adult patient populations.

The Institute will work closely with other schools in the region, including Lincoln University and Haverford College, offering cooperative educational programs and student exchanges. In addition, the Institute plans to create partnerships to extend this interaction to inner-city classrooms, bringing the opportunities of regenerative medicine to students early in their academic development.

“The Institute will profoundly change our entire educational continuum,” Provost Daniels said. “It will integrate our expertise in stem cell biology, enhance research opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students, increase postdoctoral fellowships and modernize our training of the next generation of scientists and physicians.”

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Rhodes Scholar: Joyce Meng

Joyce Meng, a Penn senior from Vienna, Virginia, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. She plans to pursue master’s degrees in economics for development and financial economics at Oxford University.

Ms. Meng, who co-founded an innovative bank and business incubator for street youth in Lagos, Nigeria, is in the Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business—a joint degree program in SAS and Wharton. She is captain of Penn’s debate team, plays on the women’s hockey team and is a leader of several student organizations. She is the 19th Rhodes Scholar from Penn.

“...All of us at Penn are extraordinarily proud of (continued on page 3)
Honors & Other Things

Wallace Excellence Award: Annenberg Center

The Wallace Foundation, which strives to enable institutions to expand learning and enrichment opportunities for all people and build appreciation for the arts, has granted $750,000 over four years to the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. The Center will pilot and evaluate a values-driven Strategic Audience Development Initiative in the Philadelphia region which will broaden arts participation as measured by annual increases in attendance, the number of donors, percentage of homes sold and average ticket price. Project activities will include creating and testing an audience development “tool kit,” designing and administering the next generation of a values survey instrument, expanding the donor base, and curating the By Local project to provide technical assistance, marketing and subsidized production support for 16 Philadelphia performing artists and groups across multiple genres.

Courage to Teach Award: Dr. Galetta

Dr. Steven Galetta, Ruth Wagner Van Meter and J. Ray Van Meter Professor of Neurology, has been recognized as one of 10 national recipients of the 2008 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). This award is presented to distinguished program directors in recognition of their commitment to teaching and development of innovative and effective residency programs. The award is named after Dr. Parker J. Palmer, a senior adviser at the Fetzer Institute.

ACVS Legends Award: Dr. Raker

Dr. Charles W. Raker, former chairman and professor emeritus of the department of surgery at New Bolton Center, was presented the Legends Award from The American College of Veterinary Surgeons Foundation (ACVS). The award recognizes ACVS Diplomates who have developed a surgical or diagnostic procedure of significant value. For decades Dr. Raker was considered the expert on most upper respiratory surgical techniques applied to the horse. Dr. Dean W. Richardson, who holds the Charles W. Raker Professorship in Equine Surgery at New Bolton Center, said Dr. Raker “was the pre-eminent expert in equine upper airway problems for many years, but he was also the pioneer of joint surgery in horses. Most importantly, he served as a broad-minded mentor for those that followed him. He actively encouraged the development of new technologies by his younger staff and gave selflessly to all of his residents, interns and students. None of those who worked with him has any doubts that he is a legend of veterinary surgery.”

Walk-back Program: December 8-19

As in past years, the Division of Public Safety, working with the Undergraduate Assembly, has reinstated the Public Safety Walk-back Program. During reading days & finals, from Saturday, December 8 through Wednesday, December 19, an AlliedBarton Security Officer will be posted at the “Button” on Locust Walk from 12 a.m.-3:30 am. Approximately every half hour the officer will enter Van Pelt-Dietrich 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 Programs. Uniformed AlliedBarton Security Officers provide escorts to campus locations. Escorts are dispatched by radio and go from one campus location to another, to a Penn Transit Stop or to an on-campus SEPTA regional transit stop. Escorts are available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To request a Walking Escort, call (215) 898-9255 (898-WALK).
Rhodes Scholar (continued from page 1) Joyce,” President Amy Gutmann said. “She represents the best and brightest not only at the University of Pennsylvania but from across the US. Joyce is well on her way to accomplishing so much for the benefit of humankind and is a shining example of Penn’s effort to engage globally.”

“Joyce really represents the best of Penn,” Provost Ron Daniels said. “She’s a high achiever, she has a wide range of interests and she cares so much about making the world a better place. Her work in Lagos, and in Mexico, has already made a tangible difference in the lives of underprivileged families and children in those countries.”

Ms. Meng is among 32 college students from across the nation selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Help with Work & Family Issues
Managing the dual demands of your work and home responsibilities can be complicated and exhausting at times. That’s why Human Resources provides a Work & Family Services benefit which offers a variety of helpful information and resources. To make this benefit even more useful, a redesigned online portal has just been launched—it’s easier to use than ever and includes an expanded array of resources.

The Work & Family Services online portal brings together a wealth of information on issues that are important to everyday, from caring for your family to how best to manage your time, money and health. You have free access to articles and services from more than one million worklife benefit providers, including Penn’s provider, Penn Behavioral Health. You can find compelling research, robust concierge resources, legal and financial advice, shopping rewards and discounts at a network of national vendors.

