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The Quakers kick off the second half of their season at the Palestra against Columbia and Cornell.
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Officials claim the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq was injured as U.S. forces swept through Baghdad. **PAGE 7**

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Columbia freshman Patrick Foley got hooked to basketball by his father and never let go. **PAGE 9**

TODAY AT PENN

Interviewing Workshop
4:30 to 6 p.m. | Hosted by Career Services in the Terrace Room of Logan Hall.

NAACH on Demand

8 p.m. | South Asian women's dance troupe Pennaach performs at the Iron Gate Theater. Tickets \$8 on Locust Walk, \$10 at the door.

For a complete listing of what's going on at Penn, see **Campus Events** every Monday in the DP. You can also see the listing and add your own event at dailypennsylvanian.com.

TOMORROW NEWS

The second-annual Witness Week aims to promote tolerance across campus.

SPORTS

Full coverage of the men's basketball team's home games with Columbia and Cornell.

Officials declare 41st St. house fire arson

Fire Marshal's office determines that fire was intentionally set; police investigation is ongoing

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The fire that gutted a house located at 210 S. 41st St. on Jan. 27 was deliberately set, Phila-

delphia Fire Department Executive Chief Daniel Williams said yesterday.

Based on evidence from the scene of the fire and information yielded from interviews

with residents, the Office of the Fire Marshal determined the cause of the fire to be incendiary — meaning the blaze was intentionally ignited and will be handled as a case of arson going forward — Williams said.

Arson is defined as a "fire that has been intentionally set with malicious intent," accord-

ing to Williams.

The house burned down on the early morning of Jan. 27, forcing its eight occupants — all Penn students — to evacuate. They have since found new housing.

Williams did not elaborate on the specific evidence that led to the determination that arson was committed, but he said fire

officials had "ruled out all accidental causes."

There were no problems with the gas, electricity or other utilities in the building that could have started the blaze, Williams said.

He added that there is cur-

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For 'Castle' frat house, food prepared fit for a king



Pauline Baniqued/DP Senior Photographer

Robert Irvine introduces the first main dish at a dinner at the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Irvine, the acclaimed chef of the Food Network's 'Dinner: Impossible,' prepared a five-course meal as part of his reality TV show.

Food Network 'Dinner: Impossible' episode filmed at Psi Upsilon fraternity, with Phila. VIPs present

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At 8:30 yesterday morning, Wharton junior Arthur Hayes woke up to the piercing sound of a rolling pin banging on a cooking pan.

A booming British accent followed.

"Wakey-wakey! Rise and shine — get up!"

No, Hayes, a member of Psi Upsilon, wasn't dreaming.

While most Penn students were treading through snow to get to their morning classes, Psi Upsilon — more commonly known as "The Castle"

— was gearing up for a gourmet meal for President Amy Gutmann and 65 Philadelphia VIPs.

All this for the new Food Network reality show, *Dinner: Impossible*.

The show takes a world renowned chef, Robert Irvine, and surprises him with a unique and daunting culi-

nary mission.

His task this time: nine hours to turn the Castle into an upscale dining room and prepare a five-course meal — with the fraternity brothers' help.

The Food Network approached the

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Historic design deemed one of country's best

Architects filled with praise for Fisher Fine Arts Library

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With its terra-cotta towers and poetry-laced windows, Fisher Fine Arts Library has always stood out from the rest of College Green.

In the past, its Victorian architecture was considered a monstrosity — as recently as the 1960s, some University officials were calling for the building's demolition.

Half a century later, the library is widely considered an architectural gem, so much so that a recent American Institute of Architecture poll named the building one of the country's favorites.

The poll asked 1,800 volunteers to rate 240 preselected buildings on a one-to-five scale.

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Duc-Minh Nguyen/DP Staff Photographer

The Fisher Fine Arts Library was recently voted as one of America's favorite buildings, according to a recent American Institute of Architecture poll.

In Tut exhibit, professor is king for a day

David Silverman runs exhibit that has Philadelphia in a buzz

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Not all of a professor's students go on to earn the title Secretary General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, but one of David Silverman's did.

Twenty years after graduating from Penn with a Ph.D. in Egyptology, noted archaeologist Zahi Hawass is showing his gratitude to his former professor by insisting that Silverman take an important role in "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs," now showing at the Franklin Institute.

"Hawass told us, you must have David Silverman as curator," said Mark Lach, senior vice president of Arts and Exhibitions International,

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More Pell Grants could create more problems

Debate intensifies whether rise in Pell Grants is worth cutting other federal aid programs

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President Bush's plan to increase the amount of financial-aid grants seemed to be a step forward in improving the availability of federal funding for students.

But education groups say the plan may actually end up doing more harm than good by cutting other programs in the process.

Bush recently released his 2008 budget, which proposes a raise in the maximum monetary aid of the Pell Grant, the largest type of federal aid for underprivileged students, from \$4,050 to \$5,200 by 2008.

However, to make way for the increase, several other financial-aid programs — chief among them the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant — may eventually be cut.

According to the American Council on Education, the elimination of the SEOG program, in which the federal government gives universities funds to add to their financial aid pool, would negatively affect 1.3 million students.

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities spokesman Tony Pales said that the increase in Pell Grants is welcome, but not at the expense of other aid.

