

This Week @ PhilaU

A Weekly Newsletter for Faculty, Staff and Students

NEWS BRIEFS

Philadelphia University Industrial Design Student Takes Top Prize in Collab Competition

The annual Collab Student Design Competition brings design students from area colleges and universities together to take on a uniquely creative challenge. This year's participants, including architecture, industrial, interior, jewelry and printmaking design majors from seven institutions, entered 96 projects. Based on the "Furniture Classics for the Future" theme, which reflected the rich history of renowned designer Florence Knoll's contribution to the language of design through the exploration of furniture typologies, the students were asked to reinvent a chair chosen from the Knoll Studio line.



The 2004 competition and award presentation event was organized by Philadelphia University Industrial Design Professor Josh Owen. Industrial Design student Adam Johnson shared the first place award with a University of the Arts student for his redesign of the Bertoia chair (pictured above), while Industrial Design student Josh Aukema won First Honorable Mention for his interpretation of the Florence Knoll Lounge chair (pictured left).



Fashion Design Student Exhibit

CAMPUS PLAN UPDATE

Check this column each week for the latest news on Philadelphia University's Campus Plan. Check our progress and any relocation plans as we get ready for the new construction. We're on the move!

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new campus center, to be named in honor of alumnus Maurice Kanbar, were held Monday, November 22

EVENTS

Monday, November 29

Yoga

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Downs Hall Room 3

Please bring a mat. Cost is \$10 per class.

Contact: Lois Janney, x2727

Free Open Swimming

All faculty, staff and students are welcomed.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday evenings

Penn Charter High School

A lifeguard will be on duty.

Contact: Brad Koch, x2723

Tuesday, November 30

"Why Go Greek?" Event

Sponsored by all Greek organizations

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ravenhill Dining Hall, Breakout Rooms A & B. A time to sit down with representatives from all Philadelphia University Greek Organizations and find out why you should go Greek.

Contact: Chris Grim, 215.479.6374

Psychology Meeting

Sponsored by the Psychology Society

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Contact: Christine Jenkins, 570.460.3873

In the Spotlight



Pictured above: Andrew Glenesk, Fashion Design, was interviewed by WPVI/6ABC reporter Don Polec during the opening of the EPA Clothing from Waste Exhibit on November 15. Glenesk's creation may seem like something you'd see on a fashion show runway, but a closer look reveals a dress made entirely from soda can tabs. Five other Philadelphia University students were chosen to display their "trashy fashions" at the EPA Philadelphia Public Information Center through December.

Second Annual International Games Festival Wednesday

Wednesday, December 1

3 to 5 p.m.

Downs Hall Auditorium

The Foreign Language Department sponsors this annual event featuring games and creative activities from France, Japan, Germany, Italy and South America. All are invited to attend, have some fun and win prizes.

Contact the Language and Cultural Center at x6813 for more information.

Cornerstone Weekly Meeting

9 to 10:30 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Contact: Ellen Nave, 215.843.3102

Wednesday, December 1

2004 International Game Festival

Sponsored by the School of General Studies

3 to 5 p.m.

Downs Auditorium

Come explore games and creative activities from around the world, win prizes.

Contact: Maria Peale, x6813

World AIDS Day

Special Film Feature: *Philadelphia*

6 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Free Pizza!

Contact: Kelli McClintick, x2856

Speechweavers Toastmasters Club

7:30 to 9 p.m.

Hayward Hall Room 113

Learn about Toastmasters and meet a supportive group of people with the common desire to acquire, or improve, their public speaking skills. The meeting is free.

Contact: Lois Janney, x2727

Free Open Swim

All faculty, staff and students are welcomed.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday evening at Penn Charter High School. A lifeguard will be on duty.

Contact: Brad Koch, x2723

Thursday, December 2

Black Student Union

Bi-Weekly Meeting

11 a.m. to Noon

Downs Hall Room 1

Contact: LaNier Holmes, 267.286.66663 or 443.527. 7200

Commuter Social

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Contact: Jenn Thorpe, x2542

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Contact: Chris Grim, 215.479.6374

Student Alumni Association Meeting

11:15 a.m.

Downs Hall Room 4

Contact: Alexis Berman, BERMAN2@philau.edu

Amnesty International Meeting

Noon

WORLD AIDS DAY

Wednesday, December 1

Join us for the special presentation of the film

Philadelphia

6 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Free pizza and soda.

Co-sponsored by Student Development Programs and the GLBT Student Alliance. Contact Kelli McClintick at x2856 with questions.



Philadelphia University Hosts Wish List Drive Saturday

Join the effort to support local women's organizations.

