Activists plan for Penn Relays protests

By Robert Heuman

Penn Students Against Sweatshops plans to rally against Nike's involvement in the track event.

"We're not doing this against Nike," said Melissa Byrne, a Penn sophomore who is coordinating the protest group. "We're against Nike's involvement in the track event."

Many of the students who plan to protest said they were disturbed by the relationship Nike has with other parts of the athletic program, such as the University's basketball teams.

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By Richard Mo

The University has made inroads in internationalization, but progress has been slow.

"I think that Penn has definitely made some progress," said Jane Saulsbury, director of the Office of International Programs. "But I think there's still a lot of work to be done."
STWing blimp is ready to take off

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By Julie Eisenband

After years of planning and months of hard labor, members of the Science and Technology Wing (STWing) have completed the construction of the blimp. The blimp, a 30-foot inflatable dirigible, has been a project in the works for over a year. It has been a labor of love for the group, and they are excited to see it take flight.

The blimp is a prototype for a model twice its size that will be used in the Philadelphia community. It has been designed to be environmentally friendly and efficient, with a fuel consumption rate of 60,000 BTU per hour. The blimp will be used for environmental awareness and educational purposes.

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Students plan sunset rally during Relays

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This is the first that we've heard of the protests, and we haven't heard of any knowledge, of these events, "Sister Circle's" President Meehan said.

"We're currently set up for ban-
ner advertising," said Sister Circle's President Meehan. "We may be allowed to fly without a new insurance policy, which will be the team at the end."

Baldvin Hannibaldsson, talking about contracting the blimp for environmental surveys this summer. Ordway, Ordway and Ordway's, several students and engineers to be participating in the test flight, and a test flight decoder was proposed.

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U. students to fundraise for homeless kids in Romania

Charity events will be held at Barney Stone and Smokey Joe's tonight and next Monday.

By Liz Denburg
The Daily Pennsylvanian

After witnessing homeless Romanian children struggling to survive in sewers, a small group of students has decided to share the emotional experience with others at Penn.

And starting tonight, in an effort to begin the charity, they will hold two events to raise money at Penn, the group hopes to fundraise hundreds near the end of the month.

The first will be tonight at 9 p.m. at Barney Stone on 33rd Street, and the second will be next Monday at 10 p.m. at Smokey Joe's.

The impetus for the philanthropy came when a group of students and faculty — College sophomore Emily Gates, College seniors Michael Stengel, and Arts and Sciences junior Mark John and Anneburg School for Communications sophomore photograph Kate Cusack — spent their spring break in Romania.

Both events will provide more information and a fundraising benefit from the trip and describing the present condition.

The goal of the trip was to play, and anthropological in nature, the event.

Cusack first learned about the conditions of Bucharest's estimated 6,000 homeless children last year on the BBC while he was working in Ireland. He also learned of the efforts that one American couple, Ron and Sue Bates, have made to help these street kids who are forced to sleep in the underground sewers of Bucharest.

Bucharest is the capital of Romania and is currently attempting to battle the problems on a larger social and political level.

When Cusack found out that he would be accompanying a class of Penn students to Bucharest on behalf of Annenberg to about the Women's Campaign International, he contacted Olivia D'Arnaud, the chairwoman of the communications program. She had agreed to coordinate the fundraise which the group "The First Fair" in Philadelphia where a group of about 25 have moved away from Central Station in Bucharest's own. About two kilometers away, the children are staying on the underground sewers, the park of a McDonald's.

On March 23, Cusack invited the group of Penn students to the Prizm Center of Government/Women's Studies conference attending the conference to the company Sue Bates — affectionately called "Mama Sue" — was president of the group "The First Fair."

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"We are sitting on their hands you need is helping them to understand how about ethnographic anthropologists..." she said about living with them and visiting the group. "You can tell by the way they speak, it is not a road you can go on."

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GOP candidates weigh race for governor

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In the position so far, Penn Press, the Press was also added to this list of non-mandatory last week, when he disbanded his exploratory committee. His sporadic meetings with Pennsylvania party officials may have been part of a deliberate position that might... urge him to rejoin the race.

Haste added that if there is an endorsement for him, the choice "will carry the city" as the mayor, whoever that is, will carry the city write off the city."

Gates said. "Nor is Ed Rendell, — I don't think [Casey]'s qualified for a place in the race for attorney general, having served as state enforcement officer since 1996, pre

It is also one of those close to the governor, having served as state's economy, as well as focus on the emotional experience with others at Penn.

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It was a no-one knows-where project," said Jorge Santiago, the graduate student who is the creator of the blimp. "We have some friends who are interested in the project, but they don't want to put money into it."

Santiago is currently in talks with a university official to see if the blimp can be used for research purposes.

"The blimp is a great way to get people interested in research," said Santiago. "It's a fun project and it can be used for a lot of different things."

The blimp is expected to be ready for flight in late May or early June. It will be used for research purposes and will be available for use by the research community.

"We are really excited about the blimp," said Santiago. "It's going to be a great addition to our research capabilities."
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After witnessing homeless Romanian children struggling to survive in a sewer, a small group of students has decided to share the emotional experience with others at Penn.

And starting tonight, in an effort to have the experience known to their peers at Penn, they have gathered two fundraisers near campus.

The first will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Blarney Stone, 1104 S. 39th St., and the second will be next Monday at 10:30 p.m. at Smokey Joe's.

Fisher made it clear that he sees the trip to Bucharest not as something that would like continue to improve the living conditions. Building your assets is one thing. Figure out how those assets can provide you with d...
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U. works to attract across the globe

Across Penn's different schools — both undergraduate and graduate — there's been an increase in internationalization in recent years, said Fred Hayward, assistant provost and director of the University's International Initiatives office. While some students are shut out of study abroad programs, others are moving against a national trend, he said. However, some outside observers put Penn among the institutions that help prepare students for the globalized world.

"Overall, Penn seems to have developed a good reputation in the area due to its intentional focus on globalization," Hayward said. "In terms of internationalization in higher education, it's quite deliberate and to weigh the risks and opportunities." Randolph said that selective institutions in general have made the biggest contributions to globalization.

"We see that selective institutions have the international perspective because they have more resources and students that are more international," Hayward said.

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The Wharton School, for example, has several projects involving developing countries such as India and China, England and Italy.

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The commercialized Penn

Dawn the long awaited corner of 40th Street. The regional airport — portal to the bagel-crazed Yale campus — site of bright-eyed seniors and fresh-faced juniors, has just landed your writers in the heart of the dining bods. One sign in purple: the Wharton School of Business; another: the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Area commuters can read about get-weekend deals in the local weekly instead of the scraper or the daily. All this is because the University — down into the territory of the corporate campuses and commuter colleges that beg the students on late-night com- mutes, year-round, for a nightcap and a quick bite — has contributed. The flip side: As the University's profile has changed, its reputation has changed too. In fact, in the Wharton School's newest interdisciplinary venture, Wharton West, Wharton leaders say that the finance fracas of the business school of the future — to potential graduates and employers and who already roll the place dead — is not trading off the Penn brand for short-term gains. The University's and University's colleges and departments are ever evolving — functioning as health systems — and generate programs like adult education to draw support and investment from their local communities.

Dining Services, however, seems to have moved on. Rather than addressing logistical and business issues such as facility cleanliness, dining services is focused on the underclassmen. However, the East Campus may actually remain in its current state. Rather than focusing on the underclassmen, Dining Services is focusing on the convenience and satisfaction of the upperclassmen. This is because the East Campus dining facilities are designed to accommodate the needs of the upperclassmen, who are generally more affluent and are willing to pay more for a higher quality of dining services. Therefore, Dining Services is prioritizing the needs of the upperclassmen, which is evident in the increased number of dining options and the improved quality of food available on the East Campus. However, this prioritization may come at the expense of the underclassmen, who may not have the same level of access to dining facilities and options. In conclusion, while Dining Services may be focusing on the convenience and satisfaction of the upperclassmen, it is important to consider the needs of all students, regardless of their class standing.
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Americans approve Bush's performance

WASHINGTON — Ameri- can polls approved of President Bush's performance in office, but they don't necessarily agree with his priorities as set by someone who un- derstands their problems, poll says.

In a 41-35 percent in the Nation-wide Newsweek survey, 80 per- cent of those who called themselves "strongly liberal" approved of Bush's job, while 33 percent disapproved.

