Congress reviews benefits testing

Administrators call tax law 'terrible problem'

By Lynn Westwater

Congressional moves to significantly alter a problematic section of the tax laws may infuriate University administrators from a tangible administrative and financial viewpoint.

The Senate issued a non-binding opinion Tuesday night urging a revision of Section 89 of the 1986 tax reform act, which requires that employers demonstrate, through a complex testing procedure, that their employees' benefits packages do not discriminate against lower-paid employees.

In the face of widespread criticism from employers about Section 89's complexity, both houses of Congress are moving to simplify the legislation: House Ways and Means Committee Chairman George D. Brown (D-Ohio) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth (R-Del.) are working to reduce the complexity of the law.

But unlike many of America's policy makers, University presidents believe that legislation which would eliminate burdensome compliance practices would actually result in higher costs for the University.

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Gray wins support of University administrators

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Epstein served for four years as Gray's senior staff member. Signed by approximately 500 Gray supporters — including hundreds of influential state and local leaders — the statement called for "fairness and justice" for Gray and praised his "leadership, devotion and involvement in the betterment of the entire Philadelphia area."

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Beijing massacre hits home for University students

Hundreds protest in Center City

By Lynn Westwater

In the city where Americans first proclaimed democracy more than 200 years ago, nearly 1000 protesters — including more than 100 University students — gathered Saturday to decry the bloodshed in Beijing and to show their support for the Chinese student pro-democracy movements.

Rallying at Independence Mall and then marching throughout Center City, protesters declared that the Chinese government's killing of protesters and citizens spelled the downfall of communist rule. They also called for American support for the student pro-democracy movements.

A speaker addresses a crowd of 1000 at a Sunday rally protesting Chinese government violence.

Students' plight in doubt; U. gives support, money

By Lynn Westwater

The brutal crackdown on the student pro-democracy movement in China has sent shock waves around the world as viewers have watched the violence in Beijing in disbelief.

But for the approximately 200 University students who have come from China to study at the University, the events in the Chinese capital have hit close to home, and, in many cases, at their families. Most of the students have relatives and friends in Beijing, but have not found out if they are safe. And the students themselves do not know what
Money Talks

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Behind Red Doors

By Mike Finkel

The gathering of homeless men and women in front of the United Methodist Church at 33rd and Chestnut streets always made me leery. I would pass them on my way to class at David Rittenhouse Labs and their stares, raucous and phlegm-drenched, invariably caused me to quicken my pace. Eventually, I made it a habit to cross to the south side of the street before reaching the church.

Today, however, I walked right up to the huge, red doors, and pressed the buzzer. I was nervous. It was my first day as a volunteer at the People's Emergency Center. The PEC is a shelter for homeless women and children — no men are allowed, except at mealtime.

I waited at the door for several minutes before I heard footsteps. Someone opened the eye-level mail slot, gave me a strange look and opened the door.

The first thing that hit me was the noise. Diaper-clad children ran about, crying. Fire girls played a game of Double-Dutch, dancing and clapping their hands. A raspy TV set sang the theme from "Jeopardy!" somewhere in the distance. An angry mother tried to break up a violent Cops and Robbers game between two young boys.

The squaud made me feel uncomfortable in my clean clothing and preppy boat shoes. I was one of only a few white people there, the only male over the age of 12, and the only person who was not homeless.

Most of the PEC residents stared at me, some coming closer to study the stifling heat. I made my way down the hallway, wedging through a massroom of dust, and found a door marked "Office." I went inside where two women were working a 24-hour shift.

"Office," one of them told me, "just walk around and see if you're needed." I considered leaving, cursing myself for thinking I would be able to help out. But I had already entered the church; it would be silly to leave without trying to help.

"I asked in a timid voice if anybody needed help. I didn't think anyone heard me, but one woman — I wasn't sure at first if she was a mother or a child — approached me and asked if I could help her son out.

"Rodney was held back last year, and he has trouble reading," she said.

Envisioning a troublemaker who was not interested in learning, I said I would try my best to help him.

My initial reaction was immediately refuted. Rodney was a joy. He was bright, articulate, and a white at math. It was a miracle he was only one grade behind; he was in the fourth grade and had already attended two elementary schools as his family was bounced from shelter to shelter.

He had some difficulty reading, but was anxious to learn. For almost an hour, we discussed the poems in his grade-school reader, philosophizing about merry-go-rounds, Christmas trees and subway rides.

