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A Penn alum has done what only a few attempt: scaling the tallest peaks in the world. **SEE BACK PAGE**



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Before he fabricated part or all of 27 stories for 'The New Republic,' Stephen Glass was just another freshman getting his start at 'The Daily Pennsylvanian.' **SEE 34TH STREET MAGAZINE**

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Neuroethics talk  
**4 to 6 p.m.** | James Hughes of Trinity College talks about liberty in neurotechnology, Houston Hall, Ben Franklin Room

Interviewing workshop  
**4:30 to 6 p.m.** | Hosted by Career Services, Steinberg-Dietrich Hall, Room 351

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 [daily.pennsylvanian.com](http://daily.pennsylvanian.com).

**TOMORROW NEWS**

Find out which campus eateries are having to go smoke-free due to a new ban.

**SPORTS**

A reeling 0-3 Villanova team visits Franklin Field as the Quakers try for another win.

## Registrar busts Class Buster

*Student program for finding open slots in classes runs into trouble with University*

By **TALI YAHALOM**  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

Students see a useful tool, administrators see a potential

problem, and some entrepreneurs think they've found a very profitable idea.

Class Buster, a student-created program that can help students

slip into booked classes, has been greeted by alarm as well as excitement since its release a week ago. University officials are saying its bad aspects outweigh the good, but an underground group of Class Buster supporters — and potential investors — is quietly surfacing, and they want a piece

of the pie.

Class Buster users receive text message alerts the second a space in a desired class opens up on Penn InTouch.

But there's a reason support has been quiet.

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## AFTER THE STORM PART 4 OF 5

### Scenes from a shattered city

Over a year later, New Orleans is still regaining its feet after Katrina | Photos by Chris Poliquin



Chris Poliquin/The Daily Pennsylvanian

A trumpeter serenades the French Quarter. Though it was a Saturday night and Bourbon Street was just two blocks away, the area was relatively devoid of people.

**N**ew Orleans seems like three different cities. First, there is the eerily empty Ninth Ward. Most of the houses that remain are untouched by reconstruction efforts; many are engulfed by overgrowth and rubble. Across the canal, the French Quarter is astir with nightlife and recovering businesses. Appearances here are deceiving, though — only half the area's pre-Hurricane Katrina population has returned.

And farther west, Tulane University students are resuming life as they knew it before the storm. They say that campus is largely back to normal.

Taken a year after Katrina, these images offer a look at New Orleans as it lies torn between these extremes.

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**About this series**

One year ago, much of New Orleans was all but destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. In this week-long series, the *DP* revisits the city, which, after a year of politics and promises, is still far from its former greatness. Meet the people caught up in the tragedy and see how their lives have — and more often have not — returned to normal.

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## Increasingly, minorities off to college

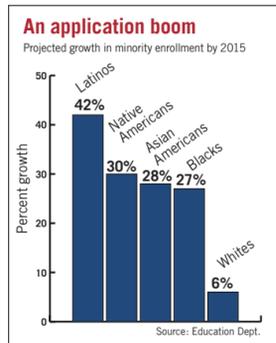
*Enrollment rate for minorities growing faster than whites'*

By **HEATHER SCHWEDEL**  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

Nonwhite students may still be in the minority at American colleges, but the rate at which they're enrolling far surpasses their white counterparts.

Statisticians at the U.S. Department of Education predict that while nationwide college enrollment will continue to grow, among minorities, there's going to be a boom.

By 2015, enrollment in Ameri-



can colleges will grow 42 percent for Latinos, 30 percent for Native Americans, 28 percent for Asian Americans and 27 per-

cent for blacks, according to a report from the National Center for Education Statistics. In the same period, white enrollment is only slated to grow by 6 percent.

According to Thomas Snyder, a statistician at the Department of Education, the projections only echo decades of population and enrollment trends: Rates of minority enrollment are not just now beginning to outpace those of whites, but have been doing so for many years, Snyder said.

Experts are unsure how the upswing in minority enrollment will affect Penn.