The public has shown much detail about Bush's priorities, however.

By a 2-1 margin, those polled said Bush's new interest in bridging the gap down the size of government isn't as important as protecting jobs and wages from inflation.

By a 50-40 percent margin, they thought it was more important to provide needed services than to hold down the size of government.

Miss. threatens Iowa with water levels

DAVENPORT, Iowa — The Mississippi River climbed up- ward toward a near-record crest yesterday, testing the strength of the sandbag walls keeping muddy water out of the downtown area.

The flood that has been rolling down from the head Min- nesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illi- nois was expected to reach 22.6 feet, which already were strained.

The water had risen to 22.23 feet during the morning.

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Bodies of mother, daughter returned to U.S. from Peru

HOUSTON — The bodies of an American missionary and her 7-month-old daughter were returned to the United States on Friday, after being missing in Peru for almost nine days, the missionary's husband said yesterday.

The bodies were flown from Lima to the U.S. in an overnight flight, and were brought to the United States' international airport in Miami, Florida.

The missionary, who is believed to have been killed by terrorists, was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and had traveled to Peru to help with a relief effort.

The bodies were identified by family members and officials from the Peruvian government, who said they were being sent to the United States for proper burial.

The missionary was last seen on a bus in the town of Cusco, where she had been working with the Quakers.

The missionary's husband said he was relieved to have the bodies back in the United States, where they will be with family members.

The missionary's daughter, who was also missing, was found safe in a nearby village.

NASA astronauts hook up robot arm

WASHINGTON — NASA astronauts have successfully tested a new robotic arm aboard the International Space Station.

The astronauts, Mark Kelly and Scott Parazynski, used the arm to perform a variety of tasks, including deploying a satellite and repairing a broken solar array.

Kelly said the arm was a crucial component of the space station's infrastructure, and that it would be used for a wide range of missions in the future.

Kelly also praised the work of the astronauts, saying they had performed "extraordinary" tasks.

Astronauts hook up robot arm outside the ISS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two astronauts successfully tested a new robotic arm outside the International Space Station yesterday.

The astronauts, Mike Massimino and Christopher Ferguson, used the arm to repair a damaged solar array and deploy a satellite.

Massimino said the arm was "a game-changer" for future space missions, and that it would help the ISS to stay functional for many years to come.

"This is an important step forward," he said. "It's a huge milestone for us, and we're really looking forward to seeing what we can do with it in the future.

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U.S. garment industry's number of workers steadily dropping

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. garment workers has dropped steadily over the past decade, according to a new report.

The report, released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, found that the U.S. garment industry has lost nearly half of its workforce since 1998, with the number of workers falling from 763,000 in 2000 to just 388,000 in 2010.

The report also found that the average pay for garment workers has declined, with the median hourly wage falling from $16.50 in 2000 to $14.70 in 2010.

Despite these challenges, the report noted that the U.S. garment industry continues to be important to the U.S. economy, providing jobs and income to millions of workers.

"This is a tough industry to work in," said the report's author. "But it's also an important one, and we need to find ways to support it and keep it strong.

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Decline in April's consumer confidence shows job concern

NEW YORK — A sharp decline in consumer confidence in April shows Americans are increasingly troubled about the job and current economic outlook that may not be easily reversed by a recent cut in interest rates, analysts say.

The New York State Economic Research Unit yesterday released its Consumer Confidence Index of 83.5 in April, down from a revised 88.3 in March. The board's survey of consumers was complete, the analysts said, and it indicated a sharp cut in interest rates for the fourth time this year.

Amazon.com reports increase in sales, less than expected loss

SEATTLE — Amazon.com yesterday reported a 2 percent increase in sales and a narrower than expected loss for the first quarter, despite its on-track to make its first profit in five years.

The Seattle-based online retailer reported net sales of $1.52 billion, an increase of 5 percent from the same period last year. "We're in a period of rapid change in the online retail space, and we're excited by the opportunity to build on this momentum," said the company's CEO.

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Mass. tobacco debate could raise First Amendment issues

BOSTON — A dispute between Massachusetts and the tobacco industry could give the U.S. Supreme Court the chance to decide whether mass commercial advertising deserves First Amendment protection.

The Massachusetts' tobacco control act, which prohibits mass commercial advertising of tobacco products, is being challenged by the tobacco industry, which argues that the act violates their right to free speech.

The court has traditionally held that commercial speech is not protected by the First Amendment, but that issue has never been fully resolved.

Despite promise, children still targeted of adult-themed music

WASHINGTON — Children are still being targeted by adult-themed music despite the recording industry's promise last year to release advertising that would not appeal to children.

The Recording Industry Association of America, which represents the music industry, said in a conference call that it was "very pleased with where we are.

"The market is working, and we're seeing more parents and school officials say no to explicit music," said the group's CEO.

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Penn Relays off and running

The men’s decathlon and women’s heptathlon got the 107th Relays out of the starting blocks.

By Jason Bodnar

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The two first of the 13 events at the 2001 Penn Relays are under way.

The Relays Carnival begins in earnest tomorrow and last weekend was claimed as the kickoff to Penn Relays, but the first two events on the Penn Relays program — the college men’s decathlon and the college women’s heptathlon — started proceedings.

Through five events, Chris Boyles of Messiah College (Pa.) leads the decathlon with 3,507 points. Meanwhile, Puerto Rico’s Denise Funes holds a measure, four points (9,392,150) over Trinity’s Amanda Rival through four of the seven heptathlon events. Penn’s lone entry, Josh Cole- man, is 25th in the 13-man decathlon field with 3,089 points.

The first twoRelays events were followed by the third, the Boyles’ best event was the high jump, as he scored 878 points by clearing 6’9 3/4”. Only one decathlon competitor in Penn Relays history, Villanova’s Dan Cook, has ever jumped higher.

A pair of Cincinnati athletes reigned supreme, defeating the Crimson in a 6-1 drubbing. Chris Wineberg, the winner of the Ivy League, Kunovac said. "It was a huge win that boosted our confidence for the remainder of the season.”

"It is the best feeling ever," Shweky said. "For any athlete, it is his or her dream to win the championship. Achieving your goals is awesome.”

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The varsity teams will compete on the FIU World Cup course in Miami, Fla. while the lower varsity teams race on Lake Carnegie. This will be the Penn’s tenth consecutive year of participation in the annual Eastern Association of Women’s Rowing (Eastern Championship Regatta), which will be held on May 13.

SOFTBALL welcomes Blue Hens for Warren Field finale

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The Blue Hens have rode the strong right arm of senior pitcher Megan Dugan this sea- son. Dugan, Delaware’s first- ever 20 game winner last season, is now the only Blue Hens pitcher with a winning record. She owns an 11-4 record and an ERA of 2.5.

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Traditional football power Notre Dame has earned its first-ever No. 1 ranking in baseball.

by Dan O'Sullivan

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (WIRE) - The No. 1 Irish defeated Ball State, 17-2, on the Notre Dame baseball field Tuesday, as it ranked No. 1 in the country in the weekly poll released by College Baseball Magazine on Monday.

"It's really an indescribable feeling because I've never felt it before," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said Tuesday. "I think it's a tremendous accomplishment by a group of young men who have committed themselves," Mainieri said.

Two of those men are starting pitchers Danny Tamayo and Aaron Holland, who have really combined it in win after win this season.

"It's really an indescribable feeling," Tamayo said after the game Tuesday.

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The injury not only ended Holland's career, but also marked his final game as a stellar four-year career for the Quakers.

"It feels kind of weird, thinking it's over and it's over for me," Holland said. "However it's still great to end it all while scoring a goal." Holland

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Community Building takes the entire village

At Penn, May aim for records today against St. Joseph's

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Part of the reason this team was so successful this year was the leadership of a forward-thinking group of seniors, with a talented outfield as well." Paul Arsdale said. "One of the reasons I came over here was the best team in the nation. That's one of our goals. We have a great defensive team. Irish center fielder Steve Heilman said Tuesday. "I think our infield has been incredible this year. That's one of our goals. We have a "round-ed" outfield as well. "It's really an indescribable feeling," Tamayo said after the game Tuesday.

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The Irish host Bowling Green at 6 p.m. tonight at Eck Stadium.

