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Welcome Back From the President

Vibrant Beginnings, An Extraordinary Year

Mid-August marks the last of a quiet College Green outside my office window. Within days, Locust Walk once again teems with energized young women and men. Suddenly, there are no empty seats in Van Pelt, but a line at every food truck. Franklin Field and our beautiful Penn Park come alive with a Quaker roar. These are among the vibrant beginnings of another extraordinary year at Penn.

We are ready for it. We have been putting the finishing touches on a new green space that joins our campus together like never before. Shoemaker Green, fronting the Palestra and Franklin Field, provides nearly three acres of grass and tree-lined walkways for the University community to enjoy. It links College Green to our eastern gateway—the Palestra and Hutchinson Gym, the Weiss Pavilion with our new Education Commons, and to our focal point of community activity and sustainable natural beauty, Penn Park. Integrating campus life along with knowledge: this is the vision of our Penn Compact made vivid and tangible in this new space.

I invite you to see for yourself: **Please join me for the grand opening of Shoemaker Green on September 20th at noon.** Celebrate with your Penn family—good food, entertainment, and great company await you.

We also celebrate the arrival of the newest members of the Penn family: the Class of 2016. This is the most academically accomplished class in our history, and its 2,464 members represent the greatest diversity Penn has seen yet. Like our upperclassmen, all aid-eligible freshmen receive all-grant no-loan financial aid packages, enabling them to graduate debt free. Here's another important point of pride for Penn: our fundamental commitment to affordability has decreased the average out-of-pocket cost for our financial aid students since 2004. That's a stunning achievement that has people across the country pointing to Penn as a model of expanding access for the most talented students regardless of socioeconomic background.

To further this Penn priority, we recently named Joel Carstens as the new University Director of Financial Aid. He comes to us with over 20 years of financial aid experience and shares our passionate commitment to making a Penn education accessible for every qualified student.

Among the superb faculty and leaders joining us this year, we are most fortunate to welcome Dorothy Roberts—an eminent scholar of civil rights, reproductive rights, poverty, child welfare, and family law—as the 14th Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor. Professor Roberts brings her award-winning teaching and scholarship to a dual appointment in Penn Law and SAS, as the George A. Weiss University Professor and the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights.

Two of Penn's signature cultural institutions have new leaders at their helm. Julian Siggers is the new Williams Director for the Penn Museum. Julian's extensive experience and dedication to Penn Museum's three-fold mission of research, teaching, and public engagement make him an exceptional choice to direct our nation's finest university archaeological museum. Amy Sadao has been appointed the Daniel Dietrich II Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art. Amy's expertise in forging collaboration across diverse disciplines and communities perfectly matches Penn's priorities and will drive the next phase of ICA's impressive eminence in the arts.

One of the most exciting University transformations in recent years has been implementation of our award-winning Penn Connects master campus plan. In the first phase, we redefined how an urban university can contribute to the community through sustainable, innovative, and beautiful development (Penn Park being the most prominent example). Now comes Penn Connects 2.0, in which we will advance our campus even further. The Krishna P. Singh Center for Nanotechnology—a hub for scientists, engineers, and students in this burgeoning field—is taking great shape on Walnut Street. We are eagerly looking forward to breaking ground on a Neuro-Behavioral Science building for SAS, and a state-of-the-art college house, which will house 350 students and create a beautiful new quad on Hill Field. At the same time, major renovations of existing spaces including the ARCH building and Hutch Gym are underway.

Yes, all is quiet on College Green now, but excitement and discovery are just ahead. For the 'Year of Proof' at Penn, freshmen are reading the play *Doubt*, and students, faculty, and staff are exploring evidence and certainty across disciplines. As the year unfolds, proof of Penn's commitment to eminence is all around. From Penn Park, our Education Commons in Weiss Pavilion and Shoemaker Green, to new opportunities for integrating knowledge across campus life, Penn is more welcoming and intellectually dynamic than ever before. Our achievements are only possible through the unrivaled excellence of our faculty, students, alumni, staff, and friends. I wish you the very best and welcome you to another vibrant Red and Blue academic year.

Edward Rock: Senior Advisor



Edward Rock

President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Edward B. Rock as Senior Advisor to the President and Provost and Director of Open Course Initiatives, effective September 1.

In this new position, Professor Rock will oversee the implementation of Penn's partnership with Coursera, the online platform for open-access, non-credit classes. He will work closely with the President and Provost, as well as with Deans, department chairs, and other University leaders, to build administrative frameworks and advance the integration of online learning initiatives—and the new methods of teaching and learning related to them—into curricular and instructional support programs on campus.

"Having someone with Ed Rock's experience
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\$18.5 Million in NIH Awards to PENTACON

The National Institutes of Health's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) awarded \$18.5 million to establish the Personalized NSAID Therapeutics Consortium (PENTACON), an international group of scientists led by Dr. Garret A. FitzGerald, director of the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at Penn's Perelman School of Medicine. PENTACON consists of 42 scientists from 22 institutions.

PENTACON's purpose is to develop a way to manage the risk of serious, but uncommon, side effects due to differing responses to nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs. These drugs are used to relieve pain and inflammation and are among the most common medications consumed worldwide. According to the American Gastroenterological Association, more than 30 million people take over-the-counter and prescription NSAIDs every day for pain, headaches, and arthritis.

More than 30 types of NSAIDs are currently on the market, and people differ in their preferences, often claiming that some, but not others, work for them. Like all drugs, NSAIDs come with

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Welcome Back From the Senate Chair

Fostering a Culture of Collaborative Governance

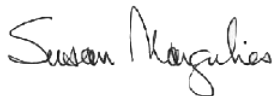
As Chair of the Faculty Senate, I welcome you to the start of the 2012-2013 academic year. The University of Pennsylvania has a tradition of faculty involvement in governance, and the Faculty Senate, composed of all standing faculty, is the voice of the Faculty. In our system of shared governance, the Tri-Chairs (Past-Chair Camille Charles, Chair-Elect Dwight Jaggard, and myself as Chair) of the Faculty Senate meet regularly with administrative officials, including biweekly consultations with the President and Provost. In addition, the Senate Executive Committee, with representation from all 12 schools and all faculty ranks, meets monthly with administrative officials and to discuss issues that affect faculty.