Though Penn has been a

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**STUDENT MURDER TRIAL**

## Malinovskaya DNA not found on victim

By **TALI YAHALOM**  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

WILMINGTON, Del. — State prosecutors presented the available forensic and DNA evidence in the trial of Wharton undergraduate Irina Malinovskaya yesterday — but there was not much to show.

Yet prosecutors say there has been more emphasis on verbal testimony than on DNA because Malinovskaya, who is charged with first-degree murder, tried

to leave the scene without a trace.

Calling on detectives, chemists and a blood-stain pattern analyst, the prosecution tried to convince jurors that Malinovskaya either changed outfits or washed her clothing after allegedly killing her former boyfriend's girlfriend.

None of the DNA found on Irina Zlotnikov's body was determined to be Malinovskaya's.

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## Wild Boys

After entering the night just a game behind the Dodgers in the NL wild-card race, the Phillies beat the Cubs 6-2 and Los Angeles fell to Pittsburgh, giving the Phils a share of the wild-card lead.

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### M. SOCCER: LA SALLE 3, PENN 2

## Defense suffers McCarthy meltdown

By SEBASTIEN ANGEL  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

Not a setback, coach Rudy Fuller said. Just a wake-up call.

Terminology aside, the men's soccer team pulled defeat from the clutches of victory last night. After going ahead 2-0 in the opening 25 minutes, Penn conceded three straight goals to La Salle and lost at McCarthy Stadium, 3-2.

"We came out and played a very good 15 minutes," senior defender Andy Howard said. "Then we started taking this team lightly."

Penn looked to be off to a good

start when senior forward Ryan Tracy accepted a feed from sophomore Mike Klein in the 26th minute and slotted it home for an early 1-0 lead. And when Howard made it 2-0 with a header a few minutes later, Penn (4-2) looked poised to ease toward a Philadelphia Soccer Seven title for the second consecutive year.

"At that point, during the times that we got those first and second goals, we were in complete control of the game," Fuller said.

Even when La Salle (4-3-1) pulled back a goal to cut into the lead, the Quakers looked to be in

the driver's seat entering the second half. They were unlucky not to score in the 58th minute, when they mounted their best chance of the half. Tracy and Klein ran up against La Salle's last defender, but Tracy mistimed his run and was called offside.

The Explorers seemed to use that lucky escape as a rallying point and turned up the heat on Penn's goal. Senior goalkeeper Dan Cepero was called into action in the 63rd minute, stopping a point-blank header from within six

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La Salle midfielder Mike Lehr (left) holds off Penn junior Derek Hobson as the Quakers midfielder lunges for the ball. The Red and Blue staked a 2-0 lead before allowing the Explorers to claw back and win, 3-2.

Dave Walker/The Daily Pennsylvanian

# From equities to Everest

Wharton MBA Neal Mueller has scaled all seven continents' tallest peaks



By PARISA BASTANI  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

At first glance, nothing about Wharton MBA student Neal Mueller seems out of the ordinary.

He was never an athlete — he's never even played a varsity sport — but when he finished his undergraduate degree from Penn in 2000, Mueller decided that he wanted to do something extraordinary.

And, in four years, he did just that, scaling the tallest mountain on each continent, including Mt. Everest last year.

All photos courtesy Neal Mueller

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Mt. Vinson  
16,077 feet  
Antarctica  
January 2005

Mt. Elbrus  
18,512 feet  
Europe  
August 2002

Mt. Kilimanjaro  
19,341 feet  
Africa  
May 2003

Mt. McKinley  
20,320 feet  
North America  
June 2003

Mt. Aconcagua  
22,841 feet  
South America  
February 2004

Mt. Everest  
29,035 feet  
Asia  
June 2005

Mt. Kosciuszko  
7,316 feet  
Australia  
December 2005

## Penn's Jewish athletes are very fortunate

On Oct. 6, 1965, one of the most famous events in Jewish sports history occurred, and nothing happened.

Sandy Koufax chose not to pitch Game 1 of the World Series for the Los Angeles Dodgers against the Minnesota Twins because it fell on Yom Kippur.

