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Racism

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The Ivy League athletic offices admitted that the Officiating Administrators and the athletic departments have different standards on what constitutes a "team." Whether or not the standard is met is determined by the administrative staff at each institution. This leads to inconsistencies in how teams are handled and managed. The recent controversy over the handling of the Harvard men's basketball team highlights the need for a uniform standard to ensure fair treatment of all teams.

Quotable of the Day

"We think that President Bush's economic policies are detrimental to the welfare of American workers. His policies have led to increasing inequality and decreased opportunities for the middle class."

-- Finance Professor Edward Herman

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Faculty, students diverge on propriety of grade distribution

The Daily Pennsylvania

Tuesday, February 9th

By: DAVID BORGNESS

Admissions, faculty and students were divided yesterday over the propriety of a master Wharton School memorandum regarding a grading scale of 79 percent A's and B's.

Economics Professor Robert Summers said that the memorandum is "a very reasonable statement for us to make." Summers said:

"I want to give them the grades that they really deserve."

Summers referred to a memo which Wharton Vice Dean Marion Oliver sent to Marketing Chairman Leonard Leshin in November which read that the professor "gives a grading scale of distribution by years and 80 percent A's, 4 percent B's, 7 percent C's, 2 percent D's and 1 percent F's."

Wharton does not give out grades with pluses or minuses.

Oliver said that he gave a lecture last week regarding the issue and that he said it was his opinion that grades should reflect the upper end of the grading scale.

"It's full of exciting articles and photos about choosing and furnishing an apartment or house. Topical advertising, too. Don't miss it!"
Cash card switch convenient for all

By BOB H RISTEN

A new plan that is expected to help quite a few people is the switch to a cash card in the area. This switch is expected to be convenient for all.

Money Talks

An entrepreneur must know that if you are going to be successful, you must be prepared to invest money. This is a common mistake that many people make, and it can lead to failure.

Career Planning and Placement is very busy this time of year trying to find jobs with high pay for students.

"Entrepreneur" spells bullet to one freshman

College founder Ellis McCallister entered the University in 1943.

McCallister is an among several members of the class of '43 who can own their own business in high school.

Unlike the average high school student who spends Monday morning meetings shopping for a shirt, Friday afternoons as a golf club, or a couple of hours at the job in leisure time, said that he would rather be in the classroom.

"It's definitely an advantage to be in Wharton," College of Business student John Smith said last week. "We get a lot of experience in the business world."
VOICE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY AND SECURITY AT PENN

Tuesday, February 9
Annenberg School Auditorium
5:630 p.m.

An open forum, sponsored by the consultants on campus, this week to examine issues that impact on the Department of Public Safety, will be held tonight.

The public session has been scheduled to provide everyone with an opportunity to address the panel on matters concerning safety and security at Penn.

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Princeton students treated for intoxication

B. BRENT MITCHELL

Pennsylvania University students were treated for alcohol poisoning this weekend following a series of parties at the university’s off-campus housing.

Seven of the students were treated in the University Hospital, and 39 were sent to the Methodist Hospital in campus. One of the students reported that he had been in the hospital, but refused comments by Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred during the night of Thursday, the night the students were treated, and continued into the early morning.

The students who were treated were taken to the infirmary last night’s Sagra.

Princeton Communications Director Justin Hansen said last night’s event was considered a "minor" event. The students who were treated were taken to the infirmary last night’s Sagra.

Princeton Peaceful Committee yesterday reported that the event was a minor incident.

The committee was informed of the incident by the students who were treated.

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Students protest Morris's tenure denial

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"Pensions are just a name on a page," Glaser said. "The dream of a way to endow each student's feelings and we hope to have more of an effect on the administration." Associate Criminology Professor Robert Figlio was denied tenure last semester, and students are currently soliciting signatures and writing letters to overturn the decision. Like Morris, Figlio was highly regarded among students, research, and his teaching ability.

College freshman Diane Smason, who has taken a class with Morris, said in addition to sending letters and e-mail, her friends will write letters to Provost Joseph Bordogna, President Sheldon Hackney and Acting SAS Dean Walls.

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Meet Your Government

Angela.

Just answer a couple of questions before you turn in to bed. First, do you know where "the gables" are? Second, do you know what kind of government is in South Africa? Third, do you even know what continent Africa is on? And if you don't know the answers to any of these, I'd feel obliged to give you a pop quiz on the continent of Africa, and it is grossly non-missable.

It is obviously for everyone to know what continent Africa is on, what kind of government is in South Africa, and what countries are in Africa. Angela, Inigo, and Auntie have long been afraid that you do not know these things. And just so you know, on June 14, 1946, the Zuidel鹹u calculated that the US could have an easy and relatively short war with Benin, which is actually not the case. If there is a war, it will be a difficult and long one. The consequences of this war will be serious. The war will cost tens of billions of dollars, and it will not be worth it. The United States supports the war, regulations are impossible, and we lose the credibility necessary to bring about peace and freedom. Most importantly we lose the respect of the African continent. The world for preaching peace and democracy. For the South African liberation movement, the solution is for everyone to learn more about Africa. Don't forget Angola.

Robert Ponner is a Campus journalist and executive editor of The Daily Pennsylvanian.

Student Letter Concerning Kirkpatrick Lecture

The following is a letter addressed to Wharton Dean Branch Palmer signed by 18 Pennsylvania students.

We are disinterested in the claims Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick has been scheduled to give during the Spring Semester at the Wharton School on March 25th. We have been told that it has not been decided yet in recent years that the administration has received any further information on the heats of letters that have been written. Dr. Kirkpatrick's right to speak at the Wharton School has been made without full consideration of the, Department of Defense and the Kirkpatrick Lecture Committee. Because Jeane Kirkpatrick is a policy and opinion editor of the New York Times, it is only fitting that she should be invited to the Wharton School.

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In the past, the University has used race in bold alleles for obvious reasons. For example, in 1964, in order to divert the main undergraduates into football, we changed the color of the music played; the men's uname slowed moved away from undergraduates. As like party rats, there is a certain degree to picking up groups from the party that are serious during the freshman year. Party rats, like the rest of the student body, want to win the contest. And it is I'm sure we do.

Unfortunately, our present-day administration finds it necessary to express tradition rather than adhering to what we thought was a tradition. And what would this mean to the Athletic Department's order? The"No! Fck You!"

To the student body, who were probably dismissed as mere rats, I can give you no answer.

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Reagan asks firms to help fight drugs
WASHINGTON - President Reagan asked businesses yesterday to join the federal government in its efforts to fight drugs, saying the United States must "come together as a total anti-drug team." Reagan was speaking at a meeting of corporate executives at the University of Pennsylvania at the invitation of university officials and the Rand Corp., which is studying the effect of drug policies on the labor market.

Reagan, in a speech to an anti-drug seminar at Duke University, said that businesses should join the federal government in fighting the Olympic Games in Seoul, administration officials said. Reagan said that businesses should find a way to stop the spread of the drug problem into businesses and industries.

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Philadelphia cocaine bust nets 80 pounds
Could be largest cocaine bust ever in Pennsylvania

A weekend raid led to the arrest of two Colombians and the seizure of 80 pounds of cocaine, possibly the largest cache ever uncovered in the state, authorities announced yesterday.

Officers, who began acting on an informant’s tip Thursday in University City, said that of the 80 pounds seized Friday, 25 pounds were found under the bedroom floorboards of the apartment on 59th Street, 35 pounds were seized at 2122 S. 29th St. and 20 pounds were found at 1136 S. 32nd St.

Police and DEA agents raided the apartment in the city’s southwest section for several days, Billbrough said.

Miguel Daniel Restrepo, 29, who had rented the apartment, and Luis Arias, 30, were arrested without a struggle and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, police said.

A 22-caliber pistol also was confiscated, but officers found no large quantities of money in the apartment, according to Billbrough and Tucker.

The words “Contact A” and numbers of a certain, the Colombian consulate, were found on one of the walls, said Billbrough, who noted the apartment was rented, under the name of reputed mobster Salvatore Testa.

The branch chief of reputed mobster Salvatore Testa, strolled into the guarded courtroom yesterday afternoon.