To ensure that we represent the perspective of the Faculty and serve as your advocates, I encourage you to contact your representatives in the Senate Executive Committee. You may also contact me (Margulies@seas.upenn.edu) or the Executive Assistant of the Senate, Sue White (senate@pobox.upenn.edu) with your issues and questions.

The standing Faculty Senate Committees are the working groups charged to monitor, investigate, and/or make recommendations regarding specific issues of concern to the faculty. This year the timely topics will include: faculty salary and benefits, implementation of the 12 school-based Faculty Diversity plans, the scheduled Faculty Gender Equity Report, alternatives to sabbatical for scholarly renewal, reduction of faculty administrative burdens associated with research, changes to faculty tracks and caps, centralized information for dual career hiring/retention, faculty oversight in graduate and undergraduate educational programs (including Coursera), and revisions to the Faculty Grievance Procedures.

Over 70% of the standing faculty participated in the Faculty Climate Survey last winter, and your valuable data is being analyzed by a group of faculty jointly appointed by the Faculty Senate and the Provost with the overarching goals of identifying the pillars of strength in Faculty Life at Penn and opportunities for enhancing our scholarly environment in collaborative initiatives.

I look forward to leading the Faculty Senate this year, and thank Sherri Adams for encouraging me to accept this opportunity. It is my privilege to serve with Camille Charles, now Past-Chair, whose insight and commitment as Chair last year were inspiring, and Dwight Jaggard, our Chair-Elect whose humor and compassion are a perfect match for our team. Lastly, I am deeply grateful to Sue White for her excellent organizational skills, long memory, and patient guidance.



—Susan Margulies, Chair

SEC Meeting Schedule

Senate Executive Committee Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in room 205, College Hall. The agenda will be announced in *Almanac* prior to each meeting.

September 19	November 7	January 23	March 20	May 8
October 24	December 12	February 13	April 17	

From the President and Provost

Consultative Committee for the Selection of a Dean of SAS

We are pleased to announce the formation of an ad hoc Consultative Committee to advise us on the selection of the next Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences.

The Consultative Committee will be chaired by Michael Delli Carpini, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication. It will be supported by Stephen Steinberg, advisor to the president; Adam Michaels, deputy chief of staff to the president, and Ilene H. Nagel and Mirah Horowitz of Russell Reynolds Associates.

The members of the Consultative Committee are:

Faculty

- Anita Allen (Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, Penn Law)
- Michael Delli Carpini (Professor of Communication and Walter H. Annenberg Dean, Annenberg School for Communication)—Chair
- Thadious Davis (Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought, English)
- Randall Kamien (Vicki and William Abrams Professor in the Natural Sciences, Physics and Astronomy)
- Kathy Peiss (Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of History, History)
- Arthur H. Rubenstein (Professor of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine)
- Sharon Thompson-Schill (Class of 1965 Term Professor, Psychology)
- Kenneth Wolpin (Walter H. and Leonore C. Annenberg Professor in the Social Sciences, Economics)

Student Representatives

- Kyle Henson (Class of 2013, Biological Basis of Behavior, College of Arts & Sciences)
- Scott J. Ordway (President, SASgov, and Benjamin Franklin Doctoral Fellow in Composition, Music)

Alumni Representative

- David M. Silfen, (C'66, Chair, SAS Board of Overseers, and Vice-Chair, University Board of Trustees)

Staff to the Committee

- Adam P. Michaels (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President)
- Stephen P. Steinberg (Advisor to the President, Office of the President)

Consultants to the Committee

- Ilene H. Nagel (Leader, Higher Education Practice, Russell Reynolds Associates)
- Mirah A. Horowitz (Member, Higher Education Sector, Russell Reynolds Associates)

The Committee welcomes—and will keep in the strictest confidence—nominations and input from the University community. Communications should be sent to Dr. Steinberg (sps@upenn.edu), Mr. Michaels (adampm@upenn.edu), or Dr. Nagel and Ms. Horowitz, (upennsas@russellreynolds.com) by September 30, 2012.

—Amy Gutmann, President

—Vincent Price, Provost

Edward Rock: Senior Advisor

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and vision to help guide our online learning initiatives gives Penn a tremendous advantage in this important new area,” said Penn President Amy Gutmann. “Ed is a superb scholar and academic leader. Under his stewardship, I am certain we will see our online capabilities flourish, and the University’s international leadership in this vital area continue to grow.”

Professor Rock is the Saul A. Fox Distinguished Professor of Business Law in the Law School, with a secondary appointment as professor of business economics and public policy in the Wharton School. A 1983 graduate of Penn Law, he has taught at Penn since 1989, after five years as a partner and associate at Fine, Kaplan & Black in Philadelphia. He served, 1998-2010, as co-director of the Institute of Law and Economics—a joint research center of the Law School, Wharton, and department of economics in SAS—and 2006-2008, as associate dean for academic affairs at the Law School.

He is a leading expert on corporate law and corporate governance and has written widely on the balance of power between shareholders and managers, government ownership, hedge funds, shareholder voting, and mergers and acquisitions. He has been a visiting professor at NYU, Columbia, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt.

“Ed Rock brings to our online initiatives a profound understanding of governance and strategic frameworks,” said Provost Price, “as well as great skills at solving challenges and bringing people together. He will help us all define the future of online and open education at Penn, while building the sound administrative structures to support our efforts for years to come.”

Professor Rock earned a JD *magna cum laude* (1983) from Penn Law School, where he was an editor of the *Law Review*; a BA in philosophy and politics with first-class honours (1980) from the University of Oxford; and a BS *cum laude* in physics and mathematics (1977) from Yale University.

