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## 'Phenomenal woman' speaks out

Maya Angelou gave the keynote address for Women's Week last night in Irvine Auditorium

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Maya Angelou, prominent author, poet and activist, said she doesn't "trust people who do not laugh."

To Angelou's expressed satisfaction, Irvine Auditorium was filled with laughter last night when she delivered the Women's Week keynote address to a sold-out crowd.

Author and Creative Writing professor Lorene Cary introduced Angelou, calling her ability to "communicate with a wide group of people on important topics" a "gift."

As Cary listed Angelou's numerous accomplishments, a dramatic cough filled the auditorium. The crowd broke into laughter as they realized the cough came from Angelou behind the curtain, who thought the introduction had gone on long enough. Cary gave over the stage.

Wearing a long black dress and pearl earrings, Angelou was greeted by a standing ovation. As the crowd calmed down, she took her seat center stage and in her distinctive deep voice, began to sing, "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The song's theme carried through the entire address. Angelou applied the title of "saint" to poets, teachers and "Mama," her grandmother.

"I want to be known as a saint," she said.

Angelou also said she considers herself a teacher. She credited "Mama" with the idea, who Angelou said told her when she was a child, "You are going to be a teacher all over the world."

Eighty-year-old Angelou described the ways she is uniquely qualified to teach us about life. At her age, she said, "You are doing your best to stay alive," a comment which caused the audience to applaud and laugh.

Angelou was raped at age seven and was consequently "mute" until age 12. At 16, she said, "I was six feet tall, I was black — even then — I was pregnant and unmarried."

Back then, Angelou said, she "could not have imagined" that 50 years later, she

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Katie Rubin/DP Staff Photographer

Author, poet and activist Maya Angelou spoke last night in Irvine Auditorium about her life and her identity as a woman. She sang and recited poetry throughout her talk, opening with the first verse of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

## Ivies alert students to Penn infections

Columbia, Brown and Barnard urge students to seek treatment

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Though no new cases of meningococcal infection have been reported at Penn, the scare has rippled through other schools in the Northeast.

On Monday, Barnard College and Brown and Columbia Universities all sent e-mails to their student bodies informing them of the situation at Penn.

Marcy Ferdtschneider, associate medical director of Columbia Health Services, warned students in the e-mail alert that anyone who has had "direct contact" with Penn students recently may be at risk of infection.

This included students who may have attended Penn

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## Thinking out of the box with to-go cartons

Students help homeless with leftover meals and plans for campus shelter

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One of the major complaints about the required freshman meal plan is that there is nothing to do with the inevitable unused meals at the end of the semester.

Over the past few years, a handful of students have tried to get those leftovers to people who need them, like Philadelphia's homeless population. Last January, students advocated for Penn Dining Services to donate leftover meals to local charitable organizations, but hit a wall when they were told its budget system couldn't accommodate that.

Now, a handful of students are taking things into their own hands. Finding ways to work around these barriers and outside of formal organizations, they're coming up with innovative ways of helping — and interacting with — the homeless.

Wharton freshman Rick Oxenhandler and his roommate, College freshman Jake Werlin, have taken a proactive approach by donating their left-

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Courtesy of Jake Werlin

"More than Pennies," started by two freshmen this past fall, donates dining hall take-out food to the homeless.

Penn Provost Ron Daniels, shown here at a reception in 2005, is leaving Penn next month to become president of Johns Hopkins University. He became the Penn provost July 1, 2005.

Ryan Jones/DP File Photo



## Daniels says he will miss Penn's 'magic'

**AUDIO:** Check out [daily.pennsylvanian.com](http://daily.pennsylvanian.com) to listen to Daniels reflect on his time at Penn.

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Provost Ron Daniels will become president of Johns Hopkins University next month. The *Daily Pennsylvanian* sat down with him to reflect on his tenure at Penn and his plans for Hopkins. Below are excerpts from

the interview.

**The Daily Pennsylvanian:** What would you consider your most significant contributions to Penn?

**Ron Daniels:** The international agenda was something [Penn] President [Amy] Gutmann was quite anxious to have me focus upon when I came to Penn and something I felt quite passionate about. The task is

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## Penn Dems endorse Williams for DA

Group chose to support the City's inspector general by a two-thirds vote last night

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Last night, the Penn Democrats endorsed Seth Williams for the Democratic nomination in the upcoming Philadelphia District Attorney election.

The endorsement followed speeches by representatives of four of the five candidates and a short discussion among Penn Dems members.

Williams is Philadelphia's current Inspector General. He ran against the present DA, Lynne Abraham, for the Democratic nomination in 2005.

Campaign staffers for Williams, Michael Turner, Dan McElhatton and Brian Grady were present. No one representing Dan McCaffery could attend.

The candidate representatives, including two campaign managers, spoke about their candidates' personalities and crime in the city but mostly expressed why they came to the meeting.

Jeff Yurcan, campaign



**Williams**

Currently serves as the City of Philadelphia's Inspector General

manager for Grady, opened his address saying, "We really care about you, we have a lot of respect for this group."

The representatives all answered Penn Dems members' questions in broadly similar ways.

The subsequent discussion about who to endorse focused more on Monday's candidates' forum — also sponsored by Penn Dems — than the representatives' speeches at the meeting.

"Seth was by far the most articulate candidate ... and showed a modicum of charisma," College junior Adam Mandelsberg said.

