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On the stump

New Hampshire is finally here, and all the major candidates have Penn students on their side. Opinion, page 4

Partly cloudy with the chance of late day showers. H 36 to 38 L 28

Spruce streets, at a cost of $190,000.

Moving one step closer to making their hoop dreams a reality, the Undergraduate Assembly voted last night to build two basketball courts on top of the parking garage at 37th and Spruce streets, at a cost of $190,000.

The motion to have the courts on top of the garage was presented by College and Wharton sophomore Dave Barchi, the UA senior, said. "Now our focus shifts to fundraising."

Ethan Kay, a Wharton freshman who was present at the meeting, presented several fundraising ideas. "I had a plan for writing the UA and the University with a letter asking for the input of students and faculty. I will make a call and then present it to the University with a letter asking for the input of students and faculty."

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UA passes plan for two basketball courts

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Psychoanalyst sheds light on nature of human bisexuality

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The Kelly Writers House is known around campus for bringing in renowned poets, novelists, journalists and playwrights and having them share their craft with the Penn community. Twenty-one of the twenty-two students of the Writers House welcomed one of the University’s very own writers for an intimate poetry reading session.

Marking Professor Dwan King’s—by his own admission—the first poetry reading in the Writers House’s history, the writer was quick to point out that over the past few years Penn has already established—unofficially—a “department’s stationhouse at 55th and Street headquarters. Such a place, where the students would go, and explain how such activities would be relevant to the topic of the Preceptorials, would be on paper and we’ll take charge of

Preceptorials, those small, faculty-led, not-for-credit seminars that promote student-faculty interaction and learning for its own sake, have become very popular.

The Program is rapidly expanding and, to meet the demand for these mini-courses, we need additional creative and energetic undergraduates to help develop new Preceptorials.

Members of the Preceptorial Program will not teach a Preceptorial themselves. Instead, they will think of ideas for new Preceptorials, find faculty members willing to teach them, and work with those faculty members to ensure that the Preceptorials run smoothly.

The reward is two-fold. First, members get to see their ideas for Preceptorials come to life. Second, they can take part in nearly any Preceptorial they’d like.

To apply to be a member of the Program, please complete this application by Sunday, February 6th. There will also be a short interview.

Please submit six copies of your application in the envelope on the door of the student government office on the second floor of the Carriage House, or complete it online at http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~preceptojoin.html. The Carriage House is a two-story red brick building next to Harrison College House (High Rise South). Enter it using the door on Irving Street, and take the stairs on the right to the second floor.

After turning in your application, please sign up for an interview time on the sheet on the student government office door.

There are no “right” answers to these questions. Answers to each question should not be longer than 150 words.

1. What are you passionate about?.

2. List 5-7 topics that you would like to see as the focus of a Preceptorial.

3. Elaborate on one of your ideas from question #2. Describe your Preceptorial’s focus and structure. Would it be primarily classroom-based and discussion-oriented, or would it have a different format? If outside reading or a trip is involved, please describe what the students would read and what the students would do, and explain how such activities would be relevant to the topic of the Preceptorial.

4. Describe any experience which has influenced your views on your formal academic experience at Penn.

5. Please list any extracurricular commitments (clubs, jobs, etc.).
PRINCETON, N.J. — Beginning in the fall, Princeton University will require its more than 3,000 undergraduate students to take two courses in history, but some students worry that the courses could have religious overtones.

The university also plans to stop giving prizes for the highest grade in a class, but the amount of prizes remains to be decided.

"Our goal is to make sure that students are taking courses that they will really enjoy," said a university spokesman. "We believe that the courses will be of great interest to students."
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Christopher Brown's $10 million gift to the School of Arts and Sciences will help SAS attract quality professors.

Thanks to a donation from University Trustee Christopher Brown, the School of Arts and Sciences can now address one of its most pressing problems — faculty recruitment. Brown's donation will allow the school to offer $10 million for endowed chairs — rather than temporary or one-time opportunities — and to make this happen as quickly as possible.

Our nation is at a point where it needs to be an American and inviting all to join. Like FDR, we are moving in the right direction, we should take this opportunity to prosper.

Contact your representative and urge him or her to support this important initiative. This is the appeal of Bradley's message, especially for students who are looking for a change.

