For faculty, tenure not easy to get

The bar has been raised for junior faculty hoping to win lifetime employment at Penn.

By Alby Sternebaum

A tenured professor has the rare luxury of guaranteed lifetime employment, and sold of Arts and Sciences administrators are monitoring the status to ensure it won’t happen too often elsewhere.

"The standards have gotten higher at Penn and at other first-rate universities," SAA Dean Mark Rose said. In past years, College of Arts and Sciences faculty members were able to achieve tenure by making tenure decisions, which typically occur during their sixth or seventh year.

Preston said that the first step in the decision-making process is appointing a faculty member to have published at least one book with a "significant amount" of research done on a second.

"These are the weeds," Beeman said, speaking specifically of the History Department, which houses the literature and language programs. "Penn now evaluates three main criteria when making tenure decisions, which typically occur during their sixth or seventh year of the tenured status.

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By Rod Kurtz

Demonstrating the new speed-tracking device in use by Penn Police, Officer Frank Guille says of the new system, "It's going to be a good device for us, helping drivers slow down as they approach campus traffic, traffic, traffic."

A new tool allows Penn Police to issue speeding tickets for the first time. The banquet guests were divided into the following classes to describe how students analyze the dynamics of class distinctions: the table, which represented the roughly 30 percent of the world's population whose annual income is $9,400 or more; the couch, which was composed of several deans and makes the final decision; and the floor, which was comprised of other classes.

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Workshops, talks aid aspiring writers

By Janet Miller

In that case, West Philadelphia residents should be advised about how to submit concerns and provide them with some of the tools they will need to manage the future.

The Environmental Management Program is interdisciplinary, incorporating courses in management, technology, and policy. It offers an undergraduate concentration in Environmental Science and Management. Only a handful of businesses nationwide offer similar programs for a program in the field.

Campus Crime Report

Simple Assault:

November 12 - Police responded to a call and advised an alteration occurred at 2100 block of Spruce Street. An unknown number of males assaulted a female employee that she had a fight with. The female did not want to proceed with the case, so police left the building.

Theft:

November 12 - A male University student reported that his cellular phone, valued at $200, was stolen from his residence at 3245 Spruce Street.

November 15 - A female University student reported that her wallet was stolen from a Van Pelt Library. Estimated loss is $150.

If you have a comment or question about the University Police log book, please contact us.

— Eric Dash

Man admits to burglaries

Despite that, Smith said that anyone who is missing property from the three campus buildings can report it to the Southwest Detective Bureau. The telephone number for the bureau is 215-686-3183.

The telephone number for the police is 215-688-3200. The University of Pennsylvania police force on the case.

According to Halpert, bringing all the workshops together this year was received with enthusiasm and equal success. Since the participant in the Critical Writing Workshops attended the various workshops in order to improve their own work before the workshop.

Workshops, talks aid aspiring writers

Kelly Writers House was a literary haven on Saturday as the College of Arts and Sciences held its fifth annual Poverty Awareness Week. The event, which was organized by the Writers House and the Penn Humanities Forum, throughout the day. Portions of the event were also held in Williams and Logan Halls.

"The conference was an opportunity to show other writers," said Emy Halpert, who coordinated the event.

Stephen Fred, editor-in-chief of Philadelphia Magazine, gave the keynote address entitled "Hunger and the Specialty of Poverty." Following the speech, attendees broke into groups to discuss issues that interested them throughout the day. An average of 10 people attended each workshop. Workshops included topics ranging from "Story and Structure: Tics of the Trade" — which focused on rules and events in a structured way — to "Did the Critics See the Same Show That I Did?" in which Janet Anderson.

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Rendell, Philly's first lady and federal judge, talks to alumni

By Erik Malikstrom

While she was introduced as "Penn's answer to Judge Judy," the Roanoke-Magnolia "Missie" Rendell laughed off the comparison.

A judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Rendell, the wife of Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, spoke at Penn's Association of Alumni Board of Directors Meeting yesterday at the Swann Alumni House.

"I saw her berating a plaintiff, using her finger and shouting, 'You're really ticking me off, sir,'" Rendell said of her TV counterpart. "I always wonder what would happen if I did that to a defendant in my courtroom."

In front of a small group of about 50 alumni, Rendell gave an informal presentation on the theme "Women in Leadership at the Millennials:"

Rendell described the five years she's spent at Penn in her becoming a lawyer and mother to her present juggling of multiple roles as Philadelphia's first lady and a federal judge.

"It's been a wonderful time," Rendell said. "It's been a wonderful time for our family, and everything has been fun and extremely rewarding."

The hour-long program began with introductory remarks by Association Vice President Marion Taxin and concluded with a question period.

"She also epitomizes the ideal of career and family," Taxin said. "I think she is incredibly knowledgeable, and she successfully balances the demands of her family with her investment in her career."

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"I also enjoy her presence on television," said Dr. V.P. Franklin, president of the Board of Overseers. "She epitomizes the ideal woman, in addition to balances the demands of career and family. She's the type of person I'd want to have on my wall."

At the other position, Rendell serves as a University Trustee, a chairman of the Board of Overseers, and a member of the Trustees Council of Pennsylvania.

Upon graduating from Villanova Law School in 1973, Rendell worked for 11 years in the firm of Duncan, Morris, Ronan and Hackett, where she became the firm's second woman partner.

"I didn't prioritize my career in the University Trustee Magruder Rendell, a federal judge and wife of Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, talks about her rise through the legal ranks previously later. "We went to law school as an experiment," Rendell said. "However, my husband inspired me to enter the profession because I was passionate about law and he believed in my ability and drive."

"Since she didn't prepare a speech, Rendell addressed the audience very informally before opening the discussion up for questions."

"She highlighted the obstacles that she faced in trying to balance her legal career and role as a mother."

"The program made me want to quit the job and I wanted people to stop sending me," Rendell said. "But I saw it as a situation where it wasn't just me on the line but women in general. So I tackled it out and in the end it was worth it."

"She cited her years at Penn as instrumental in her personal development, and her sense of empowerment."

"Balancing leadership roles and learning how to balance carrying myself with studying was very important," Rendell said. "And also being friends with women with similar goals as me challenged me intellectually."

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"Taking leadership roles and learning how to balance enjoying myself with my work," Rendell said. "It has never been normal in my life."

"As a woman in law, I have never been normal."

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Officer Frank Guille demonstrates the Penn Police Department’s new speed-measuring device in action on the streets of West Philadelphia. The device will be used to control passing traffic in the area.

Penn Police can nab speeders on campus thoroughfares without radar equipment

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"One of the reasons we chose this section is because a lot of people use it to enter the campus area," Messner said. "And we want to control their speed here, so it doesn’t continue near 37th, 38th and 39th streets, where there is a lot of foot traffic."

Police are also working with city officials to have lines painted on certain campus streets, which would eliminate the need for police to manually measure a distance each time they use the tracker.

The lines would also help deter speeding, since motorists will recognize that they are entering a speed zone, Messner said.

Guille said that many of the motorists he has stopped with the tracker have shared a sense of disbelief about their careless driving habits.

"Most people are surprised they were going as fast as they were," Guille said. "And the second thing they’ll say is ‘How did you know?’ And while speeding drivers may not be exactly thrilled about receiving a pricey ticket, Messner said the ultimate goal of the new police initiative is to maintain order for both the people on the streets and those behind the wheel.

"We’re not here to make money on the people," Messner said. "We’re here to make the streets safe."

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Junior faculty face hurdles

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strated excellence in research and teaching," Beeman said.
He stressed that the University is careful with tenure appointments.
"The more cruel and heartless we can be, the better our faculty will be," Beeman said.

Preston noted that standards for promotion are widely recognized, say-
ing professors sometimes have be-
fore they come up for review.
"There is self-selection," he said.

Junior faculty members from sev-
eral departments say that the Uni-
versity places a value on both quality
of teaching and works published.
Mathematics Professor Tony Pan-
etev, a junior faculty member in his
third year, said that the department
examines both classroom instruction
and published research.
He said that evaluators consider
articles and the quality of the jour-
nals in which they are published —
not books.
Economics Professor Nicola Per-
scico, an assistant professor, said
that the department usually in-
spacts the "scholarly articles in top
journals."
Philosophy Professor Rahul Ku-
mar, also a tenure-track faculty mem-
ber, said that he is not following any
type of set plan for achieving a pro-
motion.
"No one has handed me a checklist
of things I have to do," Kumar said.
"In Philosophy, some of the best
people in our field have never written
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PENN needs to do more to pump up interest in this year's men's basketball team, favored to repeat as Ivy champs.

At 9 p.m. this evening, before a national television audience, the Penn men’s basketball team will open its 1999-2000 season at Kentucky. But unless we've been paying particular attention, you might have no idea that a basketball season is about to break out.

And to think, only eight months ago, the Penn basketball team was at the center of a controversy.

The point is simple. Penn is missing a golden opportunity to bring students together and to generate excitement about the upcoming season.

To be sure, issues of school pride and “supporting our team” figure prominently in the logic of this position. But that is not the whole picture.

On a campus where many feel that barriers of culture and community are far too tangibly real, basketball provides a way for quite the opposite of the Ivy League basketball championship.

The University knows this full well. Indeed, just last fall, Penn hired Bill Richter to coordinate the Athletic Department's marketing of the Princeton season finale.

This week is for you — in celebration of the upcoming season. There are no posters on Locust Walk. There is no virtual welcome to the class, no professor on a daily, personal level this year to declare that Penn will be Penn this year. There is now a virtual letdown. All the energy that went into the excitement of the acceptance letter has been siphoned off, and there is no one to rouse us up.

While it is interesting and fortunate to think that Penn still has us here on campus, the University is not yet managing to create the enthusiasm that a basketball season should.

A month after I had received the letter from Penn, the energy that went into the excitement of the acceptance letter had sapped out. The bounce was gone from my mailman's step. And to think, only eight months ago, the Penn basketball team was at the center of a controversy.

As the best orientation program for new students, Penn's virtual welcome falls far short of the mark.

OPINION

Mark Moore
The Right Stuff

Diversity on campus

To the Editor:

In response to Joel Cah领导下 volume "A Real Example of Racial Diversity: The Class of 1999," we agree that the video of Dr. Joel Cah领导下 the University Committee on Racial Diversity on campus. The class, which contains a number of minority students, is a step in the right direction. However, diversity on campus is only one part of the equation. Penn students also have a responsibility to make the most of the diversity that exists on campus.

As a Penn student, I have been exposed to a wide range of cultures and ideas. This has enriched my experience and has helped me to become a more well-rounded individual. However, I have also been disappointed by the lack of diversity on campus. In my opinion, the University needs to do more to promote diversity and to ensure that all students feel welcome on campus.

Sincerely,

Mark Moore
"The Right Stuff"

Promote basketball, please

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"This was a relatively easy case on behalf of a troubled and dangerous youth who needed help and didn't get it in time to prevent it," prosecutor David Gorcyca said. "My whole intent was to put those away the key on us at 11-year-old now. My intent was to do him the help that he needs." But Tuesday's bargaining session

Washington, D.C. — The last major hurdle to an emerging $400 billion budget deal was cleared yesterday for a key vote on a compromise package that would save the government more than $3 billion on its fiscal 2000 books, even though the same amount of money would be spent.