Attorneys spent much of the morning discussing the defense attorneys argued yesterday that an improper delay.

Assistant District Attorney Barbara Christie said in arguing for a motion to dismiss the charge.

The 59-year-old Scarfo already faces 14 years in prison for soliciting a bribe.

Prosecutors contend that a group of mob operators, acting on orders from Scarfo, killed Testa.

COMPANY—A Common Pleas Court judge considering motions as the murder trial of Nicholas “Little Nicky” Scarfo, the reputed head of the mob in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey, ended under way yesterday.

Scarfo, sentenced to the tongue-twisting name of Judge Albert Cohn, sealing, sealed himself and attorneys from the courtroom yesterday.

He is one of eight defendants in the September 1984 murder of reputed mobster Salvatore Testa.

Attorneys spent much of the morning discussing motions filed earlier.

The prosecution will be argued in court probably Thursday, and jury selection could take more than two weeks, according to Steve Landman, attorney for co-defendant Joseph Pugliese.

Defense attorneys argued yesterday that an improper delay could not be justified from the Philadelphia area because of peculiar public interest.

Before I ever had any eyes open the morning I was six years old,” according to Peter A. Saperstein, 29, attorney for co-defendant Charles “Charlie White” Saperstein, who is charged with first degree murder.

Assistant District Attorney Barbara Christie said any case of such high interest to the press and the public could create difficulties and that any delay would not charge that.

In denying the request, Sabo said the motion was premature and he would be willing to reconsider his ruling if a fair trial could be held.

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Soviet News Agency Pravda

No Bullets Please

This sign in front of a South Korean bar seems perfectly reasonable, unless this establishment is anything like some of those in University City.

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Report says Waldheim knew of Nazi atrocities, but war crimes cannot be shown

VIENNA—A President Kurt Waldheim knew of Nazi atrocities during his German military service, but the court was not to try him on those charges, there is no proof he committed war crimes, a report of investigators published yesterday.

The Austrian Press Agency reported a copy of the report yesterday. It said as using the panel would not find a case in which the former U.N. secretary general approved "an order to do something that was unfurthently recognized as secret.

On the contrary (Waldheim) repeatedly went along with unlawful acts and thereby made it easier for them to be carried out," it said.

Although it did not attribute crimes to Waldheim as an imputation before, APA quoted it as saying that the general officer could take part from knowing about the violations of human rights in the place where a person was stationed, if the person concerned — out of lack of strength or courage — violated his human duty to take steps against injustices,

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**Black Greeks debate frats' role on campus**

By SUE MALONEY

About 50 black fraternity and sorority members, unequally divided the merits of Greek organizations at a Black Student League forum Sunday night in Dukels College House.

The program, titled "Union Diversity: Black Greek and Social Fellowship Futures," featured students from Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi, the main black fraternities and sororities, as well as members of the Phi Omega fraternity, the Chi Omega sorority and unaffiliated students.

The panel discussed the level of racism between Greeks and non-Greeks, and the tension spilled over into the forum itself. The audience participated vocally, some detesting and others criticizing the racism and racism itself.

Wharton senior Valerie Brown asked the panelists a critical question regarding Greek participation on students' involvement in University social activities. BLS President Tracy Miller was concerned about the level of Greek support for the BLS. "We are more than afraid, and at times uneasiness, that we are alone on this issue," Miller said.

Several audience members suggested that the lack of black organizations serves the purpose of steering students away from the starting committee of an on-campus organization, such as the BLS. Miller pointed out the idea "of..."...

It bothers me to think that the one way that black Greeks will participate in mainstream society is by putting them on the board," she said.

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Temple became the first team to hold the top spot in the nation this season when the Owls earned their first number one ranking in the Associated Press college basketball polls system.

The Owls, who haven't played in the Associated Press Preseason Poll since 1994, moved up from 15th in the nation to the number one spot for the week that saw 13 teams in the Top Twenty lose at least once. Temple joins Arizona, which had held the top-ranked position for six weeks, including the last four in a row, as the only number one teams for the week 102 points better than last week's ranking.

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**Sports**

**W. Hoops hosts Tigers in key Ivy League duel**

By IRA OPEK

Now that the Penn women's basketball team is 3-0 and has won back-to-back games, the stakes are very high for Saturday's game against Yale.

Penn (3-0), ranked sixth in the nation, will take on the second-ranked Yale Bulldogs (2-0) in the Palestra at 8 p.m. for a regular-season Ivy League duel.

"I think the Princeton game's going to be a pivotal one," Penn head coach Lisa Muraika said. "If we can come away with a victory, it's going to be a huge win for us.

"I don't want to say it's do or die, but we really need to get back to playing our style of basketball, which is really to be aggressive and physical on defense and to make plays on the offensive end." 

Yale, on the other hand, is off to a perfect 3-0 start to the season. The Bulldogs have already faced top-five competition, defeating Ohio State (No. 9) and Xavier (No. 7) and defeating Harvard (No. 13) in the championship game of last year's annual Ivy League tournament.

"We need to stay focused and execution the things we've been working on in practice," Muraika said. "We've got to take care of business on both ends of the floor."

"I think we have a really good chance to win this game if we play our game and execute."
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Taking the First Step

By Marla Weinstein

The day has finally arrived.

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But first, you pause.

Before leaving the comforts of the University campus, you should be aware that the advantages of living off-campus are accompanied by some unpleasant tasks such as dealing with unreasonable landlords, worrying about utilities and taking out the trash.

If you do decide to follow in the footsteps of the 9,963 students that have made the transition to off-campus living, safety, money, proximity to campus and additional responsibilities are just some of the considerations you must weigh in your mind.

Although there is no easy answer to the "where am I going to live?" cycle that crops up every year, there are some simple steps students can follow to make the move less frustrating and more successful.

Making a priority list and ranking what is most important in your future living arrangement can start you off in the right direction. Some questions that you might want to ask yourself are: "Is having a big bedroom all to myself what I want most? Do I need to be closer to campus? Will I feel safe living in a house? How will I get the most for my money?"

In order to alleviate some of the pressures related to the process of moving off campus, the Office of Off-Campus Living offers a multitude of resources.

Some helpful goodies that can be found there are fact sheets that list questions you should ask yourself, a seven-minute video showing some off-campus living areas, a landlord survey guide and a counseling service for those who encounter problems once they move off campus.

According to Off-Campus Living Director Carolynne Martin, the function of the office is to help students make an educated decision and not to "push students off campus."

"The posture of this office is to provide students with sufficient detailed information that will enable them to make an informed decision," Martin said.

Before making a decision Martin advised students to consider "both sides of each relevant issue."

"For instance, if their concern is one of privacy, then the flip side could be isolation from friends and activities," Martin explained. "If the concern is independence, then the flip side is responsibility."

And so the dilemma persists – do you move off campus or remain in one of the infamous University residences?

Residential Living Director Carol Kontos-Cohen said there are pros and cons to either decision and a student must really sit and question themselves.

"The process is, 'which is right for me?'." Kontos-Cohen said. "Really ask some questions before you sign on the dotted line."

Martin said whether a student should reside on or off campus depends on "one's level of maturity and awareness."

But in reality, students mainly consider two other factors when deciding to cut ties with Residential Living – money and safety.

Many students that presently live off campus cite the high cost of on-campus living for what is often small and cramped living quarters as one of their main reasons for choosing to abandon University housing. High Rise residents currently pay from $1395 to $1851 per semester – about $400 a month – while an average two-bedroom off-campus apartment costs about $300 a month per person.

College sophomore Claudia Jasin said that she saves close to $1000 a year by renting from Campus Associates because the rent is cheaper and she cooks her own meals rather than paying for Dining Service. She added that utilities cost her a minimal amount of money each month since she only pays for cooking gas and electricity outside of her monthly rent.

"Once a student comes to terms with the money and safety issues, there are many benefits that go hand-in-hand with living off campus."

BYE Real Estate Representative Lindsay Johnston mentioned some of the pros of living off campus, explaining that it gives students the chance to "grow up."

Johnston said that living off campus enables students to "find out what the real world is like... deal with a landlord... and gives the student the chance to establish deeper credit."

By making monthly payments to the telephone and electric companies, he said that a student can prove himself to be a reliable creditor.