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Sixers even it up on A.I.’s 45

Barkley hints at comeback with MJ

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon sat out most of his 12th game in the NBA and the Rockets believed they had a shell of their center. He offered the linesman's leave of absence because the center’s team was struggling and his team was struggling. He offered the linesman a deal if he didn't play. We can start building a rewarding relationship.

Swoopes’ WNBA season over with ACL tear

Philadelphia and Indianapolis

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The team said yesterday that Swoopes will require reconstructive surgery that could take three to four months. The surgery is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of July.

Camby hostage suspect

The hostage situation began when Camby, then a Rocket, was driving to the airport. He was shot and killed on the way. The hostage situation ended when the suspect was captured by police.

Sports Night Editors: Long night is finally over

The Phoenix Coyotes defeated the San Jose Sharks, 4-2, in overtime to win the Western Conference playoff series, 4-3. The Coyotes will face either the St. Louis Blues or the Dallas Stars in the second round.

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Camby, 32, was driving to the airport when his car was stopped by police. He was taken to the hospital and his car was searched.

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The Penn softball team has fielded a rebuilding group of a team this season, as the Quakers go to their third five games of the season, starting today against St. Joseph's that propelled it to a No. 19 ranking, the Penn men's lacrosse team headed to Syracuse envisioning a first-time win over their No. 1 Carrier Dome hirf. Cadin was checked by an opponent. We could've maybe grabbed one of the at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament it was an easy mistake to keep up with them."
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Last lap: Johnson to bid farewell to Relays as U.S. 4x400 anchor

The sprint star's final race at Franklin Field highlights Saturday's "U.S.A. vs. The World" relays contests.

by Kyle Bahr

Superstar Michael Johnson will take to Franklin Field for his final Penn Relays this Saturday. He will run in the 4x400 relay.

For 107 consecutive years, track and field history has been made at the annual running of the Penn Relays. This weekend, one recently written chapter in that vast collection of memories will be given a fitting close.

Michael Johnson — arguably one of the greatest American sprinters of all time — will make his final Penn Relays appearance on Saturday, three months after officially announcing his plans to retire from competition in August following the 2001 Goodwill Games.

With his characteristic running style of back straight, arms cocked in close and heels snapping up high, Johnson will leave Franklin Field racing in the 400 meters.

The reigning Olympic champion in both the open 400 and the 4x400 relay, Johnson will anchor the United States men's 4x400 Red Team in the annual running of the Penn Relays as U.S. 4x400 anchor.

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College athletes will travel to Franklin Field to show off their talent and test themselves heading into the upcoming NCAA National Championships, to be held in Eugene, Ore., from May 30 to June 2.

As for this weekend, the collegiate men's events could be dominated by only a few schools.

Texas Christian looks to be the team to beat in the sprint events. The Horned Frogs are the defending Penn Relays champions in the 4x100 (39.06 seconds), the 4x200 (1:19.67) and the 4x400 (3:05.76).

TCU will return to Philly with three out of four members from last year's Penn Relays 4x100 squad and has recorded the fastest collegiate 4x100 time so far this season (38.77).

But Tennessee will be one of those teams standing in the Horned Frogs' way.

Vols' star sprinter Leonard Scott is deadly when combined with the talent of sensational freshmen Justin Gatlin and Sean Lambert. Tennessee has not won an event at the Penn Relays since 1981, but these new additions should give the Volunteers a chance to break that drought.

Louisiana State is the favorite in the 4x400, but Florida is not far behind, coming off a win at the SeaRay Relays two weekends ago in Knoxville, Tenn.

Florida looks to dominate in the shuttle hurdles, but will have to fend off Tennessee and Clemson — a pair of teams that have won four of the last five Relays shuttle hurdles championships.

In the distance events, all eyes will be on Stanford. The Cardinal carry a strong roster that includes two members from the 2000 U.S. Olympic team — Michael Stember and Gabe Jennings — and look to capitalize on this experience in the 4x1,500 and the distance medley.

But traditional distance powerhouse Arkansas will not be here to challenge Stanford.

For the first time in two decades, the Razorbacks won’t be competing at the Penn Relays. Instead, John McDonnell's troops — many of whom hail from the Midwest — will head to Des Moines, Iowa, for this weekend's Drake Relays.

The Razorbacks are not expected to do well this experience in the 4x1,500 and the distance medley.

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Penn co-captain JaJuan Gair has emerged as a force for the Quakers during her collegiate career. The Penn Relays will be the senior's last home meet.

W. Track co-captain takes final home bow at Relays

JaJuan Gair will say goodbye to Franklin Field amid the hustle and bustle of the Carnival.

This weekend, the world's best professional and collegiate runners will take over Franklin Field, dazzling thousands of fans with their speed, stamina and sheer talent.

But behind the limelight and beyond all the cameras and reporters, there is an even more meaningful story to be told.

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Preps provide heart of Penn Relays

The Carnival spirit will shine as younger athletes take to Franklin Field.

by Dan McQuade

While a majority of fans may come to the Penn Relays to see the professional and college athletes, a large contingent of younger athletes will also be making the trip to Franklin Field to participate in the traditional meet. Once again, the top high school track athletes from the United States and beyond will travel to Penn to compete in 20 different events.

Despite the fact that the professional athletes get most of the attention, Bob Burdett, director of high school development for the Penn Relays, asserts that high schools are the most important part of the Relays.

"The high school sections of the Relays are the basis of the meet," Burdett said. "The Relays would not exist without the high schools."

This year, over 100 high schools from countries and territories as diverse as the Bahamas, Canada, Cayman Islands, England, Grenada, Ireland, Jamaica, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the United States will compete. Jamaica is represented by 28 high schools — the most ever for that country at the Penn Relays — while high schools teams from over 25 different states will compete at Franklin Field.

This year’s meet features top-flight competition, including the national record-holder in the boys’ distance medley relay, San Lorenzo Valley High School (Calif.).

The boys’ distance medley is shaping up to be a great one, as the field also includes national contenders Chaminade (N.Y.), Archbishop Ryan (Pa.) and, of course, South Lakes (Va.) — a team anchored by sub-four-minute miler Alan Webb.

The distance medley should also be one of the tightest races on the girls’ side. It features a local flavor, with five schools from the Philadelphia area — Archibald Prendergast, Radnor, Nazareth Academy, Villa Maria Academy and Cardinal O’Hara — scheduled to compete.

One local school that has had much success with its girls’ team is Philadelphia’s William Penn. The squad, which competes in the Philadelphia Public League, has won six Penn Relays titles in three different events.

Three of those came in the early 1970s — when the 4x100 meters was the only event for girls. William Penn also won the 4x800 in 1979 and took the 4x400 title home in 1985 and 1996.

"It feels really special to have won so many Relays titles," longtime William Penn coach Tim Hickey said. "Especially since no one else in the state has been able to do it."

William Penn will send three girls’ teams to compete in this year’s Relays — entering in the 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 — and Hickey thinks that all three teams have a shot to do well and reach the finals, coined the Championship of America races.

"This year we have some really competitive teams," Hickey said. "All three of our relay teams have a chance to reach the Championship of America race and possibly win."

Hickey feels that this Relays is his team’s biggest meet of the season, both because of the prestige of the event and the huge amount of college recruiters who attend the annual meet.

"We traveled to indoor nationals and indoor state championships, but this is the main meet of the season," Hickey said.

Many athletes return to the Relays after a high school performance as a competitor in the collegiate ranks.

And one of those athletes is Penn high jump record-holder Adam Chubb. Chubb won the high jump in 1999 while a senior at Susquehanna Township High School (Pa.), and will compete at the Relays for the first time as a collegian. "We really enjoy seeing that, especially when he or she comes back as a Quaker."

Despite the national flavor of the Relays, Penn likes to keep a strong local connection as well. All the relay events have a qualifying time that must be met in order to attend, but there are races which consist only of local schools.

Hickey thinks that the best part of William Penn’s yearly appearance at the Penn Relays is the fact that it’s held close enough for the parents of his athletes to come and watch.

"We’re in the Philly Public League," Hickey said. "We run on dirt tracks on Tuesdays with about two fans there — even championships is like that."

"When we go to nationals and states we have big crowds, but here we have (the) friends and family of our runners."
Seventh Heaven for Mike Aguilar

For the seventh straight year, the Penn senior will compete in the Penn Relays.

