Students hit by demise of federal loan program

By CRAIG COOPERWITZ

The now defunct government-backed student loan program, the College Freshman Loan (CFL), which helped many students pay for college, has been eliminated.

The program, which was designed to help students finance their education, has been replaced by the new Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program.

The CFL program provided a variety of loan options, including Parent PLUS loans, Stafford loans, and Perkins loans.

But with the elimination of the CFL program, many students are now left with more limited options for financing their education.

"The CFL program was a lifeline for many students," said Sarah Johnson, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. "Without it, I would not have been able to afford to go to college."

Johnson, who now works as a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania, said that the elimination of the CFL program has left many students with high levels of debt.

"I was able to pay for tuition with the CFL program," she said. "But now I'm faced with a much larger debt load.

"I think that the government needs to do more to help students pay for college," she added. "They need to come up with a more comprehensive plan for student loan assistance."

The elimination of the CFL program has also led to a decrease in the availability of federal loans for many students.

"When the CFL program was in place, there were more options for students to choose from," said John Brown, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania. "Now, there are fewer options and the loans are more expensive."

Brown, who is also a member of the University's Loan Advisory Committee, said that the committee has been tasked with finding ways to help students cope with the increased cost of loans.

"We want to do everything we can to help students," he said. "But it's going to be a challenge."

The elimination of the CFL program has also led to concerns about the viability of the FFEL program.

"I'm not sure how well the FFEL program will work," said Sarah Johnson. "I think that the government needs to do more to ensure that students have access to affordable loans."

In the meantime, students are urged to carefully consider their options and to seek out additional sources of funding for their education.

"It's important for students to understand that there are other options available to them," said John Brown. "They should explore all their options and not be afraid to ask for help."
Democratic race tightens as 3 pull out

Mees seeks panel approval
WASHINGTON - House counsellor Edwins Meese III sought a Senate panel's approval yesterday for a new, broad Panama Canal treaty.

"The Panama Canal Treaty is the most difficult treaty we've ever had," Meese told Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Edward Kennedy yesterday.

He said his treaty with Panama would not be very different from the original pact. If approved, it would replace the 1977 accord, which the U.S. Senate never ratified.

"I don't think the American people are going to be fooled if we just sign on to the same old treaty," he said.

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If we were in a different situation where we had a different team, there would be a much different story. . . The encouraging thing is how close we are to putting our team in a position to win? Once you do that, it's a very solid offensive player and a very solid athlete, who's been working at what he has done wrong during the season that might partially account for losing. It's a factor, but it's not an excuse because we look at the breakdown that we've had, it's not always been fundamentals. So I'm not using that as an excuse. The fact of the matter is that we had to rely on fundamentals, but you rely on the ability of your players to do basic things, and for the most part we had been successful doing that.

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Temple case to be heard today
Ruling unlikely, but would impact LGAP suit

By JEFFREY GOLDBERG

A city commissioner’s hearing on the lawsuit against Temple University by members of the Temple fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, is scheduled for today in City Hall Annex.

The case involves the University’s refusal to sell a house to the fraternity for $10,000.

The University has said that it will not sell the house to the fraternity because it is a public university and cannot discriminate against a fraternity.

The fraternity has filed a lawsuit against Temple University, alleging that the University is discriminating against them.

The lawsuit has been scheduled for today’s hearing.

The University has said that it is waiting for the resolution of the case before it makes a decision on whether to sell the house.

The fraternity has said that it is committed to finding a solution to the problem, and that it is willing to work with the University to come to an agreement.

The hearing will be held in City Hall Annex at 10 a.m.

Students to join D.C. rally for nuke freeze

By RON MILLER

About 30 University students will join a national lobby to End the Arms Race in Washington, D.C. on March 7 to support a national campaign to muster alumni support calling for the elimination of funding for nuclear weapons.

The Public Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is organizing University support for the lobby, which will include more than 300 students and faculty from over 200 colleges and universities.

The Washington program includes workshops, vote registration drives, and action against nuclear warheads and for the testing and deployment of battlefield missiles, provided the Soviet Union does the same.

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Negotiations with the Soviet Union on a treaty which would ban the testing of anti-ballistic missiles and for a freeze on all nuclear weapons systems.

The Lobby called for the freezing of massive nuclear weapons systems.

Of 100 students from Eastern Pennsylvania and from the Temple general Counsel of the Philadelphia Bar Association, "What kind of consultation is this?" asked a Friend. "The University wants that land," the University said. "It’s got the best spot on campus." The University had said.

The testimonial from my clients against the Temple general Counsel, said David Webber, the attorney for both the Temple students and LGAP. "The testimony from my clients against the Temple general Counsel will be presented tomorrow and a decision should be handed down shortly afterward," Webber said.

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I think we justified our position in the double elimination tournament, Sine Moribus, who famously used the National College Bowl Tournament on a tournament to play in this region," he said. "I'm sure the quality of play in this region is better.

In the first round of the double elimination tournament, Sine Moribus defeated the team from Fordham University, 255-210. The team then faced representatives from the University of Delaware and Col- umnia University by somewhat smaller margins. Then they played Princeton and lost 256-240.

"The swing in the Princeton match was just a few points — a few questions here and there," Balaban said. "We were in thinking we could have won, but when things didn't go our way, maybe it could've been a different story.

Following this loss, they moved on to the bracket's bracket, where they defeated Columbia again. On the strength of this victory, they advanced to the finals, where they once again faced Princeton. This was an even closer match, but Princeton pulled it out.

Balaban said he is confident that, if invited, Sine Moribus will perform well in the national tournament.

"Rob predicted before the Penn State match that we would beat them, he added, "I'm sure the best thing that's ever happened to us."