George W. Bush: The educational prez

Believe that George W. Bush is the best choice for President of the United States because he is the only candidate who can bring us together as a country. We need a president who can lead us to prosperity and progress.

The choice is quite clear: Bush's experience and his commitment to education make him the right choice. Bill Bradley has the vision, the leadership and the energy to make this happen.

This is the reason why I urge you to support the President's education initiatives and to vote for George W. Bush.

Al Gore: Guardian of '90s prosperity

In the 1990s, Gore helped to create a new economy that led to strong economic growth and prosperity. He helped to create jobs and opportunities for all Americans.

As President, Gore will continue to build upon this legacy. We need a leader who can bring us together and lead us to prosperity and progress.

Vote for Gore and receive the '90s prosperity back.
By almost going blind, I finally learned to see

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Russians claim an advance in Grozny

Before and after Ossetia's strike in Israel’s self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, Israeli planes stationed nine air raids against suspected guerrilla positions, the army said. The extent of damage resulting from the airstrikes was not immediately available.

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Big Apple takes a bite out of M. Track

By Jeremy Dubois
The Help Play

Call it an off week. Call it a mid-season lull. Whatever it was, the Quakers did not have much to worry about this past weekend. They just like to forget about it.

The Quakers had a lackluster showing on Saturday at the Jasper Relays in New York, and they knew it. It was not disappointing for Penn that coach Charles Powell's squad is probably thankful that the most west-coast based Ivy League foe雷sanger Moster M. Goff was upset with his. Penn's performance on Saturday, but he still has time to make amends as the Ivy League Championships are still four weeks away.

"For now, it's not a setback, it's not a big deal," Goff said. Goff did note that Penn sent him to individuals all around the nation to train for this weekend. In addition, the Quakers had a couple upsets in the region that may or may not have contributed to the poor showing. When it is all said and done, the Quakers had their games painted on the wall. "We've not far from being a strong team, but we're not quite there yet."

W. Swimming wins second league meet

W. Swimming (from page 10)

of the meet about taking it home in the last relay," Seim said. "I knew our outfit relay would be better than theirs because we have more experienced swimmers than they do. Their Mich. lys, Henderson, Jessica Andrews and April Fincher have had a lot of experience in each other and they know what it takes to do the job done.

The Quakers began in the late afternoon, but some ultra-crammed, frequently leaving the teams in their place."

The meet opened with events, the Quakers were annihilated in both the 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relay. In fact, Seim added, "It was really satisfying, because the Dartmouth women all felt great about themselves early in that meet and they were all happy and they were all cheering. And you could see event by event, they were getting better and lower and lower.

Dartmouth and Penn were not as good as the Quakers and the Big Greens and beat them both,\n\ntrouncing the Red and Blue by a score of 172-114. Penn then traveled to Rhode Island on Sunday to face off or Brew. The Quakers had many factors working against them for their final Ivy meet of the regular season.

"Brown's just much better than us," Seim said, noting that Brown was drafted from their victory over the Ivy League's premier power, the Big Greens. The previous day, the Greenville was physically tired from the long bus ride to Providence. While Brown meant its best line-up, the Quakers put out a little line-up and familiar events.

Swimmers - Falmouth Kathie Dykes and the Quakers edged the previous day and

While the runners can generally provide support for the field athletes and vice versa, the two corps of Quakers are not even in the same boat on Saturday.

With the Harlem River dividing the Ivy League campuses on Manhattan Colleg's campus in the Bronx, and the runners competed at the 186th Street entrance in Manhattan.

Splitting the team up was not the problem for the Quakers, according to pole vaulter Bob Reynolds. It meant that Penn had some kind of athletic department design of track and field coaching. In addition, the Quakers also dropped a delay in start time for some of their more spectacular performances. The meet began in the late afternoon, but some of the runners' events, such as Gayle Drive's distance races, did not get

The Daily Pennsylvanian Presents: Today's astrological forecasts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2000

Barbara McCall

January 27: You may be repeating yourself in important communications. No harm done, but you may want to pare down your choice of words. Coffee and cream may be just the ticket for the day.