In addition, Johnston said that by living off campus students have a chance to learn more

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Relating with Roommates

By Eileen Chang

When you make the decision to move off-campus, the location and accommodations of your new home are probably foremost in your mind. But just as important is your choice of a roommate, because you will never relax when you share a room with someone you despise, while a great roommate can contribute to a great year.

Choosing a roommate is not something to be taken lightly. Since you will be spending a majority of your time with that person, a good roommate is crucial to your overall well-being. If your roommate has poor study habits or just annoys you in general, these disturbances are bound to carry over and adversely affect your ability to concentrate on your studies.

Researchers have recently investigated roommate compatibility, the key to a successful roommate relationship. In a published review of the existing literature on this subject, George Washington University's psychology department identified four major variables affecting compatibility—personality, values or attitudes, background and living habits.

But studies have not consistently shown a direct causal effect between roommate compatibility and any one of these variables. All four factors seem to interact together, straining or enhancing the relationship between people who live together.

Although clashes in living routine, which include housekeeping practices, sleeping habits and study behavior, are usually cited as the source of problems between dissatisfied roommates, these differences do not have to ruin the relationship. Friendly consideration and a high level of tolerance can make it possible for very different people to get along.

Residential Living Director Carol Kontos-Cohen said that she believes a willingness on both sides to communicate about their expectations is the key to successful relations between roommates.

"The biggest problem between roommates is the lack of communication," Kontos-Cohen said. "When two people have a problem, they have to first make sure they understand what the problem is. Often they don't."

Kontos-Cohen said that problems are often resolved if roommates express their feelings to each other. They may draw up agreements with one another in some instances, clarifying their stance on difficult issues.

Engineering sophomore Fern Abrams, who said she experienced roommate difficulties in the past, also emphasized the importance of communication between people who live together.

"There are bound to be disagreements between roommates because no two people mesh perfectly," Abrams said. "If you don't talk about your problems, molehills become mountains, and you can't solve anything."

Kontos-Cohen added that some people are looking for a roommate who is also a best friend while others feel that this is not appropriate and want their privacy. If expectations such as these are not understood from the start, certain actions may be misinterpreted.

Many students mentioned the same desirable qualities in a roommate, stressing the importance of consideration and a high degree of tolerance. But when it comes to the question of whether it is better to live with friends or acquaintances, people seemed to have different views.

College senior Terri Heyman, who shares an off-campus apartment with one other person, said she believes it is best not to room with someone who is a close friend.

"Live with a good acquaintance, but not someone with whom you share a lot of friends and interests," Heyman said. "You can get sick of the other person if you see them all the time and it could also lead to competition. Your roommate should be an objective other so your home will be a means of escape from everything else."

Another College senior, who wished to remain anonymous, recommended living with people you know well instead of accepting a stranger into your apartment just to fill up space.

"Don't room with people you don't know, because you don't know their tendencies and it could cause problems," he explained.

Although living off-campus with a large group of people may seem like a lot of fun, several students said that those looking forward to the more independent style of off-campus should follow a few steps to prevent problems characteristic of large households.

Establishing certain house rules from the very beginning, especially regarding utility bills and house guests, can be helpful. In addition, each housemate must be considerate when occupying common space like the bathroom and kitchen.

The kitchen can quickly become the site of housemate disputes when everyone eats at the same time but cooks their own dinner. People tend to get easily frazzled when there are "too many cooks in the kitchen."

College junior Sanjay Marwaha, a Residential Advisor in the Quadangle, said he believes the roommate selection process is probably most crucial for freshmen. Many students would select people they have not lived with before if they decide to leave their niche in the Quad for more spacious accommodations off-campus.

"Choosing a roommate is important if you don't live together already," Marwaha said. "You have to understand how the other person would react in certain situations. If a person has a bad day and takes it out on his roommate, the roommate needs to be considerate enough to understand."

"You may feel as though you know your [future] roommate, but living together is a whole new ballgame," he continued. "Take great care when you are choosing the person, because you will be living with them for a year."
Off-Campus Living

The Landlord: Friend or Foe?

By David Bornstein

Remember the old stereotype about the landlady that held her tenants' mail up to a lightbulb in hopes of discovering its contents? Fortunately, students looking for off-campus apartments are unlikely to encounter this infamous landlady who made her tenants' affairs her concern. But apartment-hunters should be aware that they may run into landlords who are unwilling to pay attention to their own business—their property.

Pennsylvania Consumers Board Assistant Director Jill Sullivan said that University City landlords are generally uncooperative. PCB, which is partially funded by the Student Activities Council, mediates consumer-merchant and landlord-tenant conflicts throughout the Delaware Valley.

"Most [landlords] are not cooperative with the Penn Consumers Board," Sullivan said. "They have one apartment with ten students that want it."

Sullivan warned students to exercise caution when seeking off-campus housing and beware of shady landlords.

"Both [undergraduates and graduates] should look for landlords who will treat them as equals and who understand their situation," Sullivan said. "But you will find that won't happen much in West Philadelphia."

"If you find a landlord who is unwilling to make a change in a lease, you shouldn't rent from that person," she continued. "It is important to look at the lease. A lot of landlords in the area are using old style leases."

Sullivan explained that there may be clauses in the lease that prevent the tenant from bringing charges against the landlord or allow the landlord to remove furniture from the apartment if the tenant fails to pay the rent.

PCB conducts a survey every two years of all University graduate and undergraduate students living off campus and 80 Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science students. In the most recent survey last January, students were asked to rate their experience with their landlord in several different areas, including landlord-tenant relationship, quality of repairwork and general living conditions.

Landlords were rated on a scale of one to four, one being the highest possible score. Of the 54 landlords mentioned in the survey, the highest rating went to The Courts Apartments Mews of Powelton Village which received a 1.43 overall.

Two of the largest University City landlords, Campus Apartments and University City Housing, which owns Hamilton Court, came in 21st and 51st places, respectively, with ratings of 2.08 and 3.06.

But Campus Apartments received generally favorable comments from students in the PCB survey.

College junior Julie Bright, who currently rents from Campus Apartments, said she has been pleased with the landlord's response to her requests.

"They're very good," Bright said. "I think they're one of the best for local off-campus. Originally our house was a little cold, but it was fixed within a couple of days. They're always checking to see how things are."

UCH received mixed reviews from students. College sophomore and Hamilton Court resident Mike Kron said that while he initially had some reservations about UCH, he has been relatively satisfied.

"When you need things fixed, they get it done," Kron said. "We were very scared when we signed up because everybody in the UCH office was greasy and scary. The landlord was yelling at someone on the phone, telling him what he could do with his complaint, so that made us a little pensive."

Kron added that it took workmen three visits to his apartment to successfully repair a heater control.

"They essentially had good intentions, but the workmen didn't have a clue as to how to fix it," Kron said.

College senior Joelle Sellner said that although UCH generally kept her apartment in good condition, it took two weeks for repairmen to respond to a hazardous carbon monoxide leak discovered in the basement by the gas company. Sellner said that a friend became faint while moving some things out of the basement but that several calls had to be made to UCH before they realized the gravity of the situation.

UCH Campus Operations Overseer Amy Karp said last month that she is concerned about UCH's 51st place standing on the PCB survey.

"We've been hiring more maintenance-type people," Carp said. "In some townhouses, we've sent a carpenter over for a couple of weeks, followed by a painter. [We've also been] monitoring what the workers are doing in general."

Slow response to repairs and poor heating were two common gripes in the PCB survey although some landlords were praised by student renters.

"They're pretty nice to us," College senior Anne Marie Fleming said, who rents her 42nd and Sansom Street apartment from Orens Brothers. "They're good about repairs. They always get back to us the next day."

College senior Laura Schmitt said that her landlord, Jim Lydon, began refinishing the walls in the hall early last October and still has not finished the job. Schmitt said that posterboard and paint streaks remain in part of the hallway, and Lydon neglected to finish installing a light switch.

"He's probably a typical landlord," Schmitt said. "I don't think you can find any better around here." Often conflicts between tenants and landlords can be avoided by initial understanding of the lease by both parties. Eleanor Hertel, whose company placed second in the survey with a rating of 1.45, said last week that she believes that students are more careful about reading their lease than they used to be.

