$15 Million Gift to Enhance Student Life and Learning

The University of Pennsylvania has received a $15 million gift from an anonymous donor to renovate the historic Arts, Research and Culture House (ARCH), to create a center for campus life that builds on the cultural diversity of Penn students and offers a rich intellectual and social experience for the entire University community.

The building, located at 36th Street and Locust Walk in the heart of Penn’s campus, was built in 1928 and is listed in the Pennsylvania Register of Historic Places. It currently houses three cultural resource centers, La Casa Latina, Maku: The Black Cultural Center and the Pan-Asian American Community House; as well as the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships; a classroom; an auditorium; and community spaces.

“This incredibly generous gift will transform a beloved landmark for new generations of students and help to ensure that arts, culture and undergraduate student research at Penn continue to thrive,” Penn President Amy Gutmann said. “The renovated ARCH building will be a campus hub, offering our students intellectual and artistic stimulation, state-of-the-art technology and spots to study, as well as opportunities to engage in diverse activities that define and distinguish the Penn experience. By providing this gift, our donor will enable us to greatly enhance the quality of the student experience.”

The renovation is expected to be completed by early 2014. It contains plans for an outdoor terrace on Locust Walk and an indoor “living room” with comfortable seating, paneling, stone fireplaces and leaded glass windows that reflect the building’s historic provenance.

“We envision that this renovation will create a center that is used by a variety of groups from all over campus and will introduce an even wider circle of students and Penn community members to the ARCH,” Provost Vincent Price said. “Penn students are eclectic, busy and plugged in. This reconfigured space will provide a variety of avenues in which they can explore interests and connect with other students.”

As part of the renovation the second-floor auditorium will serve as a premier classroom for large lecture courses of as many as 150 students. The space will contain an interactive teaching-learning environment where multi-media, access to digital information and interconnectivity is fully integrated. In the evening, the auditorium will be utilized for lectures, receptions, recitals and other programs.

Penn’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships is the University’s primary resource for undergraduate research, currently serving some 1,300 students. As part of the renovation, CURF will occupy larger, modernized spaces, enabling the program to accommodate more students.

The renovation of the ARCH building is a core priority of Penn’s Making History Campaign. The project is based on a feasibility study conducted by architectural firm SaylorGregg Architects. SaylorGregg completed the historic renovations to Penn’s Fisher-Bennett Hall in 2006 and has extensive experience integrating leading-edge technology into historic buildings.

Creating a Partnership with a Memorandum of Understanding: Penn Nursing and Peking University’s Nursing School

The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and the School of Nursing at Peking University in Beijing have established a Memorandum of Understanding. The new partnership creates a formal research relationship between the schools. Peking University’s School of Nursing, with Dr. Guifang Guo, as dean, is widely considered the premier nursing school in China. Penn Nursing also has academic partnerships in Botswana and India. “With our international partners, we are providing ways for our students and faculty to learn to think as world citizens,” said Penn Nursing Dean Afaf I. Meleis. “By providing opportunities for faculty and students to collaborate on research, by offering reciprocal faculty and leadership development with our international partners, and by giving students the opportunity to see nursing in the context of world affairs, we are preparing our nurses to be the leaders in global health initiatives.”

Back row, left to right: Dr. Marjorie Muecke, Penn Nursing faculty; Chenjuan “Tina” Ma, pre-doctoral fellow at Penn Nursing; Dr. Jianghong Liu, Penn Nursing faculty and Dr. Linda Aiken, Penn Nursing faculty. Front row: Dean of Penn Nursing Afaf Meleis with Dean of Peking University School of Nursing Guifang Guo.

SOM Teaching Awards

The following 14 faculty members were chosen to receive this year’s School of Medicine teaching awards. Nominations were solicited from faculty, house staff and students. These recipients will be honored at the School of Medicine graduation ceremony later this month and at the Awards of Excellence Banquet in the fall.

The Leonard Berwick Memorial Teaching Award

This award was established in 1980-81 as a memorial to Leonard Berwick by his family and the department of pathology to recognize “a member of the medical faculty who in his or her teaching effectively fuses basic science and clinical medicine.” It is intended that this award recognize persons who are outstanding teachers, particularly among the younger medical faculty.