Sine Moribus' captain. "And second out of the Nationals." he added. "It might not have been the University of Delaware and Col-

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BSL elects new slate of officers

By KEN HARDIE

The Black Students League (BSL) College seniors Alisa Bone to serve as president, and Darell Marshall as the group's vice president.

The group also chose Randall Bone to serve as the group's secretary.

Foglietta criticizes Reagan policies

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The Trustees were also expected to announce next year’s undergraduate tuition fees at the meeting last night. President Hackney said late last night that increases in tuition and other fees are traditionally announced in March, but the Trustees do not ordinarily act again until June. "We have to do it now because a lot of students have to be able to plan for next year," Hackney said.

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IFC blasts fraternity house sale

D. PELLE GRAND

The Interfraternity Council unanimously opposed Friday's
meeting the proposed sale of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house in
its meeting last night.
The resolution states that the IFC will support the fraternity's efforts
to retain it in its present location on
Philadelphia's 3200 block.

Phi Kapp brothers said this week that the University is seeking to pur-
chase the fraternity house and replace it with the offices of the in-
coming Laurel Institute of Manage-
ment and International Studies.

Those opposed to the sale, who attended the meeting, pointed to the
to the business school, and he just
didn't feel they were doing what the fraternity's president Steve Peltz

Peltz said that University Trustees will discuss making a final
bid for the house at a meeting to be
held this afternoon.

In going on to the trustees to
require a Sources of cutting edge.
Peltz added that a small group of alumni favor the move.

"The house is in need of renovation, and the alumni can't raise the
money for it," he explained.

"They're looking for an easy way out," he declared.

Thats asked that representatives from all fraternity — especially
Greek — organizations and University faculty attend the trustees' next
meeting, which is scheduled for April 2.

The IFC, however, said it will be a step up in getting all frater-
nity off of Locust Walk, said the
in other business, Ben Kosner announced that the IFC will support
the University's proposed alcohol
policy.
The policy is designed to impose
restrictions on University functions
where alcohol is to be served. It
limits the amount of alcohol served
and states that food and non-
Alcohol beverages must be offered
along with liquor.

"We are now in the process of
streamlining lottery begins Monday

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non-routine, automatic selection of
your rooms," she said.

Students who have not rented a
room and wish to enter the lottery for University housing must register
along with that prospective room
mates at the Office of Residential
Living March 30 or 31.

A lottery will then be compiled
from all of the groups which applied.
Those who held the lowest numbers
on the list choose rooms first. By
April 4, students will know where
they stand on the room selec-
tion list. The final step in the pro-
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Carol Kontos said yesterday that
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analysts are putting together a
written rebuttal to
Director of Residential Living
Cary Cartier noted that after the

"Overall, I think it was very suc-
feful," he said. "I think more peo-
ple were satisfied with their living
arrangements.

Cartier said that if students need
to comments concerning the con-
process, they should visit or call
the Office of Residential Living.

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The educational staff includes Chaya Teldon, international lecturer; Shiven Dahiya, president of the</encoder>
"We are planning to present a fair and mockery of justice," said Kaplan, organizer and co-chairman of the American Express and Penn Union activities and desire to emigrate to prison "for his Hebrew (caching activity) dramatically serving twelve years in a Soviet "Ironic, he's just looking for publicity and I don't think he's a good employee," he said.

Many students said they were happy that Play Penn is opening.

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Fordham upsets La Salle Explorers, 62-60

By DAVID GOLDBERG

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Chris Carter took over last night as the Rams did, and Fordham caused an upset at the Brendan Byrne Arena.

The Gaels outscored St. Peters, 22-11 lead. The Rams frontcourt players, Dave Roberson, Don McCormick, and fauna Student Blood Donor Club

W. Cagers go for title

"We are a defense-oriented team," Fordham coach Tom Penders said. "We are very big up front as we have to face them in the future because we can't play the small three-guarded style.

The Rams fought it out to the early end thanks to Crapper defensive play. Hobbie scored the game's first basket at a breakpoint after seven points two minutes after only a 22-11 lead. But the Rams fought back to lead only three times at halftime, 35-30.

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Penn Weekend

Quakers play for pride against Yale and Brown

By STEVE GOLDWYN

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W. Fencers shoot for top in Regional meet
Quakers must finish in top two to capture automatic Nationals' bid

BY RICK REVOK
The situation is very clear cut. For the Penn women's fencing team to be selected in a third time in the NCAA National Championships, they must finish in the top two spots in the All Ivy League competition.

Quakers are within two seconds of qualifying. The Penn women have the top two times in the All Ivy League and they are within two seconds of qualifying. They are very close to qualifying, but they need to perform better to be considered a viable candidate.

Penn's Barb Alton (18) driving to the basket against Cornell at the Palestra this past season as Aurelia Fleming (15) for the rebound.

M. Cagers are playing for pride

W. Cagers go look forward to season finale
Quakers need wins at Yale and Brown

BY RICK REVOK
In the nine-year history of Ivy League women's basketball, Penn has yet to win a championship. "It's not as if the Quakers haven't had a chance," said head coach Grace Kosty.

This year, the Quakers have a chance to win the Ivy League title. "If you go by poll and rankings, we've had a good chance at winning the Ivy League title," said Kosty. "But if you go by our record, we've had a tough time this year."

PhengLaOr is little more than three inches away from the qualifying line tomorrow and Sunday at Princeton to be held next week in Princeton.

"There is no pressure," Moore said. "I don't have to worry about anything."

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Penn's Karen Cartotlo will compete in Sunday's meet in the Palestra. She is one of the few players who have competed in all four meets this year.

The Quakers will not have an easy time in the Ivy Games. The men's team will be no worse than fifth for the Ivy Games.