This coming weekend, Jews will be celebrating their new year,

### MATT MELTZER



Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are frequently referred to as the high holidays, the two most

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### W. SOCCER: TEMPLE 2, PENN 0

## Quakers fall despite outshooting Temple

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
*The Daily Pennsylvanian*

AMBLER, Pa. — There were plenty of perplexing things about the women's soccer game at Temple yesterday. How did Penn manage to get off 21 shots? How could Temple muster only three? But most bewildering of all — how did the Owls walk away with the win?

Temple managed to take down a clearly superior Penn squad 2-0 at Ambler Field in a game that the Quakers (4-1-1) would like to forget.

While the Owls (3-5) stuck to their game plan and came out swinging in the first half, Penn had a laundry list of problems on the offensive end that coach Darren Ambrose didn't hesitate to reel off.

"We've said it all along this year. We're not fluid up front, we don't take enough chances, we're a little rusty, we don't look clean in the box," Ambrose said. "And frankly, I give a lot of credit to Temple — they defended with some passion."

After taking a 1-0 lead in the 28th minute on a left-footed put-in by sophomore forward Wendy Halina, Temple was con-

tent to sit on its haunches, pack its defenders into the box and essentially give up its offensive attack.

The listless Quakers couldn't capitalize, as shot after shot went high or wide, and any one-on-one chances they had were nullified by offsides calls.

"I don't know if it was lack of effort or just we didn't get a few bounces our way," sophomore defender Eileen Larkin said. "We definitely were flat in the first half."

Senior goalkeeper Liz Tarasevich

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## FIELD HOCKEY: PENN STATE 3, PENN O

## Quakers blown out by No. 8 Lions

*Penn suffered another shutout, this time at the hands of a relentless Penn State defense*

By MATT MELTZER  
The Daily Pennsylvanian

Last night the field hockey team made it more clear than ever that Penn is indeed not Penn State.

And the No. 8 Nittany Lions certainly had reason to be proud that they are not Penn. They pounded the Quakers 3-0 for Penn's second consecutive loss and its fifth defeat on the season as Penn State garnered its seventh consecutive win.

As Penn goalie Liz Schlossberg attempted to make sure the litany of Nittany shots were deflected, Penn State goalie Jen Beaumont could have taken a nap.

The Quakers managed only two shots all night and neither was on goal. Margaretha Ehret and Melissa Black each

managed a single misplaced second-half shot.

Meanwhile, Penn State toyed with the Quakers in its own backfield. The top-10 squad fired the ball 12 times, seven times on net, and three times they scored.

Shaun Banta scored the first goal for Penn State in the 35th minute off a penalty corner. It was one of eight corners the Nittany Lions would take on the night. Penn only earned four.

Banta tipped in a pass off a penalty corner just three minutes into the second half for her ninth goal of the season. Penn, meanwhile, has only scored six goals all season.

Penn State made sure that the Quakers would have no chance of mounting a comeback by sticking a third goal in the 67th minute. Allison Scola

put the game out of reach by knocking in a rebound.

The Quakers have had their offensive challenges this season, but they had never experienced a night like this. In every other contest they had managed at least one shot on goal. This was the least offensive production since they visited Penn State's fellow Big Ten foe Ohio State, and took only three shots, one on goal.

With this latest setback, Schlossberg is watching her senior season slip away. She has already been credited with five losses, but in four of them Penn has failed to score. Regardless of her save percentage, it is difficult to win when your team provides no support. The Quakers have already suffered more shutouts this season than all of last year, when they were 9-8.

The Quakers will try to resume winning on Sunday as they take on Rutgers in New Brunswick, N.J.

## Penn athletes bucking trend on religion

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important days on the Jewish calendar.

Much as the World Series went on in 1965, so will Penn sports teams compete this weekend. Eight Penn teams will be participating in nine events this weekend, all during the two-day period of Rosh Hashanah. Fortunately, no athletes will be faced with same decision Koufax had — no Quakers team is playing on Oct. 2, which is Yom Kippur.