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their downsides and have long been recognized to cause stomach upsets, sometimes life-threatening bleeds from the gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

“There’s a great need to understand how people differ in their response to NSAIDs and how their use might be tailored to the needs and susceptibilities of the individual patient,” said Dr. FitzGerald.

“This comprehensive project will use the latest technologies to aid patients and their health care providers in selecting the best alternative from the available treatments,” said Dr. Susan Shurin, acting director of the NHLBI. “NSAIDs are among the most commonly used drugs, and their benefits and toxicities have been variable and difficult to predict. The potential ability to personalize use of this important class of agents is scientifically important and has considerable public health value.”

More than a decade ago, NSAIDs less likely to cause GI problems were launched on the market. These drugs, which included Vioxx and Celebrex, targeted COX-2, one of two COX enzymes blocked by older NSAIDs, such as Aleve and Naprosyn. These newer drugs turned out to cause heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes in a small proportion of the patients who consumed them.

Remarkably, researchers still poorly understand how to predict whether patients will gain relief from NSAIDs—presently it’s a matter of trial and error. Similarly, they have no scientific basis for predicting patients more likely to have serious risks or to detect the gradual emergence of such risks.

Deaths

Dr. Ajzenberg-Selove, Physics

Dr. Fay Ajzenberg-Selove, emeritus professor of physics, died on August 8 at home at age 86. She was best known in the physics community for the publication of a series of review articles on the energy levels of the light nuclei that codified the field of nuclear structure and have broad implications for diverse fields, from the origins of the universe to medicine.



Fay Ajzenberg-Selove

Photograph by Marguerite F. Miller

In a world where there remains a dearth of women in physical science, Dr. Ajzenberg-Selove was a pioneer. She was Haverford College's first tenured woman faculty, and the second within the School of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. She taught generations of undergraduates from Smith College, 1952-1953, Boston University, 1953-1957, Haverford College, 1957-1970 and Penn, 1973-2003. She also had been a role model for women students throughout the physical sciences. Her lifelong service to her country in research and education was recognized with the 2007 National Medal of Science, a Presidential award. (*Almanac* September 9, 2008).

She was born in Berlin, Germany; following the Great Depression, her family departed for France where they lived for ten years until the start of World War II. They began a circuitous journey through Europe, to Cuba (transiting through New York) and finally back to New York, qualifying to enter the US under the German immigration quota. Settling in New York City with her family, she attended Julia Richman High School and graduated in June 1943. She attended the University of Michigan and began to study engineering, as the only woman in a class of 100. She was drawn toward physics and graduated in 1946 with a BS in engineering (physics). Following an unsuccessful year of physics at Columbia and a brief teaching job in Chicago at the Navy Pier branch of the University of Illinois, she was accepted in the physics graduate program at the University of Wisconsin.

At Wisconsin, she went about becoming a physicist, a rare occupation for women in the 1940s. She completed her master's in her first year and received a master of science (physics) in 1949. Embarking on her PhD, she began what was to become her life's work, a study of the structure of the nucleus under the direction of Professor Hugh Richards. In 1952, she was awarded a PhD for her thesis *Energy Levels of Some Light Nuclei and Their Classification*.

Before completing her thesis, she contacted Tom Lauritsen at California Institute of Technology who had been performing nuclear physics experiments similar to those she had been doing for her thesis. He agreed to host her visit in the summer of 1952. This began a decades-long scientific and personal collaboration. That year she accepted a one-year teaching position at Smith College and discovered a passion for teaching.

She obtained a faculty position at Boston University. While attending a lecture by physicist Walter Selove, she, in her own words, instantly fell in love. They married in 1955 and remained devoted to each other for 55 years, until his death (*Almanac* September 7, 2010). In 1957,

they moved to the Philadelphia area, where he became an associate professor of physics at Penn and she began more than a decade of teaching and research at Haverford College. In 1970, she left Haverford for Penn where she initially held a research professorship, 1970-1973 and, following the successful outcome of a discrimination suit, she became Penn's second tenured woman faculty in SAS. She remained a member of the faculty for 30 years and became emeritus in 2003.

Throughout her career, she was passionate about research, teaching, and service to her field and to her country. Her excellence in teaching was recognized by the 1991 Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. She authored, first with Lauritsen (Caltech) and then for an additional 17 years on her own, nearly 5,000 published pages which served to guide an entire branch of physics on the study of the structure of the light nuclei. These served as a fundamental reference that digested and validated the vast amount of research on the structure of light nuclei. Dr. Ajzenberg-Selove conducted her own experimental research at nuclear physics laboratories and universities including CIT, MIT, Los Alamos, Brookhaven, and Lawrence Radiation Laboratory where she held various visiting appointments. Her bibliography contains more than 50 experimental papers.

She received honorary degrees from Smith College, 1955, Michigan State University, 1997, and Haverford College, 1999. She served on committees and panels for the American Physical Society (APS), the American Institute of Physics, the National Academy, and the National Research Council. She was a founding member of the Nuclear Physics Division of the American Physical Society and served as vice-chair, 1972-1973 and chair, 1973-1974. For the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, she chaired the Commission on Nuclear Physics (1978-81) and was a member of the US National Committee (1977-1981). She served on the Governing Council of the AAAS (1974-1980). She organized and chaired the first Physical Society APS session on women in physics and served on the founding APS Committee on Women in Physics.

Dr. de Cani, Wharton

Dr. John S. de Cani, professor emeritus of statistics, died August 8 at age 88.

He earned his BS in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin in 1948 and then his MBA in statistics from Penn in 1951. After earning his PhD from Penn in 1958, Dr. de Cani was appointed an assistant professor in the department of statistics at Wharton. He chaired the department from 1971-78. Dr. de Cani retired in 1995 at which time he was also accorded emeritus status.

His research interest included "fast" algorithms for statistical computing, group sequential methods, statistics in clinical trials and statistics as legal evidence.

Dr. de Cani was the author of numerous articles and was co-author of the book *Basic Statistics with Business Applications*.