Dr. Steven Siegel received his MD and PhD in neurobiology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1996 after completing an undergraduate degree in neuroscience at Colgate University in 1986. He later completed a residency in psychiatry and a Fellowship in neuropsychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania before joining the faculty in 2001. He is currently the director of the Translational Neuroscience Program in the department of psychiatry and director of the Clinical Neurosciences Training Program for the School of Medicine at Penn. He is also a practicing psychiatrist specializing in the treatment of schizophrenia. Work in his laboratory includes the establishment and development of new methods for the treatment of schizophrenia using biodegradable long-term delivery systems. The methods and technologies developed in his group are also being extended to the treatment of Parkinson’s Disease. Additionally, his laboratory investigates the neurobiology of schizophrenia, autism, drug abuse and nicotine dependence using animal models to evaluate EEG and event-related brain activity in mice.

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The following agenda is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Any member of the standing faculty may attend SEC meetings and observe. Questions may be directed to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda
Please Note Location for this Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
University Club at Penn, 2nd Floor Lobby Level
Inn at Penn, 3611 Walnut Street
1-3 p.m.
1. Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2011 (2 minutes)
2. Chair’s Report (10 minutes)
3. Past-Chair’s Report on Academic Planning and Budget & Capital Council (3 minutes)
4. Review and vote on the revised Open Access Principles (10 minutes)
5. Progress Toward a Diversity Action Plan (45 minutes)
6. Vote for University Council Steering Committee faculty members (5 minutes)
7. Senate Committee Reports (60 minutes)
   Senate Committee Chairs
8. New Business
catered Reception following the SEC Meeting for
SEC Members, Past Faculty Senate Chairs & SEC Committee Members

Coverage of University Council’s April Meeting

Last Wednesday’s Council meeting was the final one for the semester. The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Henry Teune, professor of political science, who passed away April 12 (Almanac April 19, 2011). President Amy Gutmann announced that Penn received an anonymous $15 million gift to renovate the ARCH building (see front page).

The chairs of the Council Committees each gave a brief summary of their final reports (see the supplement to this issue).

Michael McGarvey, chair of the Committee on Academic and Related Affairs, recommended that enhancements be made to the statistical tracking of undergraduates involved in research, a review of academic integrity training, a review of the Athletics and the Penn Library’s budgetary constraints and upgrades or alternatives to the course support software Blackboard. It was also recommended that the new Drug and Service be extended to Penn Park.

Chair of the Committee on Campus and Community Life, Philip Nichols, noted that they met with directors from many cultural centers and recommended that a survey be conducted to determine the constraints of an increase in the student population, particularly of non-degree students.

Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Equity, Nancy Tkacs, mentioned that one of the Committee’s focuses has been on climate assessment and that work is ongoing on Penn’s new diversity website.

Michael McGarvey, who chaired the Committee on Facilities, spoke about the need for repairs and renovations to Guardian Drive and the need for more lactation spaces on campus.

David Pope, chair of the Committee on Personnel Benefits, noted their recommendations that were implemented regarding benefits during open enrollment. He also noted that the fairness of the tuition benefit should be addressed.

Chair of the Committee on Committees, Cameron Charles, noted that it was the first year Committees operated under the new system developed to increase the committees’ productivity and streamline the process by which recommendations are responded to.

Steering Committee Chair Robert Hornik took suggestions for additional focus issues for next year.

In closing, the President and Provost thanked the committee members, chairs and everyone for their participation this year.

Correction
The article on the 2011 Pulitzer Prizes (Almanac April 26, 2011) inadvertently mentioned two additional finalists with Penn connections:

Stephanie McCurry, professor of history, was a finalist for the History Pulitzer for her book, Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South (Harvard University Press) which the Pulitzer website called “an insightful work analyzing the experience of disenfranchised white women and black slaves who were left when Confederate soldiers headed for the battlefield.”

Graduate music alum Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon was a Music Finalist for Comela, a recording released in June, 2010 by Bridge Records, described on the Pulitzer website as “an ambitious cantata that translates into music an influential work of Latin American literature, giving voice to two cultures that intersect within the term America.”

Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award: Kaja Silverman

University of Pennsylvania professor Kaja Silverman has received the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of her exemplary contributions to humanistic scholarship. Dr. Silverman, the Katherine Stein Sachs CW’69 and Keith L. Sachs W’67 Professor of Art History, will receive a $1.5 million award to be used over approximately six years in support of her scholarly pursuits as a visual theorist.

“Kaja Silverman is one of the most influential humanists of our day, whose work in the history of art, and film and visual studies has contributed greatly to our nation’s intellectual life,” said Penn President Amy Gutmann. “By bestowing this award on Kaja—the single-largest prize as awarded in the Humanities outside of the Nobel Prize—the Mellon Foundation has ensured that her important work will continue to influence students and scholars throughout the world and help develop our understanding of what it means to be human.”