"It's a good feeling." co-captain Brian>
Apartment and House Hunting Guide

A supplement to
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Putting it all together
Renovations boost living options

By CRAIG COOPERSMITH

Off-campus housing may be more attractive than ever due to recent renovations designed to upgrade non-University residences. Off-Campus Living Coordinator Maye Morrison said that more off-campus renovations have recently been completed or are being planned than ever before.

"A lot of activity is going on as far as renovations are concerned," Morrison said. "What is happening is that landlords are getting ready for undergraduates to move off campus. They're taking old houses and totally redoing them or taking houses that are already occupied and adding more rooms to previously unused space."

Undergraduates mostly live between 40th street and 44th street in Spruce Hill to stay close to campus, Morrison said, adding that many graduate students, faculty and a few undergraduates choose to live in Walnut Hill between 49th street and 50th street, in Powelton Village or even in Center City.

"There has been much interest in the Walnut Hill area for improvement in apartments to produces better housing. "Morrison said. "Houses and apartments rent easily in Powelton Village, which is also heavily populated by Drexel students because rooms are very large there."

Wayne Spilove, owner of Campus Apartments, said most houses and apartment buildings west of 40th street were built in the 1920's and need renovation. He added that all the buildings managed by Campus Apartments, one of the largest off-campus realtors in the area, are "being continuously upgraded."

Renovations take place for two basic reasons, Spilove said. First, most buildings in University City are very old and need to be upgraded. Second, the market prefers a renovated apartment.

"Sure there's a market for both [renovated and non-renovated], but the market is better for a renovated apartment," Spilove said. "Naturally the rent goes up as improvements are instituted, but there is a tremendous demand for first-rate off campus housing. The nice apartments are rented quicker."

College sophomore Chris Xiros said he was willing to pay extra for his renovated apartment. "When I got here, it was renovated," Xiros said. "We've had no problems."

"I certainly wouldn't mind paying more for a newer place," he added. "I'd say, I'm pretty happy."

Spilove said that after the property has been leased, no work can be done without the tenant's consent. In order for work to be done while a tenant is occupying a residence, the tenant must agree to have the work done and the rent cannot be raised. Thus most work is done during the summer.

"We're not looking to do every one, every year," Spilove said. "Our resident is always our first priority."

"But when a house or part of a house is redone, it is totally redone," he added. "We don't do partials. For instance, if we have to replace a kitchen, we'll replace the whole kitchen."

Bill Heinz, a senior in the College and Wharton, said he and his roommates fixed up their apartment after they started living in it.

"When we moved in, we did a lot of renovating ourselves," he said. "The landlord paid for all the materials for the work we did so that was really nice."

Robert Radke, the general manager of the 700 apartments owned by Alan Klein, also stressed the need for continuous renovations in the Spruce Hill and Walnut Hill areas.

"We try and meet the standards of living as if we were renting the apartments ourselves," Radke said. "We try to have all the work done before the houses are first occupied," he added. "The most important thing is a clean apartment which is roach- and rodent-free, has clean windows, and in which everything is totally functional."

"People are generally very excited when we buy burnt-out property because it brings a high-caliber resident to their area and it raises their property value," Radke said.

"For the students, it's convenient," she added. "The students seem to get along with everybody."

"For the most part, undergraduates want to live closer to campus, and on the whole, graduate students tend to be more serious students;" Radke said. "We expect students to live in harmony with the rest of the community."
How to eat your way off campus

By LAEL WEISSMAN

Hungry is when you're all alone in your apartment with no food to keep you company. Or company to get you food.

Most off campus residents cook for themselves or eat in restaurants rather than signing up for Dining Services, so they face the eating dilemma.

Many self-feeding students opt to cook for themselves and buy their food in supermarkets, which brings up the cooking issue.

Choosing items to buy is not a simple procedure. Price, quality and quantity all are taken into consideration. Weight and size especially can be a factor when one has no transportation home.

"It takes me hours to figure out just what toothpaste to buy — let alone what to cook for dinner," College junior Pam Greer said. "Lately I just close my eyes and pick a recipe."

Which brings up the moral question of whether or not to use the cook book.

Some people cook creatively and others do what people like Betty Crocker, Craig Claiborne and Julia Child tell them to do. Some students feel that the question of freedom is involved.

"Using a cook book is sacrilege," said a College senior who asked to remain nameless. "It stops creativity in one of the greatest arts known to humanity."

Eating arrangements can be even more political.

"We've been trying to share everything equally — expenses, labor, everything," said an Engineering School senior. "Usually it works out, but it takes a lot of effort."

"Two models seem to emerge in the organization of small eating groups. Communism. Share and share alike is its motto. All are equal and pay for their share. Members eat together, sharing food and work.

We split up the labor — whether it is cooking, chopping or doing the dishes," said Wharton junior Steve Eisenstein, who lives off campus with two roommates. "We shop together when we run out of everything because we're not organized."

"Taco shells last a long time," he added.

"Mark and I do most of the cooking," he said. "Eric doesn't want to cook. He can do spaghetti, but anything else gets pretty complicated, so he shops."

College senior Anne Porter said she and her housemates have a flawless food schedule.

"We have a good system," Porter said. "There are six of us, so we're divided into three groups of two — the reds, the yellows, and the blues — like primary colors."

"The reds cook Mondays and Wednesdays, the blues Tuesdays and Saturdays and the yellows Thursdays and Sundays," she added. "Fridays everyone has dates."

Free Competition. Each person buys his own food, may even write his name on the label, but still cannot expect to find it untouched. The housemates either live with constant aggravation or choose to ignore the situation by eating out or hiding food in their rooms.

"I'm afraid everyone will steal my food," said College sophomore Jenny Stone. "I live with two other girls who are absolutely ruthless, so I put tape over box openings, and I keep what won't go bad in my closet."

"I lock the door from the inside when I go out," she added. "I complain about them all the time to their faces and it doesn't do any good."

But one of her roommates, who asked not to be identified, refuted Stone's charges.

