Robert D. Bent Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering: Dennis Discher

Penn Engineering announced that Dennis E. Discher has been named the Robert D. Bent Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

Dr. Discher joined Penn Engineering in 1996 following a postdoctoral position as a US National Science Foundation International Fellow at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Davis, and a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, for studies of cell membrane physics and splicofunction.

Dr. Discher holds secondary appointments in bioengineering and mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, and he is a member of the Graduate Groups in Cell and Molecular Biology, Pharmacology, and Physics.

Dr. Discher is a leading scholar in soft matter and physicochemical approaches to cell and molecular biology. He has coauthored more than 150 publications with over 10,000 citations that range in topic from matrix elasticity effects on stem cells and mass spectrometry approaches to protein folding to self-assembling polymers applied to disease, with papers in*Science, Cell, PNAS,* and*Nature Nanotechnology.*

His group’s paper on stem cells in the journal*Science,*Cell,*PNAS,*and*Nature Nanotechnology.*

said Lawrence R. Soma, professor of anesthesia and the Marilyn M. Simpson Professor of Veterinary Medicine, “As chairman of the New Bolton Center Endowed Chair Committee, it was my pleasure to recommend to the Dean the committee’s unanimous choice of Dr. Althouse. He will continue the distinguished tradition of previous stewards of this Chair.”

$6.7 Million, 5-year NIH/NINDS Grant to Conduct Preclinical Trials to Treat Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury

Susan S. Margulies, Professor and George H. Stephenson Term Chair of Bioengineering, has recently been awarded a $6.7 million, 5-year NIH/NINDS grant to conduct preclinical Cyclosporin A trials to treat pediatric traumatic brain injury (TBI). This multi-institutional, collaborative study is the first of its kind to use immature porcine models of TBI with developmental and morphological fidelity to children. Traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of death and acquired disability in childhood in the United States. Every year more than 200,000 children in the US sustain traumatic brain injuries, and five times more will die from brain injuries than from all forms of childhood cancer combined. Despite its high incidence and financial toll, there currently are no specific pharmacological treatments for TBI in children.

Because Cyclosporin A has a safety profile in children and is in therapeutic use or clinical trials for other indications and has a treatment record for neuronal injury in rodents, the scientists hope to move quickly from this preclinical trial to an FDA-approved clinical trial for children with TBI. Successful trials may bring the first pharmacological treatment to rescue function and promote longer-term neurological recovery in some of the hundreds of thousands of children who suffer from traumatic brain injuries every year.

Dr. Margulies’s collaborators at Penn include Stuart Friess, Todd Kilbaugh, Athena Zuppa (all at CHOP), Robert Siman (Neurosurgery) and Kathleen Proprt (Biostatistics). Ann-Christine Duhaime, co-PI, is at Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard), while Paul Rapp (Unifomed Services, University of the Health Services, Bethesda, MD), Courtney Robertson (Johns Hopkins), and Colin Smith (University of Edinburgh) are key investigators at their respective institutions. To duplicate the clinical setting for treating TBI, the team will use the best contemporary pediatric neurocritical care management strategies.

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All members of the University community are invited to bring issues for discussion to the University Council Open Forum Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 4–6 p.m. Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall

Individuals who want to be assured of speaking at Council must inform the Office of the University Secretary (ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu) by Wednesday, November 23, 2011. Please indicate the topic you would like to discuss. Those who have not so informed the Office of the University Secretary will be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Moderator of University Council and in the event that time remains after the scheduled speakers. Please see the format given below. Questions may be directed to the Office of the University Secretary at (215) 898-7005 or ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu —Office of the University Secretary

Format for University Council’s Open Forum November 30, 2011

The University Council will devote a substantial portion of its November 30, 2011 meeting to a public forum. The purpose of the Open Forum is to inform Council of issues important to the University’s general welfare and of the range of views held by members of the University. The forum is open to all members of the University community under the conditions set by the Bylaws, following guidelines established by the Steering Committee of Council:

1. Any member of the University community who wishes to do so may attend the Council meeting. Individuals who wish to be assured of speaking at Council, however, must inform the Office of the University Secretary (ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu) by Wednesday, November 23, 2011, indicating briefly the subject of their remarks. Those who have not so informed the Office of the University Secretary will be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Moderator of University Council and in the event that time remains after the scheduled speakers.

2. Speakers’ statements should be limited to three minutes with the possibility of additional time in cases where members of Council engage the speakers with follow-up questions or remarks. The Moderator may restrict repetition of views. Speakers are encouraged to provide Council with supporting materials and/or written extensions of their statements before, during, or after the Council meeting.

3. Following the deadline for speakers to sign up in the Office of the University Secretary, the Chair of Steering and the Moderator of Council will structure the subject matter themes, speakers, and times for the Open Forum session. In the event that there is not enough time available at the meeting to provide for all those who have requested to speak, the two officers may make selections which accommodate the broadest array of issues having important implications for Council’s work and represent the breadth of Council’s constituencies. The resulting order of the Open Forum of University Council will be made available no later than the Tuesday before the meeting, to be published on the Office of the University Secretary website, www.upenn.edu/secretary/council/openforum.html and, if deadline constraints allow, in The Daily Pennsylvanian and Almanac.

4. Speakers’ statements should be framed so as to present policy issues and directed to University Council as a body through the Moderator. The Moderator will have discretion to interrupt statements that are directed against persons and otherwise to maintain the decorum of the meeting, as provided for in the Bylaws. In cases where questions or positions can be appropriately addressed by members of Council, or where a colloquy would seem to be productive given the time constraints of the meeting, the Moderator may recognize members of Council to respond to speakers’ statements, with opportunities for follow-up by the speakers.

Completing the Faculty Survey to Improve Resources & Experiences

On November 17, each member of Penn’s standing and associated faculty will receive an individual email link to participate in the first-ever survey of the entire Penn faculty. The survey is intended to gather faculty perspectives on such issues as recruitment, retention, climate, and policies. Results will be used as the basis of future initiatives to improve resources and faculty experiences. The survey was developed in partnership with the Deans and the Faculty Senate, and responses are confidential.

