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The men's basketball team now has lost seven-straight Big 5 games after Temple dominated the Quakers, 78-53, last night. See Sports | Back Page

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## Chipotle wants you to have a free burrito



Alyssa Rosenzweig/DP Staff Photographer

Chipotle employees serve food at an "invitational" free burrito day today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.. The restaurant, which is located at 3925 Walnut St. on the ground floor of the Radian, will hold its grand opening tomorrow.

### Chipotle officially opens tomorrow on the ground floor of the Radian

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There is such thing as a free lunch today — and burritos are on the menu.

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, Chipotle Mexican Grill will serve its 20-ounce award-winning burritos and a soft drink at no charge to celebrate its grand opening tomorrow.

"We understand what's happening in the economy, so we're telling students c'mon, lunch is on us," said Chipotle spokeswoman Katherine Smith. "And it's a great type of an introduction."

Chipotle is on the ground floor of the Radian apartment building, located at 3925 Walnut St., across the street from Penn's campus, giving students, faculty and neighbors alike a chance to

enjoy its cuisine.

The restaurant will seat 71 people inside and 12 outside when the weather permits.

College senior Jordan Cohen said he has long anticipated the opening of Chipotle. He compared the Free Burrito Day to a "blitzkrieg," giving Chipotle an advantage in "the burrito war against Qdoba."

According to a Chipotle press release, the restaurant works to maintain high-quality, fresh food.

All pork and chicken served

is "naturally and humanely raised," according to the release. The sour cream and cheese are made from milk without the growth hormone rBGH.

Rich Waldo, operations director and head burrito maker, said Chipotle is an "adventure in eating."

Waldo eats at the restaurant five times a week, alternating between the 13 items each time.

After receiving a pass from

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## Violent crime down 38 percent

Overall crime decreased by 8 percent last year from 2007

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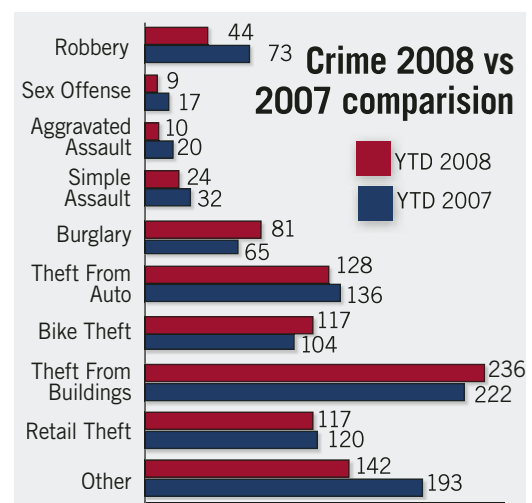
The crimes have been counted and the verdict is in: Penn and its surroundings are getting safer. Both violent crime and overall crime decreased in the Penn Patrol Zone in 2008, according to the Division of Public Safety.

Particularly striking is the drop in violent crime, which is down 38 percent since 2007.

Highlights in this category include a 42-per-

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**ONLINE:** Check out [daily.pennsylvanian.com](http://daily.pennsylvanian.com) to see an interactive graph of crime in the Penn patrol zone for 2008.



## Preparing for the swearing-in

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Many people at Penn worked hard to get Barack Obama elected in November — and now they're preparing to see him sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

Students are getting ready for next Tuesday's inauguration by traveling to Washington D.C. or taking time off from classes to watch the ceremony on campus.

This political event is the "most historic of our

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### Inauguration by the numbers

Distance from Philadelphia to Washington D.C. is 136 miles. Estimated driving time without traffic is two hours, 38 minutes.

Expected wait to board the Metro train is one hour.

Formal inaugural program begins on Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. Ticketholders should arrive by 9 a.m. for security screening.

Ten official balls, plus dozens of additional celebrations are planned. VIP tickets for the Lincoln 2.0 Inaugural Ball are \$500.

## OHE wants to know how you 'Rock your Body'

'The Body Project' consists of a series of video submissions about students' body images

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John Mayer thinks "your body is a wonderland," and the Office of Health Education wants you to tell them why.

For "The Body Project," a collaboration between the OHE and Guidance for Understanding Image, Dieting and Eating,

students, faculty and staff will be invited to submit video testimonials about body image.

Participants can talk about almost anything that relates to the body — the point is to "create a real full picture of the variety of issues that affect and influence body image and our self-perceptions," said Matty Lehman, associate director at

OHE.

"It's not solely focusing on your weight," added OHE intern and Graduate School of Education student Sara Rosenberg, who works with Lehman on the project. "It's everything that makes up who you are and your body, and the way you present yourself."

Potential subjects could include skin color, hair and age — even the "way you decorate your body" is fair game, said Rosenberg.

The project is intended to

complement OHE's monthly campaigns, such as the previous "Love Your Body" campaign, said Lehman. "We really wanted to do something different."

