**Economy may curtail applications**

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

**By DARINA UTRASHKINA**

When high school senior Maria Parrillo chose to apply to Penn early decision, she was nervous about paying more than $40,000 per year for tuition and fees.

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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.

**Brothers go ‘ALL IN’ FOR ALZHEIMER’S**

**By ALEX BALL**

Sigma Alpha Mu put all its chips on the table for Alzheimer’s research today.

"It’s a wonderful honor, and I’m totally delighted to see this," Mario Rodriguez said. "I was utterly delighted to see it." Rodriguez is one of the two Sigma Alpha Mu brothers who was knighted by the Italian government.

The December home invasion and sexual assault at 44th and Spruce streets sparked debate among Penn students and in the University’s community.

The University’s response was to form the Division of Public Safety, which was expanded by the University in 2006, the University understanding the need for additional security.

**An ‘awkward’ helping hand?**

**By JESSICA BELL and MARA WHISNARD**

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