The Mellon awards are intended for individuals whose past scholarship has had a creative effect in their disciplines and on their own students, has affected the thinking of scholars in other fields, and whose current work promises to make significant new contributions through both teaching and research.

Dr. Silverman, whose studies encompass film, photography, art, psychoanalysis, literature, and feminist theory, is the author of eight books including James Coleman; World Spectators, Speaking About Godard; and The Threshold of the Visual World. Her most recent book, Flesh of My Flesh, was published in 2009.

Her writing and teaching focus primarily on phenomenology, psychoanalysis, photography, time-based visual art, and literature. She teaches courses on cinema, is interested in painting, and has an ongoing commitment to feminist theory.

She is currently writing a book about photography titled The Miracle of Analogy.

SAS Dean Rebecca Bushnell commented, “This award is a fitting recognition. Kaja’s scholarship is truly remarkable for its breadth and creativity, and she energizes discourse across the humanities.”

Dr. Silverman received her PhD in English from Brown University. Before joining the School of Arts and Sciences history of art department at Penn in 2010, Dr. Silverman taught at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2008 she was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship.

The award will provide Dr. Silverman and Penn with resources to deepen and extend humanistic studies and support programs and events that will enhance both Dr. Silverman’s research and teaching in the arts and scholarly communities at Penn, in the region and nation.

Over the past ten years, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has conferred three to four Distinguished Achievement awards per year. Recipients are chosen from such fields as classics, history, history of art, musicology, philosophy, religious studies and all areas of literary studies.
Honors & Other Things

President of Philosophical Society: Dr. Barker

Dr. Clyde F. Barker, the Donald Guthrie Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine, assumed the duties of the president of the American Philosophical Society on April 29. Dr. Barker was elected to the Society in 1997 and has served on the Council since 2003 and as a vice president since 2005. His presentation of “Thomas Eakins and His Medical Clinics” at the Society’s November 2007 meeting was awarded the Henry Allen Moe Prize in the Humanities in 2010.

Dedication of Ellen D. Baer Reading Room at Penn Nursing

The Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing dedicated its reading room in honor of Dr. Ellen D. Baer, one of the founders of the Bates Center and its former associate director. Dr. Baer joined the Penn Nursing faculty in 1980. She initiated and directed a federally funded program in oncology for medical and graduate students and a federally funded demonstration project for undergraduate nursing students to have clinical experiences caring for persons with AIDS. A prolific writer, she has been widely recognized as a voice for nursing past and present. Her award-winning work illustrates how to comprehend contemporary issues by examining them in historical context.

The dedication launches the Bates Center’s 25th anniversary. The mission of the Bates Center, the pre-eminent center for scholarship in nursing history in the world, is to ensure the generation of historical knowledge, scholarship, and research on healthcare and nursing history in the US and internationally. The Center holds an extensive archival collection of photographs, artifacts, and the personal and professional papers of nursing leaders and clinicians, schools of nursing, visiting nurse associations, and other kinds of health care agencies.

Nursing Ambassador: Ms. Hogan Quigley

Beth Hogan Quigley, senior lecturer in the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, has been appointed by the National League for Nursing (NLN) to serve as an NLN Ambassador. As an ambassador Ms. Hogan Quigley will inform the school about the NLN’s initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops and other benefits available to members. The program was created to make it as easy as possible for the nursing community to understand and communicate with the NLN.

Nursing Excellence: Dr. Lipman

Dr. Terri Lipman will receive the Caroline Langstammer Leder Award for Excellence in Nursing from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Dr. Lipman, the Miriam Stirl Endowed Term Professor for Nutrition, professor of nursing of children, clinician educator, coordinates the first clinical course, Pediatric Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making, and develops and maintains the only registry of pediatric type 1 diabetes in Philadelphia. The award recognizes those who have filled the consummate roles of mentor/preceptor—teacher, clinical role model, consultant and advocate—that increase another’s intellectual and clinical skills. Dr. Lipman will receive the award at a reception on May 4.

Honorary Doctorate: Dr. Murray

Dr. Christopher B. Murray, Richard Perry University Professor and professor in the department of materials science and engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, received an honorary doctorate in sustainability from the University of Pennsylvania on March 25. The degree was conferred during the celebration to mark the school’s 375th anniversary, and Dr. Murray was recognized for his work in relation to sustainability, specifically in colloidal science and nano-science. Dr. Murray is also a Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK) professor.