To access these resources, first visit Penn’s Work & Family Services homepage at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/worklife/dependent.asp (you will need to log in with your PennKey) and follow the instructions to log in to the “Work & Family Services online portal.” If you have any questions about Work & Family Services benefits or how to access the online resources, please contact Human Resources at (215) 898-0380 or kraut@hr.upenn.edu.

Reaching Retirement Goals
Have you thought about your retirement goals lately? With the end of the tax year approaching, there’s limited time left to maximize your pre-tax retirement plan contributions for 2007. Pre-tax savings have less of an impact on your paycheck than you might think, since you don’t pay federal income taxes on the money you’re putting away until you actually take the money out of your account. The sooner you start saving, the better—and it’s never too late to start!

For calendar year 2007, your pre-tax contributions generally cannot exceed $15,500, but this amount may be higher if you are at least 50 years of age and/or have at least 15 years of service with the University. The contribution limit for 2008 will remain at $15,500.

Manage your accounts with Penn’s online retirement system at www.upenn.edu/with/penn (look under “Benefits” for the “Retirement benefits—view, enroll, change” link), or call the Retirement Call Center at 1-877-PENN-RET (1-877-736-6738) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. To learn more about Penn’s retirement plans, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/benefits/retirement.

—Division of Human Resources

Emergency Closings
Although Penn normally never stops operating, emergencies such as severe weather conditions may sometimes result in the cancellation of classes and/or the partial or full closure of certain areas of the University. Decisions affecting work schedules and class cancellations are made by the Executive Vice President in consultation with the Provost. The University will announce a closing or other modification of work schedules through the following means:

• the University’s emergency information number: (215) 898-6358 (215-898-MELT)
• communications from the Division of Public Safety
• KYW News Radio (1060 AM)
• the uPennAlert Emergency Notification System (for University related incidents and crises)

The University’s emergency radio identification code numbers are “102” for play classes and schools/centers and “2102” for evening classes.

The message that accompanies the code number will provide the operating status of the University. Make sure to keep this emergency information in a place you can easily access.

Even when Penn is officially closed due to an emergency, there are some essential services that must still be provided, such as Public Safety or Facilities. Staff members in essential positions are still required to work as normally scheduled under these circumstances.

More information about the suspension of normal operations is available online at www.hr.upenn.edu/policy/polices/707.asp.

Your Life Insurance Beneficiary
Most of us don’t think about our life insurance very often—it’s hard to confront the fact that we can’t be there for our loved ones forever. But that’s exactly why it’s important to keep your life insurance beneficiary information up to date. It’s best to review your beneficiary information on at least an annual basis, to ensure that your spouse/partner, children, parents, siblings or friends are taken care of when you’re gone. Consider how much your life can change in the space of a year: marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, and death can all impact your choice of beneficiary.

Fortunately, updating your beneficiary information online is quick and easy. To review or change your designation, visit www.upenn.edu/ hr/benefits and click on “Health Benefits”—view, enroll, change” in the “Benefits” section. Log on with your PennKey and password, select the “Update Life Insurance Beneficiary” option and the online system will walk you through the enrollment process. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Benefits Center at 1-888-PENN-BEN (1-888-736-6236).

Marshall Scholarship: Stephen Danley
Stephen Danley, C’07, who earned a degree in philosophy, politics and economics at Penn in 2007 has won the prestigious Marshall Scholarship. He plans to pursue an M Phil in comparative social policy at Oxford University in England. At Penn, he was a member of the Excello Project spoken word team, a tri-captain of Penn’s varsity basketball team and was active in Newman Center activities on campus. He is currently one of 15 Philly Fellows. The post-graduate fellowships sponsored by Penn’s Fox Leadership Program, connect top graduates from each challenge as they prepare for positions in non-profit agencies to serve the community.

“Steve is an outstanding scholar, an eloquent and exemplary student leader, and an absolutely wonderful person who is enormously deserving of this prestigious award,” President Amy Gutmann said. “As a Philly Fellow, he has already made important contributions as an alumnus, and this accolade continues to make Penn proud.”

“Stephen is a true Renaissance Man,” said Provost Ronald J. Daniels. “He is a basketball star, a team leader, a poet, a New York Times blogger, and a passionate student of social policy. We are extremely proud that he will represent Penn abroad as a Marshall Scholar.”

Mr. Danley is the eighth Marshall Scholar from Penn and the University’s sixth by the Executive Vice President in consultation with the Provost.

Institute (continued from page 1)

The University is recruiting more than 15 new Institute-affiliated faculty in the next two years in stem cell biology, regenerative medicine and related disciplines. Penn’s schools of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dental Medicine, Engineering and Applied Science and Arts and Sciences have all new faculty positions to the Institute. The University is building a multidisciplinary research environment that will support Institute scientists. The schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, along with the Abramson Cancer Center and Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania, are pooling resources and space to establish new core facilities for Institute affiliates.