We urge you to take the time to submit the survey, as the accuracy of its results will depend on collecting a large number of responses, from a wide variety of Penn faculty members. It will likely take you no more than 15 minutes to complete it.

Thank you for helping us to learn more about your experiences at Penn.

—Lynn Hollen Lees, Vice Provost for Faculty

Providing Students with ISBNs and Price Information for Books

The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires universities to make available to students, for each course, the International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) and price information for required/recommended books and supplemental materials.

To comply with this requirement, the University of Pennsylvania has worked closely with Barnes & Noble, managers of the Penn Bookstore, to develop a simple and cost-effective process to provide ISBNs to our students. Through the Bookstore’s online system, students will have access to a complete list of materials for all their courses, along with the ISBNs for each listed text.

As in the past, textbook information can be provided to other vendors, and students are in no way required to purchase their books at the Penn Bookstore.

Faculty support will be a critical factor in the University’s efforts to act in accordance with this new regulation. To that end, we encourage all Penn faculty members to work with the Bookstore as it communicates with you in the near future about this important resource for our students.

—Vincent Price, Provost
—Andrew Binns, Vice Provost for Education

Deaths

Mr. Juliano, Institute for Environmental Medicine

Mr. Edward L. Juliano, a retired staff member in the Institute for Environmental Medicine, passed away October 28 at age 89.

Mr. Juliano started working at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1963 as an engineer in the department of pharmacology. In 1970 he went to the Institute for Environmental Medicine in what is now the Perelman School of Medicine as a medical instrumentation specialist. He remained there until he retired in 1987.

Mr. Juliano is survived by his children, Edward, Linda J. Morris, James and Thomas; grandchildren, Holly, Joe, Shawn, Jenna, Nick, Kelsey and Jason; great-grandchildren, George, Jane, Kate and Alex; and siblings, Marie, Ann and Anthony.

Memorial contributions may be made to Project Rainbow/Drueding Center, 413 Master St., Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Dr. Oler, Mathematics

Dr. Norman Oler, a long-time member of the mathematics department in SAS, died on November 1 at the age of 82. Born in Sheffield, England, he, his father, and siblings immigrated to Canada and eventually the United States shortly after WWII. He was educated at universities here and in Canada, receiving his PhD in mathematics in 1957 from McGill University in Montreal.

Dr. Oler came to Penn in 1963 from Columbia University and received emeritus status here in 1993. After his retirement, he continued actively teaching in the mathematics department for several years. He was an expert in the Geometry of Numbers and in the allied field of packing and filling problems in geometric spaces, including the abstract generalizations of our ordinary known as Locally Compact Groups.

Dr. Oler was a gifted counselor whose advice, both in the department and University-wide, was often sought and this continued even after his retirement. Perhaps his most important role in this sphere was as director of the Penn-Israel Exchange Program, for scholars University-wide and their counterparts in Israel. He was successful in raising considerable private sums for this and had the full support of Penn Presidents Meyerson and Hackney as well as the support of the highest levels of the Israeli Government. In particular, he counted among his friends the former Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres. He was also active in the Jewish Publication Society of America and, in this connection, was received in the White House where he met then President Ronald Reagan. Dr. Oler spent many years as a Trustee of Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA.

He is survived by his son Col. Adam Oler USAF and daughter-in-law, Lt. Col. Kate Oler USAF; his daughter Dr. Allison Oler Szapary, an internist at Penn Health for Women in Radnor, and son-in-law Dr. Philippe Szapary; his brothers, Charles and David; his sister, Ruth Plotkin; five grandchildren; and his long-time companion of his later years, Ria Weissel.

To Report A Death: Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu

Norman Oler

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Honors & Other Things

Penn Law Alumni Society Awards
Regina Austin, L’73, William A. Schnader Professor of Law, received the Distinguished Service Award for her service to the Law School.
She was one of five Penn Law graduates—with expertise ranging from human rights law to sex discrimination to judicial reform—who were honored for their career achievements, pro bono work, service to the legal profession and service to the Law School. The other recipients: Chandra Bhatnagar, L’01, received the Young Alumni Award, which honors the professional achievement of an alumnus/a who graduated within the past 10 years; Marcia Greenberger, CW’67, L’70, received the James Wilson Award for her service to the legal profession.
Lynn A. Marks, L’79, received the Alumni Award of Merit, for her professional achievement and service to the Law School.
James J. Sandman, L’76, received the Howard Lescnick Pro Bono Award, which honors an alumnus/a who has embodied the spirit of the Public Service Program through a sustained commitment to pro bono and/or public service throughout a private sector career.

School Reform Commission
Lorene Cary, lecturer in the department of English in SAS, was appointed to the Philadelphia School District’s School Reform Commission (SRC). Mayor Michael Nutter stated that she “has an incredible passion for the well-being of children; she cares very personally about parents and she’s very focused on supporting teachers.” Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli will chair the Financial Operations and Systems Working Group to advise the SRC. This group will study what’s in place and make recommendations during the school year.

Festschrift for Dr. Churchill
Dr. Stuart Churchill, professor emeritus of chemical and biomolecular engineering in SEAS, has been honored with a Festschrift on the occasion of his 90th birthday in the August 2011 issue of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research (Volume 50, Issue 15).
The Festschrift notes, “He understands the importance of teaching students how to translate engineering science principles into process and product designs that satisfy consumer needs and to seek designs that optimize profitability in the face of uncertainty.”

See the full Festschrift issue of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research, online at http://pubs.acs.org/journal/iecreed

Science Center Board: Dr. Jameson
Dr. J. Larry Jameson, executive vice president of the University for the Health System and dean of the Perelman School of Medicine, was elected to the Board of Directors of the University City Science Center. The Science Center supports technology commercialization and technology-based economic development at the Science Center and in the Greater Philadelphia region.