Penn-made President: Dr. Rozhon

Dr. Tamara Rozhon, a 2008 graduate of Penn GSE’s executive doctorate in higher education management program, has been appointed president of Pacific Oaks College and Children’s School, in Pasadena, California. Dr. Rozhon has worked closely with Pacific Oaks since 2009 as an advisor and was named interim president in November 2010. Her achievements include introducing an online campus and the launch of a new alumni association and alumni magazine. For additional Penn-made presidents, see www.upenn.edu/almanac/pennpres.html

Nursing Dean’s Medal & PA Bio Board: Dr. Rubenstein

Dr. Afaf Meleis, dean of the School of Nursing, awarded the Penn Nursing Dean’s Medal for Distinguished Service to Dr. Arthur Rubenstein, the outgoing dean of Penn’s School of Medicine and executive vice president for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, in honor of his commitment to scholarly partnerships between Nursing and Medicine faculty. Dr. Meleis presented the medal during a tribute to Dr. Rubenstein, “Transforming Health Care through Partnerships,” on April 28. This is the second time Penn Nursing has awarded the Dean’s Medal for Distinguished Service. The first recipient was Carol Ware Gates, Nu’73.

In addition, Dr. Rubenstein was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bio, the only statewide trade association for the life sciences in the Commonwealth. It was noted that, “Dr. Rubenstein’s prominence in academia will be critical in helping Pennsylvania Bio members and our strong relationships and partnerships with academic research institutions across the Commonwealth.”

Honorary Doctorate: Dr. Vuchic

Dr. Vukan R. Vuchic, professor emeritus of electrical and systems engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, was awarded the Honoris causa (honorary doctorate) from the Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers (Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers) in Paris at an award ceremony held in March. Dr. Vuchic’s research interests are in the area of transportation systems, especially with regard to urban transportation. In his research, he examines urban transportation systems technology, economics and policy, the definitions of transportation systems components and their modeling; and the interaction of cities and transportation with respect to urban planning, livability and sustainability. He has questioned the role of Maglev technology for high-speed ground transportation (HSGT) and further challenged the USDOT selection of demonstration projects.

2011 GAPSA-Provost Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation

These awards, jointly funded by GAPSA and the Office of the Provost, enable graduate and professional students to engage in interdisciplinary projects of their own design. The award includes a summer fellowship stipend of up to $6,000 for work that harnesses the knowledge of different academic disciplines to explore societal issues. Students were selected based on the quality of their application and funding status. Recipients submit a report at the end of the summer and participate in a poster session in the fall at the Graduate Student Center, at which they can present their work, receive feedback from the Penn community, and encourage future interdisciplinary collaborations. This year’s recipients are: Philip J. Maciak (PhD student in English): Tricks and Actualities; A Genealogy of the Passion Play Film, 1898-1927. Tekla Bude (PhD student in English): The Songs of Angels: Performing Community and Female Identity in Late Medieval England. Caroline Henze-Gongola (PhD student in History) and Maxwell Rogoski (PhD student in History and Sociology): How to Succeed in Medicine a Century Ago: The Legacies of D.W. Cathell’s Physician Manual. Michelle Evans-Chase (PhD student in Social Welfare): Mindfulness Meditation with Incarcerated Youth: A Randomized Controlled Trial. Masha Kowell (PhD student in History of Art) and Ian Macmillen (PhD student in Music): The Politics of Jazz as a Target and Medium of Ideological Propaganda in Soviet Animations, 1949-1969.

Innovation Award: GRASP Lab

Penn Engineering’s General Robotics, Automation, Sensing and Perception (GRASP) Laboratory has received the 2011 IEEE Corporate Innovation Award. The award was presented on April 9 at the IEEE Pennsylvania Section Awards Banquet and Gala. The Corporate Innovation Award recognizes a company or corporation for its outstanding contribution to electrotechnology and emphasizes developments, projects, products, and other accomplishments that have been innovative and successful. The GRASP Laboratory integrates computer science, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering in a vibrant, collaborative environment that fosters interactions between students, research staff and faculty.

Scholarships for Four Nursing Students

Four Penn Nursing students have been awarded scholarships from the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) totaling more than $18,000. The four students are: Amanda Daley, Nu’12; Jeffrey Lee, Nu’W’12; Kaitlin Best, Nu’13; and Candace Freeman, Nu’13.

