### Budget plan-sparks concern

**Salary raise for faculty is promised**

**By SHARON PHILLIPS**

Faculty, who have heard that the University administration will stick to its promise of raising salaries, are concerned about the increase in the preliminary budget. 

Salary increase figures have yet to be announced, but have been speculated from administration sources. The raise would fall between 3.5 and 5 percent.

**Roger Solomon**

"Support salary increases," he says. "They had to increase because... They wanted to do what the average increase was for people in comparable positions of our prestige level. We had to increase our spending to get comparable people into the University, and we have to be competitive in our spending, so we have to do what other similar universities are doing."

**Michael Gordon**

"Salaries, educational progression... will be held in City Hall, and a subsequent vote of Philadelphia will not do business with South Africa. It's an easy choice. The city will either do business with us (Philadelphia) or do business with them. It's an easy choice. The city would have to choose between Philadelphia funds or the City Treasurer from depositing funds in banks affiliated with companies doing business in South Africa.

**"I proposed the bill because I am utterly opposed to apartheid. The hearing will tell how much money working in a youth service day camp. According to Ortiz, the city has a moral concern. There are people from the banking industry who have become essentially part of the South African regime. We want to do business," he said. "They have increased the amount of money we are going to spend on the education of our students, and this is the largest annual gift to the University. According to Admin, additional fees for the University audience last week in the University's annual fundraising campaign. For example, the university is asking for an average increase of 8 percent for comparable purposes." 

"I am opposed to apartheid," he says. "I am opposed to doing business with corporations that do business in South Africa."

**'The main reason we suspended the chapter is trying to be 'laid-back and gentlemanly,' and hopes to avoid any special emphasis on the chapter's search," she said. "We are concerned about what the chapter will do in the future. We are concerned about the chapter's search," she said. "It is so important that someone be appointed to the position within the University."
Rebels plan to oust Marcos and install Corazon Aquino

MANILA, Philippines — Military rebels today declared Corazon Aquino the new Philippines leader, but President Ferdinand Marcos vowed he would stay in power no matter what. The rebels, led by retired Gen. Gregorio Honasan, said they had overthrown Marcos after he was declared in default of his $2.3 billion credit, and declared themselves a "new republic." Marcos, on the other hand, called for a "people's revolution" to defend him.

Bowen said there was no evidence that any of the recent sharp declines in the Philippines' oil prices of recent weeks. Where a survey just three months ago found only 15 percent of the economy thought the current recovery would last another two years, 35 percent are now predicting the recovery will last 1985 or 1986. Kathleen Cooper, president of the association, said the bad debt charge on the economy's oil prices, $1.1 billion a month, is too high to be able to buy, market and sell new cars. "It's like a house of cards," she said.

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Sororities increase membership despite 'weak' system at U.

Community service, social life round out sorority calendar

By JULIE MERBERG

In comparison to the fraternities at the University, the sororities pass relatively unscathed. They do not have elaborate houses in the center of campus. Nor do they draw as much media coverage.

But even as unassuming as it may seem, there is a sorority scene at the University. And while members of the most active sororities say they are disappointed in the generally apathetic attitude of most "independents" — women who are not in sororities — they add that they are pleased with sorority life, and confident in its future-growing status.

The sororities are attached in a range of campus charities. Sigma Delta Tau held an "$111-Ambles" first semester that earned over $2000 for the National Prevention of Child Abuse, according to Sharon Verdinelli, SDT's house parliamentarian. Delta Delta Delta is another sorority active in several charities. In addition to raising money for Children's Cancer Research and Treatment, the sorority sponsored a Christmas dinner for the city's homeless, and they support a foster child in the Philippines.

Boasting similar charitable functions, Phi Sigma Sigma claims to be one of the most active sororities on campus, according to Phi Sig Sig member and College sophomore Nina Zaza. Zaza recently formed New Delta Gamma, a sorority which has not yet been recognized nationally, but has been serving prison inmates, feeding the hungry and doing volunteer hospital work.

Phi Delta Theta, established in 1914, is the University's oldest sorority. Delta DSTs posses some of its energy on community services, according to Black Inter-Greek Council President and DST member Laura McLeod. This semester, DSTs sponsored a talent show and dance which they held to raise money for the National Defense Leukemia Foundation. They have also sponsored a "fashion show" at the union to raise money for theLeukemia Society, in addition to raising money for Children's Cancer Research and Treatment.

But to the last few Delta DSTs, there is more to the assertiveness of the sorority. Though the sorority is in a sense "club-like," it is in no way "frat-like.""We're a public service sorority dedicated to improving the community," said Senora, a DST member.

The first DSTs held have not found a formal dressing code, a demand for formal letters, or a requirement to hold mixers with fraternities, they have open parties, formals and sorority dances, according to Senora. Women are not in sororities — they are pleased with sorority life, and confident in its future-growing status.

In the past the DSTs have held formal diners, a fundraiser for abused women and children and a black cultural night. The sorority is a city-wide chapter.

While reviews of sorority life are overwhelmingly positive, many still describe the system as being very weak. Verdinelli said she was surprised by the strength of little sororities run by fraternities.

"Rabbis didn't ask us to be part of the conclave of creation," Senora said, adding that she feels this representation is, "in a rich, seductive sense, a parallel universe." 

"I work the book," Kantor said. "He was a true friend of mine. In his words, barnes over the long-term. That's my approach — stay home, do the best job you can and don't worry about what others think. The most important thing is that they will remember that they dealt with David Rothchild.

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After he graduates, Rothchild said he expects to continue his consulting firm as a "cash business." At the same time, he looks forward to helping "cause problems which the customers did not really know they had." Because of great advances in computer software, "many more firms decided to join the computer age," and Rothchild found his services in greater demand. He said he now has more claims that he can handle.

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"The satisfaction that you get out of being a friend is the friendships that you make — the challenge that you achieve with a number of girls that wouldn't be possible to do on your own," McCaleb said. Others said they feel part of a tradition as a sorority member. "It's like having a family that you can rely on. It's like knowing you are part of something bigger than yourself," said someone else.

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Enforcements

Scranton supported by party leaders

By ERIC BLM

Scranton has drawn endorsements and praise from Republican party leaders as he campaigns for re-election. The campaign has been characterized by an aggressive schedule of appearances and media events.

Scranton's campaign has been bolstered by endorsements from key figures in the Republican Party, including several high-profile politicians from the region.

The Republican establishment has given Scranton a boost, with prominent state leaders and influential figures expressing support for his candidacy. These endorsements have helped Scranton in his efforts to connect with voters and strengthen his position in the race.

Scranton's campaign has focused on several key issues, including improving Pennsylvania's economy and increasing job opportunities for residents. The campaign has also highlighted Scranton's record of fiscal responsibility and his commitment to reducing the state budget deficit.

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The campaign has faced some challenges, with questions about Scranton's character and political record raised by opponents. However, the campaign has responded with a strong defense of Scranton's record and a focus on his vision for the future of Pennsylvania.

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Letter Perfect

President Ronald Reagan's proposed budget cuts on student aid, which he submitted to Congress and recipients at the University. Luckily, the University Administration has reacted to this warning with both action and advice.

If Reagan's budget passes, student aid will be cut dramatically, and will be redirected to the University. The plan, which unfortunatelies ignores the wealth of evidence about the importance of higher education, has been met with widespread opposition. Many students are being encouraged to sign petitions going to both Congress and the Department of Education. The University Administration has also been called to participate in some form of protest, but is uncertain as to how much student aid the University can lose and still have a strong, unified voice from students across the nation to ensure that the position is well advanced. And that's where the UA comes in. The student government has already begun writing the letters that are going to be directed against the budget cuts. Five different letters will be available for students to write to their senators and representatives. Postage envelopes and appropriate addresses will also be provided. Students are being encouraged to sign the petitions going to both Congress and the Department of Education for assistance from Congress for our country's domestic and international priorities. There is a letter to every member of one's own community as well as an address to the larger, common community. Being a member of one's own community means to be involved in the larger, common community as well. It means working together in accordance with an ethnic, racial or religious group or any other group. It means an alliance or federation between different groups. It means functioning in accordance with a democratic system of political integration because we are all citizens of the same country. It means working together in accordance with the larger, common community as well. It means functioning in accordance with a democratic system of political integration because we are all citizens of the same country.

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Students solicit $225,000 from alumni

By JAY BECHEN

Several student groups have launched campaigns to solicit funds for scholarships and other projects to support the University. The campaigns, which began on February 10th, are designed to foster a sense of camaraderie and encourage students to support their fellow classmates.

The first group to launch the campaign was the University's political science department. The department has set a goal of raising $225,000 from alumni to support scholarships for this academic year. The campaign has been well-received, with many alumni expressing their support and enthusiasm.

The political science department is not the only group to launch a campaign. The University's women's basketball team is also participating in a fundraising effort. The team has set a goal of raising $50,000 to support scholarships for female athletes. The campaign has been greeted with enthusiasm, with many alumni expressing their support and interest in helping to support the team.

The University's music department has also launched a campaign to solicit funds for scholarships. The department has set a goal of raising $100,000 from alumni to support scholarships for music students. The campaign has been well-received, with many alumni expressing their support and interest in helping to support the music department.

These campaigns are just a few examples of the many efforts underway to solicit funds for scholarships and other projects. The University is committed to providing financial support for its students, and these campaigns are an important part of this effort. The University thanks all of its alumni for their support and encouragement as it continues to work toward this important goal.
Forum focuses on rights of AIDS victims

BY DOUGLAS DANNFF
Two authorities on AIDS in civil liberties issued a University alert last week, noting that attempting to pass legislation that would violate the rights of homosexuals.

Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities Susan Badoux said that the crux of the issue is AIDS testing and the potential danger for the disease as a bystander. "Testing probably is the most apparent issue in terms of sexual activity within health services," Badoux said. The City's Law Department is currently drafting a proposal, which will discuss the extent to which the Fair Practice Act may be modified, according to Badoux.

"As it stands, we will at least know when we see the boundaries as being within their expertise," the Then. "That still means that we're-legislative

taking opportunities as they come along - it's not been bad," he added. Morrison said the set up at South Campus is that he can work with them at the Human Resources Department.

"It's a world class University and there is no reason she should not be world class in every way," said Morrison. "Not just physically, a social network is important." But he realizes that the new community will take time to develop. "One thing that's clear now, the expanded space and the increased population are a part of the issue. At some point we're going to get pressure. . . . that's just part of the program is that they're thinking about the environment.

"The community can draw in resources," Morrison said. "It's an ideal home space -- it can be cozy and on a first name basis, and it supplies the student to have the advantages of a small college coupled with a large university." He said, "I'm always amazed at the number of national experts here," the new director of the residential community. "It's done better by them than by us in the community with limitations. Building in common spaces is the key to a more efficient use of space."

The new director is at ease and recognizes the importance of the students. "The Quad is a historic landmark that we don't want to turn into a traffic jam," he said. "Once all of renovations are done we can come together as a community. Development of the buildings of key is important. I see this as a community building experience. We'll actually replace the "old Rome" in the Quad program is all the sections."

"The ultimate goal is to be sensitive to the students," he added. "The University is committed to the plan and to see the end of the first undergraduate residence in one. Morrison said the freshmen living experience is very important because newcomers must adjust to a change in environment. "It's very important for the first few months to be scaffolded around -- for many it's the first time away from home to be in control and support unlikely in high school," he said. "By that time the person you can go to the people at the Quad. A part of the program is that freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors provide a lot of the guidance and organization support is for the position. It's done better by them than by anyone else," he said. "Students generated programs are very
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W. Gymnastics finishes fourth in Ivies
Quakers disappoint with placing behind Cornell, Yale and Brown

By MAUREEN DELAY
The Big Red's rush to the Heptagonal pool was slowed by the Harvard Crimson, who scored 136.200 and 135.000, respectively, in the Ivy League meet.

The Crimson, with eight All-Americans, scored 136.200, while the Quakers placed sixth, 135.000.

Brown and Cornell scored 135.500 and 135.000, respectively.

The Big Red was the only team to score 135.000 or less, and the fourth-place finish was the best the Quakers have had in recent years.

In the all-around, Brown's Andrew Page finished second with a score of 89.800, while Cornell's Bill Henry finished third with 89.600.

The Quakers' best individual performances were in the vault and floor exercises, where they scored 38.700 and 38.800, respectively.

The meet was held at the University of Pennsylvania's Rec Hall, where the Quakers have traditionally struggled.

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The Quakers' disappointing finish was a result of a combination of factors, including the absence of key performers and a lack of depth in certain events.

The meet served as a preview of the upcoming Heptagonal championships, which are scheduled for the end of the month.

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Crimson laps W. Swimming
Quakers flat against Harvard, lose 93-47

By JON WILNER

This week’s episode of the Swimmer’s downfall was at its worst when Harvard beat Penn in men’s and women’s swimming. In the first meet, the Crimson rudely ended the Quakers’ four-meet winning streak. 93-47, Penn has had two days to prepare itself for the season climax — Eastern Championships at Penn State.

But before the Quaker focus is on what they must do, Penn 7-3-1, 3-3-1 Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League should try to figure out what it has done. The only way to avoid having similar problems at the Easterns is to understand what went wrong this past weekend at Harvard.

There are answers, but they only address specific problems. What is needed is an answer that will clarify all the problems in a nutshell.

First, it is possible that the Quakers were looking past Harvard to the Easterns. This attitude is common in all team and individual sports. Penn men’s basketball is a case in point. But they did not.

“We weren’t looking past Harvard because we have a lot of people who haven’t qualified for the Easterns,” sophomore Joni Young said.

Having the most percent second place is qualifying in as many own meets as possible for the Easterns.

There was no way that the Quakers took Harvard lightly because the Crimson are undefeated in the EISL.

Second, perhaps the slow times were caused by the Harvard pool.

Even though the Quakers managed only nine out wins (junior Teri Sklareski in the 100-yard butterfly, freshman Amy Levy in the 100-yard freestyle, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team — sophomores Karen Ginn and Marilyn Besch, senior Deane Roman on and Judy Jester) they were not impressed.

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“Now, but no cigar. Both the men’s and women’s teams have been tapering for this meet and for the Easterns. This means a reduction of yardage in practice and a lot of rest. If anything, they should have been overly rested.

To find the answer which they are looking for, the Quakers need look no further. The one problem that they had no focus and no concentration level. They did not win tough.

M. Swimming dealt bad hand by Harvard

By JON WILNER

The men’s swimming team’s clash with powerful Harvard ended in a 93-47 defeat for the Quakers this weekend.

While Princeton is known for its tight defense, the Crimson plowed over the Quakers, as expected.

Princeton first-year swimmer David Cooper narrowly qualified for the March 14-16 NCAA Diving Regionals on the three-meter board with a score of 310.58 (310.00 is perfect). After all, Harvard is undefeated, very talented, and very confident — and the Quakers know this.

“I don’t think we swam a meet we could have won,” senior David Cooper said.

Penn, the Tigers held the Quakers to 47, 51, 41 and 49 points, respectively. Meanwhile, Penn’s last four victories over Princeton have come with 67 and 59 points.

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“We were looking forward to Princeton, but we could simply have been physially tired寝” junior Joe Scott said. “It’s critical to get an early lead in this meet and for the Easterns.

The guards have traditionally played a vital role in Penn-Princeton matchups because of the importance of tempo. The Quakers like to run, while the Tigers like to sleepwalk. In Princeton, the Tigers held the Quakers to pressure. But the Tigers held the Quakers to 47, 51, 41 and 49 points, respectively. Meanwhile, Princeton has only three race wins (junior Teri Sklareski, who qualified for the March 14-16 NCAA Diving Regionals on the three-meter board with a score of 310.58 (310.00 is perfect).

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The Crimson rudely ended the Quakers’ four-meet winning streak, 93-47, last season.

“Then we can play our game.”

In fact, the last team to beat the Crimson are undefeated in the EISL. There was no way that the Quakers could have easily fallen into this trap.

“We weren’t looking past Harvard because we have a lot of people who haven’t qualified for the Easterns,” sophomore Joni Young said.

Having the most percent second place is qualifying in as many own meets as possible for the Easterns.

There was no way that the Quakers took Harvard lightly because the Crimson are undefeated in the EISL.

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M. Track run over at Heeps
Quakers place eighth in competitive field

BY P. MULDOON STEEL

After a fifth-place finish at the

Doak Hoppertson Championships last

year and a season that had seen

improvement, the Penn men's track

and field team hoped for a top-five finish in this year's Heeps at Harvard.

But yet again, in the third meet

for the Quakers, the team again finished fifth, cumulatively by 10 points.

This meet marked the third field

for the Quakers, and the team placed fifth as compared to Penn's

improvement.

Why?

Because the Quakers seem to get

lost in a sea of highly-competitive

rivals. "It's a tough year for the meet," said Bill Baldwin, sixth-place finisher in the 1500-meter run.

On a more productive note for

Penn were the two-mile and one-mile races which placed first and second,

respectively. The two-mile team of Bill Fing, Bruce Allsbrook, and Phil Stahl

won with a time of 1:36, with Karriker coming in at 1:39.50 seconds.

The one-mile team of Phil Pol, Troy Deltace, and Bob Helig finished second, with Heese running the third leg to an impressive 4:38.36 seconds and con-

ciplained giving up the tape at 1:47.43 seconds.

Wrestling pinned by Tigers

Three victorious foes add to Quakers' woes

BY JAY FINGER

Once it was a white, when things are

not going well, it seemed as if it would

have been better to just stay burrowed in the soil, waiting for spring to come. For example, to the Penn wrestling team on Saturday, which found it to be an

"season that have

Visiting Princeton to compete in a four-team meet. As Coach Larry Lalich said, "It was another one of those days, and Penn went to the mat, losing to the Tigers, East Stroudsburg State and William & Mary by the scores of

18-16, 33-14 and 57-14, respectively.

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Ivy chase tightens

SPORTS

Penn hunts for Tigers and title

Quakers travel to Princeton with title hopes on the line

By MAUREEN DELANY

"All I can say is we did it!" Victor Carrero exclaimed happily after being crowned the Ivy League men's basketball champion for the first time in 20 years. Carrero was a key player on the team, leading the way with 25 points and 10 rebounds. The Quakers defeated Yale by a score of 76-72.

By RICK RENNICK

For seven of the eight men's basketball teams in the Ivy League, there is only one game left to play — the NCAA championship game. And although last weekend's games simplified the title race — and the hunt for the NCAA playoff bid — things were far from over.

But Ivy League basketball is more than just a game. It's a way of life. And for the players on the Penn team, it's a way to express themselves. It's a way to show the world that they can compete with the best.

As the Ivy League championship weekend gets underway, the Penn men's basketball team is looking to make history. They've been a consistent team throughout the season, winning nine of their last 10 games.