The hunt for about $6.5 billion in emergency funds to keep agencies open while talks continue, Republicans planned today to try reaching Clinton once again, and if necessary, to retreat on provisions helping the oil, mining and other industries that Clinton approves of.

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The Trustees' Council of Penn Women's Grant Proposal deadline has been extended... The Trustees' Council of Penn Women invites members of the University community to apply for its 1999 Grant Program. Grants in amounts ranging from $1,000 - $5,000 will be made to individuals or organizations selected by the Council's Grant Committee.

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M. Hoops will have to overcome crowd, Magloire at UK

A freshman who may get some minutes at both the guard and forward positions is Dionte King. King, a Lafayette, La., native, has played in Riggs's hardwood before.

Although King has never played in a Wildcat game, there has been a lot of talk prior to the Wildcats opening in Riggs Arena and expect the crowd will be a huge factor.

Crowd aside, Penn will still have to overcome a more talented front in Kentucky center Jamal Magloire. The 6'11" sophomore was named the SEC's Freshman of the Year last season.

"He's a real tough basketball player," Dunphy said. "In the preseason games that we saw on tv, I thought he did a great job against Duke. He seals his man as good as any- body we've gone against. (King)," Dunphy said, "is not quite as high level-"

Although Magloire has a good future ahead of him against below Ontario native Magloire, Dunphy said, the cheer of defending the Kentucky rose belongs to Owens.

"I know I have to be a leader for our team to win," Owens said. "Even if I give up a few shot attempts, I can run the game and get shots and free-throws. That's going to make up for that."" Magloire, Kentucky is worried about the leading in the backcourt.

The Wildcatter backcourt is an area of concern for junior guard Saul Magloire, Smith, and sophomore guard Terrance Ali. Kentucky's press and neutralizing the point guard starter, will try to prevent Jordan from generating offense and also take away open looks for Langel and Jordan on the perimeter.

"Pozenoula has one of the better backcourts in the nation," said Smith. "I think the depth of our backcourt will play a big factor in the game. We want to get them to turn the ball over and wear them down. We want to keep at them, and make it hard for them to score."

"Kentucky's press is going to be a real big factor," Dunphy said. "I thought the typical first time com- ments regarding the Quakers and their press and style game. I'm looking forward to facing Michael Jordan," Dunphy said. "We are confident that, unlike last year, we can handle their pres- sure, so if we can handle that press and shut down their inside game, we'll be in great shape to win the game."

Penn center Geoff Owens, N. 57, will be pressed into duty catalyzed by the absence of senior Jamal Magloire. Owens set a Penn record last season with 58 blocks.

Quakers are confident that, unlike last year, they can open the season with a win against one of the most prom- ising college basketball programs in the nation.

"We've got a great chance," Owens said. "We're really excited about this team and they are going to press, so we can handle their pressure and shut down their inside game, we'll be in great shape to win the game."

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Ivy League Defensive Player of the Week, Binget garnered the award on the strength of two interceptions, a forced femal e and eight tackles while holding Harvard to just 16 points, the fewest since the Quakers halt playing Harvard in 1965. Binget also provided a forceful front 15 tackles against Harvard.

"I thought I actually had a better week behind," Higgins said. "But with Keefe's two interceptions for touchdowns, you can't really compete with that."

With the selection of James Perry as Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week, now all five Offensive Players of the Most this season have been quarterbacks. The last non-quarterback to win the award?

Princeton running back Derek Theisen, in the final week of last season.

Penn quarterback Gavin Hoffman won an Ivy League Player of the Week award amid mid-October and he was quarterbacked by two Ivy League offensive teams with Jimmy McGregor's single-season team record of 1,277 passing yards. With one game remaining in the season, Hoffman is just 11 yards shy of McGregor's record.

"It would be nice because of the quality of quarterbacks they had here before me," Hoffman said. "But that would be something I'd think about when I'm done playing at the end of the year. Right now we're still

Penn senior running back Kris Ryan sprained his ankle against Harvard and his status is still questionable on Saturday's season finale against Cornell. Ryan has rushed for 1,194 yards on 213 carries this year.

In order for Penn to do this, however, it must take full advantage of his speed. Ryan runs a 4.4 40-yard dash, and his speed should give him a chance to compete against Harvard's 115-124 during her tenure, Schnur added that the Quakers will depend heavily on their depth to make up for points on the board. As for swimming, the Quakers are the teams to beat Yale will also have losses between them and neither has lost in at least six weeks, both may have tough tests this weekend.

In addition, Hoffman only needs 116 yards against Cornell to eclipse the 1,290 yards he compiled in 2000, and the Lions played the Bears close last year, losing 10-3. Hoffman is just 114 yards shy of McGeehan's record of 2,197 passing yards. Hoffman only needs 116 yards to etch his name in the history of the 0-42 mark. Hoffman is just 114 yards shy of McGeehan's record of 2,197 passing yards.

Although Brown and Yale have only two games between them and neither has lost in at least six weeks, both may have tough tests this weekend.

As the rest of the league, Brown, which has won the last two Ivy conference championships, Ives and The Tigers in the books. "We'll take the Ivy League championship as one of our three goals and the third one would be a great bowl game," Hoffman said. "I'm just waiting for that bowl game to come so we can make a statement as a team and not as individuals."

Penn is hoping that this weekend can serve as a stepping stone towards both catching those strong teams and reaching greater successes in 2001-02 and beyond.

"We really want it to be a coming out for us," McGlynn said. "We think we can."
Irish stum Ohio St. in Pre-NIT

Pedro unanimously AL Cy Young winner

Iverson's 39 points leads 76ers' blowout

Game Recap

New York—New York—Pedro Martinez pitched another shutout, winning the American League Cy Young Award in a unanimous vote. Now the question is who will be the only pitcher to win the NL Cy Young.

Pedro Martinez, who lost his only decision as the only pitchers to win the NL Cy Young Award unanimously, and joined Gaylord Perry and Randy Johnson, who virtually everyone in the sport.

“I pretty much expected it,” Martinez said, expressing a view held by virtually everyone in the sport.

The first of two AL Cy Young wins. The first in its historiccy.

The Boston Red Sox, received all 31 first-place votes for 140 points in balloting for the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Nashville Predators head coach Barry Trotz had plenty of reasons to be happy with his team’s 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars last night. The Predators are now 14-6-2 overall, 7-4-2 at home.

Trotz was especially pleased with his team’s performance on the power play, as the Predators scored their fourth power-play goal in as many opportunities.

The Predators, who entered the game with a 3-1-0 record against the Stars this season, scored on three consecutive power plays to take a 3-1 lead after two periods.

Secondly, the Predators scored all four goals on the power play, making it 10 goals in 11 games on the power play this season.

The host Predators have now won three in a row, all at home, and have scored 11 goals on the power play in their last three games at home.

The Predators have also been effective on the power play in recent games, scoring on 27 of their last 30 power-play opportunities.

And finally, the Predators have scored eight goals in their last three games against the Stars, including a 5-2 win earlier this season.

The Predators will look to continue their power-play success against the Stars when they meet again on February 21.

The win was the Predators’ 10th of the season and 7th at home, keeping their hopes alive for a playoff berth.
**M. Fencing looking to repeat**

The Quakers will attempt to defend their league title without several key fencers.

By Nicole Nudell

If there's one thing tougher than win-
ning the Ivy League title, it's keeping it. And that is exactly what the Penn men's fencing team plans to do.

Last year, the Quakers finished their season with an impressive 11-0 record, good for 4-0 in the Ivy League. These results, however, were not all easy wins — the Quakers' try victory included five 14-13 wins over both Co-
lumbia and Harvard.

Last year's team was better than the rest of Ivy, according to head coach Dave Minshull. "If we had our all-person all the time, all season, the result would have been better. But if we had the quality, we had the depth."

Minshull refers to the frequent ab-
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The team does not want to think about the fact that they have not had a win-
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As far as its 0-42 Ivy League record over the past six seasons.

The school year off to train for the 2000 Olympics.

**TOMORROW**

The Quakers made short work of Princeton in the season finale last week, winning 17-4 to clinch the title. Penn will have its hands full tonight when it opens the 1999-2000 season at Kentucky.

No. 12 Kentucky hosts Penn in the first round of the Preseason NIT.

By Zac Castello

Let the games begin.

The date that Penn men's bas-
ketball fans have been counting down for, their calendars have finally arrived. At 7 p.m. tonight, the defending Ivy League cham-
pion Quakers will face off against the Red in No. 6 Kansas. Tonight, the Quakers' opponent is Kentucky, which is ranked No. 11 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and No. 14 in the Associated Press poll.

"I think it's great for us," senior center Geoff Owen said. "When you play a team like this at home, you're probably placed on tough games in your first six games."

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Guarding the crown:
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Nigerian forward finally lands at Palestra

Freshman Ugonna Onyekwe should play an important role for the Quakers this season.

By Rick Haggerty
The Daily Pennsylvania

You see Ugonna Onyekwe for the first time and don't know a whole lot about him. You meet him and it is not long before he makes a very good first impression.

Onyekwe is good at first impressions.

Take, for example, the first time many Penn fans caught a glimpse of Penn's freshman forward from Nigeria.

It's the Red and Blue Scrimmage on October 23, and Onyekwe opens the scoring with an alley-oop layup from Michael Jordan and then comes back two plays later to dunk on Frank Brown's head.

Fans have seen him for less than five minutes — five minutes of a scrimmage that means almost nothing — and he already has them cheering wildly for him.

They are ready for four years of this kid. They heard the reports. They know what's going on. They know that Onyekwe was rated as one of the top 100 recruits in the nation by several services, that he is the supposed headline of what is being called the best Penn recruiting class in 20 years.

They know the 6'8" Onyekwe is needed. With both starting forwards from last year graduated, fans realize a few of the freshmen must contribute immediately. They expect Onyekwe to be one of them.

They wanted a good first impression from this kid.

They got one.

Meet Onyekwe off the court and you'll get an equally good — albeit quite different — impression.

The banger you see on the court, the big guy slamming the ball through the rim and slamming his body against his opponent in the low post, disappears. Instead, you meet a polite man, a quiet man, a man who wears a "What Would Jesus Do?" bracelet and quietly practices his shooting alone on a side basket after all of his teammates have left the court following a practice.

It's obvious that Onyekwe is not the party animal of the Quakers. He is not likely to be the one cracking jokes or dominating a conversation in the locker room.

"All the freshmen are pretty good friends and we all hang out together," said freshman forward Andrew Coates, who is also Onyekwe's roommate. "But when we go out to parties on the weekend, Ugonna usually stays in and does something else."

Unlike many high-profile athletes, Onyekwe turns away from the party scene, preferring to hang out with friends in Van Pelt College House or to study during the weekends.

"He's very quiet, very reserved, very mature," Penn coach Fran Dunphy said. "He knows who he is as a person and I think that's a real positive."

Onyekwe does know who he is — and that someone is certainly not your typical basketball recruit.

For starters, he was born halfway across the world and will bring some geographic diversity to a team whose starting five of a year ago were all natives of either Pennsylvania or New Jersey.

And the route Onyekwe took to West Philadelphia certainly wasn't as easy as the simple trip across the Delaware River that Matt Langel and Geoff Owens had to make three years ago.