The NSNA is dedicated to fostering the professional development of nursing students. The Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarship Program, provides scholarships and grants to both undergraduates and graduate students.
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The Robert Dunning Dripps Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

This award was established by the department of anesthesiology. As a pioneer in the specialty of anesthesia and chair of the department from 1943 to 1972, Dr. Dripps was instrumental in the training of more than 300 residents, many of whom went on to chair other departments. This award recognizes excellence as an educator of residents and fellows in clinical care, research, teaching, or administration.

Dr. Wallace Miller is an associate professor of radiology. He earned his MD from Penn 1986 and has been on the faculty since 1991. Dr. Miller has always had an interest in teaching at all levels within the medical center, is the author of two medical textbooks and has been involved in the education of countless Penn medical students, radiology residents, pulmonary and critical care fellows, thoracic imaging fellows, and nursing students. For his efforts he has previously been awarded three Penn Pearl Awards for medical student education and the Wallace T. Miller Sr. Award for Excellence in Radiology Resident Education.

Blockley-Osler Award

Created by the Blockley Section of the Philadelphia College of Physicians, this award is given to a member of the faculty at an affiliated hospital for excellence in teaching modern clinical medicine at the bedside in the tradition of Dr. William Osler and others who taught at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Dean’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching (at an Affiliated Hospital)

This award recognizes clinical teaching excellence and commitment to medical education by outstanding faculty members from affiliated hospitals (all hospitals except HUP). This year there were two winners of this award.

Craig Alter is clinical associate professor in the department of pediatrics. He is the Fellowship Program Director and former clinical director of the Endocrinology & Diabetes Division at CHOP. He has served as chair of the Educational Committee of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society. He was voted as one of the regions “Top Docs” by Philadelphia Magazine.

Dr. Alter completed his undergraduate training at Penn, majoring in mathematics and chemistry before attending Harvard Medical School. After residency at Boston’s Children’s Hospital, he did his fellowship training at CHOP where he won the Fellow Teacher of the Year Award in 1991. He served as a clinical endocrinologist at the University of Massachusetts where he was director of the Children’s Diabetes and Endocrinology Division. Upon returning to the University of Massachusetts, he won the Faculty Teaching Award in 1996 before joining the Endocrinology Division at CHOP in 1999. At CHOP, Dr. Alter is a clinical pediatric endocrinologist and is deeply involved in medical education.

Kathryn Schmitz

Kathryn Schmitz is an associate professor in the departments of biostatistics and epidemiology and family medicine and community health, and currently serves as director and educational development for the Center for Public Health Initiatives. Dr. Schmitz came to Penn in 2005 to grow a research program on ex- ercise and body re- habilitation. Along the way, she became con- nected to two mas- ters training programs in the School: the Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology (MSCE) and Master of Public Health (MPH) programs. She has taught epidemiology methods in three different programs at Penn, and currently co-leads efforts to obtain funding for MPH students and to seek re-accreditation of Penn’s growing MPH Program through the Council for Education on Public Health. In 2004, she was awarded the Charles Hewitt Creative Teaching Award from the University of Minnesota. Her background as a former professional classical dancer deeply influences her teaching style. She believes that the best possible learning occurs in classrooms imbued with ample curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm.

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Dean’s Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching by an Allied Health Professional

This award was established in 1996-97 to recognize outstanding teaching by allied health professionals (e.g. nurses, physicians assistants, emergency medical technicians). The recipient is selected on the advice of a committee composed of faculty and students.

Dr. George Woody has been involved in training nurses, residents, staff, and patients in group and individual therapy techniques. Dr. Silverman teaches by example how to facilitate group therapy, individual therapy, family meetings, and milieu therapy. She provides guidance in understanding the complex needs of the veteran population. In a community setting, Dr. Silverman also utilizes psychodrama techniques in group drug and alcohol treatment.

Dr. Woody and Mackler became friends and col- laborated on teaching assignments. Over the years Dr. Woody became more involved in research, ALMANAC May 3, 2011
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Dr. Feudtner is described as a consummate physician, leader, teacher, mentor, colleague and friend. According to one colleague, “He has pioneered palliative care for children in the US.” Others refer to him as “an expert at helping parents through the most heart wrenching, complicated decisions they will ever face.” Through his extraordinary skills at the bedside, one on one teaching he has mentored and taught countless students, residents, fellows and colleagues how to better care for children and their families at the end of life. Another colleague sums it up, “He is an outstanding clinician for whom this honor seems to have been created.”