"The current set of grants needs to be protected, not dismantled," he said.

Ultimately, the number of students receiving federal aid would drop from about 6.5 million to 5.5 million by 2008 as a result of the total program

cuts, according to budget documents.

But not all experts believe this to be a bad move on the part of the Bush administration.

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, sees the SEOG as an unfair way to award grant money and believes that the new plan would make grants "more equitable."

Kantrowitz pointed out that, through the SEOG program, some universities receive more federal money than others in a fairly arbitrary process.

"Campus-based funding is problematic because it is influenced by historical factors," he said, explaining that the government gives some universities large amounts of funding merely because it has done so in the past.

Kantrowitz added that the Pell Grant system works directly with students rather than giving universities discretion over how much aid students receive.

But from the University's perspective, the Pell Grant debate will likely end up being a non-issue.

Frank Claus, associate vice president for finance, said Penn is committed to fulfilling the full financial need of every student, something that will be accomplished with or without federal grants.

The maximum award from a Pell Grant only equals a small fraction of Penn's total tuition, while grants and loans from the state and the University supply much of the aid.

Still, like others in higher education, Claus supports the raise in the Pell but finds the cut of the SEOG detrimental — though he realizes that something has to give.

"We would love to see the Pell go up and the SEOG stay," Claus said, "but you can't have everything."

Fire declared to be started intentionally

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There is currently no evidence that points to a specific perpetrator.

After the cause of a fire is established as incendiary, the case is handed over to the police for further investigation, Williams said.

"Once it is determined to be an intentionally set fire, it is still an open investigation," he added.

The case is being handled by the Philadelphia Police Department. Penn Police are not involved in the investigation, Division of Public Safety officials said.

Police officials are currently interviewing neighborhood residents in order to see who may have been responsible for setting the fire, Lt. John Walker of the Philadelphia Police said.

Until the interviews are completed and police officials finish their review of the fire marshal's report, it is difficult to say how long the investigation will last, Walker said.

He added that conclusions are often hard to find in arson

cases.

"Arsons are a difficult crime to solve because there are rarely any witnesses," he said.

In a separate incident last March, a fire gutted a house at 4042 Sansom St., sending six Penn students and one Bryn Mawr College student to the hospital. That fire was also declared an arson.

Police stopped actively investigating that incident in April. No new evidence has turned up regarding the fire since the case was declared inactive, Walker said.

The students affected by the recent fire continue to receive support from the University, officials from the office of the Vice Provost for University Life said.

Sharon Smith, director of student-intervention services for VPUL, said the students have been receiving ongoing assistance from Counseling and Psychological Services and academic support from the undergraduate schools.

She added that she believes the University's effort to provide assistance has been a successful process.

"I think if something wasn't going okay, they would let me know," she said. "I think things are progressing well for them."

The students affected by the fire did not return calls for comment.

Joint effort tries to put end to youth violence

Project between Penn, Temple, Drexel and other groups works on violence prevention

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For three area universities, a joint effort is what it might take to stop youth violence in the area.

Representatives from Penn, Drexel University and Temple University have joined forces, along with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and various community-based organizations, to make up the Philadelphia Collaborative for Violence Prevention Center — a collaborative project with an aim to make violence among 10 to 14 year olds a thing of the past.

Funded in large part by the National Center for Disease Control as a part of its National Violence Prevention Initiative, the PCVPC focuses on stopping youth violence before it starts in West and Southwest Philadel-

phia.

"We are seeing higher rates of aggression among individuals in the teenage years," said Joel Fein, director and principal investigator of the PCVPC. "We are applying primary intervention to kids who may not have been perpetrators or victims of violence."

Founded in 2006, the project's ties to Penn are only getting stronger — Duane Thomas, a professor in the Graduate School of Education, was recently added to the center's roster, joining Anne Teitelman of the Nursing School and Epidemiology professor Douglas Wiebe as the project's co-investigators.

Apart from its focus on a younger age group, what sets the PCVPC apart is not only the collective effort that it represents between universities

but also the focus on working with, not simply on, the West and South Philadelphia communities.

"This is a unique collaboration and speaks to how all of these institutions feel this is an important problem and want to work together," said Rose Cheney, executive director of the Firearm and Injury Center at Penn.

The PCVPC "uses a participatory research model," Cheney said. "Community members are part of the development of the research and, from that point on, there's communication going both ways."

Cheney explained that the center will pool knowledge from varying scientific fields, as well as other Philadelphia youth violence programs. Philadelphia's Center also works with similar centers across the country, in cities such as Boston, Chicago and New York.

And according to researchers, gaining the trust of the

community is a key to producing the desired results of a safer Philadelphia.

"Historically, researchers have not been seen as trustworthy," said John Rich, chairman of the department of health management and policy at the Drexel school of public health. "We have to approach communities with great respect for the fact that there have been large-scale abuses in the past."

Rich stressed that researchers at the PCVPC were "committed to a long term relationship," and would not "cut and run."

"Is [the program] going to solve the problems of violence in Philadelphia? Of course not," he said. "The goal is to make a contribution in a particular area, to work with community organizations and to learn about an approach that will prevent violence. We want to be a part of the whole fabric of the people that have been working on this for a long time."

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