Onyekwe's story begins a world away — in a world that could not be farther from Philadelphia, in...
Brown hoping to make fifth season his best ever

By Will Ulrich
The Daily Pennsylvanian

Exactly one year ago tonight, Frank Brown walked onto the Palestra floor a man possessed.

Coming off a season where a nagging knee injury kept him polishing the pine for all but 13 games, few expected much from Brown in the Quakers season-opener against then-No. 7 Kansas on November 17, 1998.

To the delight of the Palestra faithful and to the chagrin of Jayhawks coach Roy Williams, Brown shot the lights out, going 7-for-9 from the field for a career-high 17 points in a scant 26 minutes. The 6'6" swingman from Los Angeles was vital to keeping Penn close in a game that ended 61-56.

Brown said. "I don't hold any grudges. We were winning and I was comfortable with my role of coming off the bench last year." Because he was forced to sit out all of 1996-97 and much of 1997-98 with injuries, the Ivy League offered Brown another year of eligibility for this season. Entering his fifth year in West Philadelphia, Brown looks like he'll get the full benefit of the doubt.

"We have Frank Brown coming back at the small forward spot," Dunphy said. "We're rooting for Frank to have a great season, not only for us but for Frank as a person. I think he's a good man and he's paid a lot of dues, so he's going to be given every opportunity." Brown may have the benefit of doubt this season, but he will need to secure court time on a squad with an overflowing cup of talent. The departure of two third of last year's starting front-court in graduated seniors Paul Romanczuk and Jed Ryan may free up space in the first five, but Brown will still need to battle.

Big men like junior transfer Oggi Kapetanovic and true junior Josh Sanger will see action, as may any number of youthful forwards. Sophomore Dan Solomito and freshmen Ugonna Onyekwe and Koko Archibong will vie with Brown for Dunphy's favor in the rotation.

Will Brown fit into a team so deep in frontcourt performers? Will this finally be his year to shine?

Penn co-captain Michael Jordan thinks so: "I don't see Frankie not fitting in. He's a special player who's been here for five years. "He's worked hard so he's earned any playing time that he gets. When he's out there he's a presence. You can't leave him open, so that takes pressure off of everybody else."

Up and Out of Beverly Hills

Ask Frank Brown where he comes from, and he will tell you Los Angeles. His address might read Beverly Hills, and he may have attended Beverly Hills High, but he seems determined to shun a 90210 branding.

"Beverly was a lot more down to earth than you might think," Brown said. "The TV show and all that was really more like the private schools in L.A., not anything like the public schools."

Brown's father, Glenn, is a successful entrepreneur and the founder of his own thriving private investigation company. He gave Frank, an only child, a comfortable environment. Beverly Hills High School was ideal, enabling him to develop his basketball skills developed fast and furious, he and his family decided to look for a more high-octane hoops environment. Beverly Hills High School was ideal, enabling him to play against a myriad of future Division I standouts. Brown's basketball acumen, however, was unearthed quite accidentally.

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For globetrotting Kapetanovic, the only constant is basketball

Oggie Kapetanovic's life has been shaped by a land he yearns to see again one day.

By Brian Hindo
The Daily Pennsylvanian

Ognjen Kapetanovic was born in New York to a Croatian mother and a Bosnian father, and spent the better part of his formative years in Serbia. He is part Christian, part Jewish and part Muslim, but is not religious.

He has lived on three different continents, attended two different colleges and holds a Canadian passport.

He is everything and nothing. He is a citizen of the world. He has many homes, but none entirely his own.

Ognjen Kapetanovic is a basketball player.

The story starts on May 16, 1978, the day the Yugoslav ambassador to the United Nations welcomed his second son into the world. One and a half years later, a diplomatic mission would lead Goran Kapetanovic back to his homeland, with his newborn son, Oggie, wife Vanja and toddler Vigor.

The Kapetanovic spent the next eight years in Belgrade, broken up by a two-year stint in Egypt.

Then, Goran was appointed ambassador to Canada. He took the family, including 11-year-old Oggie, with him to Ottawa. Little Oggie probably never thought that was the last time he would see Yugoslavia.

In 1991, war came to Yugoslavia, leaving the Kapetanovic family homeless, cut off from relatives all over the fractured country. Goran, disagreeing with the policies of Slobodan Milosevic's government, resigned as ambassador and applied for Canadian citizenship.

Somewhere in between the Hudson and the Nile, Oggie picked up a basketball.

In sports-mad Yugoslavia, there are two things that every child knows — soccer and basketball. And Oggie was no exception.

Although his godfather Velibor Vasovic was a star on Amsterdam's Ajax soccer club, the tall and gangly Oggie stuck to basketball. He was sick of being forced to play goalie.

And after all, basketball is a Kapetanovic thing. His father, before entering the world of international diplomacy, played professionally in France and was president of one of the most successful basketball clubs in Yugoslavia, Partizan. He also organized the 1973 European Championships.

At the age of seven, Oggie joined Partizan's youth team, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Vigor. Like Vigor before him, Oggie traveled Europe playing with other teams of his age group.

He didn't mind all the traveling, even at his early age. Oggie was born a mover. Plus, he had basketball.

"Basketball always brings you closer with your teammates and you've always got some kind of friends," he said.

Moving along, to Ottawa and beyond, the places and faces changed, but there remained constants — family and basketball.

Vigor was there, to train with and to play against, for games of one-on-one and for advice about basketball and life.

"He was always better than me when we were little," Oggie said. "Especially when we got to that age when I was 15 and he was 18, or 16 and I. I always tried to beat him in one-on-one and played against him. He definitely beat me most of the time."

While Vigor admitted that his early basketball success had a part in Oggie's later achievements, he said that Oggie owes much to himself.

"I think I played some kind of a role in him getting to where he is but you also have to credit him a lot because his determination and his will to be good is so great," Vigor said. "I only helped in giving him suggestions and stuff. He really got himself to where he is at this point."

After high school and AAU ball in Ottawa, Oggie's brother drew the admiration of college coaches in another country. Vigor ended up playing basketball in Philadelphia, U.S.A., at the University of Pennsylvania.

Oggie Kapetanovic, left, brings size and experience to the Penn frontcourt. A well-traveled native of Yugoslavia, Kapetanovic went to high school in Canada and played two years at Brown.

"When he left for college, that's when I really felt like I was missing my brother," Vigor said.

"The one thing that defined home for Oggie — his family — was all of a sudden altered."

When the time came for Oggie to leave Ottawa for college, his short list consisted of two schools — Penn and Brown.

Vigor had played basketball at Penn for three years. He broke his foot during his junior year and decided not to continue his collegiate career.

"We talked about him coming to Penn," Vigor said. "[But] Oggie wanted to do something on his own, do something for himself."

It was a rare opportunity to make a statement about who he was. For Oggie, it was an opportunity to be more than just Vigor's younger brother.

"When the decision came to choose between Brown and Penn, he felt like he wanted to build something of his own at Brown," Vigor said. "He felt like I had a little clique established here and he really didn't want to be known as Vigor's little brother."

But Oggie also felt compelled to avoid Penn and Vigor for another reason.

"My brother was still (at Penn) and I guess I would have been competing with him for minutes and time," Oggie said. "I didn't want that — I have one brother, one family."

Oggie left for Brown in 1996, the year a few optimistic prognosticators picked the Bears to knock off Penn and Princeton. The hard-working basketballer was moving yet again, this time to get in on the ground floor of the rebuilding of Brown basketball.

"They seemed to be a team on the uprise," Oggie said. "I guess I wanted to contribute to that."

So he packed up for Providence.

"When I got there as a freshman, I was kind of blinded because all I wanted to do was play and start," Oggie said. "Those were my only goals. I was a man possessed."

Only 200 pounds and not completely filling his 6'10" frame, Oggie — who had never lifted a weight in his life — was embarrassed into bulking up.

"The managers are bench-pressing more than me," Vigor said of his first trip to the Brown weight room. "I'm getting cooked in practice. I mean, I'm getting done. I couldn't take that. So I started working."

And work he did, starting 10 games as a freshman for the Bears. He was named the team's top freshman and was in prime position to carve out a name for himself in the decidedly thin annals of Brown hoops history.

As a sophomore, his drive never stopped — remember, Oggie was born a mover. But he didn't see his teammates moving fast enough for him. A 4-22 freshman season was followed with a 6-20 campaign in '97-98; the improvement wasn't coming fast enough for someone who moves as much and as often as Oggie does.

"I finally got the minutes and started most of the time," he said. "But then I noticed there were really things wrong with the program and with the team."

"People didn't care, my teammates weren't committed, the seniors and juniors were beaten down because they've been losing for so long — that's what they knew."

And Oggie hates to lose. In fact, he hates to lose more than he likes to win.

"For me, I can recall every single loss like it was yesterday," he said. "We lost a lot at Brown, and I can recall how every game went. I can't do that with every one of my wins."

After his sophomore season, with 42 Brown losses to remember point-by-point,
A decade of Dunphy: Penn’s coach has left his mark on the Ivies

By Marc Chodock

Since taking over the head coaching duties at Penn 10 years ago, Fran Dunphy has rejuvenated a century-old college basketball program and brought it back into the national picture.

After winning eight Ivy League titles in the '70s and going to the Final Four in 1979, Penn had a relative slump in the '80s. But Dunphy has led the Quakers back to the top of the Ivies, and they are on track this season to bring home their sixth title in the past eight years.

Nonetheless, the past decade has been full of ups and downs for Dunphy and the Quakers. Taking over a program in 1989 that had not had a winning season in four years, Dunphy did not have much pressure to succeed.

After Penn went 12-14 and 9-17 in Dunphy's first two years, the new Quakers head man realized that the transition from assistant coach to head coach was harder than it seemed.

“I had some insecurities myself as to how to go about this thing,” said Dunphy, who took over after just one year as a Penn assistant. “As an assistant coach, you think you have all of the answers. Then you are given the top spot and you quickly find out that the experience factor is critical in this.”

Showing support, then-Penn Athletic Director and current Big 5 Director Paul Rubincam re-signed the Quakers head coach to another three-year contract with one year still remaining on his old one.

“We had a good recruiting year coming up and Rubincam liked the direction of the program,” Dunphy said. “They gave me a new three-year contract, which in today’s world, that doesn’t always happen. I was grateful for the University and Paul Rubincam for doing that for me.”

While Rubincam was expecting some improvement, the result was beyond his wildest dreams. Dunphy’s ability to coach and attract talent became evident as he lured recruits Jerome Allen, transfers Matt Maloney and Ira Bowman and several other Ivy future stars who wound up lighting up the basketball courts and rewriting Penn’s record books.

“Like anything else, the better the player, the better the coach,” Dunphy said. “We had a group of good kids coming in. The more talent you have the more chance you have to be a good basketball program.”

From 1993 to '95, the Quakers had a combined record of 69-14, including 42-0 in the Ivy League — a streak that would last six Ivy games into 1995-96 and become the longest conference winning streak by any program in Ivy history.

“Dunphy was really good in keeping us focused from game to game,” said Scott Kegler, a member of the Class of 1995 and second on Penn’s all-time three-point percentage list. “We prepared for every team as if it was Kentucky. He worked us that hard and paid that much attention to detail each game. That is what allowed us to be so successful.”