Medical Student Government Awards

Basic Science Teaching Award
Dr. James White is an adjunct associate professor of cell and developmental biology in the School of Medicine where he teaches a number of introductory courses, including gross anatomy. He also teaches neuroscience and histology. He is universally praised as an extremely passionate and dynamic teacher whose extensive knowledge of the subject matter combined with his friendly and approachable demeanor or make him a student favorite.

Clinical Teaching Award
Dr. Eric Goren is assistant professor of clinical medicine in the section of hospital medicine at HUP. He is described as an outstanding mentor who has a passion for education. One student comments, “He made the learning experience enjoyable and is an example of the type of physician I would like to be.” Another said, “There is truly no one as compassionate and generous as Eric Goren.” And a third student remarks, “As a physician, he uses his vast medical knowledge and remarkable skills to provide the highest quality care for his patients, but his true gift is his ability to form relationships with patients from every walk of life. As a teacher, he becomes a partner in learning with his students, and challenges them to expand their horizons; every moment on service with Dr. Goren is one as compassionate and generous as Eric Goren.”
Recognized Holidays for Fiscal Year 2012

The following holidays will be observed by the University in the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012) on the dates listed below:

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To the University Community:

The Special Winter Vacation granted to faculty and staff between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day will be December 27, 28, 29 and 30. If an employee is required to work to continue departmental operations for part or all of this period, the Special Winter Vacation can be rescheduled for some other time.

Staff members who are absent from work either the day before a holiday, the work day after a holiday, or both days, will receive holiday pay if that absence is charged to pre-approved paid time off or to sick days substantiated by a written note from the staff member’s health care provider.

Vacations and holidays for hospital employees or those staff members in collective bargaining units are governed by the terms of hospital policies or their respective collective bargaining agreements.

Summary Annual Report for the University of Pennsylvania

This is a summary of the annual report of The University of Pennsylvania Health and Welfare Program, Plan No. 503, sponsored by The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, EIN 23-1352685, for the period that began on July 1, 2009 and ended on June 30, 2010. This annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, EIN 23-1352685, for the period that began on July 1, 2009 and ended on June 30, 2010 were $762,424.

The total premiums paid to Aetna Life Insurance and Accident Insurance, Inc. for the plan year ending June 30, 2010 were $5,428,225.

Long Term Care Benefits

The Plan has a contract with John Hancock Life Insurance Company to pay long term care claims incurred under the terms of the contract. The total premiums paid under this contract for the plan year ending June 30, 2010 were $1,067,027.

Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. Insurance information is included in this annual report. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. financial information and information on payments to service providers; and
2. insurance information including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers.

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You also have the legally protected right under ERISA to examine the annual report in the offices of the Employer at the address for the Plan Administrator, above or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Vision Benefits

The Plan has a contract with Davis Vision Plan to pay vision claims incurred under the terms of the contract. The total premiums paid under this contract for the plan year ending June 30, 2010 were $726,852.

Life Insurance Benefits

The Plan has a contract with Aetna Life Insurance Company to pay life insurance, dependent life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance claims incurred under the terms of the contract. The total premiums paid under this contract for the plan year ending June 30, 2010 were $5,428,225.

Get Perspective on Penn

Penn is a large and complex place with a history that goes back for centuries. Do you ever wonder what it takes to keep the University running so well for so long? Well now you can find out. We’ll give you a behind-the-scenes look at how Penn operates.

Join us on June 8–9 for The Penn Perspective, a two-day event that will teach you all about Penn and what keeps the University going from one day to the next. Learn about sustainability, art and athletics at Penn; what student life is like in our campus and how the Division of Safety enhances the quality of life and security in our community. You’ll even get an insider’s look at the University Archives—a repository for documents and artifacts dating back to Penn’s founding in 1749.

This is also an excellent opportunity to network with fellow members of the University and get a better understanding of your role at Penn. For more details and to register, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursescatalog.

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Be a part of PennMOVES 2011

PennMOVES is in need of volunteers through May 31 to assist with the collection of items from students and to ensure that they get to our collection point set up at campus residences. If you haven't already volunteered and are considering it, we still need help! Anyone interested in helping can register online at www.upenn.edu/pennmoves.

It is more fun to volunteer with your colleagues so we welcome departmental teams! If you have questions about this effort, please send an email to pennmoves@upenn.edu.