January 28: A great opportunity to back your hunch. The spread hit 3 on 6. Family gatherings, human interactions and necessary meetings are indicated. This is your day, by golly! Enjoy!

January 29: People may interpret your actions in terms of romance, socializing and entertainment. You may find that people have higher expectations of you. Give them a break.

January 30: You and two others will be the hit of the party. You will feel comfortable expressing yourself.

January 31: Your plan to spend money will be welcomed by those you care about. You may discover that your financial security is already very high. This may be your day to spend money freely.

February 1: Your good fortune is through the Tropical Press Company, which has the rights to the photo "Fireworks" by Bob McCloskey.

February 2: You will be enticed to enter a contest. You will win.

February 3: A chance at romance. You will attract someone. You will break away from the past or present.

February 4: A possible setback will not allow you to finish what you started.

February 5: You will feel that you are being taken advantage of. You will have to prove that you are. (2008, Las Vegas Times Syndicate.)

To be continued...
Jordan sinks two foul shots to clinch M. Hoops victory

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**Notes**

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**M. Basketball** from page 14

- Penn's Brown, who made one-of-two from the line. At that point, the Quakers were up by five-point with less than 10 seconds to go. Nevertheless, St. Joe's struck back just again when Howard was fouled by Owens, sending him to the line for two foul shots to seal the win at long last. "I wasn't sure whether we wanted to call a timeout to set up our defense, because those would have allowed them to set up their offense, so I just substituted Greg (Owens) and that seemed to help us," Dunphy said. "They went to the other end and called a timeout left, but decided not to call it, and the Quakers had the ball with 3.2 seconds to go."

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**Career night for Onyekwe**

- Onyekwe used versatility as his weapon to exploit St. Joe's last night, providing the Hawks with his combination of a right-handed perimeter game and a left-handed inside game that is beyond the Penn-Bucknury years. But Onyekwe's versatility didn't just make him look good. It helped him land the scoring crown for the rest of the Quakers to pantomime.

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**M. Hoops gets past Hawks**

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MURDER RAP FOR RAVEN'S LEWIS

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Fessional Basketball player Ray Lewis with murder late Monday in the play-
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M. Hoops clips Hawks’ wings for Big 5 victory

The Quakers held off a comeback by St. Joe’s to preserve the victory in the game’s waning seconds.

By Nicole Nordlicht

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By Bob Costas

Big 5.

The Quakers won their fourth straight game to close the month of January.

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Penn won its second Big

League meet in nearly 50

years.

By John Rudman

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Off-campus living: a look at the pros and cons

In the off-campus move, amenities are lost, but ‘real life’ experience is gained.

By Caryn Tamber
The Daily Pennsylvanian

Although a few weeks of the second semester have passed, students must soon decide where they want to call home next year.

For incoming freshmen, the choice is as simple as picking a college house — but many upperclassmen need to make a more basic choice: whether to live on- or off-campus.

About 42 percent of undergraduates live off-campus, according to Director of Off-Campus Living Mihaela Farcas.

“Living off campus is probably part of a certain ‘growing up’ — [older students] tend to want to be more on [their] own,” Farcas said.

Wharton junior Renos Savvides agreed. Savvides lives on campus this year, but plans to move off campus in September.

With on-campus housing, he said, “I’m closer to classes, closer to places I need to be.” However, Savvides added that he is moving off campus because he sees “the experience as a kind of transition into real life.”

Besides gaining more independence, choosing not to live in University housing holds other advantages.

For instance, off-campus rents are usually cheaper than University rates, and students can get more space for their money. But, according to Farcas, rents have been growing steeper in recent years, lessening the price advantage of living off campus.

And students must also pay for their residence for 12 months, rather than for the eight-month school year.

Farcas also cited the desire to be a part of the West Philadelphia community — as well as the Penn community — as a motivation for students to leave campus housing.

“Some people really like to be a part of a neighborhood, of a city, of a town,” Farcas said. In University housing, she said, students are “less exposed to the real life of a city.”

But for many students and their parents, the “real life of a city” suggests danger.

“My parents aren’t real fond of me living off campus,” said College senior Kristina Herbert, who lives in Hamilton College House. “They feel it’s more secure here.”