In addition to teaching and conducting research, Dr. de Cani was involved in many University related activities. He served on many school

committees, was on the Affirmative Action council and the Faculty Grievance Commission. He was also a former vice president of the Faculty Club, now the University Club at Penn.

Dr. de Cani was also a consultant to such companies as Pfizer, McNeil Laboratories and the US Naval Air Development Center. He provided expert testimony in legal proceedings.

His professional affiliations and memberships included the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics and the Society of Social Studies in Science.

Dr. de Cani was the recipient of many honors and awards including a Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1964, the Sigma Kappa Phi Distinguished Teaching Award in 1978 and a Fulbright Award to the Norwegian School of Economics in 1959-1960.

Dr. de Cani is survived by his companion, Joanna Williams; his sister, Marjorie Salo; nieces and nephews, Marjorie Nelson, Mary Rooney, Roberta Grambor, Clement Taylor, Herbert Taylor, John Taylor, Gregory Salo and Paul Salo.

Contributions may be made to the ACLU, www.aclu.org, or the Free Library of Philadelphia, www.freelibrary.org

Dr. Gray, Electrical and Systems Engineering

Dr. Harry J. Gray, professor emeritus in electrical and systems engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, died July 27 at age 88.

Dr. Gray earned all his degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, earning his BS in 1944 and MS in 1947, both in electrical engineering. Dr. Gray was appointed to the faculty after earning his PhD in 1953. He retired in 1989.

From 1943-1946, Dr. Gray was a radio specialist officer in the United States Navy.

He was one of 30 computer pioneers involved with ENIAC, the first electronic general-purpose computer, who was honored with a medal by Penn's Moore School of Electrical Engineering during a 40-year celebration of computer science and engineering at Penn (*Almanac* October 14, 1986).

In addition to teaching, Dr. Gray had been a consultant for various electrical and technical companies, including the Philco Corporation.

Dr. Gray had been involved in many professional organizations including the Institute of Radio Engineers, the Professional Group of Electronic Computers, the Professional Group on Antennas and Propagation and the Association for Computer Machinery.

Dr. Gray is survived by his wife, Cecilia M.; children, Margaret "Meg," Dr. David Roeltnen, Cecilia A. Gray, Mary Ellen Gilligan; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his sister, Patricia Gray. His daughter, Kathleen, was a Penn freshman when she died (*Almanac* July 1973).

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former faculty and staff members, students and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu. Notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu



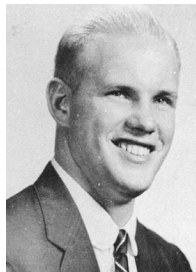
Harry Gray



John de Cani

Deaths

Dr. Holteen, Dental Medicine



Edward Holteen

Dr. Edward G. Holteen, an adjunct faculty member in the School of Dental Medicine died July 13 at age 81.

A member of the Flying Dentists Association, Dr. Holteen flew to Guatemala, Honduras and Jamaica, where he performed dental work for free. He was awarded the Fort Washington Historical Society's Heritage Award in 1979 for his work with the association.

He also maintained a dental practice in Fort Washington in addition to teaching operative dentistry, 1959-69, at the University of Pennsylvania. He retired from his dental practice in 1995.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, he earned a bachelor's at Columbia in 1952 and a doctorate in 1956 at Penn's School of Dental Medicine.

He served as a dentist in the Navy from 1956 to 1958, stationed in Newport, Rhode Island.

Dr. Holteen is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons, Timothy and Edward G. Jr.; a stepson, Michael Moorhead; a stepdaughter, Meg Ann Moorhead; and three step-grandchildren.

Mr. Shuster, Law



Morris Shuster

Morris M. Shuster, retired Thomas A. O'Boyle Adjunct Professor of Law, passed away from leukemia on August 21; he was 82.

An expert in class action litigation and consumer and insurance law, Mr. Shuster became an adjunct lecturer at the Law School in 1981 and was appointed Thomas A. O'Boyle Adjunct Professor of Law in 1995. He last taught in 2009.

Mr. Shuster worked with several Philadelphia firms, including his own, Shuster & Beckman, and in recent years with Chimicles & Tikellis.

His philanthropy over the years supported the construction of the Morris and Lorna Shuster Moot Trial Court Room, support for the Public Interest Scholars at Penn Law and the Shuster Practice Professorship. He was also instrumental in the successful campaign to establish The Colin S. Diver Distinguished Chair in Leadership in honor of former Dean Colin S. Diver's tenure at the Law School.

Mr. Shuster involved himself in the alumni life of the Law School by serving as a member of the Law Alumni Society's Board of Managers, and by co-chairing his 45th Reunion celebration in 1999. He had served on the Law School's Public Service Advisory Committee since its inception. In 1994, he received the Alumni Award of Merit.

Born in Philadelphia, he earned a BS from Wharton in 1951 and his JD from the Law School in 1954.

His many honors include the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Legal Services Excellence Award and being named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, four years in a row.

Amongst his many memberships and associations, Mr. Shuster was a member of the board of governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association and past president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers' Association.

Mr. Shuster is survived by his wife, Lorna; a son, Stephen; a daughter, Pamela Lederer; a sister, Sandy Cohen; and three grandchildren, Benjamin, Max and Matthew.

Contributions may be sent to: Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, Leukemia Research, c/o Dr. Selina Luger, Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, 2nd floor, West Pavilion, 3400 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

University Council Meetings

We are pleased to announce the schedule for University Council for the upcoming year. All are invited to attend. Anyone interested in doing so should RSVP to ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu no later than two days before each meeting.