"She's paranoid," she said.

The issue of eating out can be troublesome as well. One must take into account taste, price, time, and service.

College senior James Williams complained of the limited number of restaurants in the campus area, from which to choose.

"Every time we want to go out, we go through the same seven or so places," Williams said. "And we're sick of all of them."

All these factors must be taken into account when evaluating the eating dilemma.

"I never knew it would be so complicated," said a College junior. "Every time you buy something, or decide to share, or to tip, you're making a serious social decision."

"Then again, you don't have to think about it," she added.

Supermarkets compete for shopping students

By WILL MARTYN

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone. But when she got there, the cupboard was bare, and she wondered, "Should I go to Thriftway, Acme or Pathmark?"

Off-campus students are often faced with the same dilemma in choosing a supermarket.

Penn Consumer Board member Melissa Powell said that Thriftway — located at the corner of 43rd and Locust Streets — because it is closest to their off-campus homes.

"I go to Acme because it's just down the street," said Engineering senior Bruce Robertson. "They're all pretty much the same."

College senior David Dormont said he prefers Acme because he feels it is in a more pleasant location than Thriftway.

"I find that Acme is in a much better neighborhood," Dormont said. "The (continued on page 17)
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Some students prefer living in Center City

By JEFF JACOBSON

"Life is just enough, when you're living in the city."

Stevie Wonder

Many University students agree. They live in Center City.

Off-campus Living Coordinator Maye Morrison said that 750 out of 7000 off-campus students are currently living in Center City. She added that most of them are graduate students.

"There are several reasons students would want to live in Center City, and these are some of the same reasons students would not want to live there," Morrison said. "Students who decide to live there don't want much of an involvement with the campus community. Many desire the cosmopolitan lifestyle that can be found there."

She added that the cost of living in Center City is a drawback.

"Many students can't afford this type of housing, and I try to persuade them not to move in if they won't be able to pay the bills," she said. "Center City living is very expensive, and students have to be able to afford the commitment of both housing and transportation."

"Transportation is generally very obtainable, and inexpensive on a daily basis," she added. "It only takes 45 minutes to get to the campus from the furthest points of Society Hill. Over time, though, transportation costs add up."

Morrison said that the other problems students encounter while living in Center City "are the same they encounter everywhere off campus, and they have to be careful." Morrison cited roommate problems and landlord-tenant agreement problems as the most common.

Many students feel a major advantage of living in Center City is the quality of housing. George Votis, a first year Wharton graduate student, said that he lives in relative luxury.

"I came to Philadelphia for a weekend before school started to look for an apartment," Votis said. "I looked in West Philly, and I was rather disgusted with what I saw. The last day I was here, I looked at 2400 [Chestnut] on the advise of a friend. This place looked like a castle in comparison."

Votis added that he feels his Center City apartment is "a very good value for the money, even though it's expensive."

"There's a shuttle to Penn's campus, and it's only a fifteen minute walk," he said. "It's great to have your own very nice apartment near school. Looking back on it, though, I would probably move further into the city to find an even nicer apartment."

Denise Zimmerman, a graduate student who lives in an apartment at the corner of 8th and South Streets, said she is extremely satisfied with her housing.

"I have modern wood floors, a skylight and a circular staircase leading to the attic," she said. "It is very expensive though."

Zimmerman added that living in Center City enabled her to become involved in a community of people other than college students.

"The advantage to living in the city is that you gain a wider perspective on education," she said. "You don't feel like you are in such a microcosm. It's the 'real world'."

"When you are off campus, you don't get a bill in one lump sum," she added. "You get your water bill, your utility bill, your electric bill — it gives you a greater sense of responsibility. You have to manage your money."

Wharton graduate student David Pullman lives in the Fairmont Building at 2601 Pennsylvania Avenue, and he said he has enjoyed living off campus.

"My apartment is the same size as a three-bedroom quad in the high rises. Costs only a little bit more, but all that living space is for me," Pullman said. "The Fairmont is quieter than some apartments you might find in the center of the city and has a beautiful view and the same access to the city."

"The security is great — much better than living off-campus in West Philadelphia, and there is a supermarket, a dry cleaner and some convenience stores right in the building," he added. "In addition to that, there are a lot of Penn people here."
Assessing the typical landlord...

By JANE CHEUNG

The landlord is a quizzical beast.

He can be a helpful fellow who is always ready to fix everything, but he can also be someone who only appears when the rent is due.

Some students rate their landlords highly and some do not, but all agree that the typical landlord is not Mr. Roper.

College junior Stuart Ford said his landlord is "a nice guy, but a horrible landlord."

"He comes over a lot, but he doesn't really do anything," he said. "It took him two weeks to fix the toilet, and he had been over five times in the last five days."

But Engineering School senior Mark Sullivan said his landlord is less visible.

"We never see the landlord," Sullivan said. "He's terribly difficult to find. I don't even know who owns the house."

"We don't see the agent often either," he added. "He's kind of laid back and has a laid-back style of getting things done, which is sometimes good because that means he's not always looking over our shoulder. But if we need something, the agent will stop over. He's too slow." Sullivan said that last fall the rain was falling harder inside their house than outside. He added that the leakage destroyed the house's plumbing, forcing him and his housemates to shower in the high rises or gymnasiums.

One off-campus student said he is very unhappy with his landlord.

"She doesn't do anything," said the student, who asked that his name not be printed because several of his housemates want to renew the lease. "She doesn't pay for extermination, and there was a leak in one of the rooms for three months," he said. "She can do whatever she wants or doesn't want to do."

"The lease was illegal," he added. "It had 30 ridiculous add-ons. For example, we had to tie a cloth around the faucet to keep the pipes from freezing. Also, she said if her father ever gets out of Communist China, he can sleep on our couch for three dollars a day."