But for College junior Rebecca LaManitia, who lives off campus, the absence of Spectaguards and PennCard scanners is welcome.

She found University housing “too restrictive. (Now) I feel less watched-over,” she said, “but I don’t feel unsafe.”

Besides safety concerns, some students cited other reasons to remain on campus. For Herbert, University housing’s built-in ethernet connection was a significant factor in her decision to stay.

“The Internet connection is really important to me,” she said. “It would be really frustrating to get kicked offline every half hour.”

LaManitia agreed that the ethernet connection was convenient.

“I miss talking on the phone while being on the Internet,” she said.

Choosing to move off campus is truly a trade-off, according to Farcas. “You are more in charge of yourself, but you have more responsibilities. And you have to be an educated consumer so you know how to interact with your landlord.”
Office provides advice on living off campus

Located at 4046 Walnut, the Office of Off-Campus Living serves mostly students, but welcomes the community.

By Sofia Kosmetatos
The Daily Pennsylvania

Winter break is barely over, but the mad rush to find housing for next year has begun. For those students looking for a residence off campus, help might be just footsteps away.

The Office of Off-Campus Living, located at 4046 Walnut Street, offers assistance in all stages of apartment-leasing.

"My first commitment is to provide information that will help students be knowledgeable and educated consumers," OCL Director Mihaela Farcas said.

Between the bookshelves of information in the office and the wealth of information on the OCL Web site (www.upenn.edu/oclhousing), Farcas' commitment seems to be working.

Along with a step-by-step guide to apartment renting, OCL provides apartment listings in the University City and Center City areas.

The City of Philadelphia Minimum Housing Standards and the Philadelphia City Code and Home Rule Charter are also made accessible to clients.

"It's really important to know what the responsibilities of landlords and tenants are," Farcas said.

"The market is very tight right now, and students are so concerned with getting a place in a particular location, that it's not so much a matter of negotiating a contract. And that is why it is important for students to be informed tenants, so they know how to get what they need," she said.

Most of the office's visitors are undergraduate and graduate students, according to last year's annual walk-in report. But faculty, staff, University affiliates, members of the community and students attending local universities also use the office.

Over the past few years, OCL has seen a drop in walk-in users. Still, Farcas points...

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Over 100 police officers work to keep Penn safe

The Division of Public Safety is charged with taking care of both campus and the surrounding West Philadelphia area.

By Jonathan Margulies
The Daily Pennsylvania

With a 108-officer police force, a full investigative unit and departments devoted to victim support, security services and fire and occupational safety, Penn's Division of Public Safety holds primary responsibility for law enforcement on and around Penn's campus.

As the largest private police force in the state, the University of Pennsylvania Police Department works in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police Department to patrol the area spanning west to 43rd Street, south to Woodland Avenue, east to 30th Street and north to Market Street.

Two years ago, the Division of Public Safety relocated from two buildings in Steinberg-Dietrich Hall in November 1998 to the new, state-of-the-art headquarters at 4040 Chestnut Street. The change was aimed at consolidating Public Safety services in a site capable of being fitted for the latest technologies but still close to campus.

Though they are a private force, the University Police have the same enforcement powers as any municipal police squad, with full authority to make arrests for criminal violations. They also just assumed additional powers under a new arrest protocol agreement with the city, which extends them full investigative rights for all crimes committed within their jurisdiction.

And despite a few high-profile incidents over the past few years — including a last-night attack on a female undergraduate in Steinberg-Dietrich Hall in November 1998 and the highly-publicized shooting outside of the Palestra in March 1998 which saw one man killed and three others — including a Penn student — injured, crime on and around campus continues to fall.

This year's winter break had the lowest number of crimes in six years, with just 58 incidents being reported. Last year, 73 crimes were reported over winter break.

Another 23 Philadelphia Police Department officers, two sergeants and a lieutenant were added to help patrol the extended campus area last spring, when the UCD headquarters opened at 3940-42 Chestnut Street as part of the new University City District headquarters.

The UCD — a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in University City — also has 40 yellow-jacketed safety ambassadors who patrol University City looking for possible crime and helping residents and visitors find their way around the area.

And while all of the changes in recent years have added to a generally more secure campus environment, many students say there are still reasons to be cautious.