My only mistake was to teach Rodney inside the shelter, on his bunk bed.

When word got around that a tutor had arrived, we were besieged with pleas from children to help with math, writing, social studies and science. I was pained saying no to all the children who wanted help. Fifteen volunteers from Penn and Drexel had quit when the school year ended, and the kids badly needed tutors. There were tears and, understandably, some anger when I gently told them I could only help one person at a time.

So I made my way down the hallway, past filthy rooms cluttered with broken bunk beds that looked ready to collapse if anyone tried to lie on one. I moved past the dark TV room, filled with springless sofas and blank faces staring intently at fuzzy images on the screen.

I walked into the center of the main room — the dining room — where the girls were playing Double-Dutch and pregnant teenagers were wandering about.

Rodney, meanwhile, profited tremendously from the two-hour session. He talked to me about his home, about how he wished to have an older brother, and about his relationship with his mother, a recovering drug addict. When it was time for bed, Rodney asked if we could be friends, and asked if I would help him read even after school had ended. Of course, I told him yes.

When I returned to the shelter two days later, there was no apprehension. The PEC seemed completely different, and I was genuinely excited about the way back home. I felt good about myself. I had helped someone. Even if it was only one person out of thirty in the home; I was sure I had made a difference. I was eagerly excited about seeing him again. I planned to take him to Van Pelt and show him how to use the library. I even considered bringing a basketball and playing a little hoops after we finished homework.

But when I came back to get him, Rodney was nowhere to be seen. I walked down the hall, into the study room, into the back yard. I couldn't find him.

"Rodney's not here," one girl told me. "His family got evicted.

I ran back to the office to see if it was true.

"His mom was caught with drugs," a volunteer told me. "That's against the rules.

I asked if I could ever see him again. The volunteer shook her head. "He's going to be put in a foster home, I'm not allowed to give out his address,"

Rodney was gone. I had brought my favorite childhood book, Shel Silverstein's "Where the Sidewalk Ends." Rodney would have loved the witty, irreverent poems. We would have sat out on College Green and laughed at the boy who got his finger stuck in his nose, and about Sarah Cynthia Silver Stout who could not take the garbage out.

I felt a tightness in my throat as I wandered down the now-familiar hallway.

The games were still going on, the dirt was still there, the stickers were still yelling. A new family had moved into Rodney's family's bunk beds. It was said Rodney had never existed. One of the kids, perhaps sensing my distress, looked at me, and walked up shyly.

He hugged me by my legs, and glanced at me with huge, forlorn eyes. There was a mangled book under his arm, and a chewed pencil in his hand.

"Will you help me with some math?" he asked softly.

When I returned the following week, and he flashed me a Cheshire Cat smile. On
Gold Standard bankruptcy reorganization almost finished

By Matthew Hill

The Gold Standard restaurant is approaching the final stages of bankruptcy reorganization after three years under the supervision of the United States bankruptcy court.

The restaurant, which includes the Palladium and the Gold Standard Cafeteria at 41st Street and Locust Walk, originally filed for Chapter 11 reorganization in the Eastern District Court in June 1986. The plan, which received approval from the bankruptcy court last month, must now be approved by a majority of the restaurant’s approximately 100 creditors.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization differs from complete bankruptcy, or Chapter 7 bankruptcy liquidation, Charles Coyte, attorney for The Gold Standard, said that the restaurant may be forced to file for bankruptcy if the reorganization plan is rejected.

The plan reduces some of the restaurant’s debts and extends payment schedules for others. Coyte said that the response to the reorganization plan has been "overwhelmingly positive." A confirmation hearing for the plan has been scheduled for July 19.

According to a disclosure statement filed by The Gold Standard, the costs of renovations placed severe financial burdens on the business since its opening in 1985. By 1987, the business was not meeting tax obligations and lease payments to The Christian Association, and in 1986, the Internal Revenue Service seized its liquor license on account of unpaid taxes. The license was restored one week later when the owners filed for reorganization.

The Gold Standard’s financial condition has improved significantly since then, Gold Standard co-owner Roger Harman said. Harman added that since mid-1987, increased student business fueled 25 to 30 percent growth. He credited improvements in the cafeteria, a new menu and the closing of La Terrasse restaurant last year with the increase in student business.