For most of the Penn men's track athletes, the craze that is the Penn Relays Carnival is an event they will experience only in a Red and Blue uniform — if at all.

But for Quakers senior hurdler Mike Aguilar, the world's largest track meet has been a part of his spring ever since his sophomore year in high school.

Aguilar was first astonished by the frenzy of the Relays in 1995 — the centennial anniversary of the event — as a student at Lakewood High School in central New Jersey.

"It was almost like being at the Olympics," Aguilar remembers. "Being in front of 50 or 60,000 people, including the best people in the country and the world, was overwhelming."

Despite being in awe of a meet that actually attracts more athletes than the Olympics, Aguilar barely noticed the top-rate institution that sponsored the spectacle.

"Penn was the Penn Relays in high school," Penn was Franklin Field, Aguilar says. "The school kind of goes and hides behind the Relays."

With time, however, Aguilar began to notice Penn — and Penn began to notice him.

"I thought I could go to school here," Aguilar says. "But [Penn] didn't recruit me at first until they researched my times, and then started recruiting me."

The Relays combined with the lure of an Ivy League diploma made the decision an easy one. In the fall of 1997, Aguilar became a Penn student-athlete.

Since making the decision to don the red and blue after hanging up the blue and white colors of the Lakewood Piners, Aguilar's experiences at the Relays have been completely different.

Instead of standing with his mouth wide open as he watches the likes of Michael Johnson and Marion Jones whiz by at uncanny speeds, Aguilar has felt like he at least belongs on the same track as the world's finest.

"In high school, it was like a spectator feeling. You were still like 'Wow, how fast do they run?'" Aguilar says. "In college, it is more of a feeling of inclusion, like this is where I belong and where I need to be."

But being on the same track as Olympic-caliber athletes makes it tough for Aguilar to grab the spotlight that shone on him as a senior in high school.

"High school doesn't count when you start running in college," Aguilar says. "Still, being a part of the host squad for the gathering of track and field stars from across the planet is an opportunity that Aguilar cherishes."

"Wearing the uniform itself is like putting on 100-plus years of track at Pennslyvania, which has a lot of history," Aguilar says. "Competing in the Relays for the Quakers also allows Aguilar to meet up with fellow college runners who partook in the festivities at Franklin Field during high school."

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Jamaican pride on display at Relays
The island's sprinters — and fans — will pack Franklin Field on Saturday.
by Will Ulrich

This Saturday afternoon, the stands of Franklin Field will once again hum with the vitality of the fastest little country on Earth. The 107th Penn Relay Carnival will, as always, be run in West Philadelphia, but that doesn't mean it won't feel a lot like Jamaica inside the stadium this weekend.

When the Relays crowd swells to its largest on Saturday, the gold, green and black of the Jamaican flag will be hard to miss, as will be the smells of beef patties and jerk chicken sold at the concession stands. Reggae rhythms will blare out over a 33rd Street that will look refreshingly un-Ivy, as high school sprinters from the Caribbean nation wow track and field's loudest crowd — just like they have for the last 35 years.

This is Penn Relays weekend, and it wouldn't be the same without the flavor of the islands.

Jamaica has more sprinters per capita than any other nation. With an island a little over 4,400 square miles and a population the size of Chicago's, the country still often manages to be rated in the top five of Olympic sprinting. Your average track observer may know some of the names of recent Jamaican world-beaters — sprinters like Merlene Ottey and Deon Hemmings — but the sport has a rather long history on the island.

The high school system has always served as the proving ground for Jamaican athletes, and the first High School Boys' Championship was held in 1910. Norman Manley, the future Chief Premier of the nation, was a star at the meet in 1911, winning the 100-yard dash, 200, 440, 880 and high jump.

The first Jamaican to take gold at the Olympics was Arthur Wint in the 400 meters in London in 1948. Right behind him, taking the silver, was Herb McKenley, who is an integral figure in the involvement of island high schools at the Penn Relays.

Before becoming an Olympian, McKenley ran for Boston College and Illinois, graduating in 1947. While in the collegiate ranks, he travelled to the Penn Relays and liked what he saw.

In 1964, McKenley, who had returned to his native island to coach a high school team, decided that he wanted to lead his squad back to Philadelphia.

"He was one of the most prominent track people in Jamaica, and he was the first to bring a high school team," Penn Relays Director Dave Johnson said.

McKenley was elected to the Relays Wall of Fame as a member of the first high school team to come to the Relays.

Adding to the flair of Penn Relays each year are a variety of stands outside the stadium that offer wares, many of which have a Jamaican flavor.

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Just your average relay team?

Cherokee's boys distance relay squad might post fast times, but deep down the high schoolers share bonds with every team.

by Jason Bodnar

The Cherokee High School (N.J.) distance medley relay is pretty much your average Penn Relays foursome.

Well, okay, maybe a little better than average. Even with a time that was 19 seconds slower than its best, Cherokee was fifth at the prestigious Nike Indoor Classic last month.

Still, Josh Joseph, Sean Mayers, Kevin Hurley and Marc Pelerin are, in a way, average. They're average because they have a direct connection somewhere with the Relays, and because they represent the whole spectrum of high school runners.

Every mid-Atlantic relay team has some guy or girl with some friend or family member who ran at Penn Relays — and this Cherokee foursome has just that average sort of connection with the Relays.

Well, okay, maybe it's a little more than your average connection.

Cherokee's coach, Steve Shackle, went to the Penn Relays with both Cherry Hill East High School (N.J.) and Drexel.

And Shackle is married to Cricket Batz-Shackle, an assistant track coach at Penn. And Batz-Shackle ran at the Relays with her high school team, Hun-terdon Central (N.J.) and her college team, Penn.

And the two coaches met 17 years ago at a St. Joseph's running camp — a camp headed by current Penn Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, Mike Dioria. And yes, Dioria, too, is a Relays veteran.

Furthermore, Josh, a senior, is deciding between two colleges right now. One is William and Mary. The other one is Penn.

Yeah, that's there's more-than-average Penn Relays connection. But aside from that, Josh, Sean, Kevin and Marc are your average sort of high school runners. They aren't stereotypes or archetypes, but you can categorize them.

Josh is the workhorse ("He doesn't know when to stop sometimes," Marc says), the super-smart one (1350 SAT, 16th in a class of 443). He's also the posterboy for an image makeover; as he's gone from a quiet, glasses-clad kid four years ago to a dyed-blond, earrings-clad, much-less-shy guy today.

Sean — a 1,686-yard, second-team All State running back in the fall — is the football player turned track star ("My main sport is football. I just want to do track to get my speed up."). He's the still-tacti-curnu, the one who sits against the wall listening to his Walkman prior to practice, the all-around-nice-but-not-even-close-to-all-around-brush guy.

Kevin, a senior, is the un-lucky one — the one who missed his whole junior year because his orthotic problems were misdiagnosed as shin splints, the more-distance-than-speed guy (this personal record in the 8000 at Penn this year was actually the second half of one of his miles) who somehow ends up usually running the second shortest leg of the DMR.

Marc is the prodigy ("He's by far the most talented of us," Kevin says), the rail-thin former soccer player who ran a sub-19 5k after only a week of training his freshman year. He's also the clutch one ("Marc wants to be in pressure situations. He wants it to come down to him," Shackle says.) and the guy who hangs back a little in workouts and then blisters everyone in races.

Together and healthy, these four from more than just your average Penn Relays foursome. And after a 16x400 workout a month ago, Josh suffered his first real injury — cartilage damage in his knee.

Will a less-than-100 percent Cherokee team be able to challenge the likes of Alan Webb-led South Lakes? Probably not. But the Chiefs should still be able to make a seri-ous run at their school record of 10:21 — a run that will be at least partly due to the Relays themselves.

You see, Cherokee's four-form more than just your average high school DMR. Cherokee views Penn Relays as much more than your average track meet.

The crowd sounds like a blur," Josh says. "Everyone's excited to be there.

"It seems very nerve-wracking," says Kevin, who has yet to run at Penn.

"I was kind of nervous because there were a lot of people," says Sean, who ran a leg in the 4x100 and 4x400 at Relays last year.

"You know you have to run well because so many people are watching you," Marc says.

Does this Cherokee foursome see Penn Relays as paramount? Not quite.

"I really hated the 800 before now. I was like, 'Why are they making me do the 800?'