Contributors can either film their own videos or make an appointment to film with Lehman at OHE. They can also opt to remain anonymous by having their face blurred or obscured to preserve their identity.

Filming began in early December, and Lehman estimated

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## Group shares information about sharing bikes

Bike Share Phila. is holding a demonstration of its public-use bicycles on campus today

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Today, Bike Share Philadelphia will give students one less reason to go to the gym.

The organization is hosting a demonstration station of public-use bicycle models from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Penn bookstore.

Whether you're a fitness buff, an environmentalist or just sick of sitting in traffic, public-use bicycles offer a viable alternative to driving, according to Russell Meddin of Bike Share Philadel-

phia.

The goal of the year-old group, Meddin said, is to create a city-wide program that provides equal bicycle access for all city residents.

The system would be affordable and accessible with a card that would also be used for all Philadelphia transit, such as SEPTA and PhillyCarShare.

Widespread bicycle use would not only be more sustainable and reduce street congestion, but it would also increase opportunities for exercise in a city with a high rate of obesity and

diabetes, Meddin said.

He noted that one striking difference between bicycle riding and other modes of transportation is the "A to B" facet.

On bicycles, someone can start and end at different locations, allowing users to make more flexible travel plans.

"It would change the way people think about transit in Philadelphia and give [them] one more way to use transit," Meddin said.

The new "third generation" bike hubs that have built-in GPS trackers to protect against theft, as well as electronic locking systems.

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### Bike Demonstrations

■ Today: Outside the Penn Bookstore, 36th and Sansom streets, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Tomorrow: Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Steve Martucci goes from swimming captain to assistant coach. **PAGE 12**

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With control of the oil-rich south at stake, the Basra elections being closely watched by Iraqis. **PAGE 7**

### TODAY AT PENN

Black Men at Penn School of Social Work Gala 5:30 p.m. | Come hear Mayor Nutter speak at "Without Struggle, There is No Progress," a fifth-anniversary gala in Huntsman Hall

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

### WEATHER

**TODAY**  
High 25  
Low 9  
Cloudy

**TOMORROW:** Cloudy | High 19

**SATURDAY:** Cloudy | High 18

# GAPSA hopes to improve housing and 'green' transportation

Chairman also lists wine tasting and a trip to the Inauguration in plans for semester

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This semester, the Graduate and Professional Students Assembly is setting up a number of events and proposals to improve life for graduate students, GAPSA Chairman and fourth year Ph.D. student Andrew Rennekamp said.

Rennekamp listed improving housing conditions for graduate students as a major priority. Currently, Sansom

Place East is the only solely graduate housing provided by the University. GAPSA proposes to discuss increasing dorm capacity with outside developers to accommodate more students.

GAPSA also plans to help students with children find quality childcare. The current University childcare facilities have a long wait list, and students are often not prioritized over faculty members, said Rennekamp. GAPSA plans to meet with the administration

to help remedy this problem. Rennekamp said that students interested in "green transportation" will benefit from the proposed increase in bike racks, share programs and lockers in parking structures. GAPSA will work with the Undergraduate Assembly on this project.

Some GAPSA subcommittees are going to help advise Penn Connects, the eastward expansion of campus, while others work to set up a Grad Club Day, similar to the Student Activities Fair for undergraduates.

Beginning this semester, GAPSA will provide funding

to students in departments facing budget cuts to help them attend conferences and showcase their work.

"It is important for students to be able to present their hard work to peers," said Rennekamp, "GAPSA wants to help make this possible."

GAPSA's International Student Council also hopes to persuade the University to co-sign and acquire loans for international students.

Also important to GAPSA is improving the Penn Alumni Career Network Web site, through which students can seek advice on careers and

jobs from Penn alumni. International students will be able to search for international alumni to steer them in the right direction.

GAPSA's Pluralism Council is developing a one-stop Web site that will provide information about upcoming events and programs for minority students.

The International Student Council is also planning a cultural integration event where students can showcase their cultural diversities.

Other plans include hosting a trip for about 20 students to the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.

Additionally GAPSA will hold social events like happy hours and sporting events. "Educational" social events like wine tasting at the Lacroix and Pinot Boutique are also planned, said Rennekamp. He stressed the "importance of learning in a fun and completely new way."

GAPSA and the Graduate Student Engineering Group will be hosting Jorge Cham, who created Piled Higher and Deeper Comics, a comic book that features grad students.

The biggest event of the spring semester, Gradfest '09, will take place May 2.

## Chipotle offers free burritos to celebrate grand opening

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**ONLINE:** Check out [dailypennsylvanian.com](http://dailypennsylvanian.com) to see an interactive feature on how retail at the Radian has developed.

Annenberg for a free burrito yesterday at a special preview held by the restaurant, Engineering senior Amy Kohli went to Chipotle for lunch.

While eating her burrito stuffed with chicken, homemade guacamole and grated cheese, she said it was "amazing."

She added she would be willing to wait all day for another free one.