"I feel safe because nothing has happened to me," Engineering junior Jennifer Orloff said. "But I do know people who have had some problems, so I think it's important to be cautious."

Wharton senior Alicja Nalewajek agreed that caution is important but attributed perceptions of crime in the area to outdated stereotypes.

"Lately it's been pretty quiet, and I really don't worry about crime that much," she said. "Maybe West Philadelphia is just stereotyped for having a lot of crime."

Officers patrol the area on foot, in bicycles, in cars and in new four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Made up of Special Services, Security Services, Fire and Occupational Safety and the University Police, the Division of Public Safety is headed by Thomas Seamon.

Seamon, a former Philadelphia deputy police commissioner, came to Penn in 1990. His top deputies include University Police Chief Maureen Rush, Security Services Director Stratis Skoufas and Interim Special Services Director Patricia Brennan.

Though Public Safety is part of the University, it serves everyone in its patrol area and is involved in investigations of all incidents on and around campus, even those that involve individuals with no affiliation to the University.

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The Initiative intends to spruce up the city by focusing on growth in areas such as the quality of schools and housing.

By Katie Ambrogi
The Daily Pennsylvanian

The days when University City had a family-oriented, suburban atmosphere may soon return — at least if the West Philadelphia Initiative continues the way it has.

Moving off campus has more to offer than ever before, with students and faculty alike discovering the many advantages that lie west of 39th Street.

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Aspects of the West Philadelphia Initiative:

- The University City District, a community organization aimed at improving the local area with its sidewalk cleaners and yellow-jacketed safety ambassadors.
- UC Green, which beautifies the local area by planting trees and flowers.
- A new public school, which Penn has promised to give $700,000 annually to support from Penn.
- Retail projects are also sprucing up many areas of West Philadelphia, specifically the development of Hamilton Village and the 40th Street corridor. That project reflects the University’s desire to encourage “high quality and diverse retail,” Scheman said.
- And the University City District, a non-profit organization that is currently funded by Penn and other West Philadelphia businesses and institutions, is also working to improve the quality of life in area for all residents.

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These programs were conceived in the spirit of strengthening the community itself and also to better the relationship between the University and its surrounding neighborhood, Penn’s Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs Carol Scheman said.

Scheman explained that working on all five parts of the West Philadelphia Initiative is crucial to the continued improvement of University City.

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U. hopes dorm overhaul will keep students on campus

Penn's 10-year project will add 1,000 more beds to the system.

By Michael Sonsino
The Daily Pennsylvanian

The University is in the midst of a 10-year, $300 million project that will change the face of on-campus housing while at the same time, administrators hope, encourage more students to stay in on-campus housing.

The plan involves extensive renovations to existing dormitories and the addition of two new low-rise dorms and a dining hall. The project, which began last summer with renovations to the Quadrangle, is planned to last through at least 2008 and will add 1,000 beds to the residential system.

The effects of the plan have already been felt in Hill College House and the Quadrangle, which both saw renovations last summer. And the Quad will see continued changes over the next three years, with different parts of the historic building being upgraded each summer at a total cost of about $75 million.

The plans call for the dormitory to be divided into three college houses, each with improved public spaces and new bathrooms, updated lighting and new air conditioning and heating systems.

The most significant changes to the Quad are designed to attract more upperclassmen to the traditionally freshmen dorm. Among these changes will be newly created suites featuring kitchens and common areas and specially equipped singles—which together will ultimately account for approximately 25 percent of the Quad's housing.

One of the three new college houses will be renovated each summer over the next three years; by the start of classes next year, the renovations to the eastern portion of the dorm will be complete.

The most ambitious part of the plan is a $150 million overhaul of Hamilton Village — the area formerly known as Superblock — with construction beginning in 2001. Most of the additional beds will be added to this area, and officials say there may be significant changes to the high rises themselves.

The architects for the project were selected in September from a group of six firms that submitted proposals.

The Philadelphia architectural firm Kieran, Timberlake and Harris will develop plans to renovate the high rises, determining whether they can be successfully divided into two smaller college houses, each with separate lobbies, elevators and public spaces.

The plan will first be tested with Hamilton House; if successful, it may be applied to all three high rises. The firm will also investigate other potential renovations, including possible ways to rectify Hamilton Village's "wind tunnel" effect.