Josh, Sean, Kevin and Marc know that the New Jersey state meet and Nationals (if they qualify) are more important. But they can help their team.

"Well, maybe a little better than average," Marc says.)

"It's like way that breeds respect. Until some recent back prob-lems, he trained with his runners every day. Not Shaklee.

"I try to make myself hurt as much as possible so I can be as fast as I can be."

"You know you have run well if you can beat everyone else. I'm not just the size of the crowds that matter.

"There's something about the atmosphere at Penn. It's just so unique," Shackle says. "If there's one way to get kids hooked on track, the Penn Relays is it."

Come to think of it, maybe Shaklee isn't your average anything.

Nine years ago, when Shaklee came to Cherokee, the Chiefs' distance program was floundering.

Now, Cherokee is a distance powerhouse, and the Chiefs' cross country squad was ranked in the top 10 nationally last fall.

An average high school coach? Not Shaklee.

He tailors workouts for specifi-c runners. He knows Josh can handle 60 mile weeks. He knows Marc can't.

He is also a track star

"He'd beat the crap out of us on runs," Josh says.)

And the earring-sporting coach has this non-threatening, father-like way that breeds respect.
**Not your average coach, not your average marriage**

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"If he tells you to do something, you just do it. He's got your best interests in mind," Kevin says.

"Once you come out for a [track or cross country] season and you run decent, Shak kind of looks at you, and you know you're running for the next season," Marc says. "He doesn't have to say anything. It's understood.

Shaklee isn't exactly in your average relationship, either.

Steve's a runner, Cricket's a runner.

Steve coaches distance running, Cricket coaches distance running.

"I'm lucky and I think he's lucky that we found each other," Cricket says. "I don't think any other marriage would have endured so much track talk on the dinner table."

But this one has — Steve and Cricket will celebrate their 12th anniversary in June.

And that's because Cricket is also more than just your average track enthusiast.

Her first Penn Relays experience was one of being whisked off a van, whisked onto the track, racing, and then being whisked off the track and back into the van. But that doesn't stop Cricket from being just as enthusiastic as Steve come late April.

"It's our favorite, favorite time of the year," Cricket says. "We live for Penn Relays. It's an awesome three days."

Yes, Cherokee's distance medley relay is pretty much your average Penn Relays foursome.

Josh, the 4:07 1,500-meter runner, is the headstrong one.

"Josh is going to do what he's going to do," Cricket says. "He's not going to be influenced by anyone."

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to deal with his last Carnival donning the red and blue.

"It's something that you don't think too much about now, but that you will in the future," Aguilar said. "It's really just another life progression — it's that time to move on."

Even though he will never compete again as a Penn athlete, Aguilar is determined not to let this be his last Relays.

For the Quakers hurdler, there is still more to accomplish.

"I feel, for whatever reason, I don't feel I've fully reached my potential," he says. "And I'm going to push through to reach that."

Perhaps there is no better evidence of Aguilar's potential for further success than the praise that fellow teammate and Relay veteran Tuan Wreh showered on him.

"Mike is a very talented athlete," Wreh says. "He is gifted at what he does and is one of the most naturally talented on the team."

Sure, if Aguilar just wanted to relive past memories, he could take a stab at the Relays in the Masters competition when he reaches the age of 40. He could run in the 4x100 or 4x400 meter relays like he did so many times during his years at Lakewood and now at Penn.

But, there is a chance that Aguilar could finally get to compete in the same race with the Olympic athletes he was mesmerized by in high school.

For the past seven years, Aguilar has torched the track at Franklin Field as a high school athlete and as a college athlete.

Perhaps soon, he will do the same as an Olympic athlete.
For Alan Webb, one mile changed everything.

by Jason Bodnar

Eleven years ago, there was a young man who walked the halls of South Lakes High School in Reston, Va., and he stood just a little taller than everyone else. He was a senior, maybe even a pseudo-typical senior, but he was also the son of an NFL player. And like his father, this young man was quite the athlete — 25 points per game for the South Lakes basketball team as a junior. 29 as an All-American his senior year, a full ride to Duke already sewed up.

Eleven years later, that grown man has four NBA All-Star Game appearances, a $45 million contract and a plethora of commercial deals.

But now, 11 years later, a new young man walks those very same halls of South Lakes, standing just a little taller than everyone else.

He’s 5’9”, not 6’8”. His dad is an economist, not an athlete. His sport of choice is running, not basketball. And his name is Alan Webb, not Grant Hill.

Webb, the first American high school sub-four-minute miler in 34 years, is a star at South Lakes, a star in the world of running and, yes, a bigger star than Hill in his respective sport.

And while Hill might still have that edge in the entire sports universe, Webb is closing fast.

South Lakes Athletic Director Dave Morgan can recall a conversation that took place between a reporter and Webb’s coach, Scott Raczko, last month. The reporter asked, “Hey, isn’t this Grant Hill’s school?”

Raczko’s reply? “This was known as Grant Hill’s school.”

It’s DiMaggio’s 56, Will’s 100, Aaron’s 735. 3:59.86 — that’s Webb’s number.

Three months ago, Webb became only the fourth American high schooler to break four minutes in the mile with that numerical achievement.

Since then, 34 years have elapsed, seven presidents have taken the oath of office and now exactly one high schooler has broken four minutes.

It’s no coincidence that no American has won an Olympic medal in a running event longer than 800 meters since 1988.

It’s also no coincidence that Webb is being labeled the next big thing, the guy who can end that medal drought.

And it’s no coincidence that Webb’s 3:59.86 is being used as evidence that, after three dark decades, American distance running has finally reemerged.

Art Alexakis is screaming, and that’s just the way Webb likes it.

They can’t hurt you unless you let them.

He stretches and he waits, inundated with Alexakis’ wailing reminder.

I will say it again. They can’t hurt you unless you let them.

It’s the same pre-race routine for the not-usually-superstitious Webb: headphones on, Everclear’s “One Hit Wonder” the song of choice.

Webb likes the music, the heavy bass, the barre-chord sound. But he also likes the lyrics.

“Yeah, it’s got a little hidden meaning,” Webb says, almost apologetically.

The tune became Webb’s staple after he broke Ryun’s sophomore class mile record by clocking a 4:06.94 in 1999. He didn’t want that to be his one shining moment, and he knew then that, with that kind of time, in almost every subsequent race he would win, the only person that could beat Alan Webb would be Alan Webb.

They cannot hurt you unless you let them.

Art Alexakis stops screaming, and Webb moves his headphones as he and his teammates are herded onto the track.

It’s Friday evening, April 28, 2000, and South Lakes is in the High School Boys’ Distance Medley, the premier Championship of America heat in the Penn Relays.

The gun goes off, and Thomas Frazer, the lead-off leg for favorite St. Malachy’s (Belfast, Northern Ireland) drops the baton. But St. Malachy’s second leg — Francis McCaffrey — has little trouble regaining the lead.

Meanwhile, Webb looks on as his teammates — Richard Smith, Elliot Collins and Kanda Karmo — hang around the middle of the pack.

It isn’t the first time Webb’s been at the Relays — the brown-haired harbinger with just the hint of a receding hairline had run on the reddish Franklin Field track the year before.

“I remember that,” Webb says. “It was definitely very overwhelming. I had never experienced such a large crowd. People were all there to watch you run. People were all there to watch track and field.”

And now, some people are here to watch Webb, specifically. As the South Lakes miler takes the baton in seventh place, somewhere in the press section of the Franklin Field bleachers one reporter turns to another and says, “Hey, watch team F, South Lakes. Their anchor is really something.”

Really something, yes. A threat to the four-minute mark? Not quite yet — Webb’s personal record was still just under 4:07.

But after the then-junior takes the baton, he starts to pick off runners — one by one, two at a time, in packs of three.

“He was in seventh and then I turned

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It’s the same pre-race routine for the not-usually-superstitious Webb: headphones on, Everclear’s “One Hit Wonder” the song of choice.

Webb likes the music, the heavy bass, the barre-chord sound. But he also likes the lyrics.

“Yeah, it’s got a little hidden meaning,” Webb says, almost apologetically.

The tune became Webb’s staple after he broke Ryun’s sophomore class mile record by clocking a 4:06.94 in 1999. He didn’t want that to be his one shining moment, and he knew then that, with that kind of time, in almost every subsequent race he would win, the only person that could beat Alan Webb would be Alan Webb.