Since many students have similar tastes, Chipotle's General Manager Lora Little said she expects the day to be chaotic.

Some fraternities, including Sigma Nu, have already placed their orders for burritos to serve at their rush events.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the line goes all the way to McDonalds," Little said.



Alyssa Rosenzweig/DP Staff Photographer

A customer at the new Chipotle, located in the Radian apartment building, waits for her order at the restaurant's free burrito preview yesterday. The restaurant is holding an open free burrito day today.

## Students plan for Obama's inauguration

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generation," said newly-elected Penn Democrats President and College sophomore Jordan Levine, a former *Daily Pennsylvanian* advertising representative.

He said it was comparable only to the rallies of history's "most exceptional leaders."

Students feel a "special connection" to the President because they "played a part in getting him elected," he added. They have "micro-ownership, in a way."

The Penn Dems organized two buses to take students to Washington, one which will

depart Monday morning and one very early on Tuesday morning. Both buses will return late Tuesday night and have parking spots reserved in D.C.

All of the 80 tickets have been sold for \$50 each, Levine said. Priority for these tickets went to students who volunteered for the group during the campaign.

Levine said Penn Dems is also holding events on campus to celebrate the inauguration.

The Office of the Vice Provost for University Life also awarded 23 undergraduates and 23 graduate students free seats on a bus to Washington in a lottery. The bus will leave late Monday night and come back on Tuesday.

The Undergraduate Assembly and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly assisted VPUL in organizing

the trip, which has been very popular.

GAPSA Chair and School of Medicine doctorate student Andrew Rennekamp said the coordinators "wished we could send more" students and "frankly, it's going to be crazy."

GAPSA will be televising the day's events in the Graduate Student Center.

Other inauguration-day celebrations will be held around campus on Tuesday, including an event in Houston Hall that is open to all students.

Both GAPSA and UA members have expressed concerns that students will miss classes to attend inauguration events.

Tong said the UA will address the issue at its first meeting on Sunday. For now, he said, "professors individually decide" the repercussions of missing class.

He said that after the meeting, "there will be some conclusion" on the issue.

Rennekamp said GAPSA believes there is general recognition that the inauguration is a "once in a lifetime event and educational." He added that students are old enough to decide for themselves whether to miss class for the occasion.

Even students outside of the Democratic political persuasion will be celebrating the beginning of a new presidency.

Penn College Republicans Communications director, former *Spin* blogger and College junior Michael Tate said that while many Penn Republicans campaigned and voted for Arizona Sen. John McCain, they now support Obama.

"We plan on joining all Americans in supporting the inauguration of President Barack Obama," he said.

## National debt wins two students \$500

'Students Face Up' video contest aims to raise awareness about the federal deficit

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The United States' \$10 trillion national debt may be costing the nation, but College freshman John O'Malley and William Son aren't too unhappy: they gained \$500 from it.

The two are the winners of a student video contest hosted by Students Face Up to the Nation's Finances, a project of a national campaign to raise awareness about the federal deficit called Facing Up.

"Students Face Up began as a pilot study targeting students on campuses across the nation to incorporate the federal budget into the curriculum," said Shaheen Hasan, a representative from Public Agenda, the non-profit organization behind Facing Up.

O'Malley and Son got word of the contest from their Political Science professor, Donald Kettl, who led a seminar last semester called The Future of American Politics. Their winning video, "Man on the Street 2: Facts and Figures," is just the tip of the class's iceberg.

Every person in the class had to turn in a project at the end of the course, O'Malley said, and these projects later became part of the class Web site, Pound-It.org. Because O'Malley and Son could not submit the Web site as a whole to the contest, they had to make a smart selection.

In the video, O'Malley and Son ask a few Penn students to estimate the values of the national debt and the federal budget. Then they reveal the answers — and the reactions

are worth seeing.

The video was described by the judges in a press release as "an excellent slice of life on campus ... [that serves] up a few shockers and surprises along the way."

"It was important that the video was as real as possible," O'Malley said. "We wanted real reactions, real emotions."

And they got exactly what they wanted — the surprised faces of their interview subjects attest to the video's federal deficit goal.

Though most people they interviewed seemed to know vaguely the extent of the nation's debt, O'Malley said, no one truly understood the severity of the situation.

The creators hope the video will change that.

"They found a way to talk about [big economic issues] in a way that gets to the core issues that ordinary people, not just the policy wonks, can care about," Kettl wrote an e-mail. "I'm proud of the work they did."

O'Malley and Son said they were surprised about the win, despite the effort they knew they had put into the project.

What was its charm? "I don't know," O'Malley said with a laugh. "I guess our video was entertaining, but it still mixed in the seriousness of the issue."

But the two do know that the public should all be more informed of our nation's current economic state.

"What we're hoping for with our video is for people to ... become more impassioned about this issue," O'Malley said. "Everybody in America owns part of that debt and we're all being affected."



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