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Committee to select new CGS director this week

By Mike Pritchard

After a full semester without a director, the College of General Studies will select a director this week, search committee chairperson Frank Bowman said last week.

The search committee for the CGS director, which began work in January, has narrowed its list to six candidates. The position attracted approximately 100 applicants, according to Bowman. Search committee members declined to specify whether University candidates were being considered. Katherine Pollak, currently acting CGS director said she is not seeking the position.

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Bowman added that he hopes the director will take over CGS by September. The committee will give its non-binding recommendations to SAS Dean Hugo Sonnenschein, who will make the final decision.

Bowman said that because the CGS program is community oriented, the committee is looking for a candidate with experience in public relations and community affairs as well as in academics. CGS programs include evening and day classes, international study courses and local outreach programs for the elderly and for area teachers.

As CGS awaits a new director, administrators and program faculty praised Burnett for his contributions and said they hope to continue Burnett’s initiatives.

In a report released last spring, Sonnenschein said that under Burnett’s leadership, CGS prospered financially and gained national recognition for its program abroad.

Sonnenschein said last week that the absence of a director has forced administrators to set aside long-term planning.
Second attacker of grad student enters guilty plea

Faces reduced charges in exchange for testimony

By Geoff Tibmu

A second suspect in the fatal beating of graduate student Cyril Leung pled guilty this month to reduced charges in return for testimony against the third suspect.

Michael Hambeau, 17, pled guilty to charges of third degree murder, robbery and conspiracy on June 1 in the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court. Hambeau's plea followed a similar plea on May 8 by Andre Johnson, 16. Hambeau, like Johnson, now faces between 20 and 40 years in prison.

Hambeau will be sentenced on September 18, according to Assistant District Attorney Arlene Fisk. Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced on September 8.

Although the three suspects are under 18 years old, they are being tried as adults.

Leung, a 25-year-old economics graduate student, sustained numerous lacerations and bruises to the head when three teen-aged males attacked him in Clark Park on the evening of October 7. Clark Park is located at the junction of 43rd and 45th streets near Baltimore Avenue.

Philadelphia Police said that the attackers beat Leung over the head with a tree branch causing serious head injuries. Fisk said that Johnson struck Leung with the branch that evening.

After briefly regaining consciousness, Leung fell into a coma and died three weeks later at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Leung's body was found on the lawn of the University of Pennsylvania's University City Nautilus.

Both Hambeau and Johnson will testify against Maurice Murray, the third suspect in the case, as part of the agreement for their negotiated sentences. Fisk would not speculate whether Hambeau and Johnson's testimony would result in a guilty plea by Murray.

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China, and fear they will be
blacklisted when they do.
Six relatives of one graduate
student have been killed in the
violence, students said, according
to reports in a Chinese newspaper.
The student has not been able to
verify the reports, however,
because he cannot reach family
members in Beijing.
Another student heard from his
family that his brother and his
sister-in-law have been arrested.
Other students, some of whom
had relatives in Tiananmen Square, have heard nothing from
their families and can only wait
for news.
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University, including President
Sheldon Hackney and several top-
level administrators and faculty
members, signed a letter this week
saying they were "indignant and
outraged" at the violence in Beijing.
"We believe this action is a
crime not only against the Chinese
people but against all humanity," the
letter said.
Students at the University have
raised more than $9000 for the
Chinese students to cover medical
and communications expenses.
University students have been
active in supporting the pro-
democracy movement of Chinese
students since April, according to
Yong-Ming Cai, a post-doctoral
student and a member of the
Chinese Students Association. Cai
said that students held two well-
attended rallies on campus in May
to express solidarity with their
Chinese counterparts. He added
that approximately 140 University
students joined thousands of
students from around the country
at the Chinese embassy in late
May, demanding that the govern-
ment end martial law and that Li
Peng step down. He said that ap-
proximately 80 students now meet
together almost daily to watch
news reports and discuss the
events that are rocking China.
Relatives in Beijing told him
that the city "is like hell," said.
Sijin Li, a student graduate
at Temple University, said that
students' relatives also reported
that the military is "like a mad
dog" and is randomly shooting at
civilians.
Other students expressed deep
concerns about the future of
China.
"Before we have peace we will
suffer a long time," Li said. "We
have started a civil war..."
Cai said that before the govern-
ment attacked the students, they
had hoped that the ruling party
could reform, but that "students
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Today shopping malls are a high schooler's way of life

Story by James Lee

"What do we wanna do, I'm so bored."
"I don't know."
"Let's go to the Mall."
"Again? I'm sick of the Mall."
"I know, but at least it's air conditioned."