“We consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to be able to call upon the services of Dr. Epstein and Dr. Brinster as we embark on this exciting new initiative,” Provost Daniels said. “Jon and Ralph will have the full support of University and School administration, and we are pleased to be committing substantial resources to seed new research programs and infrastructure projects under their leadership.”

Dr. Epstein is the William Wikoff Smith Chair in Cardiovascular Research and chairman of the department of cell and developmental biology in the School of Medicine. He is the scientific director of the Cardiovascular Institute and has numerous professional affiliations and honors, which include being an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association, a member of the American Association of Physicians and vice president of the American Board for Clinical Investigation. He specializes in exploring the molecular mechanisms of cardiovascular development, especially their implications for understanding and treating human disease. He has received numerous awards, including the Sir William Osler Young Investigator Award from the Interurban Club and the Outstanding Investigator Award from the American Federation for Medical Research. He earned an AB in 1983 and an MD in 1988, both from Harvard.

Dr. Brinster is the Richard King Mellon Professor of Reproductive Physiology in the School of Veterinary Medicine. He is a member of the Institute of Molecular Biology and National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. He has made landmark contributions to research related to germ cells, stem cells and the modification of their genetic program. He has received numerous honors, including the Gairdner Foundation International Award, being one of only three veterinarians ever awarded this distinction; the Wolf Prize in Medicine; the Charles-Leopold May Foundation International Award, being one of only several recipients; and the March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology. He was awarded an Achievement in Science from the Franklin Institute. He received a BS from Rutgers in 1953, and a VMD in 1960 and PhD in physiology in 1964, both from Penn.

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Holiday Shopping Around Campus

ACCESSORIES
The Natural Shoe Store is apt to have a pair of shoes for even the most selective of shoppers. Browse through their extensive selection of boots, sneakers, shoes and slippers and you’ll be sure to find something comfortable and reasonably-priced for men, women and children. The environmentally-conscious shopper should be sure to buy from their many earth-friendly labels, including vegan/non-leather alternatives. Head there soon as their sale will only last until January.

University Jewelers sells jewelry items of all types in 14-karat gold and sterling silver, including distinctive Penn jewelry, with prices starting at $20. They also sell pearls, clocks, watches, picture frames and jewelry-cleaning products. During the holiday season, they will offer free gift-wrapping and extended Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in addition to discounts on select jewelry items.

Take advantage of Modern Eye’s year-round coupons and end-of-year, brand-specific sales. This offbeat full-service optical shop offers professional eye care and has a large selection of fine eyewear and designer sunglasses, including Gucci, Prada, and Oakley. More affordable frames and lens packages start at $69. You can also create your own unique look with a pair of their retro frames. See www.modern-eye.com for more information.

APPAREL & MORE
Escape the winter chill and explore LA-based American Apparel. This fashion-forward shop can brighten up any dreary winter wardrobe with its rainbow-colored array of t-shirts, sweatshirts, turtlenecks and even casual dresses. Its accessories include ties, leggings, knee-socks, belts, and gym bags. And make sure to buy your furry friend! You can also pick out items from their Sustainable Edition, which includes styles in certified organ­ic cotton. Check out www.americanapparel.net for more information or online shopping.

Urban Outfitters is a one-stop shop for all of your holiday shopping needs. Decorate your home without draining your pockets with selected houseware items on sale for $19.99 and dinnerware, too, for $15. All women’s outerwear is 25% off, so pick out a special jacket for the woman in your life. And spread the gift of giving: When you buy a Young Survival tote for $15, all proceeds go directly to the Young Survival Coalition, a non-profit network of breast cancer supporters and supporters. Urban Outfitters also features an eclectic assortment of shoes, books, shirts, jeans and electronic appliances. On sale are sweaters for $29, select sneakers for $39 or less and solid tees are two for $24. Prices for most sale apparel items range from $9.99 or less to $29.99. See www.urbanoutfitters.com.

Professional women, glamour queens and laid-back ladies alike can shop at Ann Taylor LOFT for classically tailored clothing. Their selection features dress suits, casual clothing and evening gowns. Accomplish a put-together look with their unique collection of accessories; belts, shoes, scarves, hair bands, hats and clutches. On sale now are 100% cotton tees for $16.99 and sale items are reduced up to 60%, with an extra 30% off of select sale items. Shop online at www.anntaylorloft.com.

With a selection ranging from party dresses and dresses to fashionable t-shirts and sweaters, the Gap is the authority on both dressing to impress and dressing down. Their wide range of jean cuts will also help you to find your new favorite pair of jeans. Their accessories include coats, gloves, caps, clutches, ballet flats and belts. Indulge yourself with the GapBody line, featuring skin care, fragrance and Cologne. Buy any products from the Gap’s (Product) Red line and half of all proceeds will be donated to the Global Fund to help children and women suffering from AIDS in Africa. Save 15% off of your purchases when you open up a GapCard account. Go to www.gap.com.