"The tenants over the years are more educated," Hertel said. "They really know what's going on as far as when you enter into a contract."

Hertel said she was concerned about developing strong relationships with her tenants.

"I believe in paying close attention to the needs of the tenants and paying attention to all the necessary details," she said. "I'm very interested in the tenants being satisfied and making sure the apartment is in good condition."

"I have never before had a landlady as responsive and reliable as Mrs. Hertel," wrote one student responding to the survey. "She is extraordinarily good about getting repairs taken care of. She is most eager to please those who rent from her. I couldn't recommend her highly enough."

But not all responses to the survey were as positive as those about Hertel. Students harshly criticized McCreech Realty, who scored 3.28 and came in

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Winning the Housing Race

By Christopher Cowen

With the start of the spring semester, University students are already scrambling to beat the competition and seal the deal on their new off-campus home. Students have been frantically looking at potential apartments and discussing housing options with their prospective roommates. Area landlords, the victims of this rush for local housing, have scheduled appointments since December.

The quest for off-campus housing does not have to become a process beset with anxiety and frustration. Strategic planning and organization can make the search less painful and more successful.

But the time and effort required to find suitable housing should not be underestimated. "You have to do a lot of looking," College sophomore Kevin Raidy said. "There are a lot of places out there, and also a lot of people who want to take advantage of you."

Raidy and his 10 future roommates have realized some of the difficulties associated with finding housing off campus in their pursuit of a spacious home. He said that many houses he has looked at have been rundown due to the landlord's failure to make renovations. He explained that when he is looking at houses, he does not hesitate to question the realtor about the last time the property was renovated, the type of heating system that is installed and the landlord's repair plans prior to move-in.

Looking for housing is a time-consuming and difficult process, but Raidy said that all of the research and questioning is necessary before signing a lease. "We're seeing as many houses and talking to as many realtors and people as possible so that we can make an intelligent choice," he explained.

The ordeal which this student is going through is a common one, according to Off-Campus Living Director Carolynne Martin. She said that all students who are considering the move off campus should first discuss all of the advantages and disadvantages with their potential roommates.

"Students should become very realistic of their assessment of what they can and cannot afford to do," Martin said.

The process that Martin referred to as "reality thinking" includes evaluating the location of the apartment, transportation, financial responsibilities and potential roommate conflicts. If students don't take the time to research these considerations, they can become frustrated in their subsequent dealings with their landlord.

Budgeting plays an important role in the decision-making process. Martin said that students sometimes overlook food and cleaning expenses or underestimate the price of utilities and heat when figuring out the total cost of living off campus.

Before signing a lease, Martin cautioned students to read it carefully and consult with the Pennsylvania
Consumer Board. But Martin said she thinks it is too early for students to worry about signing a lease. She explained that many students mistakenly believe that if they don't act immediately to settle their housing arrangement, they will be left out in the cold.

University City Housing, one of the largest landlords in the area, requests students to renew their leases in January. Martin said that UCH's policy may cause students to "push the panic button" and hastily sign a lease.

"Now is too early to begin [signing leases]," Martin said. "We don't yet have a good sense of what will be available in the fall semester. But when students panic and sign, they lock themselves out of other options."

"Once the lease is signed, there's not much that you can do," she added.

Realizing that the competition for housing would only get worse, College junior Lauren Steinfield said she already signed a lease for next year, adding that she and her roommates got the last available five bedroom apartment in Hamilton Court.

And some landlords agreed that the interest in living off campus has peaked and apartments are quickly nabbed.

A representative from Campus Apartments, who refused to disclose her name, said that each year the search for housing gets more and more competitive. But she added that apartments are still available.

"Students should stop in now," she said. "Soon the selection will start to get worse."

Even though available housing in the immediate area is quickly diminishing, Martin said there are many apartments available west of 44th Street and south of Pine Street which are often larger and less expensive than those closer to campus. Martin advised students to consider all possible options and familiarize themselves with West Philadelphia neighborhoods by talking to residents about the area.

A graduate student, who refused to disclose her name, said that she probably made a rash decision when she rented her apartment, ignoring her friends' advice to look at other housing.

"Living off campus causes enormous amounts of aggravation," she said. "West Philadelphia landlords aren't the greatest — some of them only want the money."

She emphasized the importance of talking to the current tenants about their experience, adding that the University was more willing to correct any problems when she lived on campus than her landlord.
Although more than 9,000 University students have signed on the dotted line to obtain off-campus housing, the details of their lease remain a mystery to many of them. And each spring as other students rush to secure off-campus accommodations, many prospective tenants will inevitably underestimate the importance of the lease which they will sign.

According to Pennsylvania Consumers Board Director Betsy Young, numerous landlord-tenant disputes stem from a lack of understanding about the significance of the lease. "Students often don't realize that a lease is just as binding as any legal contract," Young said. She said that landlords are often able to take advantage of students' eagerness to sign by including items in the lease that students are not aware of. "Students really are too concerned that someone else will get the place before them, and they will let some things go," Young explained.

Because many landlords use an old style "Form 42" lease which is full of what Young calls "legal jargon," students often find themselves stuck with making repairs that they did not anticipate. "These old style leases contain some clauses that are illegal and some that even violate your constitutional rights," Young said. "But if you sign the lease, these clauses can be upheld."

According to Young, some leases contain an illegal "distraint" clause which in the event of a rent dispute, gives the landlord the right to auction off his property — which may be your apartment. The Penn Consumers Board was founded in 1971 to provide students with more advice than just "let the buyer beware." PCB recommends two kinds of leases — the "Standard 78" lease agreement and the PCB Lease. "These leases are more pro-tenant, and are written in plain standard English," Young explained.

One of the PCB's main services is what Young calls "lease translation." Upon determining which clauses ought to be stricken from the lease, PCB consults with both the landlord and the potential renter. It then either changes the original agreement or adds a "form rider," an addendum which negates the illegal clauses in the lease. But not all landlords are flexible when students request changes in the lease. Young said students should avoid leasing from such unreasonable realtors.

"Some landlords, many of whom have attorneys, insist that the lease not be touched," Young said. "If a landlord is adamant about keeping illegal clauses in a lease, that should give you some indication of what kind of landlord he will be.

Oral lease agreements can also create landlord-tenant disputes because they are just as binding as a written lease. Yet another source of conflict can be oral promises made by a landlord. While an oral lease is legal and binding, oral promises may not be. "If the lease contains anything written, oral promises don't mean anything," Young said. "Students must make sure that the landlord spells out all parts of the lease."

Not only has PCB helped many students avoid problems with their lease agreements, it has provided area landlords with advice. "Some landlords such as Campus Apartments are now coming to us first to look for approval of their leases," Young said.

Young added that while PCB has expanded to serve the entire West Philadelphia community, "students are our first priority."

College senior Jackie Kornblum said her landlord, Campus Apartments, was quite cooperative in regard to their responsibilities outlined in the lease. "Campus Apartments does a really good job," Kornblum said. "Generally if something is wrong they come over within the day to fix it."

One of three lease signatories in a house with nine tenants, Kornblum said that students should carefully decide whether or not they want to be one of the tenants who actually signs the lease. "If one of the other six in the house needs to have something fixed, one of the people on the lease has to approach the landlord," she explained.

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Playing It Safe

By Brent Mitchell

A pair of pit-bulls to guard an off-campus home might be an effective deterrent against crime, but there are some dangerous ways to ensure personal safety and a secure residence.

Instead of searching for a great view of Pine Street or big bay windows, house-hunters should be looking for secure windows and strong doors.

According to Off-Campus living Director Carolyne Martin, solid entryways should be a priority when checking out off-campus residences. Ground-floor windows should be barred and secured with deadbolt locks and should be checked for rotting wood around the frame. Doors need to include deadbolts and a peep hole. Locks that can be opened without a key should be located far enough from windows and mail slots that they cannot be reached by an intruder.

If the apartment is in a converted house, the front door requires careful inspection. A safe apartment requires a heavy apartment door, and some landlords do not replace the interior doors when they divide the house.

Martin said that the next consideration after examining the entrances is the exterior of the house. Overgrown shrubbery and dark corners can conceal a criminal, so students should visit the building at night to look for possible dangerous areas.

