



Penn Club February 2005 Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter of University of Pennsylvania Club of Hong Kong
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Events

AGM, November 2nd

Peter Ferry was voted in as President for another one year term beginning January 2005.

Other officers are:

Social Chairs – Carmen Choi (Head) and Denise Lee, Ferdi Chuk, Mandy Lau

Communications Chair – Jeff Cheung

Treasurer – Geoff Lai

Membership Officer – Marcel Pordes, Jean Lee and Michael Chan

Newsletter – Priscilla Chung

Scholarship Committee – Daphne King

Admissions – Debbie Hung

Christmas mixer at The EDGE

Over 130 persons from 12 schools, including Cambridge and Oxford came to the Mixer at The Edge on November 2nd. People had a great time and called for these kinds of events to be held more frequently. Great food, fun times interesting people.

Annual Benjamin Birthday Party

Penn Club members and their guests celebrated Ben's birthday along with alumni associations around the world. Ben would have been proud to know a reporter from the Wall St. Journal was there! *"Beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy"* – Ben Franklin

Upcoming Events

Visit of President Gutmann

Penn has informed us that President Gutmann might be visiting Hong Kong in the Fall. Plans will be soon made for a welcome party. Watch for announcements.

'Penn Roundtable' Dinner Series continues on Thursday, February 24th

Speaker: Jake Van der Kamp – SCMP Columnist
Place: The Foreign Correspondents' Club
Time: 7:00pm

Undergraduate Admissions

Early Decisions

Among the 3,420 students who applied early to Penn in 2004, 1,170 were admitted in early December.

In Hong Kong, 5 were accepted for Early Decisions and around one hundred candidates will be interviewed.

Penn Club Project

Exchange Programs

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge pays the best return." – Ben Franklin

Report from CU indicated that two students applied for loan to go to Penn; each of the loans was in the amount of \$200,000. The first student was on exchange in 2001 and the second in 2004. Both students went to Wharton.

Since 1999, the Penn Club loan fund was used by 10 students from HKUST to attend SEAS and 11 by students attending Wharton.

Not all students apply for the loan. Two engineering students from UST, who did not use our loans for exchange to Penn are now pursuing their doctorates at Penn. Shelley Zhang is now studying for her doctorate in Bio-engineering while Jeff Law, is pursuing his doctorate in Neuro-science.

The Penn Club had assisted in the establishment of exchange programs between Penn and two universities in Hong Kong – HKUST and CU. Since 1999 numerous students have benefited through this exchange and the loan program set up by the Penn Club at the two universities. These loans are repaid over a three year period beginning a year after graduation.

Penn News

Annenberg Donation

Penn was awarded a \$30 million gift from the Annenberg Foundation for a building to adjoin the Annenberg School for Communication and house the Annenberg Public Policy Center. The Policy Center programs are in media and the developing child, political and health communication and information and society will be housed in a single location. Another \$2 million was given to endow a chair in the humanities and provide \$500,000 for graduate student fellowships. For more information see <http://www.upenn.edu/pennnews/article.php?id=699>

Job Opportunities

Consultants for AA-connect www.a-connect.com; interested parties to contact Marcel Pordes at mpordes@a-connect.com