In the '93-'94 season, the Quakers received their first national ranking in 15 years — No. 25 in the USA Today/CNN Coaches’ Poll — and won their first postseason game since 1980, defeating Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

With the graduation of Allen and Maloney in '95 and Bowman in '96, the program lost its core talent. Instead of looking at other programs for help, Dunphy brought in his best overall recruiting classes ever, luring current seniors Michael Jordan, Matt Langel and Geoff Owens (who has one year of eligibility remaining).

“We knew we were not as experienced as we needed to be,” Dunphy said. “When you have a tremendous recruiting class, people will look at the reason that these three came was that they saw their opportunity to play right away.”
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Future success rests with the Sensational Six

The six freshmen on the Penn men's basketball team are being hailed as the Quakers' best recruiting class in 20 years.

By Andrew McLaughlin
The Daily Pennsylvania

Being hailed as one of the best recruiting classes ever for Penn men's basketball is one heck of a billing to have to live up to. But strength lies in numbers, so maybe the high expectations for the Quakers' Sensational Six will prove to be a motivating factor, and not a burden, as they take to the court this winter.

"I think these guys are talented but it's a whole different world playing in the collegiate setting than it is in the high school setting," Penn coach Fran Dunphy said. "So as much hype as that freshman class has had — and I think that's great — let's give them a chance to see what they can do at the collegiate level."

You might have seen them around campus — towering above you on the Walk, adorned in And 1 gear and strutting around as if they already own the place. They are Koko Archibong, Howard Bailey, Andrew Coates, Duane King, David Klatsky and Ugonna Onyekwe, and they came here to play basketball — and to win.

The Coates' family must have the words "Ivy League" stitched into their shirts. Andrew's father has degrees from Yale and Harvard, and his sister is now a student at Princeton. Klatsky recognizes the bonds that being part of the JV basketball team. The younger Klatsky readily admits that having his elder brother around campus "is big time."

Having such a large recruiting class has had big benefits not just for Dunphy, but for the freshmen as well.

Archibong has even been warned to keep the volume of his music down. "My RA is having some issues with my music," Archibong said. "I listen to a lot of West Coast rap. And when I'm studying and when I'm in the house just chilling, my music is on. That's how I relax.

"The thing about it is that the people down the hall from me play some rock music really really loud, so I don't know if it's a problem with rap music or what."

The troubled lives that freshmen — hoopers or not — must lead.

"As for academics, it's the same thing as basketball — if you work hard, you're going to do well," said Klatsky, who then let on about a little-known studying secret.

But it hasn't been all fun and games and a free ride for Penn's super six freshmen. Despite literally being the big men on campus, they can't get everything to go their way. Archibong has even been warned to keep the volume of his music down.

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But the Quakers' new players are far from pulling their best Minnesota Golden Gopher impression and ignoring all things academic.

Classes take up just as much a part of their lives as they do for any other freshmen.

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As with most freshmen, the move to a college environment is a shock. "Classes are pretty tough," Archibong said. "I'm really not liking math right now — I'm in Math 151 and I don't like how the College system is set up where so much of your grade is dependent on one test."

Overall, though, it's a mixed bag academi- wise for the youngsters. "I like the Legal Studies class I'm in. I like the law — my dad's a lawyer — so that's interesting," Klatsky said. "But I don't really like any of my other classes at all. But I've got to go."

"Academically, it's been a little tough but I'm surviving. I kind of expected college life to be like this," said King, attributing an easy transition to advice from his older brother, Ibn Green, a football player at Louisville.

"King 6'8" will present you with problems no matter where you go. "It must not come as a surprise, then, that one pet peeve that comes to the minds of the big men is the length of dorm room beds. "Penn says their beds are extra-long," Coates said, scoffing at that notion. The 6'8" forward, though, found an unorthodox way around this problem. "I never sleep straight anyways, I sleep in the fetal position, so it's never been a problem for me."

Even 6'4" swingman King has been affected by the small-bed syndrome. "That's a big adjustment because I have a big bed at home," King said. "And coming in here, with that little small bed, it just ain't happening."

While some of the players must find new and inventive ways to find rest at night, the hallmates of these long-armed frosh see many uses for the tallest boys in their grade.

Several freshmen girls on Archibong's floor have praised the lanky frosh, noting that, "he's good to have around, especially to hang things up."

Likewise, Koko sees many uses for his hallmates — when he's not at practice, "he's good to have around, especially to hang things up."

"There's four girls that live next door that my roommate hangs out with, so most of the time we're over there because we don't have a television," Archibong said of his nefarious motives. "I want to see a lot of games now and I watch ESPN a lot. "And they have food and they have a kitchen — and we don't have a kitchen — so they have all sorts of snacks and fruit laying around. They're always gracious about it."

With so many complaints about the quality of dining hall food from non-athletes, the opinion of several big-eating young men should carry extra weight in determining how good Penn food is when it comes to taste.

After all, these guys eat a lot. "I try to eat breakfast because it's the most important meal of the day," Coates said, sounding like a public-service announcement. "I try to eat a lot of eggs so I can get protein. I don't really like hard-boiled eggs but I try to choke a couple down."

And then I just get some bacon, some hash browns, some cereal, a little fruit. So where do they like to go when the hunger hits? A quick survey indicates that the fried chicken delicacies of FWOT — Fingers, Wings and Other Things — are a heavy favorite over dining.

"Commons kills me. I thought I'd want a meal plan, but," Bailey said. "Prep school was better because it was a smaller number of people. Here there's mystery, you don't know what it is. The food does a number on your stomach and you need to have some Pepto-Bismol always handy."

Archibong echoed several fellow frosh in saying that Penn dining is "as good as cafeteria food is going to get," but went on to address the (in)convenient side of a meal plan.

"I was a little disappointed in the fact that I failed of myself out there by signing up for 19 meals without knowing that I'm not going to ever wake up for breakfast," Archibong said. "Thus, I'm losing massive amounts of money which could be going to something else."

For the frosh, that something else could be a solid meal at FWOT. "We did that — me, Koko, Duane, Lamar (Plummer) and Andrew — went up to FWOT one time, the next morning... Bailey trailed off, grimacing at the memory."

"Oh yeah, me and FWOT go way back," Archibong said. "In a big fan, I eat there a lot. I get the eight [wings] and four [fingers] most of the time with an extra big thing of fries. Or I get the fried chicken with fries."

Again, more big eating. But a split may divide the frosh — while Bailey swears off the thrill of men's hoops. "I went home just once. I tell you — it was the greatest weekend," Bailey said. "In terms of starting basketball this early and the intensity of it, I had never done it before. It had been about three months since I'd been home, and it was great."

"But now I don't really miss home. I'm adjusting here and I love it. I miss my family, but things are going well."

Onyeke has a leg up on the competition. At 20 years of age, the freshman — who was born in Nigeria, raised as a teen in London and went to Mercersberg (Pa.) Academy — already has the experience of boarding at a school across the Atlantic.

Ugonna is in the singularly important position of being able to both identify with what the others are going through and be able to help them on their way.

The best part of Penn for the Sensational Six has varied as much as their games do on the hardwood. But one theme keeps popping up. Ask them about academics, and an analogy to hoops is inevitable. Ask them about food, and talk drifts first to the pre-game meal, then to the basketball game. Ask them about free time and adjusting to Penn, and discussions of Fran Dunphy's practices show through.

Make no mistake about it, these six frosh take the same courses as their 2,400 classmates and long for the next weekend of partying as much as any Quad dweller. For the boys named Koko, Howard, Andrew, David, Duane and Ugonna, however, hoops has been and always will be No. 1 in their lives. And for now, they're the center of attention on a college campus that has starved for eight long months without the thrill of men's hoops.
By Jason Bodnar

The best of the rest in Ivy League basketball

PENN and Princeton have had a virtual lock on the Ivy League title for as long as anyone can remember. Since 1962, there have only been three seasons when one of the two P’s did not finish atop the league. It looks to be much of the same for the 1999-2000 season, although Dartmouth, with four starters returning, and a darkhorse Cornell team, anchored by one of the league’s best backcourts, could challenge the perennial favorites for the top spot.

With that said, here’s a team-by-team rundown of the Ancient Eight, per order of the Ivy League preseason media poll:

Princeton

Last Year: 22-8, 11-3 (2nd) in the Ivy League
This Year: Princeton lost two four-year starters, Brian Earl and Gabe Lewullis, to graduation and has already suffered two early-season losses to Syracuse and Missouri. But, as usual, the Tigers remain one of the favorites in the Ivy League.

Princeton retains a talented group of players, led by last season’s Ivy League Rookie of the Year Chris Young (12.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg). The 6’11” sophomore, who led the team in scoring in both of Princeton’s losses last week, also had 86 assists, 55 blocks and 23 three-point field goals last season.

The Tigers might have two straight Ivy League titles to defend, but they also have two major problems: a weak bench and a lack of outside shooting. Sophomore Vezid Osmancic (11.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 53.7 percent from beyond the arc) to the bench. Three sophomores will attempt to take advantage of the新款 Princeton starstrangle at the top of the league.

Predicted Finish: 3rd

Cornell

Last Year: 11-15, 6-8 (10th) in the Ivy League
This Year: Cornell also returns four of five starters from a year ago and has the talent to pull off an upset against the top two.

With the second best Ivy League rookie last year, proved he could match up with the Ivy’s best with a 22-point effort against Michael Jordan last February. The 5’9” sophomore (12.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg) led Cornell with 90 assists and 49 steals.

Joining Prather in the backcourt is 6’3” junior Kevin Cuttica (7.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg), a three-point threat for the Big Green.

Outlook: Another third-place finish this season would be a disappointment for a team poised to break the Penn-Princeton stranglehold at the top of the league.

Predicted Finish: 3rd

Harvard

Last Year: 13-13, 7-7 (4th) in the Ivy League
This Year: Harvard has averaged 14.5 wins a year since 1996 but hasn’t broken through for more than 17 in one season during that stretch. Five seniors, including the starting backcourt and both centers, are gone from last year, but with forward Dan Clemente back, the Crimson look to head toward another double-digit-win season.

Clemente (14.7 ppg, 4.6 rpg), a 6’7” junior, was the Ivy Rookie of the Year two years ago but was hobbled by an ankle injury last winter. Clemente had surgery in March and has since returned to full strength. He should be on the fringe of the All-Ivy team.

Harvard’s other returning starter is 6’2” sophomore guard Andrew Gellert (4.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg). Gellert started just six games, but had 33 steals and 50 assists. Also in the backcourt is senior 6’2” Damian Long (4.0 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 9 of 22 from beyond the arc)

The Crimson are looking for help in the frontcourt, as their most experienced player is 6’9” Tim Coleman (3.3 ppg, 9.6 rpg). Coleman should be on the fringe of the All-Ivy team.

Three newcomers should see immediate action: 6’5” swingman Bryan Parker, a transfer from Cuesta (Calif.) College; 6’3” freshman point guard Elliott Frasse-Free-

man; and 6’4” shooter Brady Merchant.

Outlook: If Harvard’s young replacements can’t complement Clemente, the Crimson could fall near the bottom of the league. Harvard has never won an Ivy League title — don’t expect this to be the year.