Floodlights and a burglar alarm will make a house less inviting to a burglar. Surrounding porches and alleys should also be kept lit.

Many students do not inspect a house or apartment before they sign a lease. Martin added.

"Our undergraduate students who want to be close to campus will tend to take a place because of its geographic location without giving particular attention to physical aspects of the dwellings," Martin said.

Martin advised tenants to check the house's security arrangements prior to moving in, adding that those who are not satisfied should discuss the problems with the landlord to see if changes can be made.

Taking precautions is the most effective way to prevent crimes whether securing a house or travelling and from campus. The Transportation and Parking Department offers the services of the PennBus and the Escort Service to ensure students a safe trip home.

PennBus transports students, faculty and staff throughout West Philadelphia, Powelton Village and to 30th Street Station from three departure points on campus. The bus leaves from Houston Hall, 36th and Walnut Streets and Superblock at irregular intervals between 4:50 p.m. and 1:10 a.m. Timetables and route information are available from the Houston Hall Information Desk, Public Safety or the Transportation and Parking Department.

Escort Service runs two vans from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. to cover the area from 30th to 48th Streets and from Hamilton Street to Woodland Avenue. The vehicles will not pick up or drop off students at bars, restaurants, movie theaters or other commercial establishments.

Public Safety spokesman Sylvia Canada suggested that students take advantage of the escort services provided by the University.

"We would really like students to take on more of their responsibility concerning their personal safety," Canada said. "The University has made these services available to staff, students, and faculty and we would hope that they use them."

Canada added that the University's walking escort has been revived after being dormant last semester. The program will be run in conjunction with the vehicle escort service, employing football players to protect students.

Public Safety's 1987-89 Safer Living Guide recommends that students follow common sense guidelines and take responsibility for their own safety. The guide says that students should carry a whistle or noise-maker in case of an emergency. The whistle can alert other people and cannot hurt the person carrying it like mace or other weapons.

Living in West Philadelphia, it seems inevitable that students will confront crime whether they reside on or off campus. Many disagree with the belief that students are taking a safety risk by moving off campus.

According to Martin, off-campus housing can be as secure as the University residences if students take the proper precautions. She said if students stop leaving doors and windows ajar and make sure their belongings are secure they can avoid crime.

"Safety awareness is the way to make it as safe," she explained.

Some students said they recognize the dangers of living in the area, but they still feel safe in their off-campus homes.

College senior Jacqueline Kornblum said that her present house may be more secure than the dorm that she lived in sophomore year.

"I feel safer off campus because I know all my housemates have keys and they don't leave the door unlocked for any reason," Kornblum explained. "Whereas when I lived in a dorm they didn't really check IDs."

Medical Student Mark Guy, who has lived off campus for two years, said that he does feel safe in his neighborhood. He explained that the ground-floor windows in his apartment building have bars and the converted house has a double door entrance.

"I think if you are careful it's safer," Guy said. "There is probably some sacrifice as far as safety goes. I mean if I lived in Grad Towers it might be a little safer, but I don't think you are absolutely safe anywhere."

Safety Checklist

- Do the windows have deadbolts?
- Does the front door have deadbolts?
- Does the front door close and lock after you have entered?
- Is there a peephole in the front door?
- Are locks located so they cannot be reached through a window or mail slot?
- Are fire escapes designed to prevent entry through doors and windows?
- Are all entrances and porches well lit?
- Is shrubbery trimmed to prevent concealment?
- Are there smoke detectors and fire extinguishers?
- Is there a paid security guard in the building?
A Room with a View to You

A room can reflect its owner's personality and interests.

By Tricia Obester

Almost $300 a month. For a living room with grimy baseboards and ugly walls, a bedroom with no view, a closet with dust balls resembling tumbleweeds, and a bathroom on its way to supporting mutant forms of agriculture.

How do you give this lovely off-campus residence a sense of style, much less make it inhabitable? Simple. First, call out the National Guard, arm them with some Lysol and clean the place up. Next, decide on the furnishings.

There are about seven popular styles of decorating in off-campus housing at Penn.

For the most part, they vary according to where you purchase, rent, borrow or steal your furniture. Pick the decor that suits your personality, or mix and match from a few the suggestions below.

Vintage Holiday Inn – For those who feel insecure about their decorating abilities and prefer function to form, emulating the no-frills decor of motel chains might be appropriate. Several stores in the area, many located on the 4000 block of Market Street, carry closeouts of mass-produced dinettes, bedroom sets and naugahide living room ensembles at inexpensive prices. The furniture is nearly indestructible and color-coordinated (though not necessarily in appealing shades). But you might have to go elsewhere to find the requisite tacky paintings in fake gilt frames and to procure sanitized sashes for your toilet seat.

Out of the Attic/Basement – When money’s tight, look no further than your
own home (or Grandma’s) to obtain that stylish eclectic look without really trying. What you come up with, of course, will depend on what you start out with. Relying on the past tastes of your family members, your apartment could take on the character of an antique shop or of a church rummage sale. Whether it’s futuristic tables from the 1960s to queer, undatable lamps to worn oriental rugs, items from home will give your residence that lived in look from day one.

And you can’t beat the price. Be forewarned, though, and don’t expect it all to last until May – you may have to spring for a new lampshade or design a new table leg.

If your older brother or sister took all the furniture from home, thrift shops and used furniture stores offer an alternative to ransacking your home. Head on over to 40th and Market Streets for bargains at local stores. Also ask the previous tenants of your apartment if they have anything to sell; most scumbag landlords are delighted to part with their stuff for a small price so they don’t have to rent another U-Haul.

Urban Contemporary – Popularized by such furniture stores as IKEA. Conran’s and Workbench, this is the look for those who want to get a head start on young professional living. All three stores feature simply-designed, modern furniture characterized by overstuffed couches, Swedish pieces in light wood, high-tech lamps and laminated desks and bookcases. For new furniture, their prices are reasonable – the bright-colored folding chairs from IKEA are particularly popular at about $10 a piece. Since much of the furniture is unassembled, make sure you line up a friend (preferably from the Engineering School) to help out if you are not a handyman.

While Conran’s and Workbench are located in Center City, IKEA’s home is Plymouth Meeting Mall. A trek to IKEA can make for a fun road trip and for many, this is the bottom line when choosing between the similarly hip stores. As one busy College senior put it, “I liked the stuff at IKEA, but Conran’s delivers.”

Renting furniture is another option to achieve this popular look, but that means a year of worrying about getting ink or beer on the tan sofa. Cort, IFR and Nationwide are some of the more popular firms, and you can always request black upholstery.

Modern Milkcrate – A simple, uncluttered decor for those gutsy enough to make a midnight dash to a convenience store. Milkcrates make wonderful bookshelves, tables and even seats, although the color selection is limited. An otherwise respectable College senior brags about how she picked up 14 in one night’s mission to three stores, with the aid of her friend’s Pinto station wagon. But don’t forget that it’s illegal to steal. Despite how innocuous the warnings printed on the side of the crates appear, police at one college actually obtained a search warrant and rounded up over 400 crates in a dorm. To avoid beginning a life of crime, you might think about buying a wimpy imitation at Woolworth’s.

Early Residential Living – This style appeals to both those students having a hard time adjusting to living away from campus and those who are just too cheap to buy their own furniture. Although Residential Living is not known for its taste in decorating, if you’re not paying, who cares? While the desks, chairs and dressers are difficult to swipe, it has been done. If you have qualms about dishonesty, visit the Quad at the beginning of summer, when the University throws out the old furniture as they continue renovations.

Many complete establishing the dorm atmosphere in their home with a full set of Dining Services dinnerware and a couple rolls of toilet paper gathered during a quick trip to the Quad. While the ERL look is the chosen style at several fraternity houses, they personalize it with the ubiquitous scent of stale beer.

Jockesque – For some students, beds, desks and tables are secondary to a heavy metallic monster of a weight set. Just make sure your floors are strong before you set up, so as not to be harm any housemates on the level below.

Another popular option is creating a home court. With a little masking tape for the floor and a Nerf basketball set, any apartment can be transformed into a mini-Palastra. Or add a little green carpeting to your living room and you’ve got Franklin Field II.