Only New York has a Broadway. Only Philadelphia has a South Street. And not every U.S. city has a Chinatown. Suburban Willow Grove, about 40 minutes northwest of the University, has no Broadway, South Street, or even a Chinatown. It doesn't even have a Main Street.

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And this summer, when temperatures soar into the high 90s and teens have exhausted the MTV lineup, Willow Grove Park Mall — like the countless other suburban malls around the country — will remain the quintessential teenage institution of the 1980s.

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"I mean, if there's absolutely nothing to do, then we'll go and play some arcades or something," Andy said.

"Me? Uh... well, I don't usually go, but my friends go every weekend," Larash adds.

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But if it were up to Andy and Ted, the whole story would be different. "These sixth graders don't really want to be at the Mall. It's just the only place to go where their friends are and their parents aren't."

"We can't go to the city, so where can we go?" Ted said.
"The Mall's the only place to hang out."
"Yeah," Andy said. "Ask me these questions a year from now, when we've got our driver's licenses. You won't be seeing us at the Mall."
Simple Minds release political pomposity

By Stephen Severn

Simple Minds' latest release, Street Fighting Years, is the result of a terrible idea gone wrong.

Combining pompous political themes with bombastic music, the band comes up with an utterly unlistenable mix. With any luck, record stores will have thrown this LP into cut-out bins before summer’s end.

After six years of effort, Simple Minds broke big in 1985 with “Don’t You (Forget About Me)” from the The Breakfast Club soundtrack. That single, combined with regular appearances on MTV, made them the toast of teenage girls everywhere. But it also angered many long-time fans who, remembering the high quality of their earlier work, promptly dubbed the single a sell-out.

However, that is nothing like the obscenities those same fans will yell after hearing this new LP. If the songs of 1986’s platinum release Once Upon A Time, amounted to little more than upbeat schmaltz, at least they made nice background music for a dentist’s office. Street Fighting Years doesn’t even merit that compliment — listening to it is truly burdensome.

Apparently, during their recent three-year hiatus from the rock world, lead singer Jim Kerr, keyboardist Mike MacNeil and guitarist Charlie Burchill developed an acute case of activism. A quick look at the song titles on the back sleeve — “Street Fighting Years,” “Mandela Day,” “Crying Out,” “Belief Child,” and an unfortunate mishmash of Peter Gabriel’s “Biko” — tells us what this record is all about: politics, and lots of it.

That wouldn’t be so bad, if only they had something relevant to say about current issues. To mix politics and music successfully, you’ve either got to have the dedication of the Clash (so that your angst seems credible) or the wit and restraint of John Fowley (so that your message doesn’t get bogged down in overbearing moralization).

Simple Minds possess neither of these traits. And, as a result, their songs suffer under their own arrogance.

Simple Minds

Street Fighting Years

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For instance, the moronically blunted “Mandela Day” offers up the line “The rising sun sets Mandela on his way/It’s been around 25 years to this very day/From the ones outside, to the one inside we say/Oh Mandela’s free, set Mandela free.”

Why bother to waste good vinyl in pressing such junk? Third-graders would be hard pressed to write couplets that trite and predictable.

In an effort to take themselves seriously, Simple Minds have come up with a bloated record that will make you forget about them really fast.

By Helen Kim

Except for a 10-second scene when star Nicolas Cage shows down on a live cockroach, there is little else to the offbeat Vampire’s Kiss.

The movie, which departs a pretentious New Yorker going insane after he leaves his job as a vampire victim, never quite decides where it wants to go. The anemic script hinders the characters from developing and forces Vampire’s Kiss to wander somewhere between black comedy and psychodrama.

It never comes through on either, and the result is a movie which is unintentionally funny in some places and just plain boring in others.

Cage dominates the screen with his intense portrayal of Peter Loew, an insecure literary agent. Loew terrorizes his secretaries by day and hits the club scene at night, where he engages in numerous one-night stands. In between, he fantasizes about true love and meets with his psychiatrist to talk about his frustrating alienation from his coworkers and himself.

He then meets a mysterious beauty named Rachel, played by Jennifer Beals. Loew may have thought of her as yet another one-night stand but after she bites his neck and sucks his blood in the middle of their love-making, he suspects she may be something different. Surprised? Could she be a vampire? It takes Cage over half the movie before he realizes his new love is no Red Cross collection.