The PennMOVES community sale is open to faculty, staff and students, as well as the surrounding community. This year, Goodwill Industries will provide technical expertise and logistical support for the effort. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Goodwill’s local job training programs. The sale will be held Saturday, June 4 in a new location at 3401 Grays Ferry Avenue, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition, bargain hunters can pay an early admittance fee of $5 for entry on a first-come, first-served basis between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Free parking is available. All items are sold as is. Sale items include televisions, refrigerators, printers and other small appliances; household and kitchen items, clothing, lamps, furniture (tables, sofas and chairs); bikes, books, school supplies and other miscellaneous items.

Almanac Schedule:

No Issue May 17

There will be no issue May 17 due to Commencement. The final issue of the semester comes out May 24 and includes the Summer At Penn calendar as well as Commencement coverage. The schedule for the remainder of the academic year is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac/issues/vol57.html.
Telephone Services: Reduce Your Monthly Telephone Bill

ISC continues to work with the campus community to reduce telephone services that are no longer needed. This program has provided a savings of $500,000 to our clients! If you would like to join the departments who have reduced their telephone bills, please contact the ISC Networking and Telecommunications Service Desk at (215) 746-6000 or service-requests@isc.upenn.edu. ISC will provide a detailed audit of the number of telephone lines and voice mail boxes in use across your department. This report will include a review of your department’s telephone lines that have not had local or long distance calls placed from them during the past 12 months. Departments may use the review to identify telephone lines and voice mail boxes that may be turned off, potentially reducing monthly telephone charges.

Planning a Move or Office Renovation?
If you are planning a move or renovation during June, July, or August, now is the time to schedule your project with ISC. Please contact our ISC Networking and Telecommunications Service Desk at (215) 746-6000 or service-requests@isc.upenn.edu to consult with our Project Leaders regarding your move and your telephony and data requirements. This could be an opportunity to convert your department to PennNet Phone, thus avoiding the costs associated with having ISC move your telephone service.

New CCTV Cameras
The "Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Monitoring Policy" (Almanac April 29, 2008) states that, “the proposed location of permanent CCTV cameras will be provided to the CCTV Monitoring Panel for review and published in the Almanac before installation.” Per the meeting on April 18, 2011, the CCTV Monitoring Panel approved the following new camera locations:

- NW corner of Perelman Quad
- 31st & Locust Streets
- 42nd & Spruce Streets
- 43rd & Spruce Streets
- 2nd & Chestnut Streets
- Main entrance to VHUP
- DRL, 33rd Street next to tennis courts
- 29 cameras throughout the new Penn Park area

Update May AT PENN

TALK
9 Hearing Loss and Aging: New Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment
James Saunders, emeritus professor of otorhinolaryngology; luncheon at noon, in the Lenape Room of the University Club, 2nd floor, The Inn at Penn, 3611 Walnut St., see www.med.upenn.edu/asef (ASEF). Open to ASEP and Club members; RSVP: asef@mail.med.upenn.edu

AT PENN Deadlines
The May AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/atpenn

- The deadline for the Summer AT PENN calendar, which includes events in June, July and August, is Tuesday, May 10. The deadline for the weekly Update is Monday for the following week’s issue. Events are subject to change.

- Information is on the sponsoring department’s website. Sponsors are in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for April 18-24, 2011. Also reported were 23 crimes against property including 16 thefts (auto theft, 3 burglaries, and 3 cases of fraud). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v57n32/report.html. Prior weeks’ reports are also online. —Ed.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department and the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of April 18-24, 2011. 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.

18th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 13 incidents with 5 arrests (including 5 robberies, 6 aggravated assaults and 2 rapes) were reported between April 18-24, 2011 by the 18th District Cove-ering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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Is Your Blood Pressure Borderline High? Would You Like To Try Controlling It Naturally With LifeStyle Changes? Penn researchers are conducting a study examining the effects of yoga, walking and nutrition on lowering blood pressure. If you are not currently on a blood pressure medication or taking regular yoga classes and over 18 years of age, call the LIMBS Study Coordinator at (215) 615-6884 or email pcwbwv@med.upenn.edu for more details!

Are you a menopausal woman? Are you having trouble remembering things, focusing, or concentrating? If so, you may find relief by participating in a clinical research study. The Penn Center for Women’s Behavioral Wellness is conducting a research study to see if a medication is helpful in reducing cognitive complaints in menopausal women. If you are a healthy, menopausal woman between the ages of 45 – 55 who is not currently on hormone replacement therapy, you may qualify for participation. Please call Jeanette at 215-573-8864 or email pcwbwv@med.upenn.edu for more details!