Ivy League Bohemian – While it remains uncertain as to whether real bohemians exist at a school which charges $16,000 a year, many Penn students still acheve a “boho” look with four requisite components. The first is a futon. The second is Indian cotton printed sheets, lots of them, draped over everything from walls to beds to windows to tables. The third is pillows, lots of them, scattered not only on the bed but on the floor as well. The last component is plants, lots of them, covering the windows and room. Intensify the boho aura with strange artwork and baskets. And don’t bring in any food that isn’t 100 percent natural.

Once you finish filling up the room with furniture, the next step is to tackle THE WALLS. In off-campus housing, this often presents a challenge since the walls are usually ugly and/or full of holes. While paint is a first step, check with your landlord first as he might want the walls to remain their unappealing shade of ecru. For those who are free to leave a lasting impression, mural options range from spray paint graffiti to a large scale portrait of Albert Einstein.

For walls in the sorest need of help, pick up some contact paper and corkboard at Marty’s and stick away. And never underestimate the value of sheets. Not just for the bed anymore, you can hang them on the walls for decoration. drape them from the ceiling for a romantic look, or use them as coordinated curtains. And it’s cheap to mix and match.

Posters are always popular, often cheap, and usually perfect for covering holes. If your budget is tight, check out the athletic department for free team posters. Movie and record posters are available at local shops for a small price, and sometimes you can get ugly ones for free. And of course there are beer posters complete with a variety of buxom women.

For those with more artistic taste, the Bookstore poster sales are a great way to stock up on prints from Dalí to Degas. A trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum will also net classy posters, and for those on a budget, a formidable postcard collection.

Hobbies lend themselves to walls as well, with photographers creating small off-campus galleries and cyclists covering a wall by hanging up their bike. In addition, street and University signs decorate many off-campus walls and serve as wonderful conversation pieces.
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Despite threats of vandalism, exorbitant rates, and long treks to and from home, it seems that many University students will endure anything to keep their cars at school.

Students take advantage of their cars for a variety of reasons, using them to drive to job interviews, classes, Center City and the gym. Excursions to the grocery store, roadtrips and even dates are a few other opportunities for automobile owners to put their cars to use.

Many students have devised some creative solutions to the problem of finding a place to park their wheels, including illegally parking in University lots.

But most students end up shelling out hundreds of dollars a year for the luxury of knowing their cars are safe and sound.

One of the easiest lots to obtain parking is at the Sheraton on 36th and Chestnut Streets. But this garage is also one of the most expensive, costing $500 per month this year and going up to $1000 a month next year, according to a Sheraton employee. College senior Ron Shade, who parks his car at the Sheraton, said that he pays the high price for parking simply because he knows his car is safe in the hotel's lot.

"It's great." Shade said. "The only thing is that it's expensive as hell. But it's worth it to me because my car is new and I don't trust it outside."

He added that although the walk back to his house from the garage is a bit long, he does not mind because he thinks the route is safe.

"It's an extra block or two, but you go through campus," he explained.

Other favorable things Shade mentioned about parking at the Sheraton are the 24-hour security guard and the availability of parking spaces.

According to Director of Transportation and Parking Robert Furriss, illegal parking is a serious problem in University lots. He said that depending on the lot, students who wish to park there must either live on campus or be commuters. He added that parking difficulties are compounded by construction projects and the destruction of lots.

One College senior, who wanted to remain anonymous, admitted that he currently parks in the lot at 38th and Spruce Street even though he does not meet the requirement of living on campus. He said that uses a friend's name who lives in the High Rises, adding that he knows this method of parking illegally is common.

Parking spaces will become available next month when students who park in the garage either renew or discontinue their parking contracts. March 29 is the date that students can begin signing up for spaces. The contracts currently cost $495 for nine months for 24-hour parking and $261 for nine months of commuter parking.

Once a student obtains a space in the lot, he may keep it as long as he is a student, provided he continues to live on campus or commute.

College junior Steve Katz thought of a unique solution to the parking problem - he obtained a parking permit from the city of Philadelphia for just $15 a year.

"I love it," Katz said. "It's amazing. I can park in front of my house.

Thanks to the permit, Katz does not have to move his car from permit areas or pay parking meters. He said that although he has been ticketed in the past, sending the parking authority a copy of his permit receipt took care of the problem.

Katz added that his car has not been vandalized and he is "comfortable parking on the street."

"I'm happy with it," Katz said. "Just don't tell anyone where my car is parked so they don't come and vandalize it."

Permits can be obtained from the Philadelphia Parking Authority for $15 a year as long as the automobile is registered at an address within the permit area, a company car or under a lease.

Another garage students use is the Kinney System on 113th and Market Streets which costs $50 per month. College junior David Katz, who has been parking in the lot since September, said the lot has its pros and cons.

"I live in Hamilton Court so I'm happy because it's not far," Katz said, adding that "after dark I don't like to walk home alone."

Katz said he usually has a friend accompany him when he leaves his car in the garage.

Urban Developers, a real estate company, has an outdoor lot at 40th and Chestnut Streets and charges drivers $53 a month. But Rental Agent Ed Lemieux did not recommend the parking to students because of past problems with vandals.

"We only recommend that lot for someone who would use it during the day because of vandalism, which usually occurs at night," Lemieux said. "Periodically someone's window has gotten smashed."

According to Lemieux, the crime problem may be avoided at the lot at 41st and Sansom Streets, which costs $46 a month. He attributed the better security to the local homeowners who watch the parked cars.

"We recommend that you can park there any time," he said. "We don't have the same problems there as the other one."

Yet another garage is located at the Penn Tower, which is now under the jurisdiction of the University Parking and Transportation Department. A spokesperson said that the high fee of $120 a month and the lengthy waiting list discourages students, so HUP employees are the main customers.

Wharton junior Jacki Naturman said she parks her car in an outdoor lot across from her apartment, refusing to disclose its location. She said that in exchange for this convenience, her car is not as secure as it might be in another lot. Her car window was broken three times last semester, but she said she will continue to use the parking space.

"It's a good place for me because I live past McDonald's," Naturman explained. "If I come home late at night the lot is near my house."

Although the senior said she is satisfied with her parking arrangement, she said that she would not recommend it to others.

"I think that if I didn't have meters in front of my house then I would just park it on the street because I'm getting no more protection from being in the lot," Naturman said.
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Leaky Faucets and Lost Keys

By Debbie Abrams

Roaches, leaky faucets, broken windows, no heat or too much heat—these are just a few of the many problems that you may encounter when living in your own pad.

While broken elevators and stopped-up sinks may be a problem in the High Rises, Physical Plant repair slips are easy to fill out and with a little nagging, the problem is usually solved. Dealing with an off-campus landlord, however, can be a bit more complicated.

There are several places and people to turn to when problems occur—your lease, your landlord, and if you get desperate, a city or consumer affairs group. Reading your lease carefully to learn which responsibilities are yours and which are your landlord’s will save you time and energy when emergencies arise.

What do I do if I need minor repairs taken care of?

If your lease says that the landlord is responsible, call your landlord. If your landlord does not respond within a reasonable amount of time, present him or her with a written list of demands.

Whom do I call if there is a plumbing problem?

The first person to call is your landlord. If your landlord is not available and the problem is serious, contact the management company which runs the apartments.

If the company’s phone line is busy and water is flooding the room, take matters into your own hands and call a plumber. You may be able to withhold the repair cost from your rent. Of course if you know where the source of the problem is, physically shut the water valve off at that point.

What do I do if I pick up the telephone and there is no dial tone?

Since the responsibility for the phone lies with you rather than with your landlord, you will need to call your phone company to request service. But before you hurriedly call AT&T, ask yourself—have you paid your phone bill? Also check that the phone is properly connected. If the plugs and wires are intact, it may help to check with any neighbors using the same company to see if they are also having problems. The more residents calling in with similar complaints, the faster the phone company is likely to respond.

Whom do I call if my cable television is not working?

The procedure to get your cable TV fixed is the same as for phone repair, only you should call the cable company instead of the phone company. Again, make sure that the plugs and wires are intact.