They cannot hurt you unless you let them.

Art Alexakis stops screaming, and Webb moves his headphones as he and his teammates are herded onto the track.

It’s Friday evening, April 28, 2000, and South Lakes is in the High School Boys’ Distance Medley, the premier Championship of America heat in the Penn Relays.

The gun goes off, and Thomas Frazer, the lead-off leg for favorite St. Malachy’s (Belfast, Northern Ireland) drops the baton. But St. Malachy’s second leg — Francis McCaffrey — has little trouble regaining the lead.

Meanwhile, Webb looks on as his teammates — Richard Smith, Elliot Collins and Kanda Karmo — hang around the middle of the pack.

It isn’t the first time Webb’s been at the Relays — the brown-haired harbinger with just the hint of a receding hairline had run on the reddish Franklin Field track the year before.

“I remember that,” Webb says. “It was definitely very overwhelming. I had never experienced such a large crowd. People were all there to watch you run. People were all there to watch track and field.”

And now, some people are here to watch Webb, specifically. As the South Lakes miler takes the baton in seventh place, somewhere in the press section of the Franklin Field bleachers one reporter turns to another and says, “Hey, watch team F, South Lakes. Their anchor is really something.”

Really something, yes. A threat to the four-minute mark? Not quite yet — Webb’s personal record was still just under 4:07.

But after the then-junior takes the baton, he starts to pick off runners — one by one, two at a time, in packs of three.

“He was in seventh and then I turned

A SUB-4:00 MILER’S WORKOUTS

Alan Webb’s training schedule is a little different than that of your average runner. Here are two of the South Lakes star’s recent workouts:

Workout #1: 15x400 meters. Webb runs the first six in 62 seconds, the next six in 61 seconds. His last three quarters are 59, 59, 58. And the rest time between each interval? A whole 45 seconds.

Workout #2: 8x800 meters. Webb runs the first one in 2:12, then gets progressively faster. His last four halves are under 2:00, with the eighth one at 1:55.
around for a second and he was in second," Smith says incredulously.
Indeed, by the end of the third lap, the only thing that stands between Webb
and victory is St. Malachy's anchor Conor Sweeney.
Webb doesn't catch the Irishman, but he certainly catches the eye of fans
with his Relays-record 1,600-meter split of 3:59.9.
The mile is approximately 1,609.344 meters, so Webb was, oh, maybe 10 steps
short of a mile.
And that 3:59.9? It correlates to about a 4:01.5 mile.
Really something, yes. A threat to the four-minute mark?
This time, yes.

He has no fear.
He has no sense of shame.
He will not stop until everybody, everywhere wants to know his name.
Warm-up, cool-down, a little socializing. Aside from the actual competition,
it's the typical race-day agenda for a high school track athlete. It's basically
Webb's agenda, too, although the South Lakes star has a another item on his
race-day docket — autographs.
It's not like every athlete approaches Webb for his John Hancock, but now
there are autograph hounds out there at every race. And while Webb now
understands why, the senior can't help but be a little bewildered.
"It's sort of like, wow, why would you want my autograph?" Webb says.
"I'm just a normal person."
And except for the whole sub-four minute mile thing, Webb, who is
also president of South Lakes' student government association, is normal,
unpretentious — not shying away from the fame, but certainly
not embracing it.
And boy, has there been fame. National newspapers, magazines,
television shows. People asking him to speak here, or pose for a picture there. Phone calls, letters, e-mails. The whole gamut.

"To be mentioned in the same sentence with Jim Ryun, it's the biggest honor a
runner can have."

Webb, who works at Raczko's Footsteps running store
during the summer, even got congratulatory calls from
a range of runners — including Liquori, American
Olympian Bob Kennedy and Ryun, who's now a Kansas
Congressman.
"Those people are my heroes," Webb says. "People say, 'I want to be just like Jim Ryun, just like Marty Liquori.' It's hard
to imagine I'd be there with them. To be mentioned in the same
sentence with Jim Ryun, it's the biggest honor a runner can
have."

Webb is no Tiger Woods. He hasn't been running 5Ks since he
was four. His father never put him on a training schedule or made
him run intervals in elementary school or fartlek workouts in junior
high.
Webb is no Grant Hill. He doesn't have those pro-athlete genes.
No, Webb is your typical I'm-just-gonna-run-because-it's-a-
sport-and-I'm-good-at-it high school distance runner. He doesn't
have a pedigree, and he only started training in earnest two
years ago.
Go ahead, try to find a reason why Webb has that Hermes-speed-
and-Phidipides-endurance combination. It isn't easy.
Webb's parents never ran. His brother Greg, 21, only ran cross country
for one year in high school.
His 31-year-old sister Lisa?
Not a runner.
His 13-year-old brother Chris?
Not yet a runner. ("We'll see about him," Webb says.)
His pre-high-school running background?
Well, he did do some minor training to clock a 5:44 mile in sixth grade —
time he posted despite running with only one shoe on for half the race.
And he did set the Langston Hughes Middle School mile record (4:52) two
years later.
But Webb mostly used running to stay in shape. Until about three years ago,
He’s only the fourth American high schooler to break four minutes in the mile, but a whopping 234 other non-high-school Americans have gone under four.

And the world mile record, held by Morocco’s Hicham El Guerrouj, is 3:43.13. That’s more than 16 seconds faster than Webb, and for milers, 16 seconds may as well be 16 minutes — the gap is that big.

But Webb gave up swimming, and now, as a full-time runner, not a lot of people can do what he does.

Still, Webb only logs 50-to-60 miles a week — a lot, yes, but not quite up to that level yet.
Recalling a magical ‘moment in time’

For one athlete, the perfect race came in the 1974 Penn Relays.

by Rick Haggerty

As the Penn Athletic Department’s compliance coordinator, Denis Elton Cochran-Fikes has an office in Weightman Hall. Whenever he wants to, he can walk over to the window and stare out at Franklin Field.

And he admits that he probably will not be getting much work done this week.

It’s not easy to get work done when the Relays hit town. It’s even harder when the Relays have been such a significant part of your life.

“It is extra special,” Cochran-Fikes said. “For me, the Penn Relays would be how I would describe heaven.”

In 1974, then known as Denis Fikes, he graduated from Penn as the owner of seven Heptagonal championships and one IC4A title.

He also competed in the steeplechase at the 1972 Olympic Trials and in the 1,500 meters at the ’76 Trials.

Four of his Penn school records still stand today, and he was recently inducted into the Penn Athletic Hall of Fame.

He accomplished a lot in his track and field career, but one feat — one single race — stands above everything else.

It was the 1974 Penn Relays. It was the Ben Franklin Mile. Today, Cochran-Fikes calls it “the perfect race.”

Earlier that year, Fikes had decided with legendary Penn track coach Jim Tuppeny to focus on longer distances. Believing he was better suited for the steeplechase and the 5,000, Fikes geared all of his training toward those events.

But during a spring break training trip to Gainesville, Fla., Fikes found out that several of his friends had received invitations from Tuppeny to run in the Ben Franklin Mile. He, however, had not.

Annoyed that he might not get to run in the Relays’ premier event, Fikes returned to Penn to confront his coach about it.

Tuppeny told Fikes that he was not training for the mile, that there was no reason for him to run that race when he should be in the longer distances.

Then the two men struck a deal.

Fikes needed to prove that he had the speed to run the mile, so Tuppeny agreed to let him in if he could run five quarter-miles in under 55 seconds.

He never came close to 55. His slowest time was 53.8.

Tuppeny had no choice.

“It was a workout that actually frightened me, and Tup was shocked,” Cochran-Fikes said.

With Relays only weeks away, Fikes needed to get into mile shape. He trained relentlessly in the weeks leading up to the race. And when the race arrived, Cochran-Fikes said it was his “moment in time.”

He had never run a race like

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by Kenny Feng

You won’t see him knocking down jumpers in the Palestra... You won’t see him juking defenders on Rhodes Field... And you won’t see him on a Saturday afternoon on the turf of Franklin Field running, jumping and weaving his way past Ivy League opponents...

Well, actually you might — but it won’t be in a football helmet and shoulder pads...

Instead, Penn junior Tuan Wreh will have his track spikes laced up tight, and he’ll be covered in sweat and sand after emerging unscathed from the long jump pit...