RESEARCH
NIH funded research study needs right-handed menopausal woman who are willing to try estrogen for 8-10 weeks in order to examine the ef-fect of estrogen on brain functioning and memory in menopausal women. If you are a healthy, meno-pausal woman between the ages of 49 – 60, you may qualify to participate in this brain imaging research study at the Penn Center for Women’s Behavioral Wellness. Participants will be seen at no cost for study visits. Study visits include brain imaging and blood draws. For more information please contact Claudia at (215) 573-8978 or visit www.med.upenn.edu for additional information.

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The Rotunda at 4014 Walnut Street continued its year-long 100th birthday celebration this past weekend with Le Dada va Gaga dans 2011, a dance/video work performed by the Anne-Marie Mulgrew and Dancers Company as part of the Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts. The Rotunda was an appropriate venue for the festival, which was inspired by the cultural renaissance in Paris from 1910 to 1920.

Finished and dedicated on June 4, 1911, the building that is now known as The Rotunda was designed by the famed New York architectural firm of Carrère and Hastings for the First Church of Christ Scientist of Philadelphia.

One of the foremost architectural firms of the Beaux-Arts style, which influenced US architecture from 1880-1920, it was also responsible for the New York Public Library and the Ponce de Leon Boutique Hotel in St. Augustine, Florida, as well as the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. Both Carrère and Hastings studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in France and were interested in adapting classical European architecture to modern America.

“Certainly the most dynamic aspect of this building is the powerful concatenation of diverse interior spaces, welded together with the ingenuity in planning composition that was bred by the Beaux-Arts system of design, in which the plan came first, followed by the study of outside appearances,” said Dr. David Brownlee, Shapiro-Weitzenhoffer Professor in Penn’ department of the history of art.

“One of the three best pieces of church architecture in Philadelphia.”

George E. Thomas, lecturer of urban studies at Penn and co-author of Building America’s First University, along with Dr. Brownlee, called the structure, “One of the three best pieces of church architecture in Philadelphia.”

In its day, the building garnered much attention in the architectural world. It was praised in the national magazine, Architecture, which described its “undeniable beauty” and other national architecture magazines such as the Architectural Record and Architectural Forum. The Philadelphia North American, a prominent newspaper, praised the structure for its “splendid light” and focused mostly on the cast iron and blue crystal chandeliers made by church member and well-known artist Violet Oakley along with artisans from Tiffany and Company.

The 1,500-pound main chandelier that hung from the center of the oculus 50 feet above ground was taken down in 2005 to accommodate video projectors. It now rests in the center of the pine floor in The Rotunda’s sanctuary (see below), where performers sometimes incorporate it into their pieces.

The building served as a place of worship and Sunday school until a dwindling congregation caused the organization to offer its building to Penn. The University of Pennsylvania purchased the building on October 6, 1995. The space lay dormant until students in urban studies seminars led by Drs. Ira Harkavy and Lee Benson came up with an idea: a place for the community to gather based on the idea that art can foster social change and form meaningful relationships between Penn and the neighborhoods that surround it.

The Rotunda, named for its magnificent dome that measures 80 feet in diameter, still features some original wood fumed pews, arched windows and a giant pipe organ. But while it’s easy to focus on the overwhelming beauty of the sanctuary space, the real life of The Rotunda now takes place in its modest back room reminiscent of a middle school auditorium. “It doesn’t look like much now,” said Gina Renzi, who began as a volunteer before becoming executive director in 2003, “but during an event, it really comes alive.”

The back room also features a mural, Collective Imprints, a permanent installation led by muralist Michael B. Schwartz that is a collectively-produced work of visual art that celebrates the life and history of The Rotunda, local history and folklore, and visions for future neighborhoods and communities.

Today, the building is one of Philadelphia’s cultural meccas. Anyone in the community, including those outside of Penn, may utilize the venue that is smoke-free, alcohol-free and appropriate for Philadelphians of all ages. The Rotunda hosts about 300 events per year, ranging from concerts, plays and dance performances to yoga classes, film screenings and art exhibits. Not only is The Rotunda’s programming versatile, it is also accessible. It is community-driven, but University-funded, which means that most events are free of charge.

Visit www.therotunda.org for more information about The Rotunda, its programs or to volunteer.