AIRI President: Mr. Keinath
Mr. Larry Keinath, The Wistar Institute’s vice president for finance and administration, was named president of the Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI) last month. Mr. Keinath’s two-year term is from October 2011 until October 2013. His leadership responsibilities include serving on AIRI’s Government Affairs, Nominating and Program committees. Mr. Keinath will also collaborate with other AIRI leaders to improve methods of sharing operating information among AIRI member institutions.

RJWF Faculty Scholar: Dr. McHugh
Dr. Matthew D. McHugh, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, has won a competitive grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to study the relationships among where people live, where they receive hospital care, and the outcomes of that care. Dr. McHugh is one of just 12 nurse educators from around the country to receive the three-year $350,000 Nurse Faculty Scholar award this year. It is given to junior faculty who show outstanding promise as future leaders in academic nursing.

Innovator Award: Dr. Raj
Dr. Arjan Raj, assistant professor of bioengineering in SEAS, is the recipient of the 2011 NIH New Innovator Award for his proposal “A Comprehensive Spatial Pattern of Transcription in the Nucleus.” The award, providing $1.5 million over five years, supports the development and application of new microscopic imaging tools to reveal how the physical organization of the genetic code determines the manner in which the cell reads the code itself. The development of these methods will establish a “nuclear GPS,” allowing researchers to directly visualize genetic organization in single cells. An understanding of these methods will be important for elucidating how defects in translating the genetic code contribute to diseases such as cancer.

Nominations for the Director of the Penn Museum
Nominations for the Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology are now being solicited by the Consultative Committee (Almanac October 4, 2011).
Reporting to the Provost, the Director is responsible for forging Penn Museum’s strategic vision and ensuring its financial health; overseeing the stewardship of a vast, unparalleled collection; promoting, integrating, and strengthening the research, education, and public outreach missions; and furthering its thriving exhibitions program. The Director must be a champion in fundraising, identifying strategic priorities for endowments, gallery revitalizations, infrastructure improvements, and programs. He/She will work with curatorial faculty and staff to make sure that research, deepening its relevance to University goals, as well as expanding the synergies with Penn’s educational mission. For a detailed position description, please visit the Museum website at: www.penn.museum/news-and-announcements/1054-position-opening-director-penn-museum.html

The Committee welcomes input and nominations from all members of the Penn community. Nominations may be directed to Assistant Provost Lynne Hunter, at lynneh@upenn.edu, or to Laurie Nash and Alison Ranney of Russell Reynolds Associates, at PennMuseumDirector@russellreynolds.com

The Wharton Innovation Fund
The University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School announced the establishment of the Wharton Innovation Fund, which seeks to promote the inventiveness and creativity of the academic community at the University in the design and development of new technologies or services which show promise for making a substantial impact on business or society as a whole. Founder Alberto Vitale, WQ’50, described the Fund as, “a catalyst to stimulate innovation at the School and to surface the brainpower of its students.”
The Fund provides resources for students, faculty and staff to take projects that may begin in the classroom into the world-at-large. It supports student initiatives that show creativity and have a large potential impact. While the Fund gives preference to student-led projects, proposals that may involve faculty, students and staff will be considered as well, particularly those that leverage the School’s inventions and thought leadership in various fields of business. Approximately $125,000 in grants is available each year. Inventions or ventures that emerge from student-led projects remain the intellectual property of the student-inventors. In instances of inventions or ventures that leverage the University’s intellectual property, any economic value will be shared among the inventors, the School and the University.

Administered by the University through the Wharton School’s Innovation Group, projects that meet the Fund’s criteria are considered for support upon submission. The Fund’s advisory board, consisting of Wharton faculty, students, senior staff and alumni set specific criteria for supported projects.
“Innovation is one of the pillars of the Wharton School. The Wharton Innovation Fund reflects the School’s dedication to nurturing the best ideas and providing them a structure in which to grow,” said Wharton Dean Thomas S. Robertson. “We are very grateful to Alberto Vitale for his visionary generosity, which allows us to draw upon the remarkable intellectual resources of the Wharton community in general. The Innovation initiative is headed by Karl Ulrich, who with Christian Terwiesch, wrote a best-selling book on innovation tournaments.”
“I am delighted that Alberto Vitale is supporting the School through the Wharton Innovation Fund,” said Dr. Ulrich, who is also Wharton’s Vice Dean of Innovation. “This fund will enable our work to have an even greater impact in so many arenas.”
The application process for the Wharton Innovation Fund and criteria for selection are described on their website http://beacon.wharton.upenn.edu/innovation. Email submissions to: innovation@wharton.upenn.edu

Making History
The Campaign for Penn is available at www.makinghistory.upenn.edu

Additional information on Making History:
http://beacon.wharton.upenn.edu
**Penn Among Most Affordable Private Institutions**

The University of Pennsylvania has been named one of the most affordable private universities in the United States.

The ranking was issued by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance and lists “the private universities and liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding quality with affordability.” Penn was ranked sixth.

Princeton University was ranked first among universities, and Pomona College was first among liberal-arts colleges. In addition to Penn and Princeton, three other Ivy League institutions made the top 10 among universities.

Penn President Amy Gutmann has increased the University’s undergraduate financial-aid budget by more than 100 percent since 2004, launching a no-loan policy in 2008 that meets the full demonstrated financial need of every undergraduate student.

“Cost should not be a barrier to a Penn education,” Dr. Gutmann said. “It is our responsibility to help educate future generations of leaders, regardless of economic background. As students and their families experience mounting financial needs, we are committed to keeping Penn affordable to every undergraduate who enroll.”