"We signed the lease only because we were late and running out of time," he said.

College junior Jim Pierson said the most outlandish thing his landlord has ever done was to wear his surgery clothes while working on the house.

"We do pretty well," Pierson said. "The landlord and his wife are really helpful, and if there's a problem, it's easy to get in touch with them."

"They even polish the floors, and we've never had any appliance problems," he added. "I can't see any deficiency in what they do."

Another student who asked that her name not be printed said that she has a relatively well-maintained house, which is renovated on the outside. But she said that she and her housemates experienced many nuisances during the renovations.

"This past summer was crazy," she said. "They were renovating the outside of the house while we were living in it. They tore down the front wall, leaving the front of the house open to the street."

She added that her lease contains some unusual stipulations.

"We're supposed to do really off-the-wall things, like keep water completely off the floor and use a special shower curtain," she said. "None of these rules are actually enforced, though, and nothing has been damaged as a result of it."

She added that with a little push her landlord would service the house's routine maintenance.

Another student said his relationship with his landlord is one of mutual coexistence.

"If we don't make waves, he won't make waves," said the student who wished to remain unidentified. "[The agent] will appear only if something major happens."

"If the landlord was really strict, we would have to change our lifestyles to deal with him accordingly," he added. "He never comes by, and we sort of like that. He's not too motivated to fix anything just like we're not too psyched to pay the rent. It definitely balances out."

But he added that the house might be in better condition if the landlord checked up more regularly.

"The house is a mess," he said. "We took care of some stuff in the house, but there's all kinds of crud in the basement that [the landlord] said he would get rid of the first year. We're in our second year here, and it is still sitting there."

"We've painted some of the rooms," he added. "Some of the guys have gone out of their way to fix their rooms, and I don't expect [the landlord] will ever get around to reimbursing them."

College senior Weir Strange said he is glad his landlord doesn't inspect regularly.

"He wouldn't be too thrilled with the stuff hanging on the walls," Strange said, adding that his landlord handles maintenance "quickly."

"The landlord's wife gets worried whenever we call up," Strange added.

Wharton senior Lawrence Bennett said his house's maintenance service is "marginal — on the bad side."

"When we make a complaint, they wait until it's worth their troubles to fix it or when they get enough complaints," Bennett said. "When the roof leaked, the ceiling tiles fell, and it took the repairmen three or four days to come."

"The heating bill should look better this month because we put plastic on the windows, which is a service that I think the landlord should have performed," he added. "We're worried that we're going to get stuck with the problems of the peeling kitchen floor, the bending linoleum and the cracking plywood."

But Bennett said he appreciates having two large refrigerators, a smoke alarm and fire extinguishers.

"Our experience has turned to be what we expected," he added.

Although many students mentioned problems with their landlords, few said they regret having chosen to live off campus.

"I love living off-campus, and my landlord doesn't affect my living experience either way," Sullivan said.
...and the undergraduate tenant

By GALYA BENARIEH

The student is a lively, but messy beast.

Although most landlords speak of the unique qualities of undergraduates that make them fun tenants, they are just as quick to mention the many problems which only occur with undergraduate residents.

Robert Radke, property manager of Klein Realty, distinguished undergraduates from tenants by their residents.

"They are freer in spirit," he said. "They are more festive. They seem to feel they own the world."

Radke said that during a room inspection, he was surprised to find a motorcycle parked along side of the tenant's sofa. He added that on a visit to another room, he found a disassembled Volkswagen on the living room rug.

"The undergrads tend to let things go," he said. "They say, 'The ceiling's falling - we'd better put a bucket under it.'"

Michael Karp, landlord of University City Housing, said he feels that many students are self-centered and do not realize that they do not own their apartments.

"Some students feel that once they move in, the apartment is theirs, and they can therefore do what they please with it as long as it isn't damaging," Karp said. "The arguments over why can't I paint my walls brown' would never happen in the suburbs."

"They want their own thing now - 'me, me, me,'" he added.

Karp said that University City Housing's tough lease is designed to eliminate misunderstandings by stating what the firm looks for in a tenant.

"Our tough lease discourages bad tenants," he said. "They realize, This is not the landlord for me."

He added that he feels many students have trouble accepting the responsibility of living off campus.

"A student is at a point in between leaving the embryo at home and just starting his own life," Karp said. "Up until high school graduation they are protected. They are sheltered from the realities such as how to pay the bills paid on time."

Karp added that students do not usually forget to pay their bills, but are just lax about giving him the money.

"Sometimes I'll ask one of the tenants where the check is and he'll say, 'I've had it in my wallet for a week,'" he added. "It's a tremendous hassle."

Treasure Hayes, superintendent of Nethelands Apartments, said she feels that students often have trouble paying their bills because they are not aware of how they are paid at home.

"They don't know why they must pay at the beginning of a month," she said.

Steve Herman, owner of Campus Associates, said that as newcomers to the housing world, students are less familiar with the workings of an apartment. He added that they do not realize the implications of signing a lease.

"I don't think they understand that a lease is really a contract they can be sued for," he said. "But for the most part they are pretty responsible."

"They tend to be more scared of the consequences," he added. "For example, they might be afraid they won't be able to graduate."

Ella Hawkins, manager of Hertzfeld Associates, said she feels that students are more careful than most tenants when signing a lease. She added that they scrutinize the lease and sometimes get a lawyer to look it over before signing.

"They read the lease more carefully, and are more concerned with safety than other tenants," she said.

Hawkins said she enjoys working with undergraduates since they are interested in learning about the process of leasing an apartment.

"They ask many questions about the lease," Hayes said. "I'm glad of that. When they don't, I will point things out."

Herman said that students often display "stupidity" about their own houses.

"They know very little about the workings of a house - like where the fuse box is located," he said. "They don't know that if they want hotter water all they have to do is to turn up the water tank to hot instead of warm."