BATH AND BEAUTY
For the beauty buffs on your gift list, visit Douglas Cosmetics. The shop offers a wide range of bath and beauty products, including cosmetic items and lotions, and a wide variety of fine fragrances for women and men. Douglas provides a selection of many brands, including Clinique, MAC, Chanel, Dior, and Ralph Lauren. Douglas boasts “the most luxurious body care,” so stop in to sample fresh-smelling fragrances and creams. Making a purchase and receiving a discount card to receive 10% off a subsequent purchase. Also, sign up to become a Douglas VIP and receive daring discounts, super samples, and prime products. In addition, Douglas is offering multiple makeovers and other beauty events. See their website for dates and times, www.douglascosmetics.com.

BOOKS AND NEWS
Stay informed this season with April 50. The store contains a wide collection of domestic and international periodicals and journals for many interests: arts, politics, literature, etc. This newstand also sells a wide variety of chocolates (most international, some organic), flavored and special roasted coffees, and loose leaf teas for all your brewing desires.

A longtime favorite of Penn professors, the Penn Book Center is an independently owned bookstore with a lot of character. In the non-fiction Ecology and Ecological Science & Environmental Action sections, shoppers will find numerous titles dealing with the topics of global warming and climate change. The Earth Charter in Action: Toward a Sustainable World is a compilation of contributions from world environmental leaders, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Wangari Mauithi, who spoke at Penn last year (hardcover $39). Other titles include The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Step at a Time (paper $12.95), and Environmental Problem Solving: A How-To Guide (paper $19.95).

If you’re a real Quaker fan, you’ll want everything from this athletic season! Try a Penn FanBook, including photos, rosters, schedules, and scores from the football team. Because it’s in both print, you can decide what goes in it. This 8.5” by 11” professionally printed, hard- or soft-cover FanBook can be customized online—with the option of adding personal photos. Domestic shipping is free. Starting at $34.95, this book is sure to please the Penn sports fan in your life.

Visit www.pennathletics.com/ext/fanbook/index.dbml to get started!

Located in the Shops at 40th street, the Last Word Bookshop is sure to entertain holiday shoppers with shelves and shelves of gently used and recycled books from all genres. This store has a friendly vibe, complete with the quintessential bookstore cat roaming the establishment. The Last Word Bookshop is organized enough to locate what you’re looking for, but chances are, you’ll end up leaving with additional finds as well! This is recycling at its finest.

Nestled between the fraternities and sororities on the 3900 block of Spruce, House of Our Own Bookstore has been serving the Penn community for decades by offering books for courses as well as an array of new and gently used titles. Upon entering the store, cleverly disguised as a Victorian home, shoppers will notice the intricately designed covers of the rare book collection in the first room. House of Our Own also boasts a collection of out-of-print books and a few language sections.

Penn Museum Publications is offering a 50% discount on select titles purchased through their website, now through the holiday season. New books include Presence Passing by photographer Andrea Baldeck, and Studies on Istanbul and Beyond edited by Robert G. Ousterhout, professor of the history of art and director of the Center for Ancient Studies. Be sure to plug in “HG7” when you visit the Publications shopping cart for any of the books on sale. Shop online at www.museum.upenn.edu/new/publications/index.shtml.

ELECTRONICS AND MUSIC
Ritz Camera carries cameras and camcorders for both amateurs and professionals, as well as accessories of all sorts. Choose from a wide assortment of film and digital cameras, memory cards and film, lighting kits, filters, tripods, printers, photo-papers, frames and books. When you’re done taking pictures, Ritz also offers film developing, scanning, and printing, and a range of digital print solutions. Shop online at www.ritzcamera.com.

If you happen to be in need of a new computer, the Computer Connection is the place to go. For Penn faculty, staff, students, and
employees of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, it provides exclusive, discount-
ed pricing and warranties in excess of those typically offered by most major computer stores. In addition, the Computer Connection sells external hard-drives, printers, mp3 players and all sorts of software. Take advantage of the Computer Connection’s upcoming holi-
day sale featuring new discounts on the entire line of iPods, lower prices on Apple, Dells and Lenovo computers, and a free Canon MP210 printer ($99 value) with any personal computer purchase (limited number available). For more suggestions, visit http://upenn.edu/computer-
store/wish where you can download the 20-page Holiday Wishbook.

On the second floor of the Penn Bookstore, you’ll find a varied selection of music, movies, and television shows. In addition to new re-
leases and popular classics, the Bookstore sells some albums by Penn groups; be sure to look for the Penn Band’s Five Score and Several Years
To Go for $18.99 and the Penn Glee Club’s Echoes and Tradition for $18.99. Each of the al-
bums and recordings from past years, can also be found online at, respectively, www.pennband.

The Marvelous! offers a diverse selection of new and used LPs and CDs. With tens of thousands of records and thousands of compact discs, you are bound to find something interesting for the music lover in your life. If music isn’t your thing, the Marvelous! also stocks hundreds of independent and foreign comic books and graphic novels, along with all the standards one would expect to find in a comic store.