Meanwhile, his bizarre relationship with Rachel causes him to deteriorate into schizophrenia, threatening his secretary Alva (Maria Conchita Alonso) with her life at one moment, and begging her to kill him and put him out of his misery the next. From there Loew’s life spirals out of control. Idenity is the major problem behind the film, most evident in the lack of character development.

Though Cage puts on a remarkable emotional performance as Loew — his bushy, overhanging brows, lean face and sunken eyes certainly make him look the part of the tortured vampire — he fails to evoke any sympathy for his character. He comes across as a pathetic tyrant with an annoying pretentious accent.

The movie scores a few laughs when Loew attempts to act the part of the novice vampire, buying plastic teeth and creating a makeshift coffin with his couch. But rather than delve deeper into the complex psychology of his character or explore the potential comedy of his situation, Cage seems to be satisfied in screaming in frustration at his secretary or running around the city streets.

Vampire’s Kiss

Directed by Robert Bierman

bounced in fear.

His character never fully addresses the idea of the fine line between insanity and reality. The love/hate relationships between Loew and Rachel and between Loew and himself are passed over as well.

Beals, who has not succeeded with any role, since Flashdance.

While vampire movies are supposed to be sexual and horrific, Vampire’s Kiss is sterile and predictable.

Nicholas Cage succumbs to the persuasions of blood-thirsty Jennifer Beals in Vampire’s Kiss.

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DeNiro stars in blunt 'Jacknife'

By David Butterworth

The post-Vietnam war issues raised in Jacknife are not new to film buffs. Unfortunately, the movie's approach isn't new either. If you really want to watch a provocative film which examines the effects of the Vietnam War on those who served in the offensive, and on those who waited for the war to end back home, check out the likes of The Deer Hunter or, better still, Coming Home.

Robbie DeNiro stars as middle-aged safari guide, Martha, played by Cathy Baker. Their relationship is the only thing of any stability in his life. She is his comfort and his companion, but cannot ease his conscience. Lestrays are stirred in David when Megs shows up on the scene, acting on a promise that the two of them go trout fishing together.

Predubitably, DeNiro is attracted to his buddy's sister and the drama begins to unfold in the suburbs disharmony. For the two men, the bleak Connecticut background provides a peaceful contrast to the war zone.

Robert DeNiro accompanies school teacher Kathy Baker to her students' prom in Jacknife.

Mucky 'Swamp Thing' returns with camp

By David Butterworth

When just what you thought it was safe to venture back into the bayou, along comes The Return of Swamp Thing, part monster movie, part parody, wholly - if not intentionally - awful.

Not since King Kong and Godzillia first slugged it out atop Mount Fuji has there been a more laughable, or more ludicrous man-in-a-monster-suit movie. The first film of the summer season to be based on a character from a D.C. Comic strip, The Return of Swamp Thing, plays it strictly for laughs.

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In the original 1983 Wes Craven horror flick, Swamp Thing is portrayed as a sad, tormented creature, the hideous result of research gone awry. The Return of Swamp Thing has been transformed into a superhero, rid of those who'd bored to death by first-generation genetic experiments and rushing to the aid of damsels in distress.

Such damsel is the exquisitely unattractive Heather Locklear, Lochness, who should stick to making health spas ads, is cast as Abby Arcane, stepdaughter of scientist-gone-mad Anton Arcane who is once again played by Louis Jourdan in the scenery-chewing role of the century.

Abby visits her creepy stepfather in her heavily guarded Louisiana mansion in order to discover what really happened to her mother all those many moons ago. Arcane isn't telling, but somehow you get the feeling that she didn't pass away under normal circumstances.

Realizing that Abby's rare blood type holds the key to his fountain of youth, Arcane and his beautiful henchwoman Dr. Lana Zurrell immediately have diabolical designs on the ditzy blonde, family ties or no family ties. The sidekick Zurrell is played with campy panache by Sarah Douglas.

From the opening scene, we learn that Abby has a very special relationship with plants. Not only does she stroll about the property with her succulents down-to-earth names like "Jimmy" and "Marty," but she holds one-sided conversations with them.

Later, when she meets Swamp Thing, she is able to relate to him, woman to vegetable.