The agenda for each session of Council is set at the Steering meeting preceding it. Anyone wishing to suggest a possible topic for Council may do so preceding each Steering meeting. Suggestions should be sent to ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu

—Leslie Laird Kruhly,
Vice President and Secretary of the University

2012-2013 Steering Committee Meetings

September 12	February 6
October 17	March 13
November 14	April 10
January 16	May 1 (if needed)

University Council, Wednesdays,
4-6 p.m., Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall.
October 3 January 30
October 31 February 20
November 28 April 3
April 24

COUNCIL

2011-2012 Report of the Committee on Open Expression

Committee Charge

The Committee on Open Expression is a standing committee of the University Council, and its charge is described by the Guidelines on Open Expression: "participating in the resolution of conflicts that may arise from incidents or disturbances implicating these Guidelines; mediating among the parties to prevent conflicts and violations of these Guidelines; interpreting these Guidelines; advising administrative officers when appropriate; and recommending policies and procedures for the improvement of all levels of communication" (www.upenn.edu/provost/Penn-Book/guidelines_on_open_expression).

Number of Meetings

The committee met four times from November through April.

Major Points Addressed by the Committee

In 2011-2012, the Open Expression Committee significantly increased its activity compared with recent years. The committee met regularly throughout the year and formed a strong working relationship with administrators in the University Life Division who implement the Open Expression Guidelines as the Vice Provost for University Life's designees and observers. Members of the committee engaged in learning the history, purpose, policy, and practice of Open Expression at Penn. The committee also discussed the criteria and training for the Vice Provost's Open Expression monitors, the Penn community's awareness of the Open Expression Guidelines, and current issues related to Open Expression.

The committee set two major goals. The first goal was to review the Open Expression Guidelines, assess whether the policy meets current needs, and recommend any necessary changes. The second goal was to begin developing a strategy for building awareness of the Open Expression

Guidelines and administrative protocols among those who may choose to exercise their Open Expression rights, student activity advisors, and faculty and staff who may volunteer to serve as the Vice Provost's Open Expression monitors. This year, the committee members took steps toward achieving those goals and laid the foundation for continued progress.

Recommendations of Topics to Be Addressed in the Following Year

The committee's next steps involve continued collaboration with VPUL staff. The committee and administrators will develop a process for regular communication about the events that Open Expression monitors attend. Administrators will also continue working with the committee to build members' knowledge of Open Expression policies and practices so the committee is able to engage in current issues and address any complaints it may receive. The committee is poised to move forward with its review of the Open Expression Guidelines and efforts to build awareness of Open Expression monitoring.

Committee Members

Chair: J. Matthew Hartley; **Faculty:** Eiichiro Azuma, Cindy Christian, Mary Ersek, William Ewald, Kurt Hankenson, Gary Hatfield, Claire Mitchell; **Graduate students:** Gastón de los Reyes, Anthony Pratchert, Seattle Wang; **Undergraduate students:** Ivy Epstein, Ernest Owens, Sachi Sobti; **PPSA:** Daina Richie Troy; **WPPSA:** Donna Gladstone

Ed. Note: The other 2011-2012 reports of the University Council committees were published in a supplement to the *Almanac* May 1, 2012 issue which is available online.

Evening Child Care Program Begins in October

Vice Provost for Faculty Lynn Lees and Vice President for Human Resources Jack Heuer are pleased to announce a pilot Evening Child Care Program, in partnership with the Division of Business Services, which oversees the Penn Children's Center.

The pilot program, beginning October 1, 2012, will provide two evenings of child care services at the Penn Children's Center in the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters, available to all Penn faculty, staff, and students. Care will be available from 6–8 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, for children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years.

Parents will be asked to pre-register and to provide advance notice of their need for care. The cost will be \$25 an hour for children older than 18 months and \$30 an hour for children between the ages of 3 months and 18 months. A reduced fee, subsidized by the Provost's Office, will be available for members of the Penn community with salaries below \$60,000 a year. If you are already enrolled in the Penn Children's Center, you will be able to access evening child care, as needed, for an additional fee.

"We are very proud of Penn's long-standing commitment to work-life balance," said Vice Provost Lees. "Members of our community should not have to choose between pursuing their careers and caring for their families. Vice President Heuer and I are grateful to the Children's Center and the Business Services Division for working with us to pilot this important new resource, and we look forward to its implementation in the year ahead."

Open Houses will be held at the Children's Center on September 12 and 13 from 6–7 p.m. More information and registration forms can also be found at: www.upenn.edu/childcare/temporary-childcare/evening-child-care

WPPSA: Annual Election

WPPSA (Weekly Paid Professional Staff Assembly) will hold its annual election on Tuesday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the The Forum Room, Stitler Hall, 208 South 37th Street (between Locust Walk and Walnut Street). Nominations must be submitted by September 12, to WPPSA Chair Linda Satchell (lsatchel@pobox.upenn.edu).

All weekly paid staff are encouraged to attend, to participate, and to vote. The WPPSA's primary goal is to represent the interests of its membership throughout all the segments of the Penn community.

Joint Penn-CHOP Center in Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine Pilot and Feasibility Grants—Request for Applications: October 15

Purpose and Research Focus

The purpose of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine is to facilitate research, educational, and clinical programs involving issues related to the transition from childhood to adulthood, designated as transitional medicine. The large number of such patients provide unique opportunities for basic and translational research. One of the most important aspects of this effort is the funding of Pilot/Feasibility Projects.

The Joint Center is seeking Pilot/Feasibility Projects proposals in clinical, basic science, and/or translational research projects related to inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic esophagitis, nutrition, obesity, liver diseases, pancreatic diseases and endoscopy. All projects should either involve both pediatric and adult patients in these areas and/or focus on a research question that is relevant to these areas that involve the transition from childhood to adulthood.

Currently, it is anticipated that three applications will be funded each with a one year budget of \$25,000. This is a one-time request for applications. There will not be an opportunity to resubmit applications or renew a funded grant for additional funding beyond the first year as future RFAs will be in different themes or topics. Consideration will be given to interdisciplinary applications, and those that span CHOP and Penn investigators. Recipients who have received pilot grants through the Joint Center in the last 3 years are not eligible.

Eligibility

All faculty members of the Penn and CHOP scientific community who meet the eligibility requirements below are invited to submit proposals. Applicants must be US citizens or have permanent residency.