Herman added that sometimes students combine their naivete with a general lack of concern.

He said he rented an apartment which contained a beautiful marble fireplace with a wooden mantel to two girls - "undergrads from nice neighborhoods."

Shortly after moving into the apartment, the girls painted over the marble and tossed the wooden mantle into the basement.

"Luckily they used removable paint," Herman said.

Karp said he had to add a clause requiring shower curtains to his lease after a repairman noticed water leaking into the basement from an apartment. When the repairman entered the apartment's bathroom to find the cause of the leak, he discovered that the shower had no curtain. The student claimed he did not find the cause of the leak, he discovered that the shower had no curtain. The student claimed he did not have to install a curtain since the lease did not require one.

Undergraduates are also unclean, according to most landlords.

Hawkins said she remembers one apartment being so nasty that "the plumbers wouldn't even go in there to do what they had to do."

Hayes said that dirty kitchens, bathrooms and floors are also common in student residences.

"They don't keep the appliances clean such as tubs, toilets, sinks," she said, adding that Nethelands Apartments tries to curb the mess through apartment condition reports throughout the year.

Hayes said she often tells students that they must keep their apartments clean before they move in.

"I often put out conditions and sometimes even ask 'Do you own a mop?'"

Karp said that University City Housing installed dishwashers six or seven years ago in the larger apartments so dishes would not pile up.

"The dishwashers have been effective in reducing soiled kitchen utensils and reducing bugs," he said.

College junior Chris Mario displaying cleanliness typical of off-campus students
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Utilities muddle cost estimates

By ROSAMUNDA NEUHARTH-MOORE

A main attraction of living off campus is the cost, but that can be deceiving.

Off-campus houses and apartments tend to cost less per month than dormitory rooms, but utilities are frequently not included in the rent. Many students do not realize that when they move off campus, they will be bombarded with bills for gas, heat, electricity and water.

Matthew Cassell, a Wharton junior who has lived off campus since September, pays $160 a month to live in his house. But the rent does not include utilities.

Cassell said he enjoys the freedom of living off campus but dislikes having to pay so many bills.

"They just seem endless," he said.

"We receive seven bills a month: one oil bill, two gas bills, one phone bill and three electricity bills because we have three different meters."

"Once we get the bills, we have to split them all up," he added. "It is a real hassle, and I hate to come home and see another bill. You have enough to worry about."

Cassell said he plans to return to on-campus housing this fall because then he will only have to pay one bill for the entire semester without having to worry about how much heat and electricity he consumes.

"I like not having to show ID when I enter my home, and I like having my own house," he said. "But all that matters is your comfort. Here, when it gets cold, heating becomes a problem."

Some students avoid having to deal with accumulating bills by moving into a house or apartment in which the utilities are included in the rent.

Cathy Copeland, a graduate student in the School of Education, lives in Hamilton Court — which is solely occupied by students. She pays a flat $230 per month, which includes utilities.

"I enjoy living off campus," she said. "There is more space and it is certainly cheaper. You get more for your money."

Copeland said her lease runs from September to September "so if you aren't going to be around in the summer, it isn't worth it."

Wharton sophomore Sharley Wijesundera said a major characteristic of living off campus is increased responsibility.

"It involves responsibility, and a typical freshman coming to probably couldn't handle it," Wijesundera said. "You have to be organized and budget your allowance carefully."

Wijesundera said she lives at the corner of 43rd and Chestnut Streets with three other roommates.

"We divide the bills among us and each pays one," she said. "I pay $125 a month plus a rough $15 for utilities. Basically I like it because it is so much cheaper than a dorm. It can be a hassle to receive a constant roll of bills but it is worth the $100 difference."

College senior Noah Powlen has lived off campus for the last three years.

"It is nice to be a Philadelphia neighborhood resident," Powlen said. "I haven't experienced the surprise of paying utilities yet but if you have a friend going to Europe and wants to let you have his room for $50 — providing you water his plants, grab it."

"It is really great," she added.

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Minimizing the risks of living off campus

By POTA PERIMENIS

The crime rate in the University City area has decreased over the past few years, but University crime specialists still stress a few basic precautions.

According to Crime Prevention Specialist Ruth Wells, safety for off-campus residents is largely a function of individual awareness and resourcefulness in using both University and community security networks.

She said last week that prevention is the key to minimizing risk of crime. "We recognize that all crimes are not preventable, but a large percentage are," Wells said.

She added that students should learn what services are offered by the University and neighborhood crime-watch groups. She said that getting to know one's neighbors through block associations can be very important in terms of preventing crime.

"Participating in these associations and crime watches helps us deny any opportunity for crime," Wells said. "For example, the residents of the 4700 block of Pine have purchased freon horns to alert each other to seek help in case of a crime."

Off-campus Living Coordinator Maye Morrison agreed with Wells that these groups are very effective.

"The decreased crime rate in the University community is largely due to the efforts of the associations," she said.

The most common crimes seem to be the theft of automobiles and purses, she said, adding that many of these problems can be deterred by using proper precautions.

Morrison suggests using the guidelines in the Safer Living Guide put out by the Department of Public Safety to help guard against theft, vandalism, and assault.

"Make sure proper locks, window bars and lighting are installed in your apartment -- especially if it's on the first floor," Morrison said. "Any security features which are lacking should be reported to the landlord."

The Office of Off-Campus Living offers some general advice to minimize risks:
- Always lock doors and windows. Make sure you know who is knocking at your door before opening it.
- If a door is not equipped with a peephole, have one installed -- it's inexpensive and could prove to be extremely worthwhile.
- Take care to draw all curtains, and never dress in front of a window.
- If, upon returning home, you suspect someone has been inside, don't
Students furnish with creativity

By LISA EYLES

As students make the move from the dormitory to the off-campus house or apartment, they face a major obstacle.