The couple's first encounter takes place when Swamp Thing rescues Abby from apathy of lochnessian mothbrellas. Barely batting a false eyelash at this living lump of leaf, Abby immediately senses the "soul of a wonderful human being" beneath that mossy exterior. Extraordinarily as it might seem, it's love at first sight.

To pad out its 90-minute length, the film introduces the stereotypically pudgy, twinkle-tooting kid and the pecunious pal who try to photograph the fiendish averner to make a commercial gain. Actually, they're in the film to be laughed at, even though they do get to say some real lines like "Swamp Thing's kicking some butt!"

This duo also get to give the teeny fellow complimentary thumbs up from time to time, just in case we forget who the good guy is. Everybody in the film overacts like crazy, and sometimes even the players, but what's at fault here is the material itself.

You can't help feeling that, with a better script, this too could have been a formidable drama. Instead, the film disappoints. The able cast tries its best, but the writing just isn't there, and that fact soon begins to take its toll.

Playwright Stephen Monticello turned screenwriter for this adaptation of his play, "Strange Snow."). On stage, this might have worked better as the plot would no doubt have taken a back seat to the actors' presence and vibrancy. On screen, however, the story and its mundane treatment of the war veterans wear pretty thin pretty fast.

Perhaps in an attempt to attract moviegoers, the filmmakers gave the film a snappy title. All that "Jacknife" actually refers to is a wartime nickname DeNiro's character was given because he used to crack his藜rri when he was younger. All in all, it's a pretty shoddy marketing ploy.

Admittedly, the film is full of good intentions, but it comes awfully close to being truffly and self-righteous. We have, after all, seen and heard all this before. No one is denying the harsh realities of Vietnam, but this movie paints its after-effects in an inappropriately pat, harrowing, style. Jourdan is not a bad film, it simply fails to say anything new about the post-Vietnam experience.

The Return of Swamp Thing

Directed by Jim Wynorski

And there are ample opportunities for sex. - Locklear and Douglas weren't employed solely for their acting abilities - but some scenes. Abby and her new found beau do get to express their love for each other, but it's tastefully done, if in a slightly silly manner as is everything else in the film.

From the very beginning you realize that this is not a film to be taken seriously. Though harmless enough, it does tend to be rather smug and a little too cute for its own good, and you end up laughing at the film instead of with it.

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people who find themselves in this circumstance," Klumpner said. "All three agreed that in a time of limited resources, we ought to put our money toward the children."  

The hearing transcript will be entered in the records of Congress and will soon be released to the public.

The other members of the panel included Lawrence Mead, a politics professor at New York University, and Ronald Minky, an economist at the Urban Institute. They agreed that an underclass "cultivates a sense of hopelessness."  

"They concluded that there aren't many opportunities for change," Anderson said. "Many protestors, several from the United States, testified that they did not know the status of their relatives living in Beijing, adding that the American press is their only source of information about events in the city. Several said they were worried about the safety of their relatives.

Harshly critical of the Chinese government and soldiers, protestors termed the hard-line government and soldiers, protestors said that the Chinese student protestors will persist and eventually achieve democracy.  

"Tanks and bullets can kill our children, and democracy will never be killed by anyone," said Longwu Wu, a Drexel graduate student who spoke at the event. Wu said that he has relatives who have been in the streets of Beijing and does not know if they are safe.

Several University students who came from China to study in the United States said that crushing of the student movement has caused them to rethink their plans to return home.

Min Yan, a University graduate student from Beijing whose family is still there, said she believes that several members of her family were participating in the protests but has not heard if they have been wounded. She said that in face of this week's events, she may not return to China if the hard-line government remains in power.

Students also said that they felt powerless against the actions that the government is taking in China.

"The news from China really makes our blood boil and really makes us feel bad," said Zhong Zhang, a University graduate student.

He said that even in the face of violence, he would have participated in the protests if he had been in China.

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Sports Briefs

Attacker Pete Smith and midfielder Stewart Fisher will get one more chance to represent the Penn men's lacrosse team if they are selected to play in the 47th Annual North-South Classic, an all-star event for graduating seniors. Both Smith and Fisher were recently awarded honorable mention All-Americans honors, and both were named first team All-Ivy.

The North-South game will be played at Johns Hopkins Homecoming game tomorrow (8:30 p.m.) following the women's game and Smith will play for the South coached by Tom D'Umberto.