Applicants may be: 1) New investigators who have never held extramural NIH support (R29, R01, P01); 2) Established investigators in other

areas of basic biomedical and/or clinical research who wish to apply their expertise one of the seven topics listed above in a manner that is relevant to the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center; or 3) Established clinical or basic digestive disease investigators who wish to study an area relevant to the cited areas and the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center that represents a significant departure from currently funded work.

Proposal Preparation

Submit all documents, in the format below, as one PDF at kimmeyer@mail.med.upenn.edu. Proposals are due Monday, October 15, 2012. Funding will commence December 1, 2012.

Format

- Cover page: Includes abstract of up to 400 words (including a statement of how the proposal is relevant to the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center) and list approved or pending IACUC/IRB protocols

- NIH biographical sketch
- NIH other support (provide full information)
- Budget and justification: one year, \$25,000; one page only

- Background, preliminary results, research plan, and future directions; up to four pages total

- *Senior Investigators should indicate how this project represents a new direction in their research

- References: one page only
- Appendix: pertaining to preliminary data only, no reprints

For additional information, please contact: The Joint Penn-CHOP Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine, telephone: (215) 573-4264; fax: (215) 573-2024; email: kimmeyer@mail.med.upenn.edu

Thank you for your interest and support.

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—Dr. Petar Mamula

—Dr. David Piccoli

—Dr. Anil Rustgi

Joint Penn-CHOP Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine

Peter Van Do: Director of Pan-Asian American Community House

The University Life Division (VPUL) at the University of Pennsylvania announced the appointment of Peter Van Do as director of Penn's Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH), effective July 23.

Mr. Van Do holds a master's degree in American Studies from the University of Massachusetts and a bachelor of arts in history: citation in Asian American studies from the University of Maryland (College Park). He is currently completing an additional master's in Asian Studies at Cornell. Fluent in Vietnamese, Mr. Van Do has been published in several Vietnamese studies journals and has received numerous personal and scholarly honors, including a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) from the US Department of Education.

Mr. Van Do comes to Penn from Cornell University, where he served as assistant director/program director for Community Center Programs in Cornell's Student Activities Office. Mr. Van Do mentored and advised student groups, student employees, and other organizational leaders to enhance the student experience and foster community. His professional specialties include mentorship model approach, organizational and program development, leadership, and team building.

Previously Mr. Van Do served in additional roles at Cornell, as program coordinator for the department of communication and as curator and director of "Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon," a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Program Series staged at Cornell. Mr. Van Do also worked as student activities coordinator at the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations at Harvard University.

"I am excited to bring my experience and background to PAACH and the larger Penn community," said Mr. Van Do. "I look forward to supporting PAACH's mission as a hub of academic, personal, and professional growth for all Penn students."

Penn's Associate Vice Provost for Equity and Access William Gipson praised Mr. Van Do, "I am delighted to welcome Peter Van Do to the Penn community as director of the Pan-Asian American Community House. The search committee—composed of students, faculty, and staff—was impressed not only with his academic credentials but by the research he had done on PAACH, the Penn community, and the Asian American communities in the city of Philadelphia. Peter's commitment to student leadership and his fine work in the development of programs that strengthen community and deepen understanding across various markers of identity made him extraordinarily attractive and the ideal person to lead PAACH forward."

As director of PAACH, Mr. Van Do will help to support and encourage the academic, professional, and personal growth of Penn students, and foster community, through PAACH's advising, leadership development, cultural, and social programming. During the ongoing renovation of the ARCH building, PAACH is located in 240 Houston Hall.



Peter Van Do

HR Upcoming Programs

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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.

Brown Bag Matinee—Managing Stress; September 12; 11 a.m.–noon; free. Discover alternative means of coping with tension-inducing events. This session offers current, positive approaches that you can take to alleviate tension and anxiety. Learn how to communicate with fellow workers and explore techniques to reduce your own personal reactions to stressful situations.

Effective Meetings; September 12; noon–2 p.m.; \$40. Increase meeting effectiveness and reduce meeting time! This webinar provides the fundamentals of conducting effective meetings online and in person. It is designed for managers and project managers who want more effective meetings with their teams, team members who want to be stronger contributors in meetings and those who want to enhance their use of online collaboration tools.

Essentials of Management; September 19, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, November 14, December 12, January 9 and 23; times vary; \$250. Are you a new manager? Participate in this cohort program to learn effective management practices, applicable skills and other critical information needed to do your job. The program is offered over a five-month period and requires approximately thirty hours of participation. The program also includes a 360 degree feedback process and the opportunity to discuss the results with a professional performance coach.

Career Focus Brown Bag—Building Workplace Confidence; September 20; 1–2 p.m.; free. Projecting a confident professional presence is important in your quest to be effective in your current role and to move to the next level in your career. Would you like to learn ways to appear more confident in the workplace and ultimately build more confidence? Attend this presentation, explore some ideas with us, and get some tips!

AMA's Improving Your Analytical Skills: Making Information Work for You; September 26 and 27; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; \$75. Gain basic analytical skills to assimilate, assess, organize and analyze new knowledge, so you can use the information to the best advantage of your organization—and your career. Experience the qualitative application of these tools through a detailed and interactive case study that explores a common business scenario.

—Division of Human Resources

Penn Home Ownership Services: Moved to New Office Location

Penn Home Ownership Services (PHOS) has relocated to 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 440A, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228. The office phone number has remained the same (215) 898-7422 but the fax number has now changed to (215) 898-0488. If you need to reach PHOS, email: phos@exchange.upenn.edu

The New 1920 Commons: New Dining Options

Over the summer 1920 Commons underwent a significant renovation. The Commons now features an array of venues to cater to the diverse culinary tastes of the Penn community. An attractive new Starbucks, complete with an expanded menu and late night hours, will offer coffee, sandwiches, salads and other beverages to students, faculty and staff on the lower level.