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**ITMAT’s Funding Opportunities for Pilot Grant Programs—December 2**

The CT3N invites Penn researchers from all Schools and partner institutions to submit competitive proposals for Pilot Grants by December 2, 2011. The goal of these Pilot Grants is to support early-stage experimental preclinical studies in targeted therapeutics and thus assist investigators in obtaining key data to seek extramural funding. The grants will be for up to $20,000 for one year, starting January 1, 2012. * * *

The Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (ITMAT) invites proposals from ITMAT Members and ITMAT Associate Members in the Research Associate or Instructor A category. It is not too late to become a Member or an Associate Member if you would like to apply for the grant and meet membership criterion. If you are interested, please visit the membership section of our website (www.itmat.upenn.edu/membership.shtml) for details.

The proposals must center on the translational space—from proof of concept in cells or model systems through to completion of dose selection in Phase II in humans. Programs that plan to progress within that space and which deploy technologies and approaches conventionally segregated from each other within the traditional boundaries of academic medicine will be especially favored. Proposals that focus on translational therapeutics or the pediatric to the adult divide will receive priority scoring. The proposals are due by December 2, 2011 for a proposal start date of February 1, 2012. Please visit www.itmat.upenn.edu/funding.shtml for detailed instructions. * * *

The Translational Biomedical Imaging Center (TBIC) was established under the leadership of the ITMAT in part “to broaden and accelerate translational imaging research through the development of a center to bring together investigators with diverse backgrounds that contribute to various aspects of imaging science and who share a vision of contributing to the advancement of clinical medicine.” Among the approaches adopted by the TBIC to promote the use of imaging technology to facilitate translational research are the support of core facilities, collaborative imaging scientists, and retreats/seminars. Building on this foundation, the TBIC announces a new collaborative pilot grant program to help catalyze collaborations between primary imaging scientists and primary biomedical/clinical researchers that integrate novel imaging approaches to enhance translational science and medicine.

These proposals require at least two Co-Principal Investigators, one investigator whose primary research focus is in imaging methodology development and another investigator whose research is focused on biomedical science. At least one of the co-principal investigators should have a primary appointment in the School of Medicine. The TBIC adopts a broad definition of imaging science and seeks proposals that focus on anatomical or functional imaging approaches that span from the microscopic to in vivo regimes. Proposals that include a broad range of imaging methods including image acquisition techniques, image analysis and imaging probe development will be considered. Funding will be based on scientific merit, potential downstream clinical impact and the likelihood that the project will generate independent funding to sustain the effort. Post-pilot award outcomes will be surveyed. The deadline for applications is December 2, 2011 for an award start date of February 1, 2012.

For additional information, visit www.itmat.upenn.edu/funding.shtml or contact Drs. Mitchell Schnall at m.schnall@uphs.upenn.edu or James Gee at gee@mail.med.upenn.edu.

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**USDA Award: Fox Leadership Program**

The University of Pennsylvania Fox Leadership Program was one of three Pennsylvania Summer Food Service Programs that received the Summer Champion Award from the US Department of Agriculture. The Summer Food Service Program provides federal funding to non-profit organizations that provide nutritious meals to children under the age of 18 while school is not in session. The Fox Leadership Program was cited for its development of the online resource, www.pasummermeals.com, which is an electronic-based summer meals location finder to assist families in locating nearby summer meal sites.

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**Human Relations Awards**

Honored for her lifelong work on behalf of women everywhere, Carol E. Tracy, CGS’76, the executive director of the Women’s Law Project (WLP) and lecturer in Penn’s interdisciplinary Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies program in the School of Arts and Sciences, received the inaugural Sadie Alexander Leadership Award in early October from the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations.

The award, named for one of Penn’s most distinguished alumnae, was presented during a celebration of the Commission’s 60th anniversary.

The Commission recognized Ms. Tracy for her 30 years of work “to combat discrimination in all forms, to make systems responsive to the needs of women, and to create and influence public policy to create a safer, fairer society for women and their families,” according to the program brochure.

Also receiving accolades from the Commission was the student-led organization Penn Monologues, a program of the Penn Women’s Center, which received an Arts and Culture award. Penn Monologues is a co-ed writing and performing group that brings a student perspective to issues raised in Eve Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues, including gender-equality, sexual violence and the end of violence.

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**Middle East Studies Librarian**

David Giovacchini has been named Penn’s Middle East Studies Librarian.

He came to the University of Pennsylvania from Stanford University where he was the Arabic Librarian since 2003, as well as the Bibliographer for the Arts in the Islamic, Jewish, and Persian. He received his B.A. in Islamic Studies from Stanford University.

Mr. Giovacchini holds a BA from Cornell University and a master’s degree in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures from Florida Atlantic University where he taught classes on Political Islam and Cinema and Middle East.

He started his librarian career in 1988 at the New York Public Library, where he was trained and worked as an Arabic cataloger. In 1998 he became the Arabic Librarian in the Middle East Division at Harvard University. A decade later, he accepted appointment as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University where he taught classes on Political Islam and Cinema and Middle East.

Mr. Giovacchini holds a BA from Cornell University and a master’s degree in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. During his graduate studies on medieval Muslim extremist groups, and the concept of the Islamic Messiah, or Mahdi, Mr. Giovacchini combines knowledge of the modern Middle East with a deep familiarity with the Islamic Classical world.

At Penn, he is responsible for the operations of the Libraries’ Middle East Studies Unit, where he manages print and electronic collections in Middle Eastern and European languages. In addition to selecting materials, he is available for research consultations and provides library support to Middle East studies classes. He is proficient in Arabic, Turkish, French, German, and Persian. In 2010, he was elected to the Executive Board as Member-at-Large, and is also the acting Chair of the Nomination Committee of the Middle East Librarians Association.

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**Almanac on Penn Mobile Website**

Almanac is available on Penn’s mobile website, in addition to Almanac’s other familiar paper-free options such as the website, RSS Feed and weekly Express Almanac email. Users can access the most recent issue of Almanac—the University’s official journal of record, opinion and news—from their mobile devices by choosing “Almanac” under the category of “News” from the mobile site’s homepage, http://m.upenn.edu
Penn Again Tops Higher Education Division of EPA’s Green-Power Partners List

With a green power usage of 200,194,600 kWh annually, the University of Pennsylvania has retained its top spot among institutions of higher learning on the US Environmental Protection Agency’s list of green-power purchasers.

