

The Gregorian

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Welcome back Gregorians old and new to another fun-filled semester here at Gregory House. And for those who are counting, we only have 18 weeks left until Summer Break. But have no fear. Between today and May 13th (last day of finals), Gregory has planned plenty of events to keep you happy and entertained. I can probably turn this list into a song, but that would take too much effort. Just be on the look out for Penn PM events, our Faculty Master Open House,

The Lucid Dinner & Performing Arts Night, The Oscar Party, the International Dinner, and numerous TV viewing groups – once the writers pick up their pens, etc. So, kick back, relax, and enjoy the show.

We're going to kick off this semester with some announcements, some important, some just for fun. New items that the House Council has purchased. News about the Student Film Festival and Dinner with Gregory. And did you know? We have a new BYOM policy at all events. And for

those of you who feel like all Gregory House ever does is give, give, and give –check out the new manager positions we have opening up. More importantly, don't forget to pay attention to deadlines coming up in January ... just in case, you want to become an RA or want to live here again next year. And of course, what Gregorian would be complete without pictures of our dearly beloved residents caught doing ridiculously hilarious things at our awesome events?

-Winnie

GREGORY DEADLINES COMING FAST AND FURIOUS

Two rapidly approaching deadlines for folks intending to return to Gregory next year....

January 21st: Deadline to apply to be a Gregory RA (or in any other college house, for that matter). Want to follow in the footsteps of Gus and Teri (or think you can obliterate their memory by doing a

much better job)? We're interviewing RA candidates until the end of the month—we need two to live in the freshman community on the third and fourth floors of Van Pelt.

January 28th: If you plan on living in the House next year, this is your week to apply. Each day corresponds with a particular room type (Monday: Singles; Tues-

day: advantaged rooms (with AC and/or living room); Wednesday: regular doubles; Thursday: regular quads). All the information is available online at <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/housing.aspx>

WELCOME GREGORIANS NEW & OLD

- In the Class of 1925 we have Joshua Scanish, Molly Mammourian, Christine Capetola, and Elizabeth Raposa.
- In Van Pelt Manor, we have Yue Wu, Mark Leung, Dennis Murphy, Lemuel Sibulo, Jennifer Phuong, and Ling Tran.

STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

We show a LOT of movies in Gregory. Now it's time to give back by making your own! Or maybe you're already sitting on a masterpiece that has yet to achieve its deserved fame and fortune. Either way, our very own Film Culture Program, in cahoots with a number of other college houses, sponsors the annual College Houses Student Film Festival, which not only allows budding Kubricks and Spielbergs to compete for prizes but also allows them to see their work in full cinematic glory on the big screen at the Bridge on April 3rd.



found at <http://www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/filmfest/>, (And, yes, there's a facebook group). The first deadline is January 31st (for the double-whammy, including submission to the Greater Philadelphia Student Film Festival as well), but entries are accepted until March 28th.

Have a dream opus in mind but lack the equipment? The program has its own Canon GL2 you can borrow for approved projects. Stop by the House Office for details.



Don't miss out on your chance to enter! All the information can be

ALL BYOM, ALL THE TIME

We certainly didn't start our BYOM nights to be environmentally conscious—we liked the ring of the name more than anything else. But starting Spring semester, BYOM isn't just an event, it's Gregory policy.

Last semester, the House went through more than 2,800 disposable cups, which seems more than a bit wasteful. Next semester we'll be only be purchasing recycled/recyclable cups (and eventually plates and other

supplies), and only putting out a very limited number at all study breaks, brunches, and like get-togethers. So if you want to make sure you can get something to drink, you should Bring Your Own Mug (or Cup. Or Glass). In case you don't, you know, own a mug, we'll be selling this year's Gregory mugs (just \$2) at all BYOMs and Study Breaks until we run out—you can also get them from the House Office.

NEW IN THE DVD LIBRARY

If you haven't stopped by the office in awhile, we stocked up a quite a few DVDs for break (Yay for black Friday sales), both older films and new releases like *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *The Simpsons Movie*, *Transformers*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, *Live Free and Die Hard*, *Knocked Up*, *Hairspray*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean: At*

World's End. As always, the full list of movies is available at <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/dvd.aspx>.