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Brown at Princeton

Columbia at Harvard

Saturday

Penn at Princeton

Columbia at Dartmouth

Columbia at Princeton

Sunday

Penn at Harvard

Yale at Dartmouth

Columbia at Penn

Columbia at Princeton

4. Ivy League Thirty

Penn's senior guard, Perry Bromwell, grabbed the only point of the game as the Quakers defended against the Tigers. The win sets up an exciting finish to the Ivy League season.

CAROLYN KELSON

Badminton club likes status quo

Fallen from Grace

In a dramatic case of the popular badminton club being taken over by a new, up-and-coming team, the Quakers were forced to face the音乐 athletic directors.

Badminton is gaining popularity among men at Penn, with six of the ten players being male. The club's goals for the season include winning the Ivy League championship and sending two players to the NCAA championships.

But there's one thing the club can't stand — the change of leadership. The current team has been working hard to establish a strong bond and a sense of community, and they're not ready to let that go.

"We're just trying to keep things the way they were," said captain Mark Steinberg. "It's hard to deal with the changes, but we're doing our best to make things work.

Steinberg also tied for third place for his 8.70 score. The team's top scorer was Brown's Schnall, who tied for sixth place in the parallel bars with a score of 9.20.

At this point, Princeton is the only other Ivy school that can win a title, as long as Penn loses both games.

"It's going to be a tough challenge, but we're ready for it," Steinberg said.

The club will still hold a status quo, as long as the changes don't affect the team's ability to compete.

Even with the new leadership, the team is still a strong contender for the Ivy League championship.

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The facility has been renovated, and the club now has a new gym and locker room. The team is excited to see how the changes will impact their performance.

With the improvements, the club is looking forward to the season and the opportunity to compete.

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Housing games
It didn’t used to be this way.
Houses were buildings. Made of brick, wood or even clapboard — for those in search of really cheap rents.

Now houses are commodities. It’s like Monopoly. Just think of the 3000 block of Spruce Street as Boardwalk. (In terms of rent, for instance.) Baltic Avenue is somewhere south of Baltimore — at least for undergraduates.

The analogy fits. Except for a slight price increase, the Electric Company and the Water Works haven’t really changed.

The Subway Surface can easily replace the B & W Railroad. True, you don’t get $200 when you pass GO, but just think of it as your security deposit. ..

The game hasn’t changed, but this year someone took the pieces out earlier than usual, as drives of anxious students began desperately seeking off-campus homes.

Housing fever has reached an all-time high, with record numbers of would-be tenants hastily slapping down their security deposits lest someone snag their dream cottage.

Last year, I finally got around to signing my lease in mid-April. February hasn’t ended yet, but all my friends have already chosen their homes for next year. They won’t need this supplement.

And I’ve heard more than a few laments that “we’d better hurry and sign before all the good houses are gone.”

The incentives are enticing, especially the financial ones. Even including utilities and heat, the price of an off-campus house is usually less than that of a high rise room. And when you convert that figure into price-per-square-inch, there’s no comparison.

The rooms have atmosphere, too — and that doesn’t mean airborne asbestos.

Most University City houses have unique features, dating back to when real people — i.e. not students — lived in them. They may not all have wall-to-wall carpeting, but they do have personality.

Even more importantly, it’s fun. 10 people wrapped in 20 blankets sitting around one broken heater can have a mighty funky time. Beware of bringing home a date, though. Choruses of “Have her home by midnight” and “How far are you planning to go?” don’t do an awful lot for romantic ambiance.

But you never know when you’re going to land on Free Parking.

— Robbie Steel
House-hunting maladies

By ADRIAN GOLDSZMIDT

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s you join the 10,000
other lemmings search-
ing for off-campus housing next year, keep these thoughts in
mind:

Time always accumulates faster than you can throw it out.

If any of the bills are in your name (and odds are they will
be), expect to lose a lot of money fast.

If your subletter can really afford the rent you’re charging,
why hasn’t he bathed this month?

Grabel and her house-
mates, said she feels apartments are available for those who
daily, but they do have their drawbacks.

This apartment’s rented already,” she said. “But I think
that there’s plenty of stuff left. If you start late, I think you
might end up in an unrenovated house on 40th and Baltimore, but
you’ll get a place.”

Some other students take a
that’s not really a problem,” he
said.

And getting to class can sometimes be a problem, even
for someone who lives on 41st Street.

“Forty-first Street is really
not that far out, but it’s not that
close,” Goldberg said. “I
thought that the walk to campus
would bother me, but if it’s cold
got, I don’t go to classes, so
that’s no big deal.”

inexpensive, so this house has
been more of an expense,”
Goldberg said. “Still this is
pretty cheap.”

But when you’re living off-
campus, the bills come in
faster. And don’t forget for
heat, a little for electricity, and often a lot for gas and oil.

“The unexpected heating bill
will come as an unpleasant
surprise,” said Starkey. “It
encouraged me to consider
moving to more tropical
climes.”

Starkey and his housemates
also spent one night early this
month without heat, thanks to a
faulty thermostat. And, he
did, “if you take a shower for
more than 20 minutes, the water
starts to go cold on you.”

When checking out your
potential dreamhouse, Starkey
recommends looking at the
details.

“When you look at a house,
you look at it two or three
times,” he said. “You don’t
consider certain things like
narrow hallways and big windows, etc.”

Starkey’s housemates had
difficulty getting a 25-inch
wide couch up a 24-inch wide
stairway, and big windows in
the house make it expensive to
heat. He also complained of
poor TV reception because we’re in the shadow of high
rises.

And with the large number of
old houses on the market, one
must also be wary of landlords
who promise to do extensive
work on your house.

“Some landlords are good
about this, but don’t trust them
if they say they’re going to fix it,” said Wharton
senior Bill Starkey, who lives in
a small apartment at 40th and
Spruce Streets. “If there are
people living there now, why
haven’t they fixed it already?”

Goldstein also recommended
checking out the landlord
before signing a lease. “Every-
one should try and go and speak
to the people who live in the
apartment now, why
haven’t they fixed it already?”

And after finding that perfect
place, most people end up
renting it to someone else.

“You definitely take a big risk when
you let somebody you don’t
know live in your place or live
with you,” said Starkey.

“There’s no way you can tell
who’s going to be a freak and
who’s not,” he said.

When you meet the land-
lord, how they appear when
they meet you — whether
they’re happy, friendly, or
businesslike — is how they’re
going to treat you as a tenant,”
he said.

This year, Gabel said, there
seems to be more people than
ever looking for apartments.
And those who haven’t started
looking may already be too late
for some prime locations.

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Would you want this student to sublet your room?

And then there’s the trash,
which must be taken out once a
week. Goldberg complained, “I
got home on a Tuesday night and they expect me to take it
out. Two or three bags.”

Living off-campus can also be
expensive, especially for those
coming from unrenovated
sections of the Quadrangle
or fraternity houses. “I lived in
"TEP last year and TEP is pretty
Neshoba. Mrs. Robb, keep any heat in my room, but..."
Doing it right

Students who view living off-campus as the only way to go

By STEFANIE KRASNOW

It all started freshman year. Walking home from class, I spied my roommate on Locust Walk.

"Hey there," I said, waving to get her attention. "What's up?"

"Not much," she countered. "Are you on your way home?"

"Yup — where are you headed?"

"Econ," she answered with dread. "I better run. Bye."

"See ya. We turned and parted ways. And then she shouted something back to me.

"Stef — I forgot!" she ran back to tell me the ordeal details. "When you get back to the apartment, be careful."

"Huh?"

"It's the shower. I can't explain it exactly. But don't worry — I've called Physical Plant and they've promised to come and fix it."

Puzzled and bewildered, I continued my journey home, praying that the bathroom hadn't flooded over and destroyed our rooms. What horrible fate was waiting for me at our dorm room?

You'll never believe this — we sure didn't. For several weeks, our shower somehow had been leaking out into the hallway through the wall. While the hallway carpet eventually dried on the surface, the moisture was festering within. And when I walked into our apartment and went to investigate the bathroom, I noticed that overnight we had started to grow our own little garden. A quaint family of mushrooms were the latest addition to our home.

Some of our friends suggested that we sell — or even smoke — the mushrooms. One roommate nearly brought the unusual brand of fungi into Chem 11 for further investigation. But we decided to leave the mushrooms where they were — as a new form of dorm room decoration. We even named our fungi friends.

It was a sad day when Physical Plant removed the champignons, recalled the bathroom tile and replaced the section of hallway carpet. Looking back, we probably first contemplated the big move off-campus when the University failed to understand our strange attachment to this indoor garden. We knew that if we wanted to grow and cultivate our own garden, we'd have to move off-campus. And so we did.

Living off-campus is largely a matter of choice. Choosing where you should live, why, when, and with whom. Making the right choices — and living with your decisions — will set the tone for your off-campus experience. And as seasoned off-campus residents will tell you, that experience is quite worthwhile.

"There's more privacy off-campus in your own place than in a dorm or a frat," said Wharton senior Joel Swanson, a veteran of English House and veteran of English House and senior Sheryl Fradkin. "No RA around to bail you out. Physical Plant won't come running when your toilet's backed up, and you may even miss Dining Service's Chicken New Rochelle with Supreme Sauce."

"When you pay your own bills, you're free," said Wharton senior Sheryl Fradkin. "No RA's taking care of you. It's a taste of the real world."

Fradkin's real world could be considered a Yippie's dream. Her triple includes the electronic wonders of one blender, two crockpots, three toaster ovens, four coffeeakers, four televisions and one ever-popular fondue maker.