Furniture, or lack thereof.

In some cases they not only have to find a bed, desk, and dresser, but furniture for the living and dining rooms.

And in some cases they don't bother.

"I know a guy who only had a mattress thrown on the floor, but he had a great time," said Ted Hardenbergh, a senior in the Wharton and Engineering Schools. "It all depends upon your lifestyle."

Chawner Hurd's furnishings are more luxurious. His room has a bar, a refrigerator, a television and video recorder, a stereo system with four speakers and a wall console which he built.

"I like to live comfortably, so I went ahead and built it," said Hurd, a College senior. "It took me two weeks working every day. I only thought I was going to be here a year, but it has been two."

Many students said completely-furnished residences were rare or impossible to find. But some furniture is often left behind by the previous residents.

"There were articles in the house already," Hardenbergh said. "People have left old chairs, couches, and dining room sets. There was a lot in my living and dining rooms, but that usually occurs in the older apartments."

"When I moved in, one room already had some carpeting, and some friends and I brought scraps from home," he added. "It was better than having nothing at all."

Wharton sophomore Clarissa Holgen also inherited old furniture from the previous tenants.

"The landlord said it was of no value and that it wouldn't increase our rent," Holgen said. "The furniture wasn't in too good of shape, so we tried to get rid of it."

Another primary source of furniture for off-campus students is home.

"I brought most of my stuff from home," said College junior Steve Janoski. "It wasn't that bad since the three of us live in the area."

"The room seems much more homey - even with old furniture," he added. "It is much more comfortable than a dorm room."

Hardenbergh also said having furniture to bring from home is a convenience.

"I was lucky I could transport the stuff here even though you can buy used furniture cheap," he said.

When what is left-behind or brought from home is insufficient, many students buy second-hand furniture.

Basements, attics and garages are common suppliers — as are second-hand furniture stores.

And when they don't want to buy it, many students make their own furniture.

Janoski said he created many of his furnishings.

"My desk is a door over two speakers, but one of my housemates made his by putting a board over two horses," he said.

Hardenbergh said he also made his own desk.

"It was nothing," he said. "All I did was put a slab over two horses."

"Some people use file cabinets instead - or anything which holds papers," he added. "Milk crates are common."

Stocking the kitchen is another concern.

Hurd said he and his housemates have worked out their kitchen arrangements.

"We have two refrigerators in our kitchen, and I always keep the one in my room fully stocked," Hurd said.

Holgen said she feels that preparing a kitchen takes a lot of work.

"You don't realize everything you need - like eating and cooking utensils, plates and general appliances," she said. "I was lucky that I could bring a lot of them from home."

She added that although furnishing a house or apartment can be difficult, she enjoyed the process.

"I was fortunate that I never saw having to furnish it as a problem," Holgen said. "Actually, it was a lot of fun."

College juniors Heidi Blob and Chris Mario in their house's living room

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Smart Move
Safety
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enter and check. He may still be there.
• If possible, avoid walking alone at
night – especially if you are female.
• Hold on tightly to your purse in
order to deter would-be purse snatch-
ers. Also, it is a good idea to leave
your expensive jewelry and large sums of
cash at home.
• If possible, avoid walking alone at
night – especially if you are female.
There are three campus-operated systems which can ensure that you
reach your destination safely: Escort Service, Campus Bus Service, and
"Buddy Boards" in Van Pelt Library basement. If none fits your immediate
schedule, ask a friend to walk you home – don’t worry about looking like
a coward.
At a recent open forum on security sponsored by the University Safety and
Security Committee, community members voiced concern about the ef-
ficacy of such services as escort.
Graduate student Denise Lodato,
who lives near the Philadelphia Art
Museum, said that the University's
escort service does not help her very
much.
"If I have problems getting through the
intermediate neighborhood which lies
between the escort service limit and
my house," she said, "I don't feel safe
walking home because I have to pass an
empty lot and a couple of triple-X
theaters."
"I think enough students live across
the river to merit extension of the
escort service's parameters," she said.
John Logan, the University's Public
Safety Director, said that budget
restrictions prevent such an extension.
"We can only service a certain area," he
said. "Once we go outside for one
person, we'd have to do it for everyone.
The further out we go, the more the ser-
vice to the immediate area will have to
suffer."
But Wells said that the question has
recently been reviewed. "We are now
working to help accommodate students
living in the Art Museum area," she
said.
College senior Camille Antonini said
that she feels her landlord has done
much to insure the tenants' safety.
"There are bars on all the accessible
windows, and the area around the
house is well lit," she said. "I feel safe
when I'm inside, and when I'm on the
street I steer away from alleys and keep
to the middle of the road."