Wreh — who will be participating in his fifth Penn Relays Carnival this weekend — never had any interest in track and field until his junior year of high school.

His first love was soccer, a very popular sport in the West African country of Liberia, where Wreh was born and raised for the first 10 years of his life...

“When I was young, back in Liberia, all I did and dreamed of was playing soccer,” Wreh said. “Our family would always go to all the big games. Soccer was like everything to me.”

After a civil war in Liberia escalated to dangerous levels, a young Wreh and his family fled to the United States.

And as his residency changed, Wreh’s athletic interests changed as well.

“When I came to the United States, I started to find more interest in more popular American sports,” Wreh said. “I started playing basketball and American football.”

Wreh didn’t concentrate much on football, however, because of his small size for the gridiron. He stands at 5’9”.

“I basically focused on basketball more, because my mother was worried that her little son was not big enough to play football with the big kids,” Wreh said sarcastically.

At Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md., Wreh was a sophomore starter on a junior varsity basketball team that went undefeated.

After making the varsity team his junior year, however, Wreh saw less playing time because an older player had seniority over him at guard.

Wreh’s friends used this disappointment to encourage him to join the track team.

“My friends just kept telling me, ‘Basketball’s going well, but not as well as you would like. We’ve been telling you for three years to run track,’ Wreh said.

He decided — as did a few other basketball players — to use track to improve his physical conditioning and strength for the next season on the hardwood.

And so Wreh’s track career began.

“He came out the first day of practice, and jumped over this five-foot high fence that we have next to the track and I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, this kid’s amazing,’” Richard Montgomery track coach Ben Opipari said.

Just how amazing Wreh was would not truly become clear until the end of the season, when he cleared 6’6” en route to winning the state high jump title.

Wreh also took third in the state in the triple jump.

Of course, Wreh still loved basketball. So even during track meets, the diminutive Wreh would find opportunities to showcase his basketball skills.

“At the T.C. Williams Invitational, there was a rain delay in the meet, so everyone was in the gym,” Opipari said. “And these 6’4”, 6’5” high jumpers who are eight inches taller than Tuan started doing these dunks.

“Tuan walks over there and starts doing these highlight-film dunks off the backboard and these guys were just flabbergasted. Literally, there was a huge crowd watching him.”

It’s experiences like these that kept Wreh believing that he was destined for basketball.

In fact, he had every intention of playing varsity basketball in his senior year.

But then the mail started coming.

“During the summer, I got quite a few pieces of mail from collegiate schools,” Wreh said. “And at the same time, I was play-
stumbled onto the track. has never looked back.

Wreh stumbled onto the track, getting ready for the season. "[My track] coach kept telling me, 'You need to really think about focusing on track, because you have a lot of potential.'"

After much thought, Wreh decided to run indoor track his senior year of high school instead of playing basketball. Wreh would not fully realize the importance of his decision until his team traveled to New Jersey for the Princeton Relays Indoor Track Invitational.

"He'd [triple] jumped a few times and was pretty good, but nothing big," Opipari said. "[At Princeton], he jumped the longest jump at that point in the country in indoor. "They announced [the jump] over the intercom, and everyone was like, 'Who's this Tuan Wreh kid?' All these college coaches didn't see his name on any of their top 20 lists."

This kid — a basketball player turned track phenom — was one of the best things to happen to Richard Montgomery's track program. Wreh ended his senior year a regional All-American in the triple jump for both indoor and outdoor track.

After graduation, Wreh had originally planned to go to the University of Maryland at College Park, where most Richard Montgomery students go after graduation. But with a strong academic record and quite a few track distinctions, Wreh was pursued by some of the nation's top schools — including Princeton, Brown and Penn.

"My mother really liked the potential of going to Princeton," Wreh said. "So that definitely drew my interest, because I'm always trying to please my mama."

Wreh was also offered a full scholarship to some top track programs, but his mother didn't want him to even consider those. "My mom said, 'You can make the decision [about which school to attend], but you're deciding on an Ivy League School, because getting a degree from an Ivy League school is going to be worth much more than any accolades you have for a couple of years from running track.'"

And after visiting the schools and interacting with their track teams, Wreh ultimately decided on Penn because of its athletic program and academics, as well as Philadelphia's social life. Wreh — an economics major who hopes to be a stock analyst or portfolio manager after graduation — has racked up numerous awards and distinctions in just five years of track and field. But the distinction Wreh values most is not any record or championship title.

"Being picked as a team captain is the most rewarding achievement that I've had," Wreh said proudly. "To have the respect of my teammates to be able to vote for me and put me in a leadership position. I'm extremely proud of it — just as much as holding a record or jumping far."

Wreh's accolades have come as a result of his hard work and dedication to all that he does. "Tuan was not a vocal leader, but his work ethic allowed him to lead by example," Opipari said. "He really was a student of the sport. He read books, he watched videos, he was really into learning the craft of the sport. "Every drill we did in practice, he wanted to know why he was doing it and how it made him a better jumper."

Wreh hopes that his hard work over the years will continue to pay off, as he has his sights set on a future Olympics.

"I would like to continue to pursue jumping," he said. "With the help of God, I would like to go to the Olympics one day. It's pretty lofty, but it's something I work for every day. Either way, I'm going to leave here knowing I did everything possible to reach the next level."

In the more immediate future, Wreh is focused on performing well at the illustrious Penn Relays — in front of some very special people. "Hopefully my family will be coming this year," he said. 

"My mom" was here at Penn Relays last year, where I had a very good meet. They can't be here much, obviously, so when they return home, I want to make sure they see that I'm still doing what I love and I'm still doing it at a really high level."

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After going from the soccer field to the basketball court, Penn junior jumper Tuan Wreh has finally found his true calling on the track.

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The Penn Relays is a major vehicle in terms of bringing the community and Penn together.

Glenn Bryan
Director of University-Community Relations

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“It is many things to many people, but it is always about people. To Dave Johnson, who administers the Relays for the Penn Athletic Department, the races and the accompanying Penn Relays Carnival serve as a reunion for many. They have been a constant since 1895.

“It turns into a homecoming for a great many people,” Johnson said. “[For] high school teammates who haven't seen each other in a long time, or people who are joined at the hip either from being alumni of the same college or fraternity, there are a variety of ways in which this turns into a homecoming.

“As a result, there are a great many parties around the city. I don’t even know how you get a grip of what they all are or where they are. Everybody seems to have a whole social schedule....

Other relay events — such as the ones held at the University of Texas and Drake University — come close, but none can match the combination of caliber of competition, history and atmosphere the Penn Relays has consistently delivered for decades.

“It is a national event” Richter said, noting that fans and competitors come from all over the East — and beyond. “You have leagues that hold that date open and don’t schedule other competitions, and that happens in a lot of places along the East Coast.

“It is a national event,” Richter added. “Let me make this clear, this is the premier track and field event in the world. It is designated as such for a reason, in terms of quality of competition, number of participants, number of attendees. It’s the best there is.”

Still, there is something undeniably Philadelphia about the Relays, something that makes it seem as if it really could never be held anywhere else.

“Things that are uniquely Philadelphia bring Philadelphians together,” Johnson said. “Maybe a sports team doing well, or something like the Mummers'..."
Parade. In that regard, the Penn Relays could also fit in there.”

Indeed, in the City of Brotherly Love, the Relays is in many respects an organ of togetherness, fostering unity among the many different groups that call the city home.

There is often talk of the friction between some of these groups, talk of Penn as the proverbial 800-pound gorilla, isolating itself from the West Philadelphia community. Whether that’s true or not, it is clear that Penn and West Philadelphia are brought together as one for at least a little while during the Relays.

“The Penn Relays is a major vehicle in terms of bringing the community and Penn together,” said Glenn Bryan, Penn’s director of university-community relations, who also spoke of how various community groups traditionally sponsor different area schools in the Relays. “We use it also as an opportunity to invite community leaders and clergy to the Relays for relaxation and also as an opportunity… to welcome people of the city.”

Bryan also explained why people seem to love to come together over the Relays.

“The races are so exciting, and the carnival atmosphere is exciting,” he said.

In this respect, the Carnival provides something that’s much needed at Penn and in West Philadelphia — not only is it fun, but it is something that everybody can enjoy.