Do try to care of the movies and bring them back promptly! We've had to replace or just scrap a few disks, and Winnie often has to work quite hard to get folks to return them.

NEW STUFF FROM HOUSE COUNCIL

This semester, Gregory House Council brings to you ... free printing and new video games. If you find yourself bored this January, be sure to visit the Info Center and sign out *Assassin's Creed*, *Super Mario Galaxy*, *Metroid Prime 3: Corruption*, *Resident Evil 4*, *Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare*, or *Rockband*. And for those of you that find video games frivolous, perhaps we can interest you in some free printing? If you are studying in the computer lab, talk to one of the ITAs on duty and learn about a new arrangement that the House has made.

DINNER WITH GREGORY

Dinner with Gregory will launch its second semester with a very special guest:

Andrew Binns
Carolyn Hoff Lynch Professor of Biology & Associate Provost of the University

Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Greenhouse

As always, Dinner with Gregory allows our residents to interact with Penn Faculty in an informal atmosphere. Have suggestions for future DwG guests? Write to DwG Manager Christie Gutierrez at christmg@sas.upenn.edu

GREGORY MANAGERS WANTED

If you're planning to come back to the House next year, we'll need a number of new House Managers; students of all years are welcome to apply. Some positions will start in Fall, but we are looking for three that start THIS SEMESTER.....

Assistant Events Manager: Help Eric and Jenny plan and run a number of spring semester events, including the upcoming Lucid Dinner and our annual

Oscar Party.

Film Culture Manager: With Erin now studying abroad, we need someone to take on film screenings and other movie-related programming.

Office Manager: A new position, the Office Manager will have nighttime and weekend hours when Winnie isn't shepherding the office, allowing students to

pick up show/screening tickets, purchase mugs, and borrow DVDs, cooking equipment and other supplies.

Manager positions are paid, though there aren't all that many hours. Work Study preferred but not essential. Positions beginning in the fall will include Publications and MLP-associated Managers. If you're interested, drop Chris an email or fill out an app in the office.

SAFETY ISSUES

Just in case you were REALLY distracted last semester, there was a crime or two (or three, or four...) on or about campus. Just a few reminders....

At night and all day on weekends, *there is always a G.A. on duty.* You can contact the GAOD by calling our Info Center (898-5202) and having them paged.

Lock your doors. This is always something we're ambivalent about, because we feel a welcoming environment will have doors unlocked or even propped. The key distinction—are you home, and are you able to take note of what folks are popping in or out? In other words, if no one is home, your door should be locked; ditto if you are sleeping, in the shower, engrossed in work, etc. Remember that we had at least one theft last semester, and you only need to peruse back issues of the DP online to find out what went on in various other college houses, all

facilitated by residents leaving their front doors unlocked and unattended.

Never sign anyone into the building unless you know who they are and will be with them throughout their visit. Remember that you are responsible for the (mis)behavior of anyone you sign into a college house!

There is a *blue light emergency phone* on Irving right by Saint Mary's church. All you need to do is pick it up.

Bikes tend to vanish from the racks between the buildings. Don't trust that the guards will spot thieves, who work quickly and efficiently and usually in the dark. Advice from public safety: Detach front tire; place tire against side of bike frame near crank and pedals; thread a U-lock through the frame, the front tire and the rear tire; and take the seat with you if possible. Don't use cable locks.

Register your bike through <http://campusexpress.upenn.edu>. We do have bicycle storage rooms in the basement of each Gregory building if you don't mind dealing with a flight of steps.

The number for campus police is 511 (from a campus phone) or 215-573-3333 (which you should have saved in your cellphone!)

Options for *late night transport* include Riding Escort Service (898-ride) and Walking Escort Service (898-walk).

So that you can be reached in case of emergency, *make sure your contact information is up-to-date.* Access pennintouch, and provide as much info as possible (including cellphone number)

For more info, *consult the Department of Public Safety* at <http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/>

RAFTING, PROGRESSIVE DINNER, THANKSGIVING, BYOM, STUDY BREAKS ...