"Oh — and don't forget our two serving trays from Sears," Fradkin quipped. "We got those for signing up for a credit card."

With all these modern conveniences, mealtime is much more pleasurable in Fradkin's household.

"It's nice being able to walk into your own kitchen," she said. "I don't have to even think about dining service. You get to eat what you want, when you want. You become a lot more domestic when it's your own place."

And since everyone eventually has to eat, the kitchen serves as a common meeting place of sorts. Wescott and his three housemates split their cooking and cleaning responsibilities.

"I just couldn't handle any more dining service," said Wescott, whose specialties include lasagne and vanilla pudding with pineapple. "We have a big kitchen — with two refrigerators. So we have massive space for food.

But Wescott's roommate and taste-testing guinea pig wasn't quite as enthusiastic about the kitchen privileges.

"The kitchen is the drawback to this place because that's where we have to cook," he said, preferring to remain anonymous.

Individual taste and decoration can be a major factor in sprucing up your off-campus hideaway. Few dorm rooms have the space or facilities in which to host a full-course dinner or throw a wild Halloween party. By the same token, University regulations may limit your personal creative expression in decorating your dorm room. An off-campus apartment, however, can highlight your personality to the fullest.

After a room draw was taken in the house, Wescott found himself faced with the problem of living in a rather small room. To create some new free space, he constructed a loft at home over the summer.

"I didn't think that the room had too much potential — it was beat up," Wescott described. "I could have done anything I wanted to it and it still would have been better than before. It was an ugly place— anything would look good."

(Continued on page 5)
Jim Wescott and Donna Crilley pose with their somewhat “stiff” friend JoePa.

Off-campus fun

But after submitting his room to a considerable facelift, Wescott claims to be fairly pleased with his abode’s condition.

“I knew the room was very small,” he said. “I knew I needed the room. Without the space under the left, I would have had no place to put anything. And I’m a pre-med — so I need the room.”

Wescott’s design provides him with ample space under his bed for a would-be closet, a stereo, various shelves, storage and his dirty laundry.

“There was an old mattress when I got here,” Wescott said. “But I threw that out. Everything else came with me. This is just small enough to be cozy.

I was getting tired of the same unit furniture, the same ugly stuff that everyone has in the Claustraphobia in her spacious room. Cavanaugh endured for refurbish her room, the house’s largest, with the very items that adorned her Hill House room three years ago.

“This [new bedroom] could fit at least three or four Hill House rooms,” Cavanaugh said. “The basis of my decor is the same, with some new posters. I have the same comforter and same sheets. I enjoy this more because when I spend time in my room, I don’t feel so closed in and confined.”

“This used to be a bathroom and a master bedroom,” Cavanaugh continued. “Occasionally when I turn over in my sleep, I hit my head on the drain pipe.”

Whether your off-campus house or apartment comes furnished or unfurnished, don’t be surprised if a lengthy home-improvement session is needed before you have reached habitable conditions. But it’s all just a part of personalizing your territory.

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All about leases

By LISA KRUTZEL

Leases are often the primary concern of students searching for off-campus housing. For most students, the legal jargon of leases is at worst completely incomprehensible and at best full of subtle uncertainties.

The average house-hunting student wonders: What kind of protection am I receiving from the landlord? What happens if I don’t pay my rent on time? Who should I talk to if I’m having problems with my landlord? The questions are endless.

College sophomore Debbie Johnson, who presently lives in Kings Court, said her main concern was security deposits, adding that, “If I leave money, I want to know how much I’m entitled to and when I should get it back.”

College junior Celina Rudder is another student who will soon be exploring housing opportunities. Rudder, now a Harrison House resident, questioned what provisions should be made for safety and fire protection.

And Hayley Bryant, a College junior who currently lives in Harrison House, voiced doubts about the idiosyncrasies of leases, asking “Is one pay schedule more legal than another? Is there some norm?”

Now for some answers.

Weisenthal Properties Representative Sharon Stern said an average lease would contain provisions both regarding everyday maintenance and outlining specific rental fees and damage charges. “We mention in the lease our responsibility to pay for gas, heat, hot water, and repairs, for example,” she said.

Penn Law School graduate Gary Lozoff, who is now an attorney with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, warned that students who may not be aware of legal issues should be particularly careful. Lozoff added that lessors should also be wary of possible omissions from the lease.

The most important thing in dealing with landlord-tenant leases is to sign blindly a printed form that almost inexorably contains provisions that are anti-tenant.” Lozoff said. “The law usually favors tenants so landlords must try to offset the statutory scheme by creating a lease that appears [and may be] quite oppressive.

Lozoff said there are many areas that are unclear to “lease illiterate” students seeking off-campus housing. “First of all, it’s essential to find out who’s responsible for day to day maintenance on windows, toilets, refrigerators, leaky roofs, etc.,” Lozoff said. “It’s important that tenants maintain their own insurance, especially for slip-and-fall injuries — you need public liability insurance.”

“A student would usually win a case if someone slipped on a sidewalk outside the house and sued him, but just in case, insurance protection is always a good idea,” he added. “Landlords often have Draconian rules in their leases, but quite often the tenant will win if a judgement is brought against him.”

Lozoff said other key issues include the right to house pets, the right to sublet or assign an apartment, and the responsibilities of the landlord to pay back provision requiring that the interest be made available to the tenant.

“There is a classic tension between landlords and tenants when it comes to subletting an apartment,” Lozoff said. “The landlord does not know how credit-worthy your sublet is. They can be arbitrary in withholding their consent. Therefore, there must be some implied reasonableness in the lease.”

Lozoff emphasized that even if students assign their apartments to someone else, they will usually remain liable under the lease.

“Landlords don’t like to be alienated from their tenants,” he said. “They will hold you responsible for any damages incurred by the assignee. It inevitably could happen and does happen, even in the case of serious problems.”

Lozoff’s final cautions involve the form of the lease and the clarification of rental costs.

“Real estate boards sometimes draft uniform leases which are used by landlords, but many times, a landlord will draw up his own lease and there is no board that must approve it.” Lozoff said.

“‘But of course in practical reality, it’s hard to get a tenant evicted. Lastly, tenants should always be sure they understand that their rent is a gross amount and be sure that a separate meter is tied to [their] utilities.’

Legal Studies Professor William Tyson, who specializes in real estate law, said students should be aware of the agencies that offer free advice to tenants. “If something’s wrong in the apartment, the tenant shouldn’t withhold rent,” Tyson said. “Contact the city-operated Tenant Action Board. If there are serious problems, remedies may be sought at Landlord-Tenant Court.”

 Tyson added that students should carefully examine the house or apartment before signing the lease. “Be sure to inspect the apartment to check for defects beforehand and acknowledge any original damages in the lease,” he said. “Be especially careful if the house is not finished before move-in. [Students] should ask the landlord to include a provision in the lease reserving [their] right to check the apartment as soon as it is complete.”

“Tyson emphasized the need for clarity and certainty in the lease. ‘If either party wants to add something, both landlord and tenant should initialize it, [and it should be written in the handwriting of the landlord or his agent],’ he said.

Ultimately, responsibility and awareness of the lease’s security deposits are a student’s best protection against problematic leases.
Driving to DRL: transport traumas

By WILL MARTYN

When the alarm clock rings in the morning, getting up is not the only concern of off-campus residents — they also have to worry about getting out.

While dormitory residents face at worst a 10 to 15-minute walk, many off-campus students must slog through 20 or more minutes of slush, sleet or rain. But most say the loss in time is offset by the benefits of life in the wilds of West Philadelphia.

Confronted with a monumental trek to early morning classes, many of these students rely on their bicycles. Wharton Senior Chris Zueiüg, who lives on Osage Avenue near 46th Street, said he relies on his wheels to avoid the long walk.

"Since I live so far away, I usually take my bike to school," he said. "It's also safer to take a bike — if someone tries to chase after you, they need a car."

"Sure there's a price you pay by living so far off — then again, you get away from the campus scene," Zueiüg added.

While six of the eight students at College Senior Ruth Giellman's 43rd Street house have bicycles, she said she prefers walking. Living off-campus, however, has changed her lifestyle.

"If I go to campus for the day, I go for the greater part of the day," she said. "I don't go back and forth... if I go to visit friends, I do either on the way to or back from classes or work."

Even with these differences, though, Giellman said she does not feel isolated. Some off-campus residents say that bicycles are often more trouble than they're worth. College Senior Laura Dahl noted that "I have one that I use when it's not all slushy."

Dahl said that when the weather cooperates, she enjoys the walk from her 43rd Street home to campus.

"The time is a problem, but I like the exercise," she said. "I like the walk. It gives me a chance to collect my thoughts and wake up before classes."

Dahl also feels that she has not become isolated by off-campus life.

"My friends from back at school all live out here, so it's all the same people," she said.

One College senior who lives on the 3900 block of Spruce Street, who said she was too embarrassed to use her name in this story, uses her car to get back and forth from classes.

"I have one class in the University Museum and we all drive," she said. "There are four or five and we carpool."

"It's really convenient to have a car if you're going to go shopping and then go to class," she added. "But I don't drive all the time. The U. Museum when it snows — that's a given."

The mystery woman did admit that driving has its drawbacks.

"One time my physics professor's lecture went over and I got a ticket — ten dollars," she said. "I put enough money in the meter for an hour and a half, and he went over."

"But you have to have lots of quarters, because there's almost no place to park on campus," she added.

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Unveiling the landlord myths

By JOSHUA SOVEN

Many undergraduates who have survived the chaos of the Quad and the elevator ordeals of the High Rises are quickly enthralled by the prospect of a large room in an off-campus house. By junior year, it is a rare Penn student who hasn't at least considered leaving the too-familiar dorms.