The middle level will be a one-stop shopping spot for food needs during the day (including breakfast), as well as prepared offerings to take home for dinner. A new convenience store, the Gourmet Grocer, will have all the amenities of a corner shop, plus many locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Global Fusion stand will offer options such as rotisserie chicken, and made-to-order custom entrées. Consumers can choose fresh ingredients, such as chicken, tofu, vegetables, and pasta, and the chef will whip up an entrée in minutes. At PI, the new pizzeria, both slices and whole pies will be made to order with your choice of toppings.

Diners will also find sushi, barbecue, and a new space to eat their meals. The patio has been expanded for more people to dine al fresco. The space is available for parties of up to 100 people. The top level of 1920 Commons will remain “all-you-care-to-eat.”

Grand Opening events will be held the week of September 10–14 as well as a Faculty and Staff Appreciation event on Tuesday, September 18 with special promotions and free samples. All forms of payment (cash, credit, debit and PennCash) are accepted. For more information, visit www.upenn.edu/dining

—Division of Business Services

Important Changes for Penn's Retirement Plans

Investing for retirement can be overwhelming, especially when there are so many choices. But it's important to have the freedom to choose what's best for your financial goals. That's why we're making some changes to our Tax-Deferred Retirement (TDR) and Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA) plans this fall—to help you build a portfolio that best meets your needs.

In October 2012, you'll see the following changes to the TDR and SRA plans:

We're organizing Penn's investment fund lineup into four investment tiers to help you more easily meet your retirement goals.

We're reducing the number of Vanguard investment funds offered directly through the TDR and SRA plans. The streamlined fund lineup was carefully selected to continue to provide a diverse mix of options while making it simpler for you to make investment choices. You'll still have access to the closed funds through the Vanguard brokerage option (#4 below).

- We're adding three new funds to the TIAA-CREF investment fund lineup in order to more closely align the fund options for TIAA-CREF and Vanguard.

- We're introducing a brokerage option for both TIAA-CREF and Vanguard. This gives more experienced investors access to hundreds of additional investment funds, including those Vanguard funds that are being removed from Penn's direct investment lineup.

Keep in mind these changes will only affect your investment fund choices—not the design of our retirement plans. Penn will continue to contribute the same amount to your TDR plan (if you're eligible for contributions).

And you don't have to do anything unless you're invested in one of these Vanguard funds.

For complete details on our upcoming retirement plan changes, see www.hr.upenn.edu/Benefits/Retirement/FundChanges.aspx. You can also visit TIAA-CREF (www.tiaa-cref.org/) and Vanguard (<https://retirement-plans.vanguard.com/ekit/sites/upenn/index.html>) online for more information, or make an appointment for free one-on-one retirement counseling (www.hr.upenn.edu/Benefits/Retirement/RetirementCounseling.aspx) to talk about what choices might be right for you.

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy

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

Top 10 Tips for Securing Your Smartphone or Tablet

“With great power, comes great responsibility.” Many of us have more computing power in small, hand-held devices than we had in our desktops a generation ago. These amazing machines have proliferated in the last few years thanks to their relatively low cost and ability to deliver “anytime, anywhere” access to our email, data and applications. But their small size and desirability also make them highly susceptible to loss and theft, and their ground-breaking platforms and functions pose new challenges for security and privacy.

With this in mind, Information Systems and Computing (ISC) has developed the “Top 10” tips for securing your smartphone or tablet. These recommendations are easy to understand and implement on your own or with assistance from your Local Support Provider (LSP). Suggestions include:

- Enabling a pin or password on your phone to prevent unauthorized access
- Keeping your device's software up to date
- Backing up your data and contacts
- Using a device location service in case the phone is ever lost or stolen

You can review all ten tips for smartphones and tablets on ISC Information Security's website here: www.upenn.edu/computing/security/checklists/Top10/

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website: www.upenn.edu/computing/security/

Correction:

In the July 17, 2012 issue, “Penn Connects 2.0: Vision 2011-2030,” should have stated that the Singh Center for Nanotechnology officially broke ground on *February 17, 2011*, not 2012. We regret the error. —Eds.

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University of Pennsylvania. Volunteers for Research Study: **Women ages 55 to 80 years.** We are looking for healthy women who have osteopenia or osteoporosis (low bone density). Study involves 2 visits for testing, including: Bone density test (DXA or dual emission X-ray absorptiometry, MRI study (magnetic resonance imaging), Blood draw. Compensation will be provided. Contact: Helen Peachey, (215) 898-5664

Would you like to **lose weight and get treatment for depression?** The University of Pennsylvania's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders is offering an 11-month research study that provides a combined treatment for depression and weight loss. You may be eligible if you are 18-70 years old, overweight/obese, and have a low mood or a diagnosis of depression. Compensation for time and travel available. Call 215-573-5502 for more information.

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OF RECORD

This year Rosh Hashanah will be observed on Monday, September 17. As a reminder, Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the day preceding the date given; thus the observance of Rosh Hashanah will begin at sundown Sunday, September 16. Yom Kippur is on Wednesday, September 26. Observance will begin at sundown on Tuesday, September 25.

—Vincent Price, Provost

Policy on Secular and Religious Holidays

Effective July 1, 1996; Revised March 30, 2001; Revised September 7, 2010

1. The University recognizes/observes the following secular holidays: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and the day after, Labor Day, and New Year's Day.

2. The University also recognizes that there are several religious holidays that affect large numbers of University community members, including Christmas, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover, and Good Friday. In consideration of their significance for many students, no examinations may be given and no assigned work may be required on these days. Students who observe these holidays will be given an opportunity to make up missed work in both laboratories and lecture courses. If an examination is given on the first class day after one of these holidays, it must not cover material introduced in class on that holiday.

Faculty should realize that Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the published date of the holiday. Late afternoon exams should be avoided on these days. Also, no examinations may be held on Saturday or Sunday in the undergraduate schools unless they are also available on other days. Nor should seminars or other regular classes be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays unless they are also available at other times.