The EPA’s Green Power Partnership has tracked and recognized the highest green-power purchases in the nation since 2006, and Penn has led its peers for the past five years.

When compared to users of green power across all industries, Penn ranked No. 22 nationally. Green-power purchases help reduce the environmental impacts of electricity use and support the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide.

Penn’s green power is generated by wind and represents 48 percent of the school’s total electricity usage annually. The University buys renewable energy certificates from local green-energy supplier Community Energy, which helps to reduce the environmental impacts.

“Our continued purchase of wind power is representative of Penn’s larger commitment to sustainability at both the local and global levels,” said Ken Ogawa, Penn Facilities and Real Estate Services executive director of operations and maintenance. “By purchasing power from sustainable sources, we are able to educate the Penn community on the importance of renewable energy while making a positive impact on the environment.”

Energy conservation is a major goal of Penn’s Climate Action Plan (Almanac September 29, 2009) which calls for a 17 percent reduction in energy use by 2014 from the University’s 2007 baseline, and the use of green power is one of the University’s strategies to reach that goal. Other strategies call for programs to encourage sustainable behavior in the campus community, renovations of existing buildings and adoption of higher energy standards for new construction.

Additional information about the Climate Action Plan and the Green Campus Partnership is available at www.upenn.edu/sustainability

CCTV Locations

The Division of Public Safety is committed to enhancing the quality of life to the campus community by integrating the best practices of public and private policing with state-of-the-art technology. A critical component of a comprehensive security plan using state-of-the-art technology is CCTV.

As prescribed by the University Policy “Closed Circuit Television Monitoring and Recording of Public Areas for Safety and Security Purposes,” (Almanac April 13, 1989), the locations of all outside CCTV cameras monitored by Public Safety are to be published semi-annually in Almanac. The locations and descriptions of these cameras can also be found at the Division of Public Safety website.

The following existing cameras meet those criteria:

1. 4040 Chestnut Street (Front)
2. 4040 Sansom Street (Rear)
3. 41st. & Chestnut Sts.
4. 40th & Locust Walk
5. 40th & Spruce Sts.
6. 41st & Spruce Sts.
7. 39th & Spruce Sts.
8. 39th & Walnut Sts.
9. 38th & Walnut Sts.
10. 38th & Spruce Sts.
11. FELS Center for Government
12. 36th & Walnut Sts.
13. 37th & Spruce Sts.
14. 36th & Spruce Sts.
15. 33rd & Smith Walk
16. 34th & Walnut Sts.
17. 100 Block of South 37th Street
19. 37th & Walnut Sts.
20. Towne Loading Dock
22. 40th & Walnut Sts.
23. 33rd & Chestnut Sts.
24. 36th & Sansom Sts. (Franklin Bldg.)
25. Bennett Hall (Overseeing Levine Bldg.)
26. 1920 Commons (Garage 14 Rooftop)
27. 33rd & Walnut Sts.
28. 42nd & Locust Sts.
29. 36th & Locust Walk
30. 38th & Hamilton Walk
31. 31st & Chestnut Sts. (Left Bank)
32. 31st & Walnut Sts. (Left Bank)
33. 43rd & Locust St.
34. Schattner Coffee Shop Area
35. Rave Cinema
36. 4119 Walnut St.
37. Franklin Field
38. 40th & Market Sts.
39. Levy Dental (Loading Dock)
40. Left Bank (Loading Dock)
41. 34th & Chestnut Sts. (Garage 37)
42. 39th & Locust Walk
43. 38th & Locust Walk
44. 37th & Locust Walk
45. 38th & Sansom Sts.
46. Penn Tower Hotel (Rooftop)
47. Huntsman Hall (NE Corner)
48. 34th & Spruce Sts.
49. WXPN/World Cafe 31st & Walnut Sts.
50. WXPN/World Cafe SW Side (Lower Level)
51. Transitional Research Labs 31st St.
52. Transitional Res. Labs 31st St. (Upper Level)
53. Transitional Res. Labs 30th St. (LL South)
54. Transitional Res. Labs 30th St. (LL North)
55. Levy Loading Dock
56. Mod 7 West
57. Mod 7 North
58. Mod 7 Southeast
59. Holenback (Lower Level Rear Parking)
60. Holenback (Rooftop)
61. 40th & Pine Sts.
62. 41st & Pine Sts.
63. 42nd & Pine Sts.
64. 38th & Chestnut Sts.
65. 38th & Market Sts.
66. 34th & Market Sts.
67. 36th & Market Sts.
68. 39th St. & Baltimore Ave. (Hill Pavilion)
69. Stellar Chance Roof (Rear)
70. Stellar Chance (Rooftop)
71. Stellar Chance (Loading Dock)
72. Blockley Hall (Rooftop)
73. BRB II Loading Dock (Exterior)
74. Oslar Circle Courtyard
75. BRB II Roof (Rear)
76. BRB II Roof (Front)
77. CRB (Roof)
78. CRB Bridge (Main Entrance Hall)
79. CRB Stemmler Hall (Main Entrance)
80. Penn Museum (Loading Dock Exterior)
81. Penn Museum 33rd St. (Exterior)
82. Penn Museum (Kress Entrance Exterior)
83. Penn Museum (Interior Kress Entrance)
84. Penn Museum (Upper Loading Dock Exterior)
85. Penn Museum (Warden Garden)
86. Penn Museum (Stoner Courtyard)
87. 40th & Baltimore Ave.
88. 41st & Baltimore Ave.
89. 42nd & Baltimore Ave.
90. 43rd & Baltimore Ave.
91. College Green
92. Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall (Joe’s Café)
93. Tandem
94. 40th & Chestnut Sts.
95. 40th & Ludlow Sts.
96. 39th & Ludlow Sts.
97. 36th and Chestnut Sts.
98. Weave Bridge Holenback
99. Weave Bridge Bower
100. 46th and Chestnut Sts.
102. Van Pelt Button
103. Van Pelt Ben Statue
104. Ringe Squash Parking
105. Caster (Rear Entrance)
106. Caster (Bike Cam 1)
107. Caster (Bike Cam 2)
108. GSE (on Plaza 62)
109. GSE (Plaza Cam 1)
110. Palestra 1
111. Palestra 2
112. College Hall (Exterior Basement)
113. Harnwell 1
114. Harrison 1
115. Harrison 2
116. Psychology 1
117. Psychology 2
118. Psychology 3
119. Psychology 4
120. Steinberg Conference Center