"It's a chance for seniors to get one more chance to represent the Academy in the high school All-Star game, so it's an honor for us," said Fisher. "It's a challenge to play, do your thing and meet other seniors. It's a nice time for them for their collegiate careers."

Fisher, who was also an honorable mention and first All-Ivy selection last year, finished the season with 32 goals and 11 assists. Despite being hamstrung by a hamstring injury, Fisher finished his college career at Penn with 117 points to move into a third place tie with Taffy Merwin and Bill Smith as highest point scorer in the history of the Quakers.

For Smith, this will be his second All-Star game. Smith, who has been named first team All-Ivy for the past two years, has 31 goals and 18 assists in 1989.

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The Penn heavyweight eight (below), shown against Harvard, beat Wisconsin by .2 seconds to win the Challenge Cup Saturday.

Connolly named top pitcher as 6 Quakers make All-EIBL

By Tiffany Sparks

Junior righthander Craig Connolly was selected as the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League Pitcher of the Year last week by a vote of the league's ten coaches. Connolly was one of four unanimous first team All-EIBL selections. Other unanimous selections were Brown senior catcher Scott Odiermo, Brown senior outfielder Eric Kimble, and Columbia sophomore third baseman Ken Cavazzoni.

Connolly, who compiled a 4-1 record and a .56 earned run average in league play, was the only member of the EIBL championship Penn baseball team to earn first team honors. Connolly led the Quakers with a 1.4 overall record and a .209 ERA as well as 59 strikeouts on the year.

"Craig deserved to be the number one pitcher in the league," Penn head coach Bob Suddon said. "He had a great year — he had an exceptional year. He allowed only two runs [in league play]. That set him apart from other pitchers. Without a doubt he had the best year of all pitchers."

For the EIBL champion Quakers who ripped through their league opposition, it seemingly appears that they were slighted in the balloting. Suddon agrees.

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King of Poughkeepsie

Quakers best 24 at IRAs

By John DiPaolo

Two tenths of a second, or about one foot.

That was the distance which separated the tips of the Penn and Wisconsin heavyweight varsity eight boats at the finish line in last Saturday's grand finale of the Intercollegiate Rowing Championships on Lake Onondaga (Syracuse, N.Y.).

The spread, too close for either crew to claim outright victory, had to be decided by a photo-finish. It was eight to ten minutes before the picture was developed.

But for Penn head coach Stan Bergman, it seemed like eight to ten hours before it became clear that the Quakers' surge in the last 300 meters led to a come-from-behind victory. Penn, who completed the 2,000 meter course in 5:56.0, just edged the Badgers (5:56.2).

"I became religious (by waiting for the official result)," Penn co-captain and stroke Mark Weglarz said. "I could not believe the race was so close. Wisconsin took an extra stroke in crossing the finish line. When they stopped, they were ahead of us. Usually, that is a sign of the winner. All we knew for sure was Northeastern was third."

The win reaffirmed that the Quakers have one of the most skilled heavyweight crews this season, as they dominated the 87th staging of the three day Poughkeepsie Regatta, placing boats in each of the eight championship finals. In all, nine Penn boats placed, more than any of the other 24 schools present.

The Quakers garnered three firsts, one second, one third, and four fourths, compiling 37.51 points — 21 points more than their nearest competitor, Wisconsin (35.6).

For its superior performance, Penn received the Ten Eyck trophy awarded to the overall winner. The last time the Quakers won was in 1978.

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Five other Quakers were named to the second team including the senior co-captains, second baseman Ryon Rose (.362 batting average in league play) and shortstop Joe DelVecchio (.370). They were joined by junior outfielder Jason Paniangelo (.369), junior third baseman Anthony Field (.381), and junior righthander Mike Ravo, who compiled a 4-1 record and a .466 ERA in league play. Ravo also led the league in strikeouts with 33.

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For the EIBL champion Quakers who ripped through their league opposition, it seemingly appears that they were slighted in the balloting. Suddon agrees.

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The race evinced the dramatic turnaround of the Penn varsity eight (8-1). Last year, the Quakers had a unique vantage point of Northeastern's final surge to victory. Penn was eliminated by Cornell the previous day in the repechages, boats held to determine seeds three through six. Thus, the Quakers watched from the shore.

But with five returning letter winners from the 1988 boat which finished seventh, the Quakers knew which vantage point they would rather watch from. Penn wanted no time qualifying for the finals. The Quakers went the first.

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