However, before signing a lease it is important to realize that the landlord-student relationship will greatly effect peace-of-mind during the coming year.

Director of Off-Campus Living Maye Morrison said underneath the seeming benefits of off-campus life are a host of problems.

"The most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by the landlord," Penn Consumer Board assistant director Kris Muench said. "Students have good negotiating power."

"People are afraid to negotiate with the landlords. They don't want to offend them," he added. "Sometimes you have to do that if you want to get anything done."

Both Muench and Morrison stressed that important considerations when choosing a landlord are the types of services a landlord offers and how they handle repairs.

"A rough definition of a good landlord is someone who treats you like a human being and that they treat you fairly," he said. "That they do repairs and the apartment is in good condition... accessibility and reliability are really the key."

There is a fair degree of variance among local landlords. Below is a description of how the random number of major landlords rate.

• University City Housing

With holdings of over 900 individual units, 300 within a block or two from campus, University City Housing is both the largest and most controversial landlord in the area.

Michael Karp, who runs University City Housing out of his Sansom Street house, is the most common landlord among undergraduates. Karp uses his own lease and requires that three months' rent be paid before the tenant moves in.

The Penn Consumer Board survey this year gave Karp mostly negative reviews. "[There were] a large number of unfavorable comments including under no circumstances would I advise my worst enemy to rent from UCH," the survey reads.

"The consensus seems to be that UCH is apathetic and unresponsive to tenants needs," it continues. "However some tenants praised the quality of the apartments and one even commended UCH's speed of repairs."

PCB rates UCH 42nd out of the 44 landlords surveyed.

• Campus Apartments

Campus Apartments, the second largest landlord in the University area, owns 600 units including 75 houses between 40th and 45th streets. Like UCH, Campus Apartments rents predominantly to undergraduates.

"I would recommend Campus Apartments," said College senior Aliza Katz. "They have been relatively conscientious and cooperative.

"And he's not a pain on things like cats and
do have a one page rider which explains
the reasonable rents of his apartments." the report states. "Others praised Herman on the landlord apathy and disinterest," the survey said. "Some were and they sent someone around everyday to check the house."

"While we did not find the house in perfect condition they were obliging in whatever requests we had for repairs," she said. "I thought it was particularly nice that during winter vacation they were as concerned about burglary as we were and they sent someone around everyday to check the house."

Wharton senior Robin Kerner agreed with Katz that Campus Apartments provides very satisfactory service. "I think they have been excellent in coming to fix things when we called," Kerner said. "I've heard a lot of horror stories when I started thinking about living off-campus, but we haven't had any problems with Campus."

Campus Apartments received mixed reviews from the PCB survey, with most of the complaints focusing on repair problems. They were ranked 28th out of 44 landlords.

• University Enterprises

University Enterprises, owned by Steven Herman, also rents primarily to undergraduates. University Enterprises owns a large number of houses along 39th and 40th Streets between Chestnut Street and Baltimore Avenue. Herman uses a modified PCB lease, but says he is willing to make some modifications.

"There is not a set policy and we'll sit down and talk to anybody about the changes we would like to make," Herman said. "We don't have any hard and fast rules."

Wharton junior Brian Zeve agreed with Herman about his lease policy but said the landlord was often ineffective in making repairs. "I think as far as flexibility goes in terms of signing leases, Herman is probably the most flexible," he said.

Zeve added that Herman had been very slow in repairing one of the bathrooms in his house. "He said he would finish it sometime in June," he said. "He finished it at the end of September."

University Enterprises received more positive than negative comments in the PCB survey.

"There were some complaints about the landlord apathy and disinterest," the survey said. "Others praised Herman on the reasonable rents of his apartments."

• Klein Realty

Alan Klein is another large landlord, but unlike Campus Apartments and UCH, rents primarily to graduate students and faculty. Klein, who uses his own lease, owns more than 800 apartments in the areas between 45th and 50th streets.

"We use our own lease," Klein said. "It is a simple one page lease. We do have a one page rider which explains in ordinary English what the lease entails."

Klein has typically received high ratings from his tenants about his ability to service repairs.

"We have a substantial staff of people who deal with the management of the building," he said. "Everyone has someone who they can call... there is no beating around the bush."

The PCB survey states that Klein has received "many favorable comments" and that most tenants feel the apartments were worth the high rents. Klein was ranked 5th out of the 44 landlords surveyed.

• Next Chance Realty

Next Chance Realty, a medium sized landlord, a realtor popular among both University graduate and undergraduate students. Run by George Wisnioski, Next Chance Realty has approximately 100 residences, along 41st and Pine Streets, ranging from one bedroom to five bedroom apartments.

Engineering School junior Nancy Kerr gave the realtor a lukewarm recommendation. "It's because he's not as bad as he could be," she said. "He's very agreeable when you ask him to do something, but he doesn't always do it."

Kerr added that she feels, given the location of her house, that the rent was fair.

"We're on 41st and its a lot cheaper than living on 39th or 40th," she said. "And he's not a pain on things like cats and stuff."

PCB concurred with Kerr's moderate approval of Next Chance. "Many of the apartments are nice," the report states.

"However, many tenants feel George Wisnioski is extremely apathetic. As long as there are no problems, the tenants are fine, otherwise beware."

PCB ranked Next Chance Realty 41st out of 44 landlords surveyed.

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Housing guide for graduates

By DARA GOLDBERG

Graduate and professional students are a diverse group. They come in a variety of ages, income brackets and specializations. Some are single, while others have families. But they are, at least, unified in their preference for off-campus living. The past few years have witnessed an increase in the availability of West Philadelphia housing. And the quality of that housing has recently been upgraded. As a result, more graduate and professional students are opting to live off-campus than ever before. Today, there are approximately 5000 graduate and professional students living off campus.

Director of Off-Campus Living Maye Morrison said her office offers a wide variety of service to graduate students seeking off-campus housing. She added that the Office of Off-Campus Living is a valuable resource both for those students who did their undergraduate work at the University and for those who matriculated from other schools.

Among the services offered by the office are: residence listings, counseling, referrals and consumer education information seminars and orientations. In addition, the office serves as a liaison between students and off-campus organizations.

"Last year, approximately 3900 graduate students used our services, and I saw one-third of them personally," she said, adding that one extremely useful service offered by the center matches up graduate students and faculty members with compatible roommates. She also said she performs the initial screening for the process, and that all information is kept confidential.

She added that off-campus living is particularly attractive to graduate and professional students because their priorities have changed since their undergraduate years.

"A graduate student's lifestyle is very different from an undergraduate's," Morrison said. "They're looking for more independence and privacy, larger living spaces, a quiet atmosphere and less cost. Also, they have very little free time."

Morrison also said the graduate student population is extremely spread out, but that most live west of 44th Street because of financial reasons.

"Grad students have been pushed further west by the undergraduates, whose parents are still willing to pay the higher prices for real estate close to campus," she said. "Grad students are often under financial strain and can only afford the housing further west. It's as much as $50 to $100 cheaper a month. Plus, it's of better quality."

Morrison added that location is often the most important factor and usually dictates price, a common second priority. Quality of the living space is also a consideration.

She added that students who have dual classes or who use a campus library often opt to live in Spruce Hill, the area between 40th and 46th Streets running from Woodland Avenue to Market Street.

"This area is generally more expensive because of its proximity to campus, but there are many good quality houses and converted apartments," she said.

But first-year medical student Richard Greenberg said he chose his Spruce Hill apartment for economic reasons.

"I'm getting better value in this apartment than I was on campus," he said.

Greenberg, who lived in the high rises as an undergraduate, added that he enjoys the increased independence and privacy of his two-bedroom apartment.

"We were lucky to find a separate apartment rather than a larger building with more floors," Greenberg said. "Our neighbors aren't noticed by neighbors and we're free to make noise."

And Greenberg's roommate Jim Van Horn said their location offers additional advantages, such as easy access to grocery stores.

"Ideally, graduate students should settle their housing over the summer and remaining close to campus." Whelan added that in order to get the best accommodations and value, graduate students should get an early start. Morrison added that Center City is another popular option for those who can afford it.

"The city is attractive to students who are married or who desire a more cosmopolitan lifestyle," she said. "A lot of students choose to share townhouses."

Third-year History and Sociology of Science graduate student Eric Schatzberg recently moved to a Rittenhouse Square apartment after living in Spruce Hill for two years. Schatzberg said his priorities involved finding a high quality apartment in Center City that allowed pets.

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Schatzberg said there is a definite cost disadvantage to living downtown, but added that Philadelphia is relatively inexpensive compared to other cities.

"We can barely afford to live here, but it's a lot cheaper than if we were at Harvard or Columbia," he said. "I live in one of the best neighborhoods in the city on a graduate student's stipend."

"Can you imagine doing that in the Upper East Side or Beacon Hill?" he exclaimed. "If a student can do that in Philadelphia, that's a real plus."

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"We live across from the Acme, next to a grocery store and a laundromat and above Koch's Deli," said Van Horn, a first-year Dental student. "You can't beat the convenience, and it's cheaper than the high rises."

Van Horn added that he is especially pleased his apartment is privately owned, explaining that he "would recommend it to anyone looking for housing."

"Wheat Hill, Garden Court and Cedar Park are three popular, affordable neighborhoods west of Spruce Hill, stretching across the area from 45th to 52nd Streets. Fourth-year biomedical student Jim Whelan said he enjoys living in his two-bedroom apartment in the Garden Court area because it offers the advantages of a separate neighborhood while remaining close to campus.