Gifts: Cards, Stationery, Unique

Roses Florist is a veteran shop on Penn’s campus. After more than a quarter-century of operation in University City, it is still the place to shop for floral gifts. Whether you are a ro-
antic or a botanist at heart, Roses Florist has a gift for you. Whether you shop on the shop offers lovely holiday items such as wreaths, gift baskets and po-
nettiolas. Items are also available online at www.uofprosesflorist.com.

To encourage everyone in the Penn commu-
nity to reduce, reuse and recycle, Penn Dining sells Earthwise reusable bags for $1 each. Available at C3 1920 Commons, Savory on Spruce or Houston Market, the bag entitles the bearer to a five-cent discount on any purchase over $3 when the bag is reused at any Penn Dining location.

Black Cat is the place to pick up unique holiday gifts for friends and family members of all ages. Wooden utensils, hand-painted ceramic dishes and decorations, cat-shaped wall clocks and unique bags are some of the special gifts Black Cat offers. The shop provides a wide selec-
tion of hand-made items, crafted by local de-
signers and artists. Many of the store’s products are made of green and recycled materials as well as fair trade. Black Cat offers its customers free gift wrapping this holiday season. To order online visit www.blackcatshop.com.

White Dog Cafe is a restaurant known for its “blend of award-winning cuisine and social ac-
tivism.” The restaurant also sells items such as plates, coffee mugs, t-shirts, and hats with its signature White Dog logo. White Dog also of-
fers events that “please palates while raising con-
sciousness.” The Cafe is offering some of its cooking recipes to the public in its White Dog

Cafe Cookbook ($19.95), which can be found in the Penn Bookstore. Or, as another great gift idea, take a special someone to the New Year’s Eve Dinner and Party from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., featuring an elegant dinner, romantic music with a violin and piano, and dancing later in the evening. For those who aren’t night owls, stop in for the New Year’s Day Avocado Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reservations are required for the din-
er and party ($60 per person plus tax and gratu-
ty for late seating after 8:30 p.m.; a la carte early seating from 6-7:45 p.m.) and recommended for the brunch. See www.whitedog.com.

INTERNATIONAL

The Museum Shop is a great place to shop for the non-traditional gift-giver. Purchase one-
of-a-kind jewelry items, apparel, books, and sta-
tionery, among other special gifts that coincide with featured exhibits. For example, the Human Effigy Pin ($38) is a feature coinciding with the current “River of Gold: Precolombian Treasures from a Celtic Exhibit. The pin is one of many reproductions of select items in the Mu-
seum. There are fun gifts for kids, too, in the Pyramid Shop. Purchase items such as an Old Mummy card game ($15.95), Hieroglyphics Decoder Kit ($10), and backpack sets featuring various civilizations. All purchases benefit the Museum, and Penn Museum members receive a 10% discount on all items, whether online or in the shop. Shop online at www.museum.upenn.
edu/new/shop/index.shtml.

PENN-CENTRIC

Search the official online store for Penn Athletics to buy official Quakers gear. The store features sport-specific apparel like wom-
en’s and men’s t-shirts, shorts and outerwear. You can also buy Champion gear as well as gifts and collectibles, from key chains to license plates. Some of their most popular items include the sport-specific t-shirts and the Palestra doc-
umentary DVD. This holiday season the site is offering free shipping for orders of $100 or more until December 19. Shop online at www.
pennathletics.com.

The Penn Bookstore offers a wide variety of Penn insignia items to keep all members of your family warm. A children’s Penn sweatshirt is just $22.98, and comes in the same style as many adult sweatshirts starting at $44.98. Knit scarves ($14.98) and hats ($19.98) are also a great way to show your school spirit and fight the winter weather. Sweatshirt material blank-
ets ($29.98) in gray or navy blue are sensible as reunion merchandise. Special gift items in-
clude a Penn tin of mints, a two-tone Penn um-
brella, and a class of 1957 baseball cap. Shop from your computer at www.shopatpenn.com.

Shop Green at the Penn Bookstore

Penn Bookstore sells eco-friendly items ranging from recycled 2 pocket portfolios in assorted pastel colors, recycled notebooks and pens, to GE Energy Efficient Light Bulbs. Every time you see the environmental logo, you know it’s a Penn sustainable product!

Penn Enviro-Tote ($9.99)–Support the Planet in Style! The Enviro-Tote is made from 100% recyclable material.

Penn Enviro-Mug ($14.99)–Save Money, Save the Planet! Buy the envi-
ro-mug and re-
fill at the Penn Bookstore and get 10% off your hot bev-
erage.