Others in the group agreed.

"Seth really stuck out as

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### NEWS SEN. SPECTER ON THE STIMULUS

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) speaks about the economy in Huntsman Hall. **PAGE 4**

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Success in M. Squash largely tied to luring international players. **BACK PAGE**

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#### STORMING COLLEGE HALL

Emerson Brooking tells the tale of the 1969 sit-in, and wonder what lessons it holds. **PAGE 6**

### WORLD

#### MEXICAN TOWN UNDER SIEGE

Police leave town defenseless against drug cartels as killing spree and kidnappings increase. **PAGE 7**

### TODAY AT PENN

Paul Krugman  
4-6 p.m. | Paul Krugman, professor of Economics and International Affairs at Princeton University and *New York Times* columnist, will discuss the economy in Irvine Auditorium.

For a complete listing of what's going on at Penn, see [daily.pennsylvanian.com](http://daily.pennsylvanian.com).

### WEATHER

**TODAY**  
High 42  
Low 40  
Rain/snow

**TOMORROW:** Cloudy | High 45  
**FRIDAY:** Cloudy | High 38



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not a silly MySpace discussion. People are clearly taking this seriously."  
- Jennifer Maden on the Open Learning Commons. SEE PAGE 4

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THURSDAY: Tell Me Why

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### CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Monday's article about how the economy is affecting housing ("Sticker shock may dictate housing," DP, 2/17/09) incorrectly stated that all freshmen are required to live on campus. They are not required to, though 99 percent chose to do so.

If you have a comment or question about the fairness or accuracy of a story, call Managing Editor Rebecca Kaplan at (215) 898-6585 ext. 164, or send an e-mail to kaplan@dailypennsylvanian.com.

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## IN FOCUS: MUSIC | By Alyssa Rosenzweig



#3-2 Penn Symphony rehearses at Irvine 1/2005 150 1000

Each Wednesday, *In Focus* features interesting photographs by DP photographers based around a monthly theme. On the last Wednesday of the month, the DP will publish the best reader-submitted photo based on the theme. To enter the contest, please submit a high-resolution photograph to [dp.photo.contest@gmail.com](mailto:dp.photo.contest@gmail.com). This month's theme is music.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

### TODAY

#### OCEAN EXPLORERS SYMPOSIUM

**WHAT:** Hear a National Geographic explorer discuss marine conservation  
**WHERE:** Hill Pavilion Auditorium  
**WHEN:** 4-7 p.m.

#### HOMOPHOBIA IN ATHLETICS

**WHAT:** Listen to a discussion on homophobia in athletics  
**WHERE:** Dunning Coaches' Center  
**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m.

#### KYLE ZIMMER

**WHAT:** Zimmer will discuss her experiences as a social entrepreneur in the nonprofit sector  
**WHERE:** Huntsman Hall 240  
**WHEN:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### CONSTRUCTING JEWISH FEMALE IDENTITY

**WHAT:** Listen to a conversation about sexuality and career aspirations  
**WHERE:** Lubavitch House  
**WHEN:** 8-10 p.m.

### TOMORROW

#### ALCOHOL & FIREARMS

**WHAT:** Hear HUP trauma surgeon Brendan Carr discuss alcohol consumption and firearm use  
**WHERE:** Claudia Cohen Hall  
**WHEN:** 9:30-11 a.m.

#### 7UP ON TRASH AT THE KELLY WRITERS HOUSE

**WHAT:** Listen to a range of speakers each spend seven minutes discussing trash  
**WHERE:** KWH  
**WHEN:** 6-8 p.m.

#### GARRETT REISMAN

**WHAT:** Reisman, a NASA astronaut, will discuss his experience living aboard an international space station  
**WHERE:** Levine Hall  
**WHEN:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### UTV GENERAL BODY MEETING

**WHAT:** Come learn about UTV 13, Penn's student-run TV station  
**WHERE:** Annenberg 108  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 18  
5:30-6:30pm

Master of Environmental Studies (MES) Program Director, Yvette Bordeaux, will give a presentation and answer prospective students' questions. Light refreshments provided.

**Master of Liberal Arts PENN EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON**

Thursday, February 19  
12:00-1:45pm

Penn Employees who are interested in obtaining a Master of Liberal Arts Degree should attend this luncheon. The MLA Program Director, Chris Pastore, will provide a presentation and program overview.

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**Careers in Philly**

**Wednesday, February 18 Terrace Room, Cohen Hall 5pm-7pm**

Join **Career Services**, the **Penn Alumni Club of Philadelphia**, and **Campus Philly** for a panel and networking reception on living and working in Philadelphia. We'll have representatives from some of the area's hottest employers, including:

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- \*Susquehanna Investments (recruiter attending)
- \*Comcast (recruiter attending)

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-- Business Week calls Philadelphia "one of the top ten cities to ride out the recession."  
--CollegeGrad.com says it's one of the best ten cities for entry-level jobs.  
--Campus Philly just kicked off yet another online internship fair with hundreds of reasons to stay.

**5pm - Panel Discussion**  
(facilitated by Campus Philly Executive Director Jon Herrmann W'00)

**6pm - Networking Reception**  
(join panelists, Penn Alumni Club of Philadelphia Board member Nicole Oddo C'05 and alums for food and conversation)

**Eating out?** Check out the DP dining guide:  
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