The Vancouver-based Patkau Architects will design two low-rise dorms in the area bordered by Walnut, 39th and 40th streets and Locust Walk. The new low-rises will bring 700 beds to campus and will provide swing space while the high-rise renovations take place.

The renovations to Hamilton Village will also include changes to the Class of 1920 Commons. The dining hall will be renovated and expanded to serve an increased residential population.

In 2004, Stouffer College House will be demolished to make way for a new dining hall. Following that, existing low rises in Hamilton Village — Gregory and DuBois college houses — will be renovated in 2006, and King's Court/English College House will undergo minor renovations in 2007.
In a landlord dispute, students get lawyer's help with $50 fee

OCL from page 5

ed out that OCL's services have "soared" with the increased use of the OCL Web site and e-mailers seeking advice through that medium. The site has received over 3,000 hits since January 1.

Many clients still visit the office for counseling during the year. The most common problems clients seek help with, according to Farcas, are those regarding repairs — which include heat and infestation problems.

Clients also seek assistance with reviewing leases or advice regarding landlord-tenant problems. If it is necessary, Farcas, a certified mediator, will contact the landlord on the student's behalf to work out issues.

In rare, serious situations, OCL refers students to the University-subsidized Lawyer Referral Service, a service retained by the University since last fall. The student pays a fee of $50 — with the remainder subsidized by the University — for legal assistance with landlord-tenant matters.

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Students have recourse in landlord disputes

When dealing with a landlord, students should pay close attention to their contracts and keep everything in writing.

By Nawshin Ali
The Daily Pennsylvanian

When students move off campus they need to think about buying furniture and paying bills for the first time. They also have to accept a new person into their lives — a landlord.

Mihaela Farcas, director of the Office of Off-Campus Living, advises students to be cautious and educated when dealing with landlords and signing an off-campus housing lease.

The Office of Off-Campus Living, Farcas said, helps students understand a lease before agreeing to it. She said leases sometimes contain unfair and illegal clauses. Since last year a new program of University-subsidized legal assistance has been implemented. The Office of Off-Campus Living also attaches a rider to all leases, subsidized legal assistance has been implemented. The Office of Off-Campus Living also attaches a rider to all leases,

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Malka also said he had some work done on the apartment before he moved in. He asked the landlord to put in ceiling fans, a new fridge and a new door for the fire escape. Malka himself did some work on the apartment, and he said his landlord gave him one week to assess damages before signing the lease.

Elizabeeth Norris, a College senior, also lives off campus in a rented house with six of her friends. She said she had several complaints about the house, including a rodent problem.

“We had major infestation... I think we killed seven mice. [The landlord] left it up to us,” she said.

She also said she had to negotiate repeatedly to have her landlord put in new carpet and often she and her housemates had to resort to working on the house themselves.

“We painted 80 percent of the house,” she said.

She added that she had some trouble with heating as well. “Our furnace could break at any moment,” she said. “[My housemates] woke up and the temperature on the thermometer was 41 degrees.”

Jason Cohen, manager of Campus Apartments, a popular area realtor, said, “There is a huge demand for housing which doesn’t leave students with much choice.”

University-Subsidized Legal Assistance in Landlord/Tenant Matters for University of Pennsylvania Students

Beginning September 1, 1999 University of Pennsylvania students who are in need of legal assistance in landlord tenant matters can access such service through the Office of Off-Campus Living.

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Fostering neighborly feelings among students

Residents want students who live off campus to take pride in their community.

By Katie Ambrogi
The Daily Pennsylvanian

When Penn students decide to move off campus, civic responsibility is probably not the first thing on their minds.

But according to permanent residents who share the neighborhood, it should be more of a priority.

About 40 percent of Penn's undergraduates leave the sanctuary of the college houses in search of better housing each year. These students, along with many graduate students, often head west — signing one-year leases with landlords in University City.

And while off-campus housing offers a wide appeal to many students, their presence isn't always so appealing to permanent neighbors.

When George Thomas, a Penn Urban Studies professor, moved onto the 3900 block of Pine Street in 1969, University faculty and staff were just beginning to vacate the area. Undergraduate students replaced them and the result, according to Thomas, was disastrous.