Don’t forget about the Penn Bookstore An-
nual Holiday Sale, December 13 and 14. Save 20% on a wide selection of holiday gifts throughout the store. Compli-
mentary hot chocolate and desserts will be served from 4-6 p.m. (Cannot be combined with other offers. Excludes textbooks. Oth-
er guidelines may apply.)
2007 Employee Resource Fair

The PPSA and WPSA would like to thank all of the University departments and partners who participated in the Employee Resource Fair on October 15, 2007. Special thanks to the Office of the Executive Vice President and the Department of Human Resources for co-sponsoring the event and Dining Services/Perelman Quad Catering for providing food and beverages.

The Division of Human Resources and the Division of Business Services, including the Penn Bookstore, PennCard Center, Penne restaurant, Penn Computer Connection, and PNC Bank, graciously donated our raffle prizes this year. There were 11 raffle winners at the Fair, listed below.

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The PPSA and WPSA aim to make the Employee Resource Fair better every year and appreciate the staff who are able to attend. If you attended the Penn Employee Resource Fair on October 15, please take a minute to fill out the online survey located at www.upenn.edu/ppsa. All participants are eligible for one of four raffle prizes!

20th Annual National Women of Color Day Awards Nominations: February 7

The Women of Color Awards are given in recognition of individuals who have conscientiously endeavored to increase respect for women of color at Penn, UPHS, Presbyterian, Pennsylvania Hospitals and the Delaware Valley community. Awards are given annually in three categories: faculty/staff, graduate and/or professional student, and undergraduate student.

Award Criteria: Nominees must be affiliated with Penn, UPHS, Presbyterian or Pennsylvania Hospital and have demonstrated:
- Outstanding leadership
- Distinguished service
- Positive impact on the community
- Commitment to enhancing quality of life for and/or serving as a role model for women of color.

—PPSA and WPSA Board Members

Reminders

MLK Award Nominations
Nomination forms are available online at: www.upenn.edu/aarc/NomForm.html. Contact the African-American Resource Center for more information (215) 898-0104.

6th Annual Winter Coat Drive
Clean, gently-used winter coats are being collected until December 7. See www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v54/n11/drive.html for details and drop off locations.

Adopt A Family for the Holidays
If your department would like to adopt a deserving family this holiday season, contact Isabel Mapp before December 20 at (215) 898-2020 or sammap@pobox.upenn.edu.

Operation Santa Claus
The last day to participate is December 7. For more information, see the December AT PENN Calendar at www.upenn.edu/almanac or contact Yvonne Giorgio at (215) 898-9997.

WPSA Holiday Food Drive
The WPSA Food Drive seeks donations of non-perishable foods, through December 19. Boxes in Houston Hall and elsewhere on campus. For information contact shauber@sas.upenn.edu.

Grand Prize Winners
Donna M. Rollins, Computer Tech Support Recreation and Athletics—Dell Latitude D830 laptop from the Computer Connection, retail value $1499.
Ann L. Honeybrink, Pennsylvania Hospital—8GB iPod Nano with iPhone 2 Go portable player.
Winners should contact Robert Eich at reich@publicsafety.upenn.edu or (215) 898-4483 to arrange for prize pick-up.

—Rob Eich, Penn’s Way Campaign

One Step Ahead
Security & Privacy
Made Simple

Another tip in a series provided by the Office of Information Systems & Computing and Audits, Compliance, & Privacy.

Is it Safe to Visit This Website?
Google reported in May 2007 that 10 percent of websites are infected with malicious software that could result in a user's personal information being stolen. Sometimes, simply visiting an infected site, without even clicking links, will compromise your computer. How can you tell if a safe site from an unsafe site?

For starters, avoid sites that offer celebrity photos, screensaver wallpaper, adult photos or movies, or free or pirated computer games, movies, or music. A 2005 study by researchers at the University of Washington found that between 7% and 20% of such sites will infect visitors' computers with harmful malicious software.

Don't click on website ads. Antivirus software vendor McAfee reports that in 2007, 6.9% of sponsored links on the web point to malicious software. Most large website operators sub-syndicate their advertising space to ad agencies who in turn syndicate the space to still other agencies. So website operators often have little or no control over whether malicious software finds its way into sites that they host. In the past two years Google, MySpace, and, more recently, websites of The Economist, the National Hockey League and Major League Baseball hosted ads harboring malicious software.

Next week: Facebook, MySpace and YouTube Raise New Computer Security Risks

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Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for November 19-25, 2007. Also reported were 17 Crimes Against Property (including 12 thefts, 3 burglaries, 1 robbery and 1 act of fraud) Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v44n14/crreport.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 November 19-25, 2007. 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.