Penn Park
1. Penn Park Drive Entrance
2. Parking Lot SW Corner
3. North Bike Rack Field #2
4. Parking Lot (NE Corner)
5. Lower 30th & Walnut Sts.
6. Walnut St. Bridge (Upper)
7. Walnut St. Bridge Pedestrian Walkway
8. Penn Park Field #1 (Bike Rack)
9. Penn Park Field #2
10. Penn Park Field #2 (Bike Rack)
11. Paley Bridge Entrance Walkway
12. Penn Park Walkway to Paley Bridge
13. Softball Stadium (Bike Rack #1)
14. Softball Stadium (Women’s Restroom)
15. Softball Stadium (Men’s Restroom)
16. Softball Stadium (Bike Rack #2)
17. Weave Bridge Penn Park Ramp
18. Tennis Center (Field #4 Walkway)
19. Field #4 South Street Bridge
20. Ropes Course
21. NE Corner (Field #2)
22. SW Corner (Field #2)
23. Penn Park North
24. Penn Park Lower 30th & Walnut Sts.
25. Penn Park (Field #1)
26. Paley Bridge
27. Penn Park Plaza
28. Tennis Center (Field #4)
29. Ropes Course/Maintenance Bldg.
30. WXPN/World Cafe SW Corner (Lower Level)
31. Levy Tennis Pavilion
Professional and Personal Development

Improve your skills and get ahead in your career by taking advantage of the many development opportunities provided by Human Resources. You can register for programs by visiting the Human Resources online course catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/ coursecatalog or by contacting Learning and Education at (215) 898-3400.

Improving Your Emotional Intelligence Skills: Self-Awareness and Self-Management for Career Success; December 7; 9 a.m.–noon; $50. Managing your emotions in the workplace can have an enormous impact on your career success. But in order to do it right, you need to perfect your emotional intelligence—and we’ll show you how to do it. This workshop will teach you what it means to be emotionally intelligent and how it can help you build more relationships—and success—in the workplace. You’ll learn how to manage your emotions in a healthy and productive way, and how to use your emotions to improve productivity and overcome obstacles.

Career Focus Brown Bag—Networking; December 9; noon–1 p.m.; free. Networking and career growth go hand in hand. But what is networking, and why is it so important? This workshop will give you the answers. Come learn the ins and outs of effective networking and how it can enhance your career. You’ll get tips on how to approach people you don’t know and learn how to use social media tools like LinkedIn to boost your networking efforts.

Working with Difficult People: How to Work with Negative People; December 13; 1:30–4:30 p.m.; $50. Ever come across people who exude negativity in the workplace? Whether it’s complaining about their latest project or whining about the weather, it’s not uncommon to work with negative people on the job. But it does contribute to an unproductive work environment—which means you need to know how to combat the negativity and generate a positive environment instead. This workshop will give you the tools you need to deal with any negative person that comes your way. You’ll learn about common characteristics of negative people and strategies to help you manage their behavior.

Brown Bag Matinee—Managing Stress; December 14; noon–1 p.m.; free. We all encounter stressful situations on the job—but you’ve probably found yourself in a position where you have more responsibility than authority or you’re working in an environment without a supportive network. Managing Stress will show you how to cope with these kinds of tension-inducing situations. You’ll discover how your own anxiety can raise your stress level, and how to better manage those feelings. You’ll also get tips on how to communicate better with your colleagues to help minimize stress in the workplace.

Technical Tips...at Your Fingertips

Improve your technical skills with these online workshops. Human Resources is offering a series of webinars designed to help you learn shortcuts for programs like Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Learn the latest tools and techniques right from your own desktop. You can register for programs by visiting the Human Resources online course catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog and selecting “webinars” from the Browse by Category menu. Or contact Learning and Education at (215) 898-3400 for details.

Microsoft Office 2010 Tips & Tricks Crash Course; December 6; 12:30–2 p.m.; $40. Take your Microsoft Office skills to the next level. This webinar will teach you powerful techniques that can save you time and help you get the results you want. You’ll learn shortcuts for handling your email in Outlook; become a pro at building templates in PowerPoint; get some advanced styling and formatting tips for Word; and see how to create lists and reports in Excel.

Microsoft Word 2007 Techniques; December 6; 2:30–4:30 p.m.; $40. If you want to enhance your project management skills, this webinar can help. Microsoft Project 2007 gives you powerful project management tools to help you stay on top of your workload more effectively. You’ll get tips on how to successfully organize your work, manage calendars, update your project timeline and more.

Managing and Organizing Your Email Inbox Using Microsoft Outlook; December 7; 12:30–2 p.m.; $40. If you’re looking for ways to manage your email inbox and avoid email overload, this webinar is for you. You’ll learn techniques and shortcuts that will save you time and help you get maximum results from your email. Topics include customizing and setting flags, creating categories to organize your inbox, using tasks and the calendar, organizing and archiving your messages and more.

Microsoft Word 2007 Techniques; December 13; 2–3:30 p.m.; $40. Tap into the power of Microsoft Word to help meet your professional goals. This webinar will show you advanced features in Word that can save you time and resources when working on documents. You’ll learn how to use bookmarks and hyperlinks, create charts and graphs, review and edit documents with tracked changes, and how to generate a table of contents and index.