"I like getting away from school and being a member of a community not connected with Penn, so I consider living further west to be a benefit," he said. "It is far out, but I have fairly easy access to campus. Plus, I'm getting more for my money."

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I thought I knew all of the questions to ask: How's the water pressure? Does the heater work? How many electrical outlets does the place have? Is the landlord any good?

What I didn't know was the key question, the answer upon which the fate of my entire year would rest. I could learn to live with a lousy shower nozzle. I could learn to bundle up in winter. I could learn to string the apartment full of extension cords. But the one question that neither Mom, nor Dad, nor any of my friends warned me to ask was the one with the most dire consequences: Do you allow golf-ball rolling in this building?

Perhaps an explanation is in order. After all, golf-ball rolling on a hardwood floor is not a problem you find very often in the headlines of The Daily Pennsylvaniaian. The victims of golf-ball rolling are not hung up with mass protests, sit-ins and the like. It's a silent sort of suffering, one where your condition deteriorates more and more each day, until one night you go totally out of your mind during a Letterman rerun.

I live in an apartment building, one with nice hardwood floors which the tenants are supposed to cover with rugs. The walls in the building are reasonably soundproof, but someone apparently forgot to soundproof the ceilings. A few times every day or night, I hear strange noises emanating from the apartment upstairs. When they persist, I can't help but sit back, stare at the ceiling and try to figure out what could be creating those sounds. Among the determinations I've made is that one certain grating sound is definitely the rolling of golf-balls on a wooden floor.

First let me say that I have nothing against my upstairs neighbor. I've never met her, but I hear that she is a very nice person. And the fact that I have nicknamed her "Leadfoot" should not be taken as a personal insult.

You can learn a lot about a person by living underneath them. I can't hear conversations or music through the ceiling, but the noises that I can hear, which have been processed through my vivid imagination and combined with just a touch of paranoia, have been woven into an intricate story line suitable for a Jackie Collins novel. As an act of neighborly goodwill, I'll spare Leadfoot from the more embarrassing incidents and stick with the relatively mundane scenarios, the ones where 'torture' is the operative word.

Chapter one: Woman Harassed by Sound.

"She's home! Everyone take your places." Leadfoot orders from her post at the top of the stairs. Her three friends slip on their steel-reinforced Timberland hiking boots, fill their pockets with golf-balls, set up a couple of vases and lamps in easy-to-upset places, and assume their positions for the upcoming torture ritual.

Chapter two: golf-ball Rolling.

They have got some way of determining what my reaction to their activities is. I know that because they won't stop rolling until I stop everything and just stare at the ceiling. In fact, the goal of golf-ball rolling is to be the contestant who elicits the longest neck-craning, ceiling-staring reaction from me.

The players line up at one end of the hardwood living room floor. Each player then rolls one golf-ball at a time across the floor, trying to create the most grating sound possible. The contest judge measures my reaction, and the next player tries to beat that reaction with his roll. The contest continues for a set number of rounds, or until I leave my apartment fuming mad.

Those players who are not currently "Rolling" are encouraged to show their enthusiasm by jumping up and down or by stomping on the floor in their massive boots. When "Rolling" is played in two person teams, the stomper usually supplements the work of the roller with zealous foot action.

Chapter three: The Vase Drop.

There are those occasions when I'm in a particularly good mood and I'm not letting the golf-balls get me down. After a couple of rounds of rolling, Leadfoot will call for a new game: "The Vase Drop." This is a wonderful party game since it allows everyone in the room to participate.

As mentioned in Chapter one, Leadfoot's comrades have set up vases, lamps, and other easy-to-upset makes nice sound as it crashes to the ground and rolls pretty good too items in various places around the room. Someone checks to make sure that I'm either on the telephone, doing some homework, engrossed in a television show, or engaged in some activity that requires concentration.

The players take turns knocking items onto the floor. Here, technique is essential, since the subsequent roll of an item is as important as its initial crash. Bystanders are again encouraged to show their approval by thunderous foot stomping.

It is important to note that, while items may be dropped, bumped or rolled, any permanent damage to the props, floors or players is discouraged. (Generally, a few unfriendly glares are sufficient to deter such foul behavior.)

This game lacks the competitive aspect of golf-ball Rolling. Instead, it forges strong bonds among the players and is said to be particularly successful as an ice-breaker for difficult social situations.

There was a time when I'd stay awake nights wondering what was going on up there and what those noises were. Since then, I've learned the rules of the Vase Drop and golf-ball Rolling. And now that I've seen their merits, I'm even contemplating a tournament of my own.

So, a word of warning to those seeking off-campus housing: ask about the water pressure. Ask about the heater. Ask about the electrical outlets.

But don't sign on the dotted line until you've asked about golf-balls.
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Life on a "Beige Block"

By CAROLE BURNS

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In the past few years something strange has happened to 41st Street. It's beige.

The houses are beige. The porches are light beige. The sidewalks are light beige. Any grass that once graced the short lawns in front of the beige houses has been gradually replaced by stones.

It's all part of Campus Apartments' efforts to renovate the property they own on the block. Campus Apartments General Manager Dan DeRitis said the realtor started the renovations about four years ago.

"It's just a matter of personal pride in the property that you own," DeRitis said, explaining the impetus behind the renovations.

Do students notice that they're living in a one-color neighborhood? Wharton senior Ken Stein does.

"It's all beige and tan and tan and beige," Stein said. "All my friends live on this block. And they all live in beige and tan and tan and beige houses.

If you look closer it's three shades of beige," he confided. "Beige, coffee, and brown."

"It's easy to tell people where I live," said Ben Maserang, a College senior. "The beige block." Beige is one of my favorite colors," he added.

Matt Hausmann, a Wharton senior and Maserang's apartment-mate, agreed beiged is a fine color for their house. "It coordinates well with my clothes," Hausmann said. "Earth tones go with anything."

"I really think they should paint the pavement the color of the houses, and use the curb as the brown accent," he added with enthusiasm.

There is, however, one distinct problem inherent in living on a completely beige street: "You can find the street," Maserang explained. "You just can't find the house."

But neighbor Rodney "Yard" Sherman isn't phased by the problem. "I wouldn't know," said Sherman, a College senior. "I come in the back."

Most students don't actually hate the beige color of their block, but they wouldn't mind a little more color in their worlds.

"I love the block," said College senior Wendy Delano. "It's close and it's safe. But I don't think it's aesthetically beautiful. I think it could use some use trees."

"I really think Campus Apartments could buy some other color paints," Delano added. "Why can't we have a white house next door to a brown house?"

"I wouldn't mind it being a bit more colorful, but it's okay," Nguyen said. "I wouldn't mind seeing red. Like red shutters or window frames."

But Nguyen and his housemates found a way to beat the beige blues.

"One of the conditions under which we got the house is that we can't paint the insignia color other than white," he explained. "That's kind of antisemitic. Our answer to that was that we painted our insignia red."

Of course, being the beige block isn't the 41st Street neighborhood's only claim to fame. With mostly students living on the block, and many of them last-chance-to-have-fun-seniors, the block is great for socializing.

"The beige block," a fellow resident

Hausmann said. "You're just beginning your search for next year's residence. And as you decide on your new "Home Sweet Home," it's not only important that your landlord be reasonable, the bathrooms functional and the bedrooms uninhabited by unwelcome freshmen-football players. You've decided that you want a challenge and some independence in your life.

You've decided to live off-campus.

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leads a tour of off-campus’s long and winding roads

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devoted Sansom Street resident.

"I love the location," Steinman raved. "It's the off-campus area closest to campus as well as to my classes as living in the Upper Quad. Everything is more convenient -- we're closer to food, closer to the grocery shop and closer to the State Store."

Steinman claimed that Sansom Street rent is cheaper, but added that the main attraction is really the residents.

"My friends are here," he said referring to a fair number of the block's residents.

And now we leave Sansom, turning left on 40th and heading towards 41st and Locust. We cross Walnut, pass McDonald's and Burger King, pause at Smokes' for a beer, avoid the Stallone movies at the Eric and turn right onto Locust. After passing the ever-important Cash Stream machine, we find more three-story row houses. These are relatively nice -- less than 20 percent of the paint is peeling. Some boast porches, while others feature front yards enclosed by iron fencing and dotted with bushes. Their proximity to Hillary's and Urban Outfitters makes them all the more attractive to almost every Penn student.

At 41st and Locust, we see the dozen or so 'clone houses' that line one side of 41st -- the townhouses that are sleekly and identically painted beige with dark brown trim and have shiny brass doorknobs and mailslots. But, according to College senior and beige-block resident Gil Herzberg, one shouldn't judge a house by its paint-job.

"A lot of people will say, 'Oh, you live in one of those nice houses on 41st,' " he explains. "Well, it's not the same."

But Herzberg said he likes his house, nevertheless, particularly because of its proximity to campus. Housemate Martha Steinman echoed Herzberg's sentiments.

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And one of the best things, Herzberg added, is that after spending two years in the High Rises, "I don't have to deal with elevators."

A glance at the Connecticut, New Jersey and New York license plates on the cars lining the street reveals that this is a predominantly student neighborhood. Testifying to the intellectual caliber of these students are the New York Times and USA Today newspapers at the corner.

Walking east along 41st Street, we pass the quaint Irving Street block, turning left onto the 4000-block of Spruce Street -- our third habitat of the Off-Campus Studentus Residentus. The left side features several standard rowhouses, while across the street are large brick Victorian houses divided into duplexes or sets of apartments. These are generally well-kept, particularly because of its proximity to campus. Housemate Martha Steinman echoed Herzberg's sentiments.