11/20/07 11:45 PM 3900 Ludlow St Males in possession of narcotics/Arrest
11/20/07 5:13 PM 3817 Spruce St Items taken from dorm/motor force/Arrest
11/22/07 3:17 PM 4200 Spruce St Offender wanted on warrant/issued new court date
11/22/07 8:00 PM 3700 Spruce St Offender assaulted/complainant with knife/Arrest
11/23/07 7:58 PM 4000 Walnut St Driver operating vehicle while intoxicated/Arrest
11/24/07 4:03 AM 100 41st St Offender cited for public urination
11/24/07 9:17 AM 3820 Locust Walk Offender wanted on warrant/issued new court date
11/24/07 11:53 PM 3800 Chestnut St Offender cited for public urination
11/25/07 1:58 AM 3900 Sansom St Offender cited for disorderly conduct
11/25/07 9:12 AM 40th and Ludlow St Complainant robbed by unknown offender

18th District Report
8 incidents with 1 arrest (including 5 robberies and 3 aggravated assaults) were reported between November 19-25, 2007 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th St. & Market St. to Woodland Ave.

11/20/07 12:54 AM 4600 Spruce St Robbery
11/20/07 3:17 AM 5024 Walnut St Aggravated Assault/Arrest
11/21/07 2:49 AM 400 52nd St Robbery
11/21/07 6:57 AM Unit Farragut St Robbery
11/22/07 9:45 AM 4523 Locust St Robbery
11/23/07 2:30 AM 4800 Market St Aggravated Assault
11/23/07 7:55 PM 4000 Walnut St Aggravated Assault
11/25/07 9:10 AM 4000 Locust St Robbery

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

Children’s Activities

Walnut Street West Branch Library
Registration required: (215) 685-7671.

4 Marcus the Magician; A LEAP (after school) program; 3:30 p.m.
8 Cookie Ornament Workshop; 2-part workshop; ages 10 and up; 1:30 p.m.; also December 15.
10 Rubber Stamping for the Holidays; use stamps to make your own greeting cards this holiday season; ages 12 and up; 5:30 p.m.

Exhibits

4 Undergraduate Fine Arts Senior Thesis Preview Show; Charles Addams Fine Arts Gallery; reception: 5 p.m. Through December 7 (Design).

Now Mark Fields: Manifest Conception; paintings and photographs; Fox Art Gallery, Logan Hall. Through December 7 (SPE Art Gallery).

On Stage

7 On Da Swing: Where Swing and Salsa Get Better Acquainted; 8 p.m.; Iron Gate Theater; $7/ Locust Walk, $9/door; also December 8, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Onda Latina; West Philly Swingers). Penn Yo (Chinese A Cappella); 7:30 p.m.; Harrison Auditorium, Penn Museum (Penn Yo).
8 One Night Stand; stand up comedy; 8 p.m.; Class of ’49 Auditorium, Houston Hall; $7/Locust Walk, $8/door (Simple Chaos).

Readings/Signings

Penn Bookstore
Chris Coyne—After War: The Political Economy of Exporting Democracy; 7 p.m.
Richard Whitford—Wild Pennsylvania; 4:30 p.m.
Heather Love—Feeling Backward: Loss and the Politics of Queer History; 7:30 p.m.
Harold Galûan—Jumping Through Hoops: Why Penn Wins; 7 p.m.
David Dye—The Best of World Cafe; 7 p.m.

The Choreography of Gardens
American environmental designer, Lawrence Halprin has designed nearly 400 private gardens over his 60 years of practice. This retrospective, drawn from an extensive collection of Mr. Halprin’s work, features over 60 sketches, photographs and period publications that demonstrate his influence on the postwar landscape. To Mr. Halprin, the garden serves as “a framework for movement activities,” where sequence and transition, paths, views, textures and materials, spatial definition and changes in level all determined the type, rhythm and speed of movement. “Lawrence Halprin: The Choreography of Gardens” is on display at the Kroiz Gallery until February 1, 2008. The Kroiz Gallery is located in the lower level of the Fisher Fine Arts Building.

Deadlines: Submissions for the Update are due every Monday for the following Tuesday’s issue. The deadline for the January AT PENN is today. For information see www.upenn.edu/almanac/calendar/real.html.

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Almanac will publish weekly through Tuesday, December 18. The deadline will contain the January AT PENN calendar; the deadline for that is today.
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Dear Members of the Penn Community,

As we near final exams and Winter Break, the Division of Public Safety would like to take a minute to update you on several safety and security initiatives and programs available to all members of the Penn Community and to provide you with holiday and low-occupancy safety tips.

Safety and Security Initiatives at Penn

The Division of Public Safety is responsible for providing comprehensive safety and security services for all areas comprising the Penn Patrol Zone, which includes 30th Street to 43rd Street, on the east-west border, and Market Street to Baltimore Avenue, on the north-south border. In addition to the University of Pennsylvania Police (116 police officers, the largest private police force within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), the Division of Public Safety also provides a vast network of security and guard services, contracting with Allied Barton Security throughout the University (for a total of 450 officers), including residence halls, and 73 foot and bike patrol officers who provide our Walking Escort Services (215) 898-WALK), available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Complementing our active patrols by police and security is a system of 82 closed circuit television cameras, and over 200 fixed cameras throughout the Penn Patrol zone, with PennComm emergency operators and dispatchers, providing 24 hours of virtual camera patrol coverage.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season should be full of joy and happiness. Unfortunately, it is also a time of the year when crimes against property traditionally increase and the highways become increasingly dangerous due to careless and/or impaired motor vehicle operators. In order to make your holidays joyous and safe, the Division of Public Safety offers the following suggestions related to crime prevention and safety.