Shopping
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half block really makes a difference." But most off-campus students said
they feel the quality of the two super-
marts is below average.
"It's disgusting – it's terrible," Robertson said. "You never find people
smoking cigars in the store at home."
To find a supermarket more like the
ones at home, many students travel to
Pathmark – located at 461 South 69th
Boulevard in Upper Darby.
"I love Pathmark," Powell said. "It has
everything and is far superior to both
[Thriftyway and Acme]. Pathmark is a
good old suburban supermarket." 
Penn Consumer Board Director San-
jiv Sanghvi said he also prefers
Pathmark.
"I like to go to Pathmark because it's
pleasant to shop there," said Sanghvi, a
Wharton junior. "It's so large and so
clean."
College senior Tara Rachisky said
she feels that "Pathmark is comparable
to grocery stores back home."
"But she added that Pathmark is in-
convenient for student shoppers.
"If you don't have a car you don't go
to Pathmark," Rachisky said.
Not all off-campus residents shop at
the three large local supermarkets.
College junior Heidi Blob said she
and her housemates travel to New
Jersey once a week.
"We go to Pathmark in New Jersey because it's cheaper," Blob said.
College junior Chrística Moxham
said she avoids the supermarkets
altogether.
"I shop at Bald Fox or WaWa," she
said. "It's closer and more convenient. I
hate going to 43rd Street."
"I eat out a lot too," she added.
But a major complaint about the con-
venience stores – WaWa, Bald Fox, 7-
11 and Uni-Mart – is the higher prices.
"We try to avoid the convenience
stores," Korach said. "The prices are a
bit exorbitant."
Others said they go to the conve-
nience stores only for small purchases.
"I go to convenience stores to pick up
little things between trips," Rachisky
said.
Most shoppers agreed that their
weekly shopping trips require much
forethought.
"It's not too difficult," said Wharton
junior Matt Cassell. "It's just a matter of
making sure you get the things you
need and making the best deal as far as
quality and price are concerned."
She added that she finds shopping to
be an adventure.
"We make an event of it," she said.
"We enjoy it. Maybe it's the novelty. I
might not like it twenty years from
now."
Robertson said he also enjoys shop-
ing.
"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You're fac-
ced with all the opportunities to stuff
your face. How can you resist?"
But those who like to shop seem to be
in the minority.
"I hope I don't have to spend the rest
of my life grocery shopping," Korach
said. "I just don't enjoy it."

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By ROSAMUNDA NEUHARTH-MOORE

If you plan to move away from Penn next fall now is the time to start looking. The Office of Off-Campus Living and the University City Housing are already swamped with demands for next semester.

The Office of Off Campus Living - located across from the Bookstore - provides lists of apartments and rooms in the University City, the suburbs and Center Philadelphia. No fee is required to benefit from their listings.

"Students pay directly to landlords and we serve as mediators," said Off-campus Coordinator Maye Morrison. She added that a typical one-bedroom apartment in University City costs about $300-$350 per month plus $50 per month for utilities.

The Office of Off Campus Living works in conjunction with the Penn Consumer Board which handles disputes between landlords and tenants.

"We are a referral service and an intermediate between landlords and tenants," said Nancy Tarman, Penn Consumer Board public relations director. "We are familiar with landlords and they are familiar with us so they respond."

"We mainly deal with tenants who come to us because they don't know what their rights are or have complaints," she added. "Our main complaints cover returning security deposits, repairs and heat."

Tarman said the Penn Consumer Board also handles bills that may seem unjustified. If someone is charged an extraordinary amount for a gas bill, the board will contact the gas company to see where the problem is.

Anyone with questions about living off campus is encouraged to visit or call Office of Off-Campus Living (898-5500) and the Penn Consumer Board (898-6000).

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Know what to expect in off-campus life

By MICHAEL NAIDUS

You're going to do it, and that's that.

With four, or five, or seven, or 12 friends, you've decided to take the plunge, abandoning the high rises and their security marshals for the wilds of West Philadelphia.

No more dinner service, you think with glee. No more waiting for elevators. No more 3 a.m. fire drills. Ahhh, nirvana. Sheer heaven.

Then you walk in the door.

The front porch is buckling. The stairs are too. The ceiling looks like a map of Manhattan although you can't really tell because the light doesn't work. And the walls -- the walls are painted in a shade of green that makes you wonder if they didn't used to be white and what happened since then.

But, you tell yourself, it only needs "some work." After all, there are five (six, eight, 13) of you. No problem.

Filled with energy, you set to work, and like most other off-campus students, you finish it. And you sigh in anticipation of settling down to your new-found freedom.

Freedom, that is, when you're not washing dishes, cooking, shopping, vacuuming or cleaning the shower curtains. All of which need to be done if you are to survive in an off-campus apartment/house.

The point here is that there are as many pitfalls for those who venture into the world of off-campus living as there are pleasures. And it's important to make sure you've thought the move through before you conclude that you really have had enough of University housing.

On the positive side of the ledger sheet (which comes into play again under "money"), there really is freedom in off-campus living. No longer are you bound to eat when dining services tells you to. Not only that, but you can have what you want, when you want it. Even ice cream every night.

You're also free from the watchful, if helpful, eyes of the University crew that starts with Resident Advisers, continues through desk monitors and ends with cigar-smoking repairmen who hang on your door at 8 a.m.

There's also the raw power of being completely in control. Decorating a room from paint color to where the posters go. Choosing and preparing every meal. Controlling (and if you shiver at the thought) the very temperature of your abode.

It is, in many ways, a real escape, and a good way to celebrate becoming an adult.

But along with that great escape come some equally powerful demands and responsibilities. You are going to have to live with four (or five, or seven, or 12) other people. With their quirks and crazy schedules. Allergies and odors. Quids and scraped-up knees. You remember, with a sinking feeling, that thing your mother did four years ago when there was more than two bedrooms and a living room.

You remember, with a vacuum, a rag, some funny-smelling liquids and scraped-up knees. You remember, the wrinkled hands that come from too many dirty dishes. Etcetera. Once again, these are responsibilities that should be distributed before you move in, and someone "just can't do it tonight" because of an exam or work. Having spent some time in a house that didn't always get cleaned. For better or worse, till graduation do you part.

And after a year of (almost) getting along with four housemates, and endless conversations with others who've also (almost) survived, there seems to be a standard list of major things to consider.

- First, as always, food.

There are almost as many systems for dividing up this responsibility as there are off-campus houses. Will everyone in the house eat meals together? Even if you want to, do the schedules work out? If so, who's going to cook? On what nights? Who's going to do laundry? Will you plan out your meals, or just wander around the supermarket picking up "what looks good?" And how will the costs be split up?

There are about 45 other questions that really need hashing out before you move into the house. Because once you've settled in, things only get harder. And everyone, good friends or not, starts to feel taken advantage of.

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