Healthy Living

Get the tools you need to live well year-round. From expert nutrition and weight loss advice to exercise and disease prevention strategies, we can help you kick-start your body and embrace a healthy lifestyle. These free workshops are sponsored by Human Resources. For complete details and to register, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/wellness/workshops.aspx or contact Human Resources at (215) 898-5116 or suzsmith@upenn.edu.

High Blood Pressure: The Top 10 Things You Need to Know; December 8; noon–1 p.m.; free. About one in three adults in the United States suffers from high blood pressure—and many of them may not even know it. That’s because high blood pressure has no obvious symptoms, so knowing your numbers (and what they mean) is critical to your health. This workshop will help you better understand your own blood pressure numbers and what you can do to improve them. It will be led by Emil DeGoma, medical director, Preventive Cardiovascular Program, Penn Heart and Vascular Center.

Quality of Worklife Workshops

Dealing with the demands of work and your personal life can be challenging. These free workshops, sponsored by Human Resources and led by experts from Penn’s Employee Assistance Program and Quality of Worklife Department, offer information and support for your personal and professional life challenges. For complete details and to register, visit the Human Resources online course catalog at www.hr.upenn.edu/coursecatalog or contact Human Resources at (215) 573-2471 or gtsull@upenn.edu.

Reducing Stress in Changing Organizations; December 15; noon–1 p.m.; free. Stress is no stranger to the workplace, especially when your organization is undergoing great amounts of change. But strong leadership is key to making the workplace a positive place to be—and we’ll show you how to do it. If you’re a supervisor or manager, come learn about the relationship between stress and burnout, how people react to stress and change, and how to help your colleagues cope better when it comes to change in the workplace.

Beat the Holiday Bulge

The holiday season countdown has begun. Soon you’ll be gathering to celebrate with family and friends—and you’ll be confronted by tempting food everywhere. But we can help you embrace the fun of the season without packing on extra pounds! Maintain, Don’t Gain is an eight-week program that can help you maintain your weight during the holiday season. The goal is to stay within two to three pounds of your starting weight during those tough weeks when temptation seems to lurk around every corner. Even if you motivat ed, you’ll be weighed in before and after the holidays, and will receive weekly tips to help you maintain healthy behaviors.

You can even spice up the competition by creating your own Maintain, Don’t Gain team. Grab a few colleagues, give yourselves a team name, and let the games begin! If your team members maintain or lose weight by the final weigh-in, you’ll be highlighted on the Maintain, Don’t Gain honor roll.

Are you ready for the challenge? Pre-holiday weigh-ins start November 21. For more details and to register, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/quality/wellness/main taindontgain.aspx.
**Update**

**November AT PENN**

**MUSIC**

17 **Children of Eden;** Penn Singers, light opera company; 8 p.m.; Iron Gate Theatre. Also November 18, 6 p.m. and November 19, 1 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; $12, $9/PennCard (PAC).

18 **A Collaborative Show;** Quaker Notes, female a cappella, and Pennchants, male a cappella; 8 p.m.; Dunlop Auditorium, Stebbins Hall. Also November 19; $12, $8/PennCard (PAC).

**ON STAGE**

17 **Moonchildren by Michael Weller;** Quadratics; 8 p.m.; Class of ’49 Auditorium, Houston Hall. Also November 18, 8 p.m. and November 19, 2 p.m.; $7 (PAC).

18 **Sparks and the City;** Sparks Dance Company; 7:30 p.m.; Harold Prince Theatre, Annenberg Center. Also November 19, 6:30 p.m.; $10, $8/Locust Walk (PAC).

**TALKS**

16 **Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Memorial Lecture: Building Haiti Back More Justly;** Mario Joseph, Haitian human rights attorney; 5:30 p.m.; rm. 245A, Silverman Hall (Law; Center for Africana Studies).

17 **Wharton Leadership Lecture;** M. Night Shyamalan, screenwriter, director, producer; 4:30 p.m.; Ambani Auditorium, Huntsman Hall (Wharton).

The Education of the Prince at the Carra-verse Court: De ingenius moribus 1400-1402; Michelle Rossi, Italian studies and Giovanni Andrea Dell’Anna’s unfaithful beauty. Translation and Innovation Bridging Renaissance and Bar-robe; Elisa Modolo, Italian studies; 6 p.m.; Cer- pack Lounge, Williams Hall (Italian Studies).

22 **Economic Diversity at Penn: A Panel Dis- cussion;** Peter Conn, English; Eric Furda, Admis- sions; William Schilling, Student Financial Aid; Ernst Tyler, UA; 5 p.m. (dinner included); McClle- land Hall, Ware College House; moderator: Laura Perna, GSE; PennCard required; RSVP: fh.house. upenn.edu (Ware College House).

**AT PENN DAILIES**

The November AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/alamanc. The deadline for the January AT PENN calendar is Tuesday, December 6.

**Food for Fines—Penn Libraries Food Drive and Fine Amnesty Program**

Help feed our community while paying off your library fines. Through the month of November, the Penn Libraries are sponsoring a food drive and fine amnesty program to benefit Philabundance. For each food item donated, $1 will be credited towards your library account, up to a maximum of $20 (please note that credit cannot be applied to lost book replacement fees). Food donations will be collected at the Van Pelt Library Circulation Desk.

Items should be non-perishable and packaged in boxes, cans or plastic bottles. We cannot accept items in glass containers. Please consider donating these high priority items: canned/shelf stable tuna, beef stew, chili, pasta, peanut butter, fruit cocktail, green beans or corn, creamy peanut butter or jelly in plastic contain- ers only, macaroni & cheese, breakfast cereal or hot cereal.

No fines? We will still gladly accept food donations.