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While the street features ample free parking, according to resident Betsey Neidel: "It's not one of the more attractive areas. It has a pretty rundown row of houses.

"I had thought I was living in a slum," she added. "The location is not quite as convenient as other areas, but it is good if you are a nursing, biology or Vet student. As for Neidel, a Wharton junior, she spends more time in transportation and does "more biking.""

We end our off-campus odyssey on the 3900 block of Spruce. "But I don't want to live in a fraternity," you exclaim. "I don't want to eat goldfish. I don't want to live with the smell of week-old beer permeating everything I own." Take it easy, there are several houses on this quasi-off-campus block where other students live as well.

Ira Carnahan, a most satisfied block resident, praised his neighborhood for its location.

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Furnishing your off-campus home

By MARGARET CRONAN

No more University-supplied beds, dressers or mirrors. You have chosen the palace on the corner of 41st and Locust for your future home and now it's time to consider furnishings.

Although it may seem a bit of a hassle, gathering furniture can actually be fun and even challenging. Simply follow these simple steps:

• Step one: ask relatives.

Perhaps the most popular (and least expensive) source of collecting furniture is relatives. Most parents seem to have a couch or two tucked away in the attic. When you tell them how much money you are saving by moving out of the High Risers, they are usually willing to give these up. And never forget those aunts and uncles: they always seem to have extra furniture around the house, maybe even a washer and dryer if you're lucky. Almost any distant relative will do — College junior Craig Haskell found his furniture in "someone's friend's mother's basement."

• Step two: ask seniors.

Seniors are wonderful assets for future off-campus students. Seniors graduate. Seniors need money. Seniors sell furniture. Many seniors live off campus and therefore, when it's time to move on to that first big job, they like to get rid of any unnecessary belongings, such as sofas, desks, and dressers. If you have any senior friends, call them quickly, before someone else does. It is also usually a good idea to contact the tenants who are presently living in your future house or apartment. Most are eager to sell any furniture, especially old desks and rugs.

• Step three: buy and rent.

After you have exhausted steps one and two, start shopping around. There are several popular shops in the University area that cater to off-campus students and decorators. Students who are willing to travel 20 miles to the Plymouth Meeting Mall can select from IKEA, the newest craze in furniture.

IKEA, which originated in Sweden, opened last June and rapidly became the talk of Philadelphia and its environs. IKEA specializes in elegant yet simple furniture and accessories, including bath towels and kitchen supplies.

IKEA Director of Public Relations Phran Novelli explained that one of the store's hottest items was wall units, saying that "Storage units are very popular among college students."

Novelli cited one such example as Iivar, an unfinished pine add-on system that makes an excellent wall unit for storing books, albums and even stereo. She added that other big sellers were Penna, a system composed of corrugated build-on drawers, and the four-shelf Billy bookcase that sells for less than $20.

Novelli said living room furniture was another popular item among students, adding that the affordably-priced Iliba is one of the best bargains in the store.

"Iliba is a three-piece living room set including a sofa, loveseat, and armchair," she said. "The frame is made of pine and the cushions come in a choice of colors."

IKEA's desk units and architect lamps sell quickly to students from many area universities, including Penn, Villanova and the University of Delaware.

Closer to home is the Furniture Surplus Warehouse, Inc., where many students purchase beds and other furniture at greatly reduced prices.

The Furniture Surplus Warehouse offers good value, but students find that the early shoppers get the best bargains. According to college senior David Liebergall, "It's best to buy your furniture at the beginning of the summer because prices in area stores tend to increase in September."

For an added fee, The Furniture Surplus Warehouse will deliver your selections to your house.

Urban Outfitters and The Shop are favorites among Penn students for those final touches. Both stores stock a wide variety of fast-selling accessories.

"Plastic items, such as garbage cans and soap dishes, go quickly as do mugs, wine glasses, and other kitchen supplies," said Urban Outfitters manager Fenton Deboneranve. "Posters are also overwhelmingly popular."

"Our new Post-Industrial Shop has done very well," she added. "It features clocks, phones, and shower radios."

Nestled in the heart of North Campus, the 3606 Shop sells a wide array of housewares, including directors' chairs, poster art and wall organizers. According to general manager Jack Hajnian, lamps and accessories are the shop's biggest sellers.

"Lighting is our biggest thing," he said. "We have desk, floor and swing arms in the latest contemporary looks."

Students who want to avoid the trauma of selling their furniture when they graduate have found that renting is the ideal solution. This method is particularly popular for luxury items such as television sets and VCR's.

"I highly suggest renting a color TV," said College junior Wayne Geltman. "If there's a problem, they'll fix it for free."

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Better safe than sorry

By ROSS KERBER

Moving off-campus is often students' first big step into the real world. But in getting out of the dorms and away from RAs and ID checks, students shouldn't celebrate their new independence without first considering the security of their new housing.

Public Safety Director John Logan warned that students living on their own should take definitive safety precautions.

"To put it in polite terms, the University is not exactly in a low-crime area," Logan said. "While it implies an amount of independence, living off-campus means that students must become more aware of their safety."

An 18th precinct detective who also lives in the area said that local crime has been declining, but added that the decrease was "only in the general sense. We're still seeing plenty of the usual stuff, [such as] purse snatchings and muggings."

"Students' residences are traditionally vulnerable between semesters, when they're not there," he added. "I can't get the exact figures, but I know that the number of break-ins of Penn student's residences over break were particularly high this past December."

According to Director of Off-Campus Living Maye Morrison, approximately 7000 students choose to live outside of University residences every year, most of them in the area between 40th and 44th Streets.

"Many of these students are living outside of supervised residences for the first time, and one of the things we're trying to do is advise them on what they need to know to insure their safety," Morrison said.

The office offers a number of pamphlets and information sheets designed to ease the transition: the topics range from roommate selection to securing the best locks for doors and windows.

Morrison offers a number of suggestions for safer living:

• When looking at an apartment, check to see that it is equipped with flood lights, smoke and fire alarms. Other important security measures include barred windows and deadbolt locks. According to Morrison, "These are just basic security items — they don't cost too much and you can always sell them to the next tenants — but we're always hearing about robberies and break-ins that could have been avoided with these simple precautions."

• Always lock your door as you leave. Morrison stressed the importance of this, adding that doors should be secured "even if it's only to walk the dog around the block or to go to the store. We all are tempted to do these things, but that makes for an easy target."

• When walking, stay in well-lit areas, avoiding short-cuts through deserted places such as parks and alleys. Public Safety offers whistles, which are good safety measures. Carry only necessary credit cards and cash. Walk with somebody else whenever possible.

• If you must walk alone, take advantage of the University's Escort Service and the Penn Bus whenever walking at night or through an unsafe area. Either can be reached at 808-RIDE.

• Realize that most thieves are interested only in those targets that will give them the least difficulty. Therefore, even the most basic precautions may spare much trauma in the long-run. Don't be intimidated, but don't believe that acting tough is a deterrent.

• Get involved with neighborhood and block associations. "There are 125 block associations in student areas and six neighborhood associations," Morrison said. "Students often feel detached from their neighbors, but there's really no reason why this should be so. At the minimum, there are certain safety reasons, [for instance] they'll have an idea when something is wrong, and they'll call the authorities for you. Everybody will have a nosy Mrs. Jones next door: it's easy to feel that she's concerned with things that are not her business, but she could be very valuable if something happens."

• If you must wear large amounts of jewelry, don't leave them exposed.

• Check that the locks on doors are solid and cannot be opened with a credit card. Have the lock replaced quickly if a key is lost. Locate locks where they cannot be reached through a mailslot or broken window.

The University's Safer Living Guide, which can be obtained from the office of Off-Campus Living, offers a number of other suggestions, including:

• If you return to your residence, even after a brief absence, and you think it has been illegally entered, do not go in. Instead, call Public Safety or the Philadelphia police at 911.

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Off-campus parties heartier

By RON MILLER

Off-campus residents do it on 42nd Street. And at 39th Street and Baltimore Avenue. And even at 55th Street and Osage Avenue. Whatever the location may be, parties and bars are an age-old hallmark of off-campus living. Most University students enjoy the diverse nature of off-campus gatherings. "They are definitely more interesting than on-campus parties," said College junior Brian Esler. "The people who venture off-campus are more adventurous and tend to have wilder parties."

Esler, a 41st Street resident, said he especially enjoys the offbeat bands that sometimes play these parties. "You get less well-known bands," he said. "We had the Ambush Bugs — they were pretty wild."

Esler noted that there is an unwritten rule requiring all off-campus residents to throw parties, specifying that "there is a well-known obligation by everyone who lives in an off-campus house to throw a party."

Esler said another reason for the popularity of both off-campus parties and off-campus bars, such as the Tavern, is their less crowded, more informal settings. "(Off-campus residents) try to avoid crowds like those at fraternities and Smoke's," he said. "They'd rather go to Tuesday night at the Tavern. It's two-for-one night, and it's a killer."

College sophomore Brian Katz agreed with Esler that off-campus parties are preferable because of their more intimate atmosphere. "Off-campus parties are generally smaller and generally less packed," said Katz. "They're much classier and draw a closer group of friends. Fraternities draw a much wider and more diverse crowd."

Katz, who is planning a move to 39th and Spruce Streets next year, added that off-campus residents are generally more protective of their property. "There isn't beer all over the floor because the people care about their houses," he said.

