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As Penn expands, so does security

Penn Police planning possible mini-station on east end of campus

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The December home invasion and sexual assault at 44th and Spruce streets sparked debate about security west of Penn's campus.

But as Penn expands east toward Center City, the Division of Public Safety is planning for the new security challenges it will face on the other side of campus.

In 2006, the University unveiled a 30-year campus development plan which laid out plans for Penn's physical expansion to the east.

In response, DPS is collaborating with the Department of Facilities and Real Estate Services about the possibility of creating a Penn Police mini-station on the eastern edge of the Penn Police Patrol Zone.

The proposed mini-station would be in addition to Penn Police's headquarters at 4040 Chestnut St.

The Patrol Zone runs from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue north to south, and from 30th to 43rd streets east to west.

The cornerstone of the expansion east toward Center City is Penn's acquisition of the U.S. Postal Service's Philadelphia facility — a 24-acre parcel of land on the western edge of the Schuylkill River.

Whereas in the past the area

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'DOLLARS AND SENSE' PART ONE IN A FIVE-PART SERIES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY Economy may curb applications

Experts predict recession will affect April's yield and next year's early decision numbers

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When high-school senior Melissa Parratto chose to apply to Penn early decision, she was nervous about paying more than

\$48,000 per year for tuition and fees.

"I applied because Penn is an amazing education, and I had my heart set on it," said Parratto, who attends Dover High School in New Hampshire and was ac-

cepted to the College in December. "I am just worried about the availability of money in the near future and hope I can keep up with tuition the next four years."

The economic downturn has not noticeably affected the Penn admissions process so far. But officials and counselors expect to

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Brothers go 'ALL IN FOR ALZHEIMER'S'



Alyssa Rosenzweig/DP Staff Photographer

Students play poker in Houston Hall's Bodek Lounge in a fundraiser organized by Sigma Alpha Mu to benefit Alzheimer's research. The event was the first poker tournament in Penn's history to be sanctioned by the University.

SAM hosts first University-sanctioned poker tournament

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Sigma Alpha Mu put all its chips on the table for Alzheimer's research yesterday.

The fraternity, with the help of the Chi Omega and Sigma Kappa sororities, staged a large fundraising poker tournament in Houston Hall's Bodek Lounge.

Students played to support Alzheimer's research for The Judy Fund, named after the grandmother of SAM brother Brian Gelfand.

About 150 people attended the event, and SAM raised about \$2,500, according to College sophomore Grant Dubler, SAM philanthropy chair and the event's organizer.

The tournament was the first University-sanctioned poker event in Penn's history and required close work with the Office of General Council to iron out issues with local gambling laws.

Bodek Lounge looked like a genuine Vegas casino yesterday, as SAM pledges in tuxedo shirts dealt to tables full of poker enthusiasts.

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Italian 'Knight's Tale': Penn prof. knighted

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Cristina Bicchieri isn't just the director of Penn's Philosophy, Politics and Economics program and a game-theory scholar.

She's also an Italian knight. Bicchieri was knighted at the Italian consulate last June for merits in the arts and sciences.

Many received the news with enthusiasm and congratulation.

"I was utterly delighted to see Cristina recognized — she's a star," School of Arts and Sciences Dean Rebecca Bushnell said.

"It's a wonderful honor, and she's been a tremendous force in our PPE program," University President Amy Gutmann said. "I'm delighted for her, and it's another feather in her cap

and in Penn's cap."

However, for Bicchieri, this honor is simply an honor.

"It is very nice because they give you very nice medals," she said.

Still, the knighthood is all in the family for her.

"Some of my great-great-grandparents were knighted by the king," she said. "The first minister of labor in Italy was my great-great-grandparent, so we have a history of knighthood."

Bicchieri explained that the knighthood is given to native Italians to honor academic, civic and political merits, but that the title of "knight" has taken on new meaning since the Italian monarchy ended.

"The Italian Prime Minister, [Silvio Berlusconi, is a knight," she explained, "but his knighthood

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Allen Ruan/DP Staff Photographer

Philosophy, Politics and Economics director Cristina Bicchieri, shown in her office, was knighted by the Italian government.

An 'awkward' helping hand?

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Remember when you threw up last Friday? So does the guy who responded to the 911 call, and he's in your math class.

Groups designed to have students help their peers provide valuable services, but also raise privacy concerns and may create uncomfortable situations.

The 49-member Medical Emergency Response Team — Penn's volunteer, student-run emergency-medical-service organization — responds to emergency calls from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. seven days a week.

"For the past two semesters, half of our calls have been from drunk students, and the other half have been things like diabetic emergencies, sprained ankles, assaults or seizures," College junior and MERT chief Josh Glick said.

He said privacy is a major concern when treating students. Glick — who has been working for MERT for over two years — said treating students he does not know is one thing, but responding to friends' calls can be "awkward."

And "privacy is of the utmost importance when

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NEWS DIGITIZING: OLD BOOKS, NEW AGE

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SPORTS STARTING THINGS RIGHT

M. Lax kicked off its 2009 season with a close 9-8 win over Drexel. **BACK PAGE**

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KEEPING THE RACE OPEN

Colin Kavanaugh says that PennDems' early endorsement for D.A. limits debate on campus. **PAGE 6**

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GREAT ESCAPE FROM ATHENS

Greek convicts pull off second helicopter-aided prison break since 2006 amid massive gun battle. **PAGE 7**

TODAY AT PENN

Comic Life Workshop 2-3 p.m. | Explore Comic Life's ability to quickly create a comic book or graphic novel. Bring in images, screen shots from movies, scanned drawings and other graphics to the Class of 1968 seminar room of Van Pelt. For a complete listing of what's going on at Penn, see dailypennsylvanian.com.

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High 36
Low 21
Windy
TOMORROW: Sunny | High 38
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