Safety is a shared responsibility. Be our partners in safety!

Campus & Community Safety

- **Use common sense.** Try not to walk alone or appear distracted by wearing headphones or talking on your cell phone.
- **Trust your instincts.** If something makes you uncomfortable or if you see a person displaying suspicious behavior, contact the Division of Public Safety from one of more than 200 blue light emergency phones on campus and in the surrounding community. Just pick up the receiver or press the button.
- **Be aware of your surroundings** and proactively contact the Division of Public Safety if you notice a safety hazard. You can go to our website, www.publicsafety.upenn.edu, and fill out the customer feedback form.
- **Utilize both the Walking Escort Services (215-898-WALK),** available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in the following boundaries: 29th-50th Streets, Spring Garden to Baltimore) AND Penn Transit Services (215-898-RIDE), operated by the Division of Business Services, for mobile escort services for all members of the Penn community, from 6 p.m.-3 a.m. daily (215-898-RIDE), operating within the following boundaries: 50th Street–20th Street and Spring Garden Street to Woodland Avenue--www.upenn.edu/transportation.
- **Program the PennComm Emergency Number, (215) 573-3333,** into your cell phone’s speed dial. Use this number for all medical and emergency-related calls, including the reporting of suspicious behavior, to reach Penn Police and emergency response personnel. You can also request a walking escort with this number.

Workplace Safety

- Keep personal items such as handbags, wallets, etc. in a locked, secure area.
- Electronic items such as Palm Pilots and laptop computers should be secured when left unattended.
- Offices should be secured when unattended. If you don’t have a lock on your office door, request that one is installed.
- Report suspicious behavior to the University Police by dialing 511 from any University telephone (215) 573-3333 from a non-University phone. We suggest that you incorporate this number into your cell phone’s speed dialer.

Vehicle Safety

- **Never leave items in your vehicle that are visible to the public.** Mall parking garages and lots are favorite targets of the opportunistic thief. Stow away items such as gifts in the trunk of your vehicle. If you have an SUV, cover these items with an old blanket or sheet.
- **Park your vehicle** in a well-lit area and be cognizant of your surroundings. Carry a cell phone with you and be prepared to call the Police in case of an emergency, (215) 573-3333.

Shopping Safety

- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Carry only the credit cards that you intend to use and avoid carrying large sums of money.
- **Use ATM machines** that are in well-lit safe environments. Avoid using ATMs that are located in malls. Pickpockets normally work these areas looking for people withdrawing large sums of cash. Locations such as Wawa are usually well-lit, safe locations for ATM withdrawals. There is also a PNC ATM in the lobby of the Division of Public Safety at 4040 Chestnut Street.
- **Thieves often target food courts.** Don’t leave handbags, gifts, etc. unattended. Shopping in pairs will minimize your risk of being a crime victim.
- **Secure your credit card receipts.** Someone gaining access to your credit card numbers could be the first step in having your identity stolen.

Highway Safety

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Silver Buckle Award presented through the Governor’s Office as the result of our promotion, education, training and enforcement of proper seat belt usage. Buckle up for safety, it is not just good common sense, it’s the law.

Don’t Drink and Drive

Alcohol is often served at holiday parties.
- **When driving on the highway, it is recommended** to have a cell phone available in case of emergencies.

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Winter Break Safety: Special Checks of Residences

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Winter Break (Wednesday, December 19, 2007 through Wednesday, January 16, 2008) is approaching quickly. Traditionally, this is a time of lower occupancy and greater opportunity for crime. Therefore, we need to be more safety and security conscious.

In order to reduce the opportunity for crime (criminal mischief, burglaries, etc.), the Division of Public Safety is again offering to conduct Special Checks of Residential Properties during the following time frame: 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2007, through 7 a.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Please notify Public Safety of your departure date no later than December 17. Students, faculty and staff who live within the following geographical boundaries—30th to 43rd Street and Baltimore Avenue to Market Street—may list their residence with the Penn Police Department for Special Checks during the period in which it will be vacant.

Penn Police and security officers will periodically physically check the exterior of registered properties for signs of criminal activity or security breaches. If any are discovered, the officers will take appropriate action ranging from arresting the perpetrator to conducting an interior check of the property with subsequent notification to the listed occupant.

If you would like to list your residence for Special Checks during winter break, complete the application form on the Public Safety website at www.publicsafety.upenn.edu. Go to “Online Forms” and follow the instructions to submit. You can pick up an application at the Division of Public Safety Headquarters, 4040 Chestnut Street. You need to complete and return the application prior to vacating the premises.

Wishing you delicious food and quiet moments with family and friends,

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Registering your residence for Special Checks does not guarantee that your property will remain entirely event-free throughout your absence.