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The People in Your Neighborhood

By Jenny Notz

Neighbors, not other students, but real neighbors – people who take their kids to school in the morning, work nine to five, and mow the lawn on weekends – may share your sidewalk next year if you choose to live off campus.

And along with neighbors come neighborhood associations. These not-for-profit groups are sustained by volunteers who aim to better their area through work on a variety of activities and support of a number of causes.

Spring clean-ups, community gardens, Halloween parties, and projects with local schools are some typical neighborhood association programs. But some organizations get involved in less conventional undertakings. Cedar Park's neighborhood group is working on converting a vacant fire station into a farmer's market, and the Garden Court Neighborhood Association oversees the refurbishing of area tennis courts.

Their budgets tend to be small, based mainly on membership dues which run only a few dollars annually per person. The groups look to various forms of fund-raising to supplement their income. The Spruce Hill Community Association sells Christmas trees in December, the Cedar Park Neighborhood organizes an annual spring fair, and the Garden Court Neighborhood Association oversaw the refurbishing of area tennis courts.

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Although many neighborhood leaders said University students are welcome in their organizations, few have expressed interest in joining. Some community groups have actively encouraged student membership, but others are less positive, saying students are only transient neighbors who make noise and trash their houses.

"Students are viewed as non-residents," explained Spruce Hill Community Association President Art McMorris.

Spruce Hill covers the area between 40th and 46th Streets and from Market Street to Chester Avenue, including a large student population. In an effort to include students in the neighborhood association, the group bent their by-laws several years ago to allow two students to sit on the Board of Directors.

But McMorris said neither student ever attended the meetings, adding that he regrets the lack of student participation in the community organization.

"Students have their own interests and needs which should be voiced," he said. "Friction would disappear if students played a more active role and students and non-students got to know each other better."

Spruce Hill is mainly concerned with zoning laws and reviews all expansion applications in order to preserve the existing structures. The group is currently helping the city planning commission to revise the neighborhood's zoning to include more residential areas.

Preserving the historical value of the neighborhood is one of the Powelton Village Civic Association's main goals. The group scored a success in 1984 when the neighborhood was declared a National Historic District.

Although this move restricted the changes that can be made to the area, PVCA Secretary David Homan said the neighborhood continues to fight constant efforts by Drexel University, the University City Science Center and the Presbyterian Hospital to buy and develop residential areas. According to Homan, Drexel is investigating the construction of a dormitory on a lot at 33rd and Race Streets, currently the site of a community garden.

Drexel's Inter-Fraternity council sends representatives to PVCA meetings and students have assisted with volunteer crime patrols and neighborhood clean-ups. But Homan added that that students are not always a welcome presence in the area because noise is often a problem in the area.

While some groups concern themselves with preserving the existing neighborhood, others work towards re-vitalization. Squirrel Hill Community Association President Danielle Rousseau calls her jurisdiction, which begins at 46th Street and extends for another four blocks, a "neighborhood in transition."

According to Rousseau, Squirrel Hill's efforts have led to the renovation of a vacant apartment building and the departure of two bars. The community has painted a mural on a previously blank wall and turned empty lots into a performance area and a community garden.

"We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood," Rousseau said. "We improve the quality of living in a city where a lot of times it takes city services years to get things taken care of."

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Dining In

By Deven Parekh

So you’ve decided to drop Dining Service – you’ve had enough rib-eye roast and red bliss potatoes. It’s time to eat out.

But if the string of crimes at McDonald’s and Burger King have limited your dining to Pop Tarts and Doritos inside the safety of your own room, don’t despair. Many local restaurants offer convenient delivery and/or take-out service for students living on or off campus.

Pop’s Steaks (106 South 40th Street. 222-POP5)

If your 9:00 class puts you in the mood for breakfast, Pop’s offers a hearty special for $1.29 which includes three eggs, home fries and grits, jelly and toast. Other lunch and dinner items are reasonably priced as well, including a double cheeseburger for $1.99. And if you buy a large pizza for $6.99, you get another pie free. Although Pop’s does not deliver, at prices like these, the walk is worth it.

Billybob’s (4000 Spruce Street. 222-4340)

This popular hangout is renowned for their chicken steaks ($3.56), but they also offer the more traditional cheese steak for the same prize. Billybob’s also caters to cheese fries lovers for a modest $1.54. The restaurant offers a variety of hoagies with an Italian hoagie going for $3.71. Billybob’s does not deliver, but its proximity to campus makes it convenient enough for lunch between classes.

High Rise Bar and Restaurant (3900 Chestnut Street. 386-1141)

Although University students primarily associate High Rise with inebriation, the restaurant offers a wide diversity of food as well. Small and large pizzas go for $5.10 and $7.50 respectively, and a stromboli will cost you $5.50. The unadventurous can also order spaghetti for $3.50. But why eat the traditional Italian fare when you can sample the exotic Greek food High Rise serves. Try the moussaka – an eggplant dish – for $4.75 or the perennial Greek favorite – the gyro – for $3.25. Best of all you can take it with you.

Koch’s Deli (4309 Locust Walk. 222-8662)

The lines are traditionally long, but the food is traditionally good. Those who have never eaten at Koch’s are said to be “gastronomically deprived.” All meats are cut to order, and fresh salads are made daily. The corned beef special whose size defies description costs a reasonable $3.95. Other available items include bagels, New York cheesecake, and fresh brisket. According to an employee, Koch’s won the 1985, 1986, and 1987 prize for Best Deli in the City awarded by Philadelphia Magazine.

Kelly & Cohen/Poor Richard’s Deli (201 South 38th Street. 386-1360)

Kelly & Cohen was just renovated in September and its new, comfortable atmosphere makes it a great place to hang out. But if you don’t have the time, Poor Richard’s will deliver just about anything from its menu which contains about 400 items. The free delivery service lasts until 11:30 p.m. The most popular items include a variety of hoagies (about $2.65), the turkey club ($4.50), and the salad platters (about $4.00).

Won’s Oriental Restaurant (216 South 40th Street. 386-4622)

If you’re craving Wonton soup and don’t feel like hiking to the nearest Chinese truck, Won’s will deliver you a pint for only $1.00. Won’s serves all the usual dishes and you can top off your meal with fortune cookies for $0.50.

Abner’s (3813 Chestnut Street. 662-0100)

Primarily a mass-producer of the cheesesteak, Abner’s is a favorite late-night haunt for many students. The restaurant is open till 3 a.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and 4 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. A provolone cheese steak is $2.95, a pizza steak is $3.10, an Italian hoagie costs $2.75 and cheese cuts (their version of cheese fries) go for $1.50.
Allegro's Pizza (3802 Chesnut Street, 387-0770).
Allegro's has almost every type of calzone imaginable for about $2.50 and pizza for between $4.40 and $6.90. What makes Allegro's especially attractive is that they deliver until midnight -- perfect for a late study break.

Audrey's Barbecue Pit (113 South 40th Street, 386-5125).
Audrey's is best known for its beef and pork ribs. A rib platter goes for $4.99 and the barbecued chicken platter is priced at $2.99. Two vegetables and bread accompany both of these filling platters. Since Audrey's only has two tables, most of their business is take-out.

India House (124 South 41st Street, 222-3858).
If you are a vegetarian and crave something exotic for a reasonable price, try an Indian dish at this establishment. A wide range of curries can be had for between $3.25 and $4.25 and are all served with Indian bread and rice.

"The Trucks" (36th and Spruce Streets, 40th and Locust Walk and 37th and Walnut Streets).
For the most reasonably priced food in the area, the plethora of food trucks can't be beat. Walking down 40th Street, you can enjoy the aroma of Chinese, Japanese, Middle Eastern and Continental dishes. These meals can be had for between $3.00 and $4.00.

When looking for a quick bite, don't forget that the above restaurants are only a cross-section of the many culinary offerings in the area. Talking with students about the delivery or take-out restaurants they patronize reveals the variety of options hungry students have.

College sophomore Kim Barrett said she always turns to Lee's Hoagie House (4034 Walnut Street, 387-0905) for good food and reliable service. "I like Lee's hoagie cheesesteak because of their convenient delivery service," Barrett said, adding that there is no charge for delivery.