Predicted Finish: 6th

Brown

Last Year: 4-22, 2-12 (7th) in the Ivy League
This Year: A young Brown team returns four starters, but the Bears will have difficulty replacing center Kam Rountree (19 pgp, 6.9 rpg). The leading candidates to take Rountree’s place are 6’7” sophomore John Verdeaux (0.7 ppg, 1.5 rpg) and 6’9” junior Tyler Driggers (0.5 ppg, 0.7 rpg)

Brown’s other seniors will attempt to take the pressure off the frontline. Shaun Etheridge (3.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg) should start at the four-spot, while 6’4” Travis Brown (7.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg) and 6’6” Josh Meyer (0.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg) compete for the other spot. Brown played at two-guard in ’98-99, while Mey-

er started every game at power forward. The Bears, with 6’6” point guard Corey Vandiver and 5’11” off-guard Jihan Bowes-Little, are talented but small in the backcourt. Vandiver has 86 assists last season, while Bowes-Little, a transfer from Portland, will provide spark as a playmaker.

In the off-season, Brown coach Frank “Happy” Dobbs resigned and was replaced by Glen Miller—who led Connecticut College to the Division III Final Four last season.

Outlook: The Bears look to be growing pains.

Predicted Finish: 6th

Yale

Last Year: 4-22, 2-12 (7th) in the Ivy League
This Year: Yale looks to be a disappointment after last year’s 2-12 finish. The Elis are a young team with seven freshmen on the roster.

Outlook: Disappointing enough last year, expectations are even lower for a depleted Columbia team this winter.

Predicted Finish: 8th

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Penn plans promos galore

By Eric Dash
The Daily Pennsylvania

They may not be as thrilling as a Michael Jordan fast break or as exciting as a Geoff Owens rejection. And they definitely won’t come close to the excitement of a victory over Princeton.

But the numerous promotions and special events Penn Athletic Department officials have planned are sure to rock college basketball’s most historic arena.

According to Assistant Promotions Director Adam Magnus, the Athletic Department hopes to build on the Quakers hoops fans’ enthusiasm from last season’s Ivy League championship.

“There will be far more promotions and contests this year than ever before,” Magnus said. “The level of play on the court will be extremely high and we will try to get as many people as possible in the stands to enjoy it.”

Among the events:

The Chili’s Fraternity Challenge
At halftime of each home game, two fraternities will compete in a halftime three-point shootout. Four members from each fraternity’s team will have one minute to sink as many treys as possible. The two fraternities that score the most points will face off in a championship round during halftime of the Princeton game, with the winning team earning dinner for its entire house at Chili’s.

The Susquehanna Shootout
Also during halftime of each home game, three randomly chosen Penn hoops fans will get a chance to win up to $10,000 from Susquehanna Investments. If they make a three-point shot, they will receive a $100 gift certificate to the Penn Bookstore. Those who make the three-pointer will have the opportunity to launch one shot from half-court for the big money prize.

First Union Scoring Competition
One Penn fan at each home game will have the opportunity to win $5,000 from First Union bank if they can make four shots in 30 seconds. Participants must make a lay-up, free throw, three-pointer and half-court shot to win the money.

US Airways Night at the Palestra
At one home game this season, Penn fans will be given a blank sheet of US Airways stationary to craft their own aerodynamic entry in a halftime paper airplane competition. The person whose plane makes it closest to a target at center court will get a free round-trip ticket courtesy of the airline.

Panhel Night at the Palestra
Penn sorority sisters will be involved in selling tickets to the March 3 basketball game against Brown, with a portion of the ticket proceeds going to charity. And at halftime of that game, a special tug-of-war competition between members of different sororities will take place.

In addition, Magnus said there are a few events still in the works — including two theme nights which have not yet been determined.

At every home game, First Union Bank and The Philadelphia Inquirer will sponsor a raffle in which approximately 10 lucky Penn fans will win prizes, including T-shirts and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Four times during the season, Penn students will receive raffle tickets in the mail which they can drop off at the Palestra to be eligible for the drawing.

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MJ and Langel: teammates

One is brash and outspoken, the other a quiet leader. But basketball and a desire to win have made Penn co-captains Matt Langel and Michael Jordan nearly inseparable.

It is March 2. The Penn men's basketball team has thoroughly dismantled the Princeton Tigers, outscored them 44-22 in the second half and sent their archival rations packing to the tune of their worst home loss since Jadwin Gym opened in 1969. A stream of red and blue pours onto the court as the visiting Penn fans realize that the Princeton fans, their "Safe-ty school!" cheers long since died out, have raised the white flag. The Orange and Black supporters march out of Jadwin, a gym that is two parts geodesic dome and one part basketball court, with their heads limp against their chests. Flash bulbs pop, tears of joy flow and the euphoric members of the winning team take turns cutting down the net, hugging and smiling for the cameras. The NCAA Tournament awaits.

But to Michael Jordan, waxing reflective eight months later, the win at Princeton is just another 'W.'

"No," says Jordan, when asked if the win have made Penn co-captains Matt Langel and Michael Jordan nearly inseparable.

"To do it up there, at Princeton, with their fans standing there watching you cut down their nets was something that not only will you never forget but it was something extremely special... something awesome."

But whether or not you believe Jordan about the Princeton game, believe him when he says he loves to win. Last year, he and Langel led Penn to a 21-win season — the most victories for the Quakers since Penn's last great backcourt, Jerome Allen and Matt Maloney, ruled the Ivy League with an undefeated fist.

They are two guards, two teammates, two people, who have converged at Penn from highly dissimilar paths. This is the story of Michael Hakim Jordan and Matthew James Langel. One is a fiery court general, an excitable point guard who "tells you you're playing like a bitch if I think you're playing like a bitch" because "I'd expect you to tell me if I was playing like a bitch as well." The other is a keep-to-himself shooter, a quiet leader with a deadly outside jumper.

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One is brash and outspoken, the other a quiet leader. But basketball and a desire to win have made Penn co-captains Matt Langel and Michael Jordan nearly inseparable.

It is March 2. The Penn men's basketball team has thoroughly dismantled the Princeton Tigers, outscored them 44-22 in the second half and sent their archival rations packing to the tune of their worst home loss since Jadwin Gym opened in 1969. A stream of red and blue pours onto the court as the visiting Penn fans realize that the Princeton fans, their "Safe-ty school!" cheers long since died out, have raised the white flag. The Orange and Black supporters march out of Jadwin, a gym that is two parts geodesic dome and one part basketball court, with their heads limp against their chests. Flash bulbs pop, tears of joy flow and the euphoric members of the winning team take turns cutting down the net, hugging and smiling for the cameras. The NCAA Tournament awaits.

But to Michael Jordan, waxing reflective eight months later, the win at Princeton is just another 'W.'

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ates, guards and friends

By Eric Moskowitz

Friends freshman and varsity starter averaging 12 points a game; he would transfer to Moorestown High at the end of the season in search of a more demanding program.

It was not a particularly memorable first meeting, hardly the basis on which legends are forged. They didn't even discover it until recently, when Langel was going over some old high school newspaper clippings.

"We weren't as good as Abington, so I started and got a lot of experience, I think I averaged like 12 a game my freshman year," Langel says. "I don't think I had too good of a game, I think I had five or seven points. But Jordan's in the boxscore as well, although I think he just got the garbage minutes coming in off the bench and made a couple layups."

"We went back and laughed about it a little bit, we're both in that boxscore. That was long before we ever knew we'd be playing here together, that's for sure."

But if it sounds like Jordan had an inauspicious start to his career, the meeting with Moorestown is hardly the beginning. As the owner of what he calls "one of the more famous names in the world," if not the most famous, Jordan found it particularly tough around age 12, when he couldn't even make a layup.

"When I was little, I sucked. I couldn't do anything. I played football, and I got the 'wrong sport' jokes and then I switched to basketball and it got even worse. I wasn't good and people would just talk smack all the time."

But Jordan kept at it, really devoting himself to the game for the first time as a summer league player in 1990.

"I could drive really well but I could never finish the layup, I couldn't use the left hand," Jordan says. "But I just worked hard every day, played with the older guys. I'd practice with my team, then practice with the next age group up."

By the time he hit high school, he was spending his summers working out with John Hardnett — the commissioner of the Sonny Hill League's Hank Gathers College League — at the Gustine Lake rec center.

"While other people were out partying and stuff, we were in the gym sweating."

Jordan was cut from the JV as a frosh. I went to the coach to talk to him about playing varsity and the coach was like, 'I already have my team,'" Jordan says. "So I went to try out for the JV team and there were four guys from the same neighborhood. Tryouts — you go up and down and the coach tries to evaluate you and everyone's trying to get on the team. I never got the ball, I never scored — pretty much they were playing buddy ball. I ended up getting cut."

Jordan can laugh about that season today, knowing that he is one of the top guards in the East and the preseason favorite for Ivy League Player of the Year. He can smile when he talks about "just playing the rec league that year" and transferring to Abington Friends the next year.

As a sophomore, he started; his junior year he was "the go-to guy." By his senior year, he was an all-state selection and had college coaches drooling. But he never expected to wind up at Penn.

"I knew the Ivy League schools, but I never thought I'd be going to an Ivy League school when I was in high school."

Langel, on the other hand, seemed to have his career mapped out from an early age. While Jordan was still experimenting with football, Langel was in the backyard with his dad, John, honing his jumper.

"[My dad] played college basketball, so I started shooting.
John Chaney. At the post-game press conference after Penn shocked them No. 6 Temple 79-70 in overtime. Chaney admitted that the threat of Langel’s 25-foot bombs forced the Owls out of their favored triple-threat set. In temple, Langel’s nightmarish scoring binge of No. November night, with Aldridge and Langel connecting on an NBA-distance three and end, 45 official minutes later, with Jordan draining two clutch free throws — his sixth and seventh points of the overtime. Jordan hits the winning shots. Penn’s Michael Jordan. It is almost tired now, overplayed among the local media because of a now-familiar new publication or TV station discovering him with every win.

Langel did it in just over three minutes. As a junior-year-old college student would, Jordan enjoys the occasional Sports Illustrated mention, the USA Today article, the TV spot — he appeared alongside Villanova’s Bryan Lynch dribbling basketball at the Palestra to promote the Penn-Nova basketball matchup on Comcast. “It makes my mom proud,” Jordan says. “She goes and tells everybody, ‘See my son? Did you see my son on TV? That’s pretty cool.’”

But he is no glory-seeker, no publicity hound. While he has had plenty of years to come terms with being Michael Jordan, basketball player. Sometimes, he wishes he could just be plain old Mike.

“I have a problem in that sometimes people just talk about you who don’t know how I’m feeling. It’s like, why am I the topic of your conversation, when I don’t know you, I’ve never spoken to you? Just because I’m Mike Jordan, that’s my team? I don’t assume anything about you. That’s just not cool, but I guess you just have to live with it,” Jordan says. “Some people think it’s funny, to be in dining services or on the Walk and friends I know will be like, ‘Oh my God, it’s Michael Jordan.’ And that’s embarrassing.”

“When I meet people, I don’t say Mike Jordan, I just say, ‘What up? I’m Mike.’”