For additional information see www.library.upenn.edu/news/923

**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 October 31-November 6, 2011. Also reported were 12 other crimes (including 9 thefts, 1 case of fraud, 1 act of vandalism and 1 burglary). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/alamanc/vol- umes/v26/n12/report.html. Prior week’s 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 October 31-November 6, 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 re- port 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.

10/31/11 6:34 PM 4011 Pine St Female wanted on warrant/Arrest

11/01/11 6:21 AM 4001 Walnut St Male cited for disorderly conduct

11/01/11 8:56 PM 3600 Spruce St Female wanted on warrant/Arrest

11/02/11 2:49 AM 3800 Chestnut St. Male wanted on warrant/Arrest

11/02/11 8:02 PM 400 University Ave Male wanted on warrant/Arrest

11/02/11 10:26 PM 3300 Walnut St Male cited for disorderly conduct

11/04/11 9:17 PM 3200 South St Male arrested for disorderly conduct

11/05/11 2:23 PM 3401 Walnut St Male arrested after fighting with police officer

11/05/11 4:35 PM 3401 Civic Center Blvd Intoxicated male acting in disorderly manner/Arrest

**18th District Report**

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 3 incidents with 1 arrest (all robberies) were reported between October 31-November 6, 2011 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

11/03/11 1:35 AM 5000 Larchwood Ave Robbery

11/03/11 2:47 PM 4301 Walnut St Robbery

11/06/11 6:20 PM 4600 Market St Robbery/Arrest
The Porch at 30th Street Station: An Animated Urban Gateway

Photograph by Marguerite F. Miller

On an especially summery day earlier this month, the University City District (UCD) led the celebration of the opening of the newly named area outside 30th Street Station: The Porch at 30th Street Station is a transformative urban open space for Philadelphia. UCD envisions it as a place of activity, respite, and social interaction with pedestrian amenities as well as being a welcoming gateway for travelers emerging from the adjacent station, one of the nation’s busiest.

UCD’s executive director Matt Berghesier described the space as “a small oasis at one of the city’s busiest and most critical crossroads.” He credited UCD’s director of planning and economic development Prema Gupta who led the effort “with vision and passion” with help ing them to understand that they could do this quickly and creatively, in a way that had not been tried in a space that size.

Bounded by monumental historic buildings—the Station and the old Post Office building, that Penn bought several years ago (Almanac April 6, 2004)—the new public space at the heart of University City’s eastern end, provides views of the Schuylkill River to the east, and the Center City skyline across the nearby bridges. The way Amtrak envisions the new space as “a dynamic anteroom to the Station.”

To create the Porch, UCD piggybacked on a larger PennDOT project to rehabilitate six bridges adjacent to 30th Street Station. The project was a public-private partnership in conception and implementation between a number of institutions, individuals, public officials, businesses and community members including Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, the Streets Department, Amtrak, Brandywine Realty Trust, the Schuylkill River Development Corporation, along with UCD whose board is chaired by Penn’s EVP Craig Carnaroli.

Where there was once an outdoor parking lane parallel to Market Street, there is now a 50’-wide sidewalk that runs 865′ creating an inviting, vibrant space, while keeping to a modest construction budget. The William Penn Foundation provided some of the funding for the space that was transformed by Lader Raabe Saffte Landscape Architects. LRSLA divided the space into a series of outdoor rooms, punctuated by trees and umbrellas to bring a sense of human scale to the large space. UCD and LRSLA agreed that movable tables and chairs would allow users maximum flexibility in choosing where to sit in relation to the space, other people and the sun.

LRSLA worked with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to fill the site with high quality seasonal plantings. LRSLA repurposed agricultural feeding troughs with green roof technology to create large, economical planters with trees that filter traffic noise levels from six lanes of Market Street and foster a hospitable pedestrian environment.

See more photos on Almanac’s website

UCD plans to enliven The Porch through activities and events (see below). Citizens Bank Foundation has provided support for a slate of events planned for the spring. UCD has been inspired by new public spaces in other cities that have been developed by taking small, iterative and experimental steps to determine what works best, rather than starting with large capital expenses. Future design changes will be informed by a rigorous study of site usage patterns.

Fall Festival
Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., November 19
Experience a little country in the heart of the city. University City District is excited to welcome autumn with the first official festival at The Porch at 30th Street Station. Fun for the entire family, the Fall Festival celebrates the season with food, music and more.

Milk & Honey presents West Philly honey tasting with Urban Apriers cooking demonstration and tasting by The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College Street Puppetry from Geppetta Homespun Merry-Go-Round Taste of Apple Cider History with Bartram’s Garden Bluegrass and Country music from West Philly’s Citywide Specials Give & Take Little Circus Free S’mores kits to the first 100 people

Weekly Programming at The Porch

Lunchtime Serenade
Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
November 15-December 6
French Swing accordion music by Dallas Vietty

The Porch Farmers’ Market
Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m., November 16-23
Farm to City Market featuring:
Frecon Orchards: bagged apples, cider and fruit by the pound!
FreshaPeel Hummus: all-natural hummus infused with unique flavors

Sounds to Transport
Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., November 10-December 6*
Traditional and original Eastern European and Balkan music by West Philadelphia Orchestra
* no program on Thanksgiving

Fitness Fridays
Fridays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.,
November 18-December 16
Put your lunch break to work for you with fitness programming by Drexel University’s Recreational Athletics staff. No equipment or experience needed. Don’t forget to bring your water bottle and wear workout clothes and sneakers!
November 18 & December 16 – Boot Camp
This 60-minute drill class will have you pushing yourself to the max. Class consists of strength, cardio and agility drills.
December 2 & 9 – Kickboxing
Backed by high-energy music, this cardio kickboxing workout incorporates kicks, punches, elbows and knees. You’ll use movements from martial arts and boxing as well as effective athletic drills to burn calories and relieve stress.

Circus Fridays
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The Give & Take Jugglers and their Little Circus will surprise and delight. Using juggling, comedy and audience involvement, they use traditions from vaudeville, circus arts, and theater to create a lively and contemporary show.

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