Wharton junior Kathy Kimpel said that it's not necessarily the location of the party but the partiers themselves that determine a success. "I like parties better when there are people that I know," said Kimpel who presently lives in Harrison House. "Unless there are good people at the party it doesn't matter whether it is on or off-campus."

College senior Cristina Elio said she prefers parties that attract a smaller crowd. "There are a wide variety of off-campus parties," said Elio, who lives in Hamilton Court. "Some are small, where people have to be invited personally and others are open and tend to have everybody and their brother. I prefer the type where you know most of the people there."

Elio, who has lived off-campus for two years, said she has been going to the Tavern since early in her freshman year. "The Tavern has gotten a lot more popular in the last year," she said. "There's a definite Tavern crowd. It is more laid back, relaxed and mellow. You aren't there to make an appearance, like at LaTerrasse or The Palladium."

College junior Andrew Vick said off-campus parties generally draw a less superficial crowd. "Off-campus parties seem to be more mature in nature than fraternity parties — a change from the rah-rah fraternity atmosphere."

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Balloons and plastic cups are standard party decor atmosphere," said Vick, a Spruce Street resident. "They draw a much better group of people."

Vick added that the Tavern, long a favorite spot of off-campus dwellers, has recently gained in popularity.

"It has become an in place to hang out," he said. "You can really enjoy the atmosphere and the people, and you don't have to yell to talk to the person next to you."

Wharton junior Sandy Goldberg said he enjoys both off-campus parties and bars.

"It is really awesome to party with 100 of your best friends in your own house — you can go wild," Goldberg, who regularly resides at 41st and Irving Streets, wrote in a letter from London.

"I also frequent the Tavern," he added. "There's nothing like the Tavern during the middle of the week as an excuse to blow off class."

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Opt for an apartment

By LESLIE KERR

Most students view a move off-campus as a chance to leave dorm life behind. But for those students who are reluctant to pull themselves away from the casual, friendly atmosphere of the Quad and Kings Court, apartment living may be the optimal solution.

The most popular apartment building among undergraduates is Hamilton Court, located at Chestnut and 39th Streets. College senior Karen Goldberg, who has lived at Hamilton Court for almost two years, said that the building offers a multitude of advantages. "As far as I'm concerned, I have the ultimate situation."

Goldberg added that, as an independent person who values her privacy, she finds Hamilton Court ideal. "My advantage is that I have my own apartment and my own privacy," she said, adding that "my friends all live in Hamilton Court."

Goldberg said that, although she feels fairly safe, the building's buzzer system doesn't provide any real degree of protection. "Anyone can get in the building... but I'm safe," she said. "My best friend lives across the hall."

Although Goldberg said she much prefers her apartment to on-campus living, she noted that the condition of the building is poor and that repairs are infrequent. "It's repugnant," Goldberg said. "Lights in the hallway are basically light bulbs hanging from wires."

"It's impossible to get service in the building," she added. "There's always something wrong in this building whether it's their heater, or there's no hot water or there's no water pressure."

Rent at Hamilton Court is relatively high compared to other off-campus locations. Total rent includes rent and utility payments, and the 12 payments are accelerated over a period of ten months. There are several different types of rooms including two sizes of singles. Goldberg, who has a smaller single, pays $455 a month, not accelerated.

Parking is a problem at Hamilton Court, although many students park their cars in the Sheraton garage. There is one bonus, however, for those residents who intensely dislike washing machines: Curley's Laundry is very close.

Wharton senior Amil Aswani, who lived at Hamilton Court last year, said the rent was overpriced. However, Aswani added that many people feel the conveniences are worth the money. Aswani said he had concerns over the poor condition of the building.

Aswani now lives at the Sylvia Arms apartment building, located at 4036 Walnut Street. Aswani said that, unlike Hamilton Court, the Sylvia Arms is in "very good condition."

He added that he has no complaints about the rent of his new location, saying that the charge for his three-bedroom apartment is reasonable but that the singles are more expensive. "I like it because it has been newly renovated, is convenient, has parking, and is spacious," Aswani said, adding that he is very happy living off-campus.

Aswani said he particularly enjoys the location of Sylvia Arms. "It's pretty convenient - no more then ten minutes to class."

Aswani added that another advantage of the building is its proximity to Lee's Hoagie House.

Another building near campus is Pine Manor, located at 305 to 307 South 40th Street. Suzanne Englehardt, a 1985 graduate of the University, said the apartments are all similar. They all have a living room, a dressing area, bathroom, kitchen, nice windows and hardwood floors," she said.

Englehardt said she had experienced some problems with the landlord, who was "uncordial, hard to deal with."

On living in Pine Manor, Englehardt said that "for the convenience it was worth it - for the condition it was not."
Cat tales and pet peeves

By ROBERT MAHLOWITZ

I just spent a half-hour cleaning cat vomit off my rug.
And it's not even my cat.
Nine of us moved off-campus last spring. We loved our house and spent countless hours trying to make our new home a cozy and enjoyable place. Then Debbie decided that a cat would be a good idea.
Theo arrived as an itty-bitty kitty. "Ohh, he's so cute. His nose is so little. Oh, his paws are so tiny."

Like the baby in the Talking Heads' "Stay Up Late," Theo was so much fun to have around. "Cute. cute. Little baby. Little pee pec. Little toes. Now he's. Comin' to me. Crawl across. The kitchen floor."

Sure. Theo looked like a sweetheart sitting in Debbie's coat pocket. But soon our kitty turned into a lean, mean cat.
I liked the cat — next to Debbie, I was Theo's best friend. But even I'll admit wishing a few ill thoughts upon our furry housemate — cat vomit's pretty gross.
Whenever Debbie left the house, the rest of us ganged up and tried to devise the demise of Theo. Sharon had a rather clever and tasty idea one evening. "Let's bake him."
Aliza claimed she needed a new pair of grey earmuffs. And Ron said his cat-gut tennis racket needed re-stringing.
But Sharon's idea was probably the best since most of Theo's antics take place in the kitchen. Before Debbie got the cat, she assured us that he wouldn't be a problem in the kitchen. "Cat's don't like people food," she said. But no one bothered to tell Theo that.
Theo is only too happy to chow down on a clump of peanut butter, a chocolate chip cookie, or some jello. And he is quite fond of soup — my soup.
One afternoon I had just finished pouring myself a bowl of hot soup and was returning the pot to the stove. I turned what he does in there is still a mystery since no one has actually seen him in his porcelain

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finished pouring myself a bowl of hot soup and was returning the pot to the stove. I turned back to the table and saw Theo leap into my bowl of steaming liquid. Cats look really stupid with noodles dribbling from their faces.
Besides soup-diving, Theo's other main kitchen pastime is dragging defrosting dinners across the floor. One morning Debbie took a piece of chicken out of the freezer and put it on the counter. That afternoon, Sharon found the chicken on the floor and out of its wrapper. She put it back on the counter. Later that night, I found the chicken under a mound of soapsuds in the bottom of the sink. I washed it off and put it back on the counter again.
Debbie came in late, cooked the chicken and, not knowing of its many voyages, fed it to a dinner guest.
I wasn't as kind when Theo unwrapped my steak, gnawed an end of it, and dragged it across the floor. . . .
But Theo's reign of terror is not restricted to the kitchen — he just loves the bathroom. We do find his paw prints though — all over the toilet seat. It's pretty disgusting to have to sit on muddy paw marks. What does he do in the toilet anyway? He's got his own water dish — granted it doesn't have Tidybowl.
And now that Theo is a big boy cat, he is interested in something else. Yes, Theo has entered his adolescent stage. Unfortunately, he has never been allowed outside and doesn't know that female cats exist. But he doesn't care — he makes do with sweaters. In particular, Theo has singled out a fuzzy green sweater owned by his arch nemesis. Aliza makes no effort to cover her absolute detestation for the cat. I believe that is why Theo chose to court her sweater. Lately, Aliza can be found running about our house screaming, "Has anyone seen my green sweater? Has anyone seen my ragg-wool sock? Where is that cat? God.
Off-campus enjoyment

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"This place used to be nicknamed 'The Slums,'" Crilley said. "It no longer deserves that title. We painted the living room, we painted the hallway. We put plastic up on the windows. We got a 'JoePa' (a cardboard life-size cutout of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, a popular dorm room item in State College). When you have a dump for a house, you need to do special things, like getting a JoePa and a real Christmas tree."

"I really can't think of any drawbacks to living off-campus," Crilley added. "The former tenants were pigs. People have to look past the dirt and grime in finding a place."

And look past the difficulties of doing laundry. Unlike campus housing, many individual apartments and houses are without laundering facilities. While many off-campus residents have become accustomed to sending their laundry out or visiting their friends in the high rises to do their wash, this should not be a significant deliberating factor in making the off-campus move.

"I now own enough underwear not to do laundry for four weeks," Wescott said. "(Living off campus) is much cheaper — you save massive bucks living away from University housing. You have independence, camaraderie. And there are no 3 a.m. fire drills."

"I'd feel suffocated on campus now," said Fradkin, a two-year off-campus resident. "I wouldn't want to go back to the dorm — I'm much freer here. In a dorm, you feel like you're being taken care of. That's a horrible thought. I can't even imagine it. Once you've had your own place, it'd be tough to have a cubbyhole in the high rises again."

If you're looking for more independence, privacy, flexibility, personal experience, kitchen concoctions, social interaction and responsibility, move off campus. It's just a matter of choice.

I've spent two years off-campus now — happily. And while we never did cultivate a new garden of mushrooms in our bathroom, we've found some friends — waterbugs. But then again, we always wanted to have pets..."
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