Then they’re like, ‘Oh, you’re Mike Jordan.’ Know me as Mike before you know me as Mike Jordan — I always prefer that.

Langel, normally the straight man to frenetic wideout Jones, knows exactly what gets his teammate’s goat. As if programmed, Langel stops mid-interview and unpremeditated, nursing an ankle injury while Mike is out on the Palestra court, and begins, in jest, his soliloquy.

“That’s pretty much the only reason I’m his roommate and I hang out with the kid. I don’t really like him much but he is Michael Jordan and people are always swarming around him, especially the girls. Man, the girls are always swarming because he’s Michael Jordan, so I figure maybe I hang around him then some of it rubs off on me.”

After three years of living with Jordan, Langel has a sense of what it’s like to be Mike Jordan but not that Mike Jordan. And he does not mind the fact that Jordan gets heaps more attention than any other player at Penn. Langel says that he’s “not a guy who’s big on media and papers and being recognized.” He believes that respect comes from the court, regardless of rankings and TV appearances, and that "the people who really know basketball, the people who really know basketball, when they see the games, they’ll know what’s going on.”

Which, of course, is a great attitude to have at Penn, a program with equally as much of a perennial stronghold on the Ivies but not nearly the attention of media darling Princeton. Because for all the attention he gets now, jealousy would be just plain petty. Michael Hikam Jordan has hardly had everything handed to him in life. And Langel realizes that.

“For what he’s done, I have complete admiration.”

The two are immensely competitive. While Jordan is no slouch from the floor— he’s a career 32.1 percent shooter from downtown — he quickly defers to Langel when it comes to marksmanship. As much of a competitor as Jordan is, he knows to head and taking points while sharing the court with the likes of Jerome Allen, Eddie Jones, Alvin Williams and others, Jordan and Langel spend their summers honing their games at the legendary Philly workouts run by John Hardnett and Fred Douglas.

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On the court in the summer, Allen is the teacher and Jordan is the pupil. But it is November now, and Jordan is back on Comcast, talking about how he and Langel could take Allen and Maloney in a two-on-two battle.

But Langel knows what Jordan really means.

"He was kind of joking," Langel says, admitting he is honored that they are ever considered in the same breath as the great Penn backcourts of Allen and Maloney, Bilsky and Wohl. "But he says that if we were to play two-on-two right now he thinks we'd win. And then he happened to say they haven't played together in awhile."

But it is that self-confidence, that winning edge, that is evident in both of them on the court.

"We're going down to Kentucky and we think we're better than their backcourt and we think that we're better than their team and we're going to win the game," Langel says.

Where, though, does this duo rank among the all-time great backcourts at Penn? Both players are entirely committed to playing professionally after graduation, be it at the NBA level or the lowest of the minor European leagues.

"Hopefully that'll be at the highest level, the NBA. If not, then maybe overseas, maybe in the CBA, but still trying to make it to the NBA," Jordan says.

Penn Athletic Director Steve Bilsky, one of the great little guards in Big 5 history, has an opinion on the matter.

"This is going to be the critical year," Bilsky says. "If I was looking, as an NBA scout, this is an opportunity for these two guys, because of the schedule that we play, to really show themselves and everybody else that they can play with anybody in the country."

But what about the actual question — can they make it to the NBA?

"Ask me in the spring," Bilsky says, "and I'll give you a much better answer."

Because, if all goes according to plan, the spring could see the Palestra trophy case displaying some new hardware.

As different as they may appear, Jordan and Langel share one thing: a hatred for the spring could see the Palestra trophy case.

"My first two years were very disappointing, because I always won — throughout my basketball career I've always been in the title game or something like that, and then I came here and we didn't win," Jordan remembers. "We lost a lot my first two years. They were very, very depressing years."

And then of course, there was the 50-49 debacle at the Palestra last year, a game in which Penn led Princeton 29-3 and seemed poised to exercise all the past demons — only to get the wind knocked out of them with a Princeton fastbreak to the chest. Jordan and Langel combined for eight turnovers and one steal, as Penn suffered one of the worst collapses in basketball history.

It was a game that should have ruined their season, a game that made weak-stomached fans retire their red and blue makeup kits and had the boys in Old Nassau laughing all the way to another title.

"That's where we got every bit of the hurt, but we just want to see where that takes us."

"I think that when your college career is over it's going to be a little bitter-sweet," Langel says. "If it's a Sweet 16 game or a regional final game then yeah, it'll make it a little bit better. If it's a Final Four game, I think it'll take away a little bit of the hurt, but we just want to play as long as we can, as long as possible in a Penn uniform."

There is a plaque that hangs in the front lobby of the Palestra, and no matter how old you are or how many thousands of games you have weathered, it always sends chills down your spine. It reads:

"To win the game is great.
To play the game is greater.
But to love the game is greatest of all..."

And that is what drives this story. This isn't the tearjerkers tale of the kid who made it from a neighborhood where many don't. It's not a let's-give-Mike-a-hand type of story because everyone's so glad he's here, anymore than it's the tale of a privileged kid from suburban New Jersey who just so happened to have a killer jumpshot and a dad who knows Doug Collins. To tell it that way does not do justice to Michael Jordan, and it does not do justice to Matt Langel.

This is about winning, but more than that it is about determination and unfailing practice, and hour upon hour upon hour spent in the gym. It is about seasons with so many losses you don't want to get out of bed in the morning, and seasons with streaks so sweet you just enjoy life more. It is about practicing free throws until your arms ache and your legs feel like jelly, about heart-breaking losses to Princeton and the sweet revenge of victory at Jadwin.

"I'm proud to call Mike one of my closest friends," Langel says. "And I truly believe that he feels the same way."

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Revival of Big 5 has Philly

For the first time since the 1990-91 season, all five members of the Big 5 will play each other.

By Andrew McLaughlin
The Daily Pennsylvanian

The Big 5 is back.
For fans of Philadelphia men's college basketball, no sweeter words have been heard than those uttered last April 22 by Big 5 Executive Director Paul Rubincam, who announced that the athletic directors from La Salle, Penn, St. Joseph's, Temple and Villanova had agreed to return to the full four-game round-robin men's basketball slate for the 1999-2000 season. This announcement fully revived the unofficial conference, which was first signed into existence in November 1954 by the presidents of the five Philadelphia schools.

For 31 years, each of the five programs played one another once a year in front of roaring crowds at the Palestra during Friday night doubleheaders with the prize of "City Champion" at stake. But beginning with the '85-'86 campaign, Big 5 games moved to each school's home court, and in '91-'92, the format changed to two official games instead of four.

This was done mainly to accommodate Villanova — the Big East added two more league games per season and the Wildcats were compelled to cut back on their schedule somewhere.

Despite the Wildcats' defection, the other four teams continued to face off for as many city games as possible. Yet no true city champion could be crowned based on just two official games per team.

For instance, Penn went 3-1 in Philadelphia hoops last winter, beating Temple, 72-70, La Salle, 62-58, and St. Joseph's, 66-58, before losing to Villanova, 74-63.

But because the Explorers and the Wildcats were the Quakers' "official" Big 5 games, Penn technically finished 1-1, tied for second behind Villanova (2-0).

Now this problem has been remedied. The Big East cut two games from its league slate and the NCAA approved a 28th game per team. With new space in its schedule, the Wildcats agreed to rejoin a full round-robin Big 5.

In early 2000, Philly will have its first true champion in nearly a decade. And fans, players and coaches alike are ecstatic.

"I think the return of the Big 5 is great. To play a round-robin again and now have a true champion — that's phenomenal," La Salle coach Speedy Morris said. "I'm really happy it's happening, but it's not in [the Palestra] and it's not the way it used to be — with one side cheering for one team and the other side cheering for the other team, streamers, mascots beating on each other. But the fact that we're still playing and that games will be sold out is great."

Temple

The consensus across the country, not just the city, is that the No. 5 Temple Owls (24-11, 13-3 Atlantic 10 in '98-99) are good. Very good.

Talk has been spreading like wildfire that this may finally be the year for Owls coach John Chaney to make it to the Final Four. The 67-year-old coach has been one win away on four occasions, including this past March. Chaney, with 606 career victories, is more concerned, though, with having his players play their game and not try to play to high national expectations.

"What you have to do is make sure that the youngsters understand a little bit more about having some balance in the way they think and not trying to live up to other's expectations — that's the worst thing that happens to you," Chaney said. "Because when you're trying to live up to somebody's expectations, you will fail. You can win 1,000 games but the one you lose is the one they'll hold you accountable for."

Returning every player except shooting guard Rasheed Brookner, the Owls are typically loaded, and typically favored. Senior power forward Lamont...
excited for college hoops

Barnes (12.9 points, 6.7 rebounds) and senior point guard Pepe Sanchez (8.2 points, 5.8 assists) — the returning Big 5 Player of the Year — are the Owls floor leaders.

Junior Mark Karcher (13.4 points), who dropped 39 pounds to get in shape in the offseason, also returns a devastating game to the small forward position.

The key for the Owls will be improved shooting. Temple shot only 40 percent from the field a year ago, including 24-for-67 (36 percent) in a 75-70 loss to Penn. The return of playmaker Lynn Greer, who missed all but six games in '98-99, and shooter Quincy Wadley (9.2 points) make the Owls a legitimate outside threat.

With four starters back, La Salle's tenacious defense limited their opposition fits once again over the upcoming months.

"I don't think that they're up to snuff defensively right now," Chaney said, typically modest despite leading his team to NCAA tournament berths in 15 of his 16 years at Temple.

"We're concentrating a lot more on trying to get some balance on the floor, and this is spending a lot of time with the big guys, and trying to get them to give us some effort underneath." With eight of 12 non-conference games against NCAA Tournament teams — including trips to No. 1 Cincinnati, No. 26 Indiana and No. 27 Wake Forest and a home date with No. 23 Maryland — the Owls will be battle-tested come March.

La Salle

A team on the rise in Philadelphia is La Salle (13-15, 8-8 Atlantic 10) in '98-99. In their fourth season in the Atlantic 10, the Explorers broke out of the conference cellar, notching a first-round victory in the A-10 post-season tournament.

With four starters back, La Salle expects to go places. Being voted as the No. 2 team in the A-10 West Division in a preseason media poll is a start.

"Now there's absolutely no excuses," Morris said. "We should have a better team than we were last year." Our recruiting is going well and we're ready to take the next step. I think that anything less than going to the NIT, at least, would be a very disappointing season — as long as no one gets hurt."

Back for his senior year is star shooting guard Deonan Carr (18.7 points, 4.9 assists). This bundle of energy was the top-scoring freshman in the nation three years ago (23.9 points), but still suffers from a low shooting percentage (40 percent).

The mantle of team leader will be passing on to sophomore forward Rasual Butler (14.2 points) in the near future. After gaining eligibility last December, the then-freshman scored in double digits in 19 of 21 games. He is joined in the frontcourt by junior Victor Thomas (15.5 points) and La Salle will struggle to replace graduated center K'Zell Wesson (15.6 points, 10.3 rebounds), as the tallest returnee with significant experience is only 6'7."