3. The University recognizes that there are other holidays, both religious and secular, which are of importance to some individuals and groups on campus. Such occasions include, but are not limited to, Sukkot, the last two days of Passover, Shavuot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, as well as Chinese New Year, the Muslim New Year, Diwali, and the Islamic holidays Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha. Students who wish to observe such holidays must inform their instructors within the first two weeks of each semester of their intent to observe the holiday even when the exact date of the holiday will not be known until later so that alternative arrangements convenient to both students and faculty can be made at the earliest opportunity. Students who make such arrangements will not be required to attend classes or take examinations on the designated days, and faculty must provide reasonable opportunities for such students to make up missed work and examinations. For this reason it is desirable that faculty inform students of all examination dates at the start of each semester. Exceptions to the requirement of a make-up examination must be approved in advance by the undergraduate dean of the school in which the course is offered.

For the dates of the Recognized Holidays for FY 2013, see
www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/n31/holidays.html

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 **August 13-19, 2012**. Also reported were 16 Crimes Against Property (13 thefts, 2 cases of fraud and 1 other offense). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v59/n02/creport.html. Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of **August 13-19, 2012**. 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.

08/13/12	4:35 AM	3400 Spruce St	Complainant assaulted by patient
08/14/12	3:44 PM	3800 Market St	Male attempted to strike officer/Arrest
08/16/12	10:10 PM	4000 Pine St	Intoxicated male arrested
08/19/12	7:44 PM	4001 Walnut St	Male interfered with arrest/Arrest
08/19/12	11:11 PM	3400 Civic Center Blvd	Intoxicated male arrested

18th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 3 incidents with no arrests (1 aggravated assault and 2 robberies) were reported between **August 13-19, 2012** by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

08/14/12	3:44 PM	3800 Market St	Aggravated Assault
08/16/12	9:47 AM	4700 Chestnut St	Robbery
08/18/12	3:00 PM	4815 Locust St	Robbery

Note: The UPPD community crime report and the 18th District report for August 20-26, as well as prior weeks' reports are available on *Almanac's* website at www.upenn.edu/almanac/crimes-index.html

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Penn Community,

Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism. Many benefit from your willingness to share. We receive many expressions of gratitude from community members and agencies we have partnered with. Please take a moment to view these volunteer opportunities.

The *Conquerors Community Center*, at 52nd Street & Whitby Avenue, is in great need for computers in this community. They have served the community for more than five years in computer training, which ranged from basic to advance classes and unfortunately, have had to close the lab due to inadequate computers. Is your department upgrading its computers? Please consider making a donation of computers to one of our local neighbors.

Become a Mentor! The Penn WorkPlace Mentoring Program is in need of mentors for the upcoming segment beginning in September. Volunteer to mentor a 7th grade student once a month. All activities take place on Penn's campus from September–May. Training is provided.

Become a Dropsite Volunteer. Penn Volunteers In Public Services (PennVIPS) organizes a series of drives each year. You could become one of the drop sites that provide a convenient locations for those wanting to make a donation. There are at least four annual drives. They take place in August, November, December and March. Your role would be to help advertise the particular drive, collect the donated items and arrange for the items to be delivered to the Netter Center, at 36th and Walnut Streets.

Contact me at sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu for additional information.

—Isabel Mapp, Associate Director,
Netter Center for Community Partnerships

AT PENN Deadlines

The September AT PENN calendar is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The deadline for the October AT PENN calendar is *Tuesday, September 11*.

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

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Shoemaker Green: A Destination and a Pedestrian Route

Penn Connects 2.0—encompassing 2011-2015—builds upon the first phase of the 30-year master plan, reinforcing Penn's vision, including the University's sustainability goals. One of the major open space projects that enhances the campus pedestrian experience is the newly constructed Shoemaker Green. The 2.75-acre gateway off 33rd Street is a pivotal link leading to the Paley Bridge, which in turn provides access between Penn Park and the core of Penn's campus; it is nestled between the historic Franklin Field with the new Weiss Pavilion and Education Commons, the Palestra, Hutchinson Gym and the David Rittenhouse Labs. Leading into Shoemaker Green is the 1951 War Memorial with new steps and a repaired platform. The retaining wall and vegetation that crowded the Memorial have been removed, which makes it and the view to the iconic buildings beyond it more visible.

Shoemaker Green is named in honor of Alvin V. Shoemaker, W'60, Hon'95, emeritus trustee and former chair of the University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees (1986 to 1994). In 1994, Mr. Shoemaker received Penn's Alumni Award of Merit.

Because the new public commons is a Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) pilot project for green landscape design, the project incorporates numerous environmentally sustainable elements within a space once occupied by six paved tennis courts (*Almanac* July 13, 2010). The site had been a 'grey field' but is now quite green with a central lawn of fescue—a drought-tolerant durable turf grass—stretching nearly 1.4 acres. The new addition to Penn's 'urban forest' includes sweet gum, red maple, red oak, pin oak, and bald cypress: 103 new trees as well as 13 existing mature trees that were saved and protected forming tree-lined walkways.

Andropogon Associates, a Philadelphia-based landscape architecture design firm, incorporated a rain garden, porous pavers, and a 20,000-gallon cistern for rainwater reuse in the \$8.5-million green-space project. These elements support Penn's Climate Action Plan and improve storm-water management for Penn and Philadelphia. The favorable winter weather was a factor that supported the on-time completion of construction.

Native species—which need less water and less maintenance—were planted along the pervious pavements that allow water to percolate into the soil. On the terrace along the front of the Palestra, there are permanent benches containing recycled black locust, a native hardwood.

Shoemaker Green is intended for relaxation, studying, reading, passive recreation and casual lunches with seating in shade and sun, and has AirPennNet wireless coverage. Shoemaker Green provides room for outdoor classes, as well as being adaptable for special events involving large groups like Penn Relays, Homecoming, Family Weekend, Alumni Weekend and Commencement. Facility use guidelines and a rental request form are available at www.facilities.upenn.edu/stnd_pol_os.php Although bicycles may not be ridden through the site between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily, there are bicycle racks available.

Shoemaker Green Opening Event: September 20

The Penn community is invited to an Official Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting, scheduled for Thursday, September 20, noon-2 p.m. with live music and refreshments.



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