Saturday, December 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Acme at 121 E. City Avenue

Help the cast and crew of the 2005 production of *the Vagina Monologues* kick off their fundraising effort to benefit Women Against Abuse and Women Organized Against Abuse, Philadelphia non-profit organizations that provides shelter and other direct services for survivors of abuse. Donations of personal, baby or household items are appreciated. For more information or a complete list of items needed, contact Diana Janson at janson2@PhilaU.edu or Kelli McClintick at x2856.

Ravenhill Mansion Room 13

A weekly meeting to discuss upcoming events and write letters.

Contact: Jessica Simpson, SIMPSON3@philau.edu

Math Review Sessions

Sponsored by the Learning and Advising Center
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Downs Hall, first floor classroom

Contact: Melanie Boston, x6834

Friday, December 3

Friday Prayers (Jumah)

Sponsored by Minaret, Philadelphia University's Muslim Student Association

1 to 2 p.m.

Student Center Lounge

Open to entire university community.

Contact: Bilal Abdul-Hakim, x0425 or Murad Omer, 215.869.3057 or minaret786@hotmail.com

Saturday, December 4

Weekend Programs Sponsor

The Philadelphia University Roommate Pageant

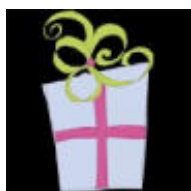
8 to 11 p.m.

Downs Auditorium

Contact: Student Activities, x2744

Sunday, December 5

Asclepius Society Toy Drive Underway



Philadelphia University's Asclepius (Pre-Med) Society is sponsoring a Toys for Christmas Campaign, collecting new or slightly used toys and children's books.

Donations are being accepted through the collection boxes located in the lobbies of the Tuttleman Center and and Hayward Hall through Friday, December 3. All contributions will help needy, children this holiday season. For large contributions or more information, contact Gwenn Allen at AllenG@PhilaU.edu.



Midnight Breakfast

Kicks Off Exams

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday, December 15

11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Ravenhill Dining Hall

Dining Services is hosting a Midnight Breakfast to kick off final exams and support students as they work to "make the grade." If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call Dining Services at x2924. The breakfast will be available to the entire University community.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Alisha Ferguson

Women's Basketball
Sophomore, Center
Ft. Washington, Pa.
Gwynedd Mercy Academy

Alisha Ferguson poured in a career-high 24 points, hitting nine of 14 shots from the field, in leading the Lady Rams to a 71-68 win over the University of the Sciences on November 27. She also hit six of eight free-throw attempts and added 14 rebounds – also a career-high – in the win, the second straight for Head Coach Tom Shirley's squad.

IN THE NEWS

Philadelphia University Fashion Design students Jaclyn Kelly and Andrew Glenesk were featured in an article in the *Roxborough Review* on November 24 about their creations currently on display in the EPA Clothing From Waste exhibit.

Philadelphia University athletes Samara Speakes and Tayron Thomas were highlighted in the *Roxborough Review* on November 24 for being named NYCAC Preseason Basketball Players of the Year.

Philadelphia University's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kanbar Campus Center the announcement of the \$20 million fundraising campaign was featured in the on-line version of the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, November 22. Check the story out at <http://philadelphia.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/stories/2004/11/22/daily12.html>.

SAVE THE DATE

Philadelphia University's Annual Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 22

3 to 6 p.m.

Germantown Cricket Club

Philadelphia, PA

RSVP to x2971 or SpecialEvents@PhilaU.edu by December 15.

Philadelphia University Presents *the Vagina Monologues*

Production to benefit Women Against Abuse.

February 11 and 12

The Vagina Monologues play is based on real women's stories and is used as a centerpiece for V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, which serves as a catalyst to promote creative events to increase awareness, raise support and revitalize the spirit of anti-violence organizations. To find out more about *the Vagina Monologues*, visit <http://www.vday.org/main.html>.

Join Us in Rome!

Alumni, staff, faculty, family and friends to visit The Eternal City.



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April 9 through April 15, 2005

The trip of a lifetime awaits you when our group travels to Rome for an unparalleled experience. See architectural wonders of the ancient world, view art of the masters, and step into the realm of the sacred -- all while enjoying the convenience of a top-rated hotel, fine dining, all transportation, and the camaraderie of friends of the University.

This all-inclusive journey, fully escorted and led by Dr. James Callaghan of the University's Study Abroad Program. A highlight of the trip is a visit to the American Academy to meet with Philadelphia University Architecture and Fashion Merchandising students studying in Rome, where the students will display their work.

To book your tour:

Call Karoline Olcott at AESU-Worldwide at 1.800.638.7640 or

email her at res@aesu.com or call Lisbeth Willis, director, Alumni Relations at 215.951.2929, or email her at alumni@PhilaU.edu

Please remember to book early as space is limited.