"Rasual Butler has the opportunity to be a very special player. He's very talented, and he's worked really hard," Morris said. "But our dilemma is we'll miss the rebounder in the middle, K'Zell Wesson, and we have to find those rebounds. (6'11") Gar-
Brown should see more playing time in final season at Penn

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"I played football in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. In the offseason, to stay in shape, we played basketball," Brown said. "I started growing, so football was taking a toll on me physically. I then switched over to basketball." Whether discovered intentionally or not, Brown's court skills were unquestionable. He was an All-Beverly League player as a sophomore, but then he got the first taste of the knee problems that would continue to plague him throughout his career.

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Once his legs bounced back, Brown began to turn heads all over the country. As a senior, he averaged a scorching 23 points and eight rebounds per game. In the process, he earned all-league, all-county and all-Los Angeles Times honors. Noted recruiting journals also took notice of the Beverly senior. Blue Chip Illustrated touted him as a top 100 prospect.

Brown was a hot commodity on the left coast. He received attention from Pac-10 programs USC, Oregon and Oregon State. But after a visit to New York following his junior year in high school, Brown decided that he wanted something more like the Big Apple than the City of Angels — he was looking to go to the East Coast. Luckily for Penn, Brown didn't get recruited much by eastern powers.

"Penn came to me at a summer AAU camp in Arizona," Brown said. "At that time, they were returning Jerome Allen and Matt Maloney and were preseason top 25. Plus there was Wharton and the academics here, so I knew it was a chance that I really couldn't turn down."

The Quakers had made Brown an offer that he could not refuse, so the the Blue Chipper made the cross-continent jump.

Mr. Brown's Wild Ride

Entering Penn as an extremely highly touted recruit put immediate pressure on Brown's shoulders.

He played in 27 games in 1995-96, starting five. He averaged only 3.4 points per game and shot a disappointing 33 percent from the field. Adjustment was no cake icing.

"I learned a lot about basketball," Brown said. "I've watched from the outside, but now I'm playing a full game, and I'm having to think a lot about basketball."

The summer after his plebe year, Brown was still thrifty for fresh experiences. He went to Italy for a vacation and, while overseas, put on an extra 25 pounds. While working out at Penn that summer, the stress on his already-tender knees became just too much.

Brown broke an ossicle in his knee and chose to have surgery. This injury, which came on suddenly while he was shooting around, would prove to be a debilitating thorn in his side. Time after time, he tried to come back from the injury too soon.

"I kept on coming back and reinjuring it," Brown said.

For all intents and purposes, Brown's knee kept him at less than peak performance for two entire seasons. Unlucky 13 was the tale of his sophomore and junior seasons. He played 13 games in 1997-98 and a mere 13 minutes in 1996-97.

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As the season progressed, though, Brown's minutes became more erratic, and he never again cracked the starting five. He played an important, but not illustrious role on a championship team.

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Plenty in Frank's Court

Almost everybody is pulling for Brown. Even though his minutes have often been curtailed, there is no doubt that he is a favorite among Palestra fans.

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Brown's way, but he knows that it is his own performance on the court that will make or break this final season at Penn.

"I think (Stoffler's) going to give me a shot," Brown said. "I just need to step up and produce and fill the role of the graduating seniors."

In last Friday's scrimmage with the Nantucket Nectars, a traveling team comprised of recent college players, Brown got the starting nod along with Jordan, Matt Langei, Geoff Owens and Kapetanovic. This may very well be the lineup that Dunphy employs tonight against Kentucky.

Whether or not Brown gets a spot in the first five, he is still eager to contribute to a team on which he plainly enjoys playing.

"Right now, everybody's really cool on the team and I'm along real well," Brown said. "We all pretty much have the same schedule, so the atmosphere is really great."

After Brown graduates this spring with a degree in marketing, he is still unsure of his plans. He may return to the West Coast to pursue a career in business or he may, given the opportunity, try to play basketball overseas.

Wherever he goes, though, Quakers fans hope that he can travel with fond memories of this, his fifth year in the Red and Blue.

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'Nova hit hard by graduation last year

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St. Joseph’s

The question mark in the Big 5 is St. Joseph's. Which Hawks squad is always a question.

Coach Phil Martelli, who guided the Hawks (12-18, 5-11 Atlantic 10 in ’98-99) to the Sweet 16 three years ago, returns all five starters. But nothing can be taken for granted.

The talent is there with junior Naim Crenshaw (10.7 points, 2.9 assists) and sophomore Larry Jennings (8.3 points) in the backcourt and with seniors Andre Howard (11.9 points, 8.4 rebounds) and Robert Haskins (8.6 points) at the forward spots.

And Villanova transfer Marvin O’Connor is expected to make an impact at the point guard slot.

Sophomore center Damian Reid (9.4 points, 7.8 rebounds), who progressed very well over the course of last season, is one player Martelli is high on.

“I think our most improved player from the first of September until now has been Damian Reid, but everybody has had their moments,” Martelli said. “I think that bodes well, because we have a lot across the board, not one that we have to lean on.”

The play of junior forward Frank Williams (8.0 points) and senior guard Tim Brown (7.0 points) off the bench could provide a difference in some games, which may boost the Hawks into the upper half of the A-10.

Villanova

One city team hit hard by graduation was Villanova. Losing its starting backcourt of Howard Brown and John Celestand to graduation, the Wildcats (21-11, 10-8 Big East in ’98-99) are thin on the perimeter.

The return of 6’10” senior center Malik Allen (11.2 points, 6.3 rebounds) will make Villanova a force to be reckoned with inside. Senior forward Brian Lynch (10.4 points, 41 percent three-point shooting) was one reason why the Wildcats led the Big East in long-range shooting last year.

Improved play for forwards Brooks Sales (5.1 points) and T.J. Caouette (5.0 points) is needed to help smooth the introduction of new faces in the Nova backcourt.

If any Big 5 team is going through a rebuilding year, the Wildcats would be it. After an at-large NCAA berth last season, Villanova seems to be heading more towards a middle-of-the-pack finish in the Big East this winter.

Drexel

Philadelphia's sixth Division I team and lone non-Big 5 member, Drexel is in an unfamiliar position.

True, the Dragons (20-9, 15-3 in ’98-99) find themselves picked among the top three teams in the conference. And true, the Dragons once again have first-team All-America East selection 6’9” Joe Linderman (17.2 points, 7.6 rebounds) manning the pivot.

But for the first time in nine years, Drexel will face Big 5 teams La Salle and Penn this winter. A matchup with St. Joseph’s had to be dropped when the Hawks picked up Villanova as part of the reborn full-round-robin Big 5 play.

The other major player in the Big 5 is the Palestra. The fifth-oldest Division I basketball arena will host six intra-city games, as well as two St. Joe’s home games.

Penn will host Villanova, St. Joseph’s and Drexel in Philadelphia action and Drexel will host La Salle in a cross-town game. Also, St. Joseph’s will play its Big 5 “home games” with Temple and La Salle at the Palestra. The Hawks will grace the Palestra with their presence in two non-league games in December against Rutgers and South Carolina.
Basketball, family remain central for a man without a country

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Oggie knew that he could not continue to go down with the ship. He was looked to be his brother Vigor for advice. The answer was simple — Oggie was moving again. He packed up for Philadelphia.

Moving means saying goodbye to friends made, leaving an empty room you used to call your own, starting your life all over again. Basketball means never having to look back.

Penn guard Michael Jordan said that basketball built a bridge between Oggie and the rest of his teammates. Even though he played a more Euro-pean style of ball than the rest of the Quakers, it was still good basketball. "Athletics in general brings people together," Jordan said. "We all have a common goal — to win games and do the best we can, and Oggie fits right into that."

Oggie sat out the 1998-99 season due to NCAA transfer requirements but practiced with the team during the week. He also regained a sense of home, a sense of family, that his perpetual motion made necessary. "I had one of the best years of my life last year living with him and we really developed a strong bond," Vigor said. "I really appreciate him being here and I'm disappointed that we only got to hang out and go to school together for one year."

"We're more like friends now — very, very good friends," Oggie said.

The Kapetanovics feel a special sense of urgency regarding their family. With relatives spread throughout war-torn Yugoslavia and all its former parts, keeping in touch takes on a deeper meaning. "Over the years we realized how important it is to have a very strong family bond," Vigor said. "Basically, the traveling has made the bond between us as a family much stronger than any-thing. We've always had to stick together."

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Dunphy leads Penn atop Ivies

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The initial drop in talent resulted in a 12-14 record in '96-97, Penn's first losing season in six years and its worst Ivy League finish (fourth) since '87-88, but the Quakers quickly rebounded to a 17-12 season the next year. Graduating only one starter in '98 and returning Owens to the line-up after he was diagnosed with a medical condition, Penn regained its status last season as Ivy League champion with a 13-1 record in the Ivies and a 21-6 record overall.

Fran Dunphy, center, flanked by assistants Steve Donahue, left, and Gil Jackson, has led Penn to a 107-33 mark in the Ivy League since taking over for the 1989-90 season.

While his resume fills several pages, his coaching style definitely brings results. "He is an in-your-face kind of coach," Penn senior guard Michael Jordan said. "That is what you need. If you don't have that kind of discipline then your game suffers. He treats everybody fairly, but he treats everybody differently. He knows he can get into my face, but there are other guys that don't respond the way I do."

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Onyekwe arrives at Penn after changing mind on college choice

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a place most Penn basketball players don't even think about. Onyekwe was born in Nigeria and lived there for most of his childhood.

He would eventually end up at the Palestra, along with five other men, as part of a recruiting class that has Penn fans everywhere drooling over the possibilities. But when he was younger, basketball meant almost nothing to Onyekwe.

Until he hit age 12, the game was foreign to him. Sure, he was a great athlete, but he did not know much about basketball and there was no reason at all to suggest that he would ever be recruited by a Division I program.

"When I was in Nigeria, I used to play a little bit, but it was mostly recreation," Onyekwe said.

That was because he never really had the opportunity to play on a team in an organized league in Nigeria. He was basically just experimenting with the sport. It was not until after his family moved to London when he was 14 years old that Onyekwe finally had the chance to play in an organized league.

After living in Nigeria for all of his life and just playing basketball for fun, Onyekwe began to see his potential on the basketball court when he was in England.

He played on club teams and saw that he could actually have a future in basketball, a game that was still somewhat new to him. And he also knew that any future he would have on the court would be in America, not in England. Club leagues in Great Britain just weren't doing it for Onyekwe.

After all, the Brits are better known for scones and the Thames than for slam dunks and three pointers.

"There are a lot of talented players over there, but it's just not organized very well," Onyekwe said. "The coaching wasn't good at all."

Onyekwe needed good coaching. He needed someone to help him hone his raw talent and athleticism into a polished game.

He found that person in Tony Tucker, then head coach at Mercersberg Academy in central Pennsylvania.

"I really didn't know if I would have the chance to come over here, but when my family moved to London and I started playing for club teams and I saw that other people moved on from there to the improving everyday.

He had the skill to play at most schools in the country, but most schools in the country didn't know much about him. Dunphy didn't even make an attempt to recruit him, never having even heard of him.

Besides, it wouldn't have mattered. Onyekwe was already committed. Long Beach State was interested in him and the coaches there had helped him get into Mercersberg when he was in London.

There was really no choice.