"It became an unmanaged dorm — smelly, noisy, unsightly and not much fun," Thomas said. "It's really a shame that students in the off-campus market think that's OK."

According to Thomas, Pine Street could really be a great place for students and faculty to live together if the students treated their off-campus homes with a "sense of permanence."

Further west on Pine Street lives History Professor Lynn Lees, a 25-year resident of the 4400 block. She insists that her student neighbors have made important contributions to the community — such as patronizing local businesses and making the area safer by increasing the number of people walking in the area late at night.

Overall, Lees described her interaction with the students as "positive."

However, Lees shares Thomas's complaint that students don't take as much care of their houses as a longtime homeowner would.

"The one difficulty with having student neighbors is they don't see themselves as residents of the block," Lees said. "They see themselves as transients."

Lees suggested that students could be better neighbors if they picked up any trash outside their houses and asked their landlords to fix up their houses if they become run down.

The long-time residents of Regents Square, an area southwest of Penn's campus, have a different approach for building relationships with their student neighbors.

Richard Womer, a Penn associate professor of Pediatrics who has lived in Regents Square for 14 years, said that the members of his traditional family neighborhood do their best to include students in community activities, such as a May Fair and a Halloween block party.

"We let [the students] know that it's a family-oriented block and they have to be a part of keeping it that way," Womer said. "Some are very participatory and others don't participate at all."

Students have always had a rocky relationship with the permanent residents of University City. Many longtime residents say students don't see themselves as members of the community.
Security deposits: how to reclaim the money

Every year, some students have problems getting their deposits back. To avoid problems, follow a few simple steps.

By Aparna Iyer
The Daily Pennsylvanian

It may not be hard to get a full refund on your security deposit, but that doesn't stop several dozen Penn students each year from being unable to reclaim their money.

In fact, nearly 80 students last year complained to the Office of Off-Campus Living that they were not given back their security deposits.

So, how can one be sure of getting a full refund on a security deposit?

"It is not only keeping your property in good shape, but also documenting and keeping track of things," Office of Off-Campus Living Director Mihaela Farcas said.

She explained the five main steps to receiving a full refund. First, the tenant must check the apartment and document its condition prior to moving in, which can be done with the OCLs move-in checklist.

Then, while living in the property, Farcas said "be careful, take good care of the property and leave it in a condition similar to the way it was in the beginning of the lease."

Upon moving out, proper notification of lease termination is essential. The lease should specify the necessary notification set by the landlord.

Inspection of the apartment upon moving out is also important. The tenant should compare the condition of the apartment at the end of the lease to the way it was in the beginning of the lease, Farcas explained.

"Make a list of the damages, and keep a copy for yourself. It is sometimes even helpful to take a couple of pictures," she said.

Lastly, the tenant should provide the landlord with a forwarding address in writing.

Security deposits are often used to pay for any damage — besides the usual wear and tear — that the tenant may do to the apartment. It can also be used to pay for the tenant's debts.

"The security deposit is not rent," Farcas said. "The purpose of the security deposit is for the landlord to be protected against any damages to the house or any unpaid financial obligations."

In addition, Farcas noted the problems that can occur when living with other people off campus. She mentioned that a group living together should be aware that they might all be held partially responsible for the damages another tenant has done.

A security deposit can vary in amount. For the first year, the landlord is legally allowed to ask for any amount up to the equivalent of two months' rent. After one year of living on the property, the landlord

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Student-run survey provides info. on various landlords in West Philadelphia

Ways to protect your security deposit

can only ask for the equivalent of one month’s rent.
During the beginning of the third year of rent, the security deposit begins accumulating interest at the rate of the bank in which it is invested. However, the landlord is allowed one percent of this interest to cover his or her administrative costs. The remaining accumulated interest is due to be paid to the tenant at the end of the year.
The landlord has 30 days prior to the tenant’s moving out to either refund the security deposit or to justify why it will not be fully returned. If neither happens, the tenant is allowed to take legal action.

If the tenant disagrees with the landlord’s failure to return the security deposit, legal action may be necessary.
"If you do the right thing, and you document and give notification, the law is on your side," Far- cas said.
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