Wharton freshman Shawn Thompson said he likes the pizza at The Roost Pizza & Stuff (4000 Walnut Street, 387-6968), because of "its nice thick crust, ample sauce, and delectable fresh toppings."

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House-Hunting Help

By Tina Goldberg

Although other University offices may be more popular, the Office of Off-Campus Living may be just as valuable for students wishing to avoid heating headaches and lazy landlords.

Located at 39th and Spruce Streets, OCL serves students, faculty and area residents by providing information on housing, safety and student-community relations. Director Carolynne Martin estimated that the office provided assistance to about 5500 of the 9500 students who chose to live off campus last year.

The office contains a number of brochures, maps, surveys and other listings to aid students in their search for an appropriate apartment. Computer sheets which are updated weekly offer information on available housing, listing the size of the units and their neighborhood location. Prospective tenants can watch a short video tape discussing housing hints.

One of the office's most popular resources is a Landlord Survey Guide, a poll in which off-campus students rated their landlord's performance. Bus schedules, fact sheets listing neighborhood associations, insurance companies, and security tips are also available at OCL.

"The service we provide is unique in that it is a complete service," Martin said.

The office includes a number of services for graduate students and school faculty, including information on room rentals, housing for visiting faculty and lodging in foreign countries for exchange students.

OCL is on the board of the Safety and Security Committee Task Force, the Community Relations Committee and has close ties with Escort Service and the 18th District Police Department. During emergencies, OCL will provide victimized students with housing.

Various informational sessions throughout the year can be helpful for students with domicile doubts. OCL participated in New Student Week in the fall and co-sponsored the "Living in the City" series during Safety Awareness Week last November.

"We really remain involved with off-campus issues," Martin said.

Handling minor complaints between tenants and their landlords is another one of the office's functions, but serious disputes are referred to the Pennsylvania Consumers Board.

Organized in 1971 by two University students who felt conned by their landlord, PCB is a non-profit consumer protection agency which offers students legal advice and mediates in student-landlord conflicts. Approximately 30 student volunteers and 10 work-study students -- all undergraduates -- handle landlord-tenant disputes and consumer complaints on a case-by-case basis.

PCB also serves the Greater Philadelphia area, and has dealt with nearly 10,000 cases with an 80 percent success rate. The organization has been called one of the most effective consumer groups in the area.

Consuming Apartments, a guide to legal action for various housing problems, and the Landlord Survey are two examples of PCB's service efforts.

According to PCB Student Director and College senior Elizabeth Young, lease translation is one of PCB's most valuable services. Young explained that leases are often written in legal jargon that would be unintelligible to the average student.

Student volunteers can explain the lease and suggest changes that should be made. They will then draw up a form that students can present a landlord with to sign.

When a tenant calls in with a complaint, PCB assigns a student investigator to the case. The investigator then contacts the landlord to hear his side of the story.

If the problem cannot be solved by PCB alone, the investigator may refer the tenant to another consumer group or legal organization. PCB is in contact with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection and the University Law School.

Young said that the most common problems involve security deposits, heating complaints (especially in winter) and landlord-tenant disputes concerning subletting.
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Looking for a sublet that fits a budget and fulfills other needs can be a nerve-racking experience, so beginning the search early can be an advantage.

Typically the quest for sublets begins in April, when many students realize that they will be spending their summer in Philadelphia and have no place to live.

Pennsylvania Consumers Board Director Betsy Young said students should allow themselves the most time possible in order to track down all available housing options. Examining the apartment, meeting any other tenants in the building and coming to an agreement about the payment of rent and utilities may prove to be time-consuming.

Young said the easiest way to find a sublet is often word of mouth. Speaking to friends or friends of friends who live off campus can be rewarding. And if they aren't subletting their apartment, they probably know of someone who is.

If sublet-hunting by talking to students doesn't turn up enough leads, other sources of information are available. The classified ads of The Daily Pennsylvanian include details about summer vacancies. The Off-Campus Living Office also provides plenty of sublet listings as well as helpful hints on finding a summer apartment.

In addition, students can gather information from the kiosks around campus. Toward the end of the semester these cylinder bulletin boards are crammed with flyers describing summer vacancies.

Young said that once a student locates a potential sublet, the next step is to contact the current tenant in order to form an agreement that covers the subletting period, amount of rent and utilities and payment schedule.

Even if a student sublets from a friend, Young said it is still a good idea to sign some sort of agreement. PCB has a sublet form which is accepted by many area landlords.

"In a lot of cases since [the subtenant] is here for only a short period of time, people can leave," Young said. "Sublet to someone you know if possible, but still sign a lease."

If a student signs a lease with the tenant, he is considered a subtenant and is liable for the rent agreed upon and any damages incurred during your stay. Unless an agreement is negotiated directly with the landlord, the tenant is still responsible to the landlord.

Before signing a lease, Young said to be sure to carefully read the agreement. Clear understanding of its terms is necessary to ensure a trouble-free stay.

Part of the lease will be the payment of rent. Part or whole of the entire rent may be due upfront before move-in. Who will pay the utility and telephone bills is another important consideration since the bills will arrive in the name of the tenant.

Young added that compiling a list of damages is important whether signing an agreement with a friend or dealing directly with the landlord. The landlord will probably accommodate this request, particularly if the new tenant is taking over during the last few months of the lease. The landlord may request a security deposit.

College senior Michael Williams has sublet his house on Baltimore Avenue for the past two summers. He said that finding interested parties can be difficult since the supply of available spots outnumbers the demand during the summer, so he uses various methods to attract sublet hunters.

"First I look for friends I can

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about Philadelphia than the “limited experience” a student often receives from living on campus.

But some students said that just because they live off campus does not mean that they have seen more of the city, although many agree that the increased responsibility has made them mature more quickly.

Wharton and Engineering senior Bret Pearlman has been living off campus for the past two years and disagrees with Johnston’s assessment that living off campus expands a student’s knowledge about Philadelphia.

“My feel I’m one block away from campus and no closer to downtown and to the museums... I’m just living in a house not owned by the University,” Pearlman said.

Wharton and College senior Andy Lazar has also lived off campus for over a year, and he said that before a student decides to take the off-campus plunge, they really ought to think about what it is like to deal with a landlord.

Repair Help
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What do I do if I lose the key to my apartment?
Contact your landlord to let you in. Some landlords charge a lockout fee and will require that you pay to get your locks re-keyed. You can keep a spare key in your wallet or in the glove compartment of your car, but this is not always a safe practice.

If my apartment catches on fire and my clothes and belongings go up in flames, will my landlord’s insurance cover the damages?
No. You should carry an insurance policy that contains renter’s insurance. Renter’s insurance usually covers personal property if it is lost or damaged in the event of fire, water damage, burglary or theft. It can be obtained through a regular insurance office.

Is there anything I can do if my landlord does not respond to my requests for minor repairs?
There are a number of city offices and agencies which can assist you in solving your problem. The most important office is the Bureau of Licenses and Inspections. The L&I can investigate problems and file complaints covering the physical condition of your apartment.

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"McCreech is the number one
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dent wrote. "These people don't care
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Alex Chamberlin, who took over
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realizes that such complaints were
probably justified.

"We have done our best to try to
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berlin said. "I'm not going to tell you
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owner that doesn't if he's honest.
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in a 24-hour period," he continued.

"But we've had to make a decision in
doing our repairs that we can either
rush and do everything in a half-
baked fashion or take a little more
time in some cases and do it correctly
the first time without nickel-and-
diming it."

Looking for a Sublet

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trust," Williams said. "Then if I can't
find any who are interested I try to
find friends of friends.

If neither one of these approaches
works, Williams said he advertises by
posting flyers around campus. The
college senior added that hanging up
posters has proved to be very
successful.

"The first year we sublet, we got all
of our tenants, except one, through
flyers," he said.

When he does find someone who
wants to lease his apartment, Wil-
liams said he makes sure that an
agreement is signed, explaining that
this provides him with a sense of
security.

"It's more or less something like an
insurance policy," he said.

Williams said he and his house-
mates were able to work out an
agreement with the subtenants that
was acceptable to everyone involved.

"Basically we wanted a deposit to
hold the room," Williams said. "We
paid the rent to the landlord during
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in full when we returned in the fall," he
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