“I think it’s vital,” Richter said of the unifying quality of the Relays, which will feature the second annual Penn Relays School Days educational field trip for elementary school students from West Philadelphia and the Philadelphia suburbs, in addition to the usual community festivities that are held in conjunction with the track meet. “I think the whole event lends itself to Penn as a natural community outreach, to the surrounding community, the city and also the region.”

To be sure, the Penn campus will not feel so much like a school as it will a village in the next few days, as the vendors set up their booths and an influx of people — spectators and participants alike — walk through campus.

And because of the Relays’ status as the best of its kind in the world, not only is the city of Philadelphia coming to campus, but in many ways the rest — and the best — of the nation and much of the world is, too.

Can you hear it coming? Not yet? Pretty soon, though, you will.

Lauren Hittner (left, top right), Leah Tulln (right), DP File Photos

At the numerous events surrounding the Relays, people enjoy various wares (right) and Jason Brown (top right) and 6-year-old Mary Kotulak (left) get into the spirit of competition.

Five vying for distance win

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competing against teams it doesn’t often see until the NCAA Championships.

The Bruins, currently ranked No. 2 in the nation, will rely on the help of seniors Shakedia Jones and Michelle Perry, as well as freshmen Sani Roseby and Adia McKinney, in their quest to take down the past powerhouses.

South Carolina will debut its strongest sprinting team in years. The Gamecocks are led by twins MeLisa and Miki Barber, who both play an integral role in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 for South Carolina.

Texas is looking to defend its championship in the sprint medley. Challengers include Clemson, which won the sprint medley at the Florida Relays earlier this season.

Georgetown will look to defend its Penn Relays championship in the 4x800.

Colorado, Cornell, Florida, North Carolina and Stanford all hope to field competitive squads in the distance medley and the 4x1,500.

Colorado is led by Kara Wheller, who won the 5,000 at the NCAA outdoor championships last year, and Jodie Hughes, who won the 2001 NCAA indoor championships last month.
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Senior battles back from injury in time to compete

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outdoor season, finishing second in the Outdoor Heptagonal Championships in the 100-meter hurdles (14.19 seconds). She was also the lead leg of the school-record setting 4x100 relay team.

Gair completed her successful season with a sixth-place finish in the 100 hurdles at the Eastern Championships, earning All-East honors and establishing herself as the No. 2 all-time hurdler at Penn, according to assistant women’s track coach Tony Tenisci.

This season, Gair has been fighting a nagging hamstring injury. Despite this setback, she has come out strong, winning the 100 hurdles last weekend at Cornell in 14.10 seconds.

By overcoming adversity, Gair has served as a motivation and an inspiration to her other teammates.

“Despite injuries, she still shows a desire to compete,” senior teammate Mercy Okoye said. “She is willing to put herself on the line for the team.”

Gair has been working hard in the past few weeks to overcome her hamstring injury and be ready for the Penn Relays, as well as the ECAC Championships and Outdoor Heptagonals.

In her four years donning the red and blue, Gair has been a dedicated member of her team, serving the Quakers on and off the field. Her contributions as a team leader are just as important as those she has made on the track.

“She leads by example. She goes 100 percent every practice and she puts it all on the line,” Penn co-captain Monica MacCann said. “She’s doing a great job as a leader. The underclassmen really look up to her.”

The Quakers will need Gair’s leadership this weekend. Even though the Penn Relays are undoubtedly one of the most exciting events in the world of track and field, they are also one of the most overwhelming for the host school — Penn is often overlooked amidst the nation’s top collegiate teams.

So while Gair and her teammates are excited about the teams present this weekend, they are more focused on running their own best times and not worrying about how they stack up against the national-caliber field.

“We’re just focused on the Ivies and our own team,” Gair said. “I haven’t even really thought about the competition.”

Gair will hit the track this weekend with teammates Bassey Adjah, Hannah Ruegel and Erin Rhodes in the 4x100 meter relay.

“This is the first time my coach has let me run the 4x100 this season because of injuries,” Gair said. “We want to go out and qualify for ECAC’s and break the [Penn] record. I’m excited.”

A record this weekend would be a rewarding end for Gair and fellow senior Bassey Adjah.

“Our seniors have been our heart and soul. They have provided strong leadership and really shown our young kids how to win,” Tenisci said. “This is their last opportunity to run at Penn, in front of a huge crowd. It’s a great way to see their careers out.”

Competition features international flavor

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of its inaugural class in 1994, but his presence is felt at Franklin Field in much more than just the plaque on the east turn that bears his name.

Like the British invasion of the same year, the Jamaicans came north and made an immediate impact in Philadelphia. The schoolboy team from Kingston won the 4x100 relay in 1964, 1965 and 1966 in the days when the distance was actually 4x110 yards. Their reign was only interrupted when Excelsior, another Jamaican squad, took top honors.

Over the past 36 carnivals, Jamaican schools have won the boys’ 4x100 relay 24 times. Teams from the island have also won the boys’ 4x400 15 times and the 4x800 on 14 occasions.

“Girls’ teams from Jamaica have done at least as well, taking top honors in 19 of the 23 runnings of the 4x400 relay, 11-of-20 in the 4x800 and 16-of-21 in the 4x400,” Tenisci said.

The presence of talented high school athletes makes the Penn Relays into a recruiting crucible of sorts for college coaches.

“Most of the kids we recruit, last year’s finish at Penn had a great effect on their decision on where they want to go,” South Carolina coach Curtis Frye said last week. “So doing well at Penn, for our program, for both the men and women, is essential to us being a good NCAA team.”

This recruiting aspect of the Relays experience is doubly important when you’re talking about the Jamaican runners that make it to Philadelphia.

For one, the weekend at Penn often marks the one and only time that the sprinters from Jamaica will get a chance to look at American collegiate teams in person.

NCAA coaches also have what is usually a once-per-year opportunity to see the Jamaicans burn up the track.

“It is definitely a ‘see and be seen’ atmosphere in that respect,” Johnson said.

Big-time sprint programs like TCU and LSU have a sprinkling of Jamaicans on their rosters, and a host of other schools — George Mason, Bethune-Cookman, New York Tech, just to name a few — clearly look south for almost all of their short-race specialists.

TCU coach Monte Stratton — who has five Jamaican men and one woman on his team this season — might have put it most vividly in a Monday interview:

“There’s no way I could beg, borrow or steal a Jamaican to come here if we didn’t run in the Penn Relays.”

With his pronounced drawl, Stratton lays it right on the table: It’s just that you get a strange feeling sitting in the stands on Saturday at the Relays. Like an Italian who wears green on St. Patrick’s Day, you feel like joining in the celebration.

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Cooper-Fikes finds sweet victory in Ben Franklin mile

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that Ben Franklin Mile, never once feeling any pain throughout the four laps.
He crossed the finish line three minutes and 55 seconds after the race started. At the time, it was the 15th best time on the all-time world list. Fikes had become the first Ivy Leaguer ever to break four minutes, and his time was the best ever by an African American.

For a man who domi- nated college track — twice being named an All-American — it was the perfect ending to a Penn career.
And even though college was done, Fikes wasn't. He continued to train while coaching middle distance runners in the Marine Corps.
His goal was to run in the Olympics one day. It is one of the few goals that Denis Fikes never accomplished as a runner.
After failing to make the '76 team in the 1,500, Fikes set his sights on the 5,000 for the 1980 Moscow Games. Then Jimmy Carter stepped in.
When the president announced a U.S. boycott of the '80 Games, athletes dealt with it in different ways. Fikes dealt with it by ending his running career. Then history somehow repeated itself.
Once again, Fikes found himself in Gainesville with some training buddies, and he decided he did not go out the right way. There was one more race for him to run.

When Fikes called Tuppeny to ask about entering the Ben Franklin Mile at the Relays, the coach didn't hesitate. He had learned his lesson six years earlier.
Fikes didn't win this time. He didn't even break four minutes. But he also says it was another perfect race, never feeling any pain.

To this day, he doesn't know if the Relays crowd realized that it was his final race, but he had never seen a third-place finisher receive a standing ovation or be asked to take a victory lap until that afternoon.
After that day, he entered a career in collegiate athletic administration, eventually returning to Gainesville and the Marine Corps.
Each spring, the Penn Relays come back to Penn and Denis Elton Cochran-Fikes recalls the memories he has of the meet.
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