The decision was made. Onyekwe signed his letter of intent and was set to go. There was no turning back. The lanky forward with arms like a seven-footer and an amazing leaping ability was headed to Califor-
QUAKERS PLAYER PROFILES

Michael Jordan
23
Senior Guard 6'6" 175 lbs.

While the senior co-captain has attracted national attention with his name, look for Michael Jordan to make headlines for his play in 1999-2000. A two-time first team All Ivy and first team All-Big 5 selection, Jordan was third in the Ivies in 1998-99 in both scoring (19.3 points per game) and assists (125). The Abington Friends School alumnaus and Philadelphia native has become the consummate point guard and team leader over his three years at Penn. He has the rare ability to beat opponents off the dribble and with his jumpshot. Jordan led the Quakers to an upset victory over then-No. 8 ranked Temple at the Palestra on November 23, 1998, with a 22-point performance in a full 46 minutes of play. He also ignited the Quakers in a 25 point win at Princeton on March 2 which clinched the Ivy title for the Quakers. Jordan is 20th on Penn's all-time scoring list with 1,140 points and fifth in assists with 328. He was the 1996-97 Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

David Klatsky
3
Freshman Guard 5'11" 170 lbs.

Last year, David Klatsky led his Homestead High School team on an impressive run to the Final Four of the New Jersey Tournament of Champions. This year, he will spend most of his time watching Michael Jordan try to lead the Quakers to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. Next year, Klatsky will most likely be asked to take over in that role himself. For now, the freshman point guard will see some time off the bench spelling Jordan, and the Quakers will hope that his learning curve for Division I basketball is a speedy one. A natural point guard, Klatsky averaged 13.7 points and an impressive 8.1 assists per game at Homestead. While he probably won't be able to achieve numbers like this this season, Penn can be confident that its future — and its present — are in good hands at the point.

Frank Brown
15
Senior Guard/Forward 6'6" 205 lbs.

Frank Brown opened last season with an eye-opening career-high 17 points against Kansas at the Palestra. For the rest of the season, Brown showed that he could be counted on in clutch situations. In a hard-fought loss against Villanova, Brown poured in 14 points on 7-for-14 shooting from the field. For the season, the senior showed a pure shooter's touch, connecting on 45 percent of his field goal attempts and a scorching 12-of-26 from three-point land. His 46.2 percent mark from downtown was the Red and Blue's best. This season, Brown will have to prove that last year's showing was not a one-time flash, as he is a 39 percent career free throw shooter and a 30 percent three-point shooter for his career. Brown also showed last season that he could crash the boards. He pulled down a season-high eight rebounds against the Wildcats and averaged 6.2 rebounds per 40 minutes. But his best performance was easily against Kansas. Brown's 17 points were not just a career high, they came on 7-for-9 shooting from the field, 3-for-4 from beyond the arc.

Duane King 32
Freshman Guard 6'5" 198 lbs.

Oggie Kapetanovic has gone from worst to first in the Ivy League. And all it took was some patience. Kapetanovic had to sit out all of last season after transferring to Penn from Brown, consistently one of the Ivy League's worst teams. As a sophomore at Brown, Kapetanovic averaged 6.9 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. He started 30 of 51 games in his career there and once scored 16 points in 21 minutes against Penn. When the Quakers open their season tonight at Kentucky, Kapetanovic will be seeing at least one familiar face — he played against the Wildcats' Jamaal Magloire in AAU competition while in Canada. Kapetanovic is officially from Ottawa, but has lived all around the world. He was born in New York, as his father, Goran, was a Yugoslavian diplomat, and has lived in Belgrade and Egypt. Kapetanovic has a strong basketball family background. Goran played professionally in France and Oggie's brother, Vigor, played for Penn from 1994 to 1996.

Josh Sanger
50
Junior Forward 6'8" 235 lbs.

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Freshman Guard 6'2" 190 lbs.

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Andrew Coates
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Freshman Forward 6'8" 200 lbs.

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While the Charlotte, N.C., native will not replace either of those departed captains, he will continue to serve as an effective defensive replacement in the frontcourt. Sanger's best performance last year came in a Big 5 matchup with St. Joe's at the Palestra. He played 18 minutes, grabbed six boards and scored six points in a 66-58 Penn win. An all-conference tight end in high school, Sanger will be counted on to provide a physical presence in the 1999-2000 season. Against tough opponents with strong frontcourts like Auburn, Sanger will likely be asked to simply do what he does best — play defense, crash the boards and maybe try to draw some fouls from the opposition's strong forwards.

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Arriving into a crowded bench backcourt, Harold Bailey may not see as much playing time this season as some other freshmen. Bailey will, however, be a force to be reckoned with in the future, and he will also have an effect off the bench this season.

Bailey will definitely immediately be one of the best athletes on the Quakers. At Choate, he recorded the second-highest high jump in school history. His 6'4.5" jump would be good enough to leap over teammate Michael Jordan with room to spare. Bailey averaged 20 points per game over his three years at Choate, opening his career with a 41-point showing and continuing strongly from there.
A true marksman, Matt Langel was fourth in the Ivy League in three-point shooting last season (42.9 percent). He was named honorable mention All-Ivy and won two Big 5 games for the Quakers with clutch shots.

And it wasn’t even his best year.

While impressive, Langel’s three-point percentage was a dropoff from his ’97-98 mark of 50 percent (46-of-90).

His field goal percent-age also declined last season, from 48.8 to 44 percent, and his scoring average dipped from 13.5 to 11.3 points per game.

Langel, however, contributed just as much to the Penn cause in 1999 as he did in 1998, if not more. While his shooting numbers decreased mar-

finally, Langel reached career highs in several other areas. The Moorestown, N.J., native posted 4.4 rebounds per game and 3.1 assists per game, and swiped 23 steals while starting all 27 games for Penn.

With the ability to play as well as shoot, Langel scored 32 in a game as well as shoot, Langel scored 32 in a game and dished out seven assists.

Against St. Joe’s, Langel played in a career-high 41 minutes and again hit a big shot to seal the Quakers’ victory.

Now just imagine if Langel’s shooting touch can “return” this season.

Ugonna Onyekwe

Freshman Forward

6’8” 225 lbs.

A versatile forward, Onyekwe heads a group of six talented freshman joining the Quakers squad.

Onyekwe, who played his high school ball at Mercersberg (Pa.) Academy, is originally from Nigeria, though his family moved to London when he was 14. None among the Quakers faithful are already thankful Onyekwe — or “U” as he likes to be called — made the transatlantic trip. He was the 55th best high school player in the country according to Recruiting USA, and he averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game for Mercersberg.

But it took an unusual turn of events to bring Onyekwe to Penn. Originally set to play at Long Beach State, he decided to transfer soon after arriving on campus in favor of a more academically oriented school.

But by backing out of his letter, U would have had to sit out a year if he transferred to another scholarship school. Instead, he chose to remain another season at Mercersberg before coming to Penn.

Dan Solomito

Sophomore Forward

6’6” 215 lbs.

While Dan Solomito showed flashes of brilliance as a freshman — he netted two threes and scored seven points in three minutes of a win over Brown — the forward spent much of his time on the bench last year.

But with a year of experience under his belt, Solomito could be poised to play a more consistent role on this year’s team.

He will mostly likely be asked to give Frank Brown a breather in the three spot.

Although he only saw 23 minutes of action last season, the 6’6” forward emerged as a Palestra crowd favorite, as Penn fans chanted “Sol-o-mi-to” whenever he entered the game. Now, Solomito has an opportunity to show whether or not his freshman notoriety was well deserved.

Although Solomito only scored 14 points last year, he was a standout senior at St. Andrew’s High School in Flori-da, where he earned small school Player of the Year and second team All-State honors. Solonito was also a first team Jewish All-America selection in 1998.

Jon Tross

Junior Forward

6’7” 190 lbs.

Jon Tross is looking for a breakout season — or maybe just a chance to give one of his teammates a break.

Last year, the forward helped out the Quakers squad by allo-wing the starters to get a rest during the waning moments, playing 24 minutes. An athletic leaper, in his 11 appearances he showed his ability to run the floor and get off an occasional shot, scoring a season total of seven points. And against Brown, he snared four rebounds in just four minutes.

However, on a Quaker team that is especially deep at forward, the 6’7” junior from Con-necticut may find minutes difficult to come by.

Tross was a high school star at Hamden Hall Country Day in Madison, Conn., where he averaged 22.2 points and 12.5 rebounds.

Since he’s a big fan of pro wrestling, maybe Penn center Geoff Owens should be known as the “Ultimate Warrior.”

The man in the middle returned last year from a medical condition that sideline-d him in 1997-98 to make a strong impact with his in-terior defense, rebounding and offensive presence.

Owens, the Big 5’s 1998-99 Most Improved Player, was second in the Ivy League in blocks with 58, a new career record. But perhaps more importantly, Quakers’ oppo-nents shot just 40.7 percent, due to the presence of Owens’ imposing 6’11” body filling the lane. Opponents shot 45.8 in 1997-98 when Owens was out.

But the Audubon, N.J., native and Bishop Eu-stice High School prod-uct earned his stripes when a jaw injury nearly side-lined him for the remainder of the season on February 20, 1999. After sitting out the road game against Villanova, though, Owens had his jaw wired shut and played the last three games of the season, including helping the Quakers to victory with a 14-point, seven-rebound performance at Princeton.

Owens, although an aca-demic senior, has been granted an additional year of eligibility by the Ivy League for his medical redshirt year.

Geoff Owens

Senior Center

6’11” 240 lbs.

Lamar Plummer

Junior Guard

6’1” 185 lbs.

While he might be best known as Michael Jordan’s old high school teammate, Lamar Plummer will be a key factor if Penn is to repeat as Ivy League champions. After a solid freshman year, Plummer had to overcome eye surgery to repair partial tears in both retinas. Wearing protective goggles, he struggled to find his shooting touch last season after returning in December. The shooting guard did not convert on a three-point attempt, however, until his fifth game back, against Brown at the Palestra.

To be productive this season, Plummer will need to find his groove from downtown early, as 61 of his 93 field goal attempts last season came from beyond the arc.

The junior will also need to improve some on defense, as he recorded only two steals in his last 12 games. Plummer’s favorite opponent last season was Columbia. In New York, he recorded a season-high 10 points; at the Palestra later in the season he showed that the performance was no fluke, pouring in nine points.

While Plummer has shown that he can play well in the Ivy League as a reserve, there is a good chance that Archibong will be the most memorable one for a good time to come.

One of the most prominent members of this year’s exciting Penn basketball freshman class, Archibong was a McDonald’s All-America nominee last season.

As a senior at Polytechnic School last year in Pasadena, Calif., Archibong averaged a double-double with 16.7 points and 11.0 rebounds per game to go with 3.0 blocks. His perfor-mance led Poly to a 27-0 regular season record. Poly’s first loss came against Santa Clara in the CIF Southern Sec-tion Division V-AA Champs-ionships.

Archibong was the team’s MVP as well as the Player of the Year for his region.

At Penn, Archibong will be immediately important in the Quakers frontcourt — rare for a freshman under coach Fran Dunphy — helping to replace departed forwards Paul Ro-mas and Jed Ryan. While Archibong will not immedi-ately be asked to fill that kind of a leadership role, his athleticism will be critical in filling the void up front.

Archibong’s full name is Aniekun Okon Archibong.