Jews and sports have always been a rather incongruous pairing. There have of course been some fantastic Jewish athletes, but let's be honest: Jews are associated with a myriad of characteristics, and athleticism is not generally one of them. In fact, try to name some famous Jewish athletes. As Adam Sandler reminds us, Rod Carew converted.

However, it is not surprising that at Penn — which is almost a third Jewish — there would be many Jewish athletes. Many of them will not be

challenged by difficult decisions.

As Josh Hirsch pointed out in his column on Tuesday, Penn Athletics was careful to avoid scheduling many events on Friday night or Saturday, instead arranging events on Saturday night or the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday. Days begin and end at sundown in the Jewish calendar, meaning that many people will end their celebrations Saturday evening.

In addition, many coaches asked their players as far back as last spring whether they would play during the holiday and scheduled according to their responses.

With the accommodations Athletics has made, most Jewish players feel comfortable playing this weekend. They will be able to attend services Friday night and Saturday morning, eat dinner with family members and participate in competition on Saturday night or Sunday.

Some Jewish athletes will miss practice on Friday night or Saturday morning in order to celebrate the occasion and spend time with family, according to Mike Mahoney, director of athletic communications.

Penn's Jewish athletes have no expectation that the University will schedule around

them given that classes are not cancelled during the holidays. Yet the fact that so many Jewish athletes will participate in games speaks to a larger trend in our society.

For many athletes, it is far from taboo to run, shoot, throw, block or hit on a religious holiday. We all watch players attempt to win on holidays, and many Penn athletes have been competing on these same holidays since they were children. After all, we watch athletes every year suit up on Christmas for big NBA and NFL games.

Our society expects many events to stop on religious holidays, yet sports always seem to go on. However, I am pleased that Penn and the Athletics department are considerate of the religious needs of athletes, bucking the trend set by national sports. By considering the desires of their athletes, they are also bowing to the needs of their fans.

Though I will not be at any Penn sporting events this weekend as I celebrate Rosh Hashanah, I wish those Jewish athletes who are participating the best of luck and L'shana Tova.

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## Crew stayed at Everest's peak for 50 minutes

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Mueller started out climbing smaller mountains in New Hampshire with his friend Chris Grubb, but his first inspiration to go higher came from traveling to and from Zurich for a job he had after graduating from Penn.

"I would fly over the Swiss Alps, and I kind of fell in love with looking at them from my airplane window," Mueller said.

Mueller and Grubb began climbing taller mountains around the Swiss Alps until they felt they were ready to take on the tallest mountain in Europe, Mount Elbrus in Russia.

Elbrus is relatively easy to scale, but much like the face of the mountain, the learning curve was steep.

The Penn grad and his partner made the mistake of wearing regular sunglasses that did not provide enough protection. As a result, both suffered burnt corneas that made their eyes bleed and that took two weeks to heal.

"We learned a lot of lessons on Elbrus that we never repeated," Mueller said.

After completing their first feat, Mueller and Grubb took on the tallest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro, followed by the tallest in North America, Mount McKinley.

It was after he climbed McKinley that Mueller set a new goal for himself — to summit the tallest mountain on all seven continents.

And after scaling the highest mountains in South America and Antarctica, the team was ready for the tallest in Asia, Mount Everest.

In preparation for the world's highest peak, Mueller stepped up his cardiovascular exercise regimen to three hours a day, six days a week.

After garnering the necessary funds from sponsors — about \$57,000 — Mueller and Grubb purchased equipment and organized a crew for Everest.

For the expedition, the duo was joined by a team of sherpas (Nepalese mountain natives), a Canadian climber and a mountain guide who had experience navigating the trail.

One in five people die trying to climb Everest, so adequate preparation is crucial.

Towering at 29,035 feet, Everest is a huge undertaking in and of itself, but the task became even more complicated when Mueller's team's guide, Jim, quit after just three days of climbing.

"Emotionally, we felt abandoned and disappointed," Mueller said. "We decided that our

combined skills could come together to replace the skills lost when Jim left."

Once they reached a higher altitude, a different complication arose — a man in need of medical assistance came stumbling down the mountain.

He was suffering from a build-up of fluid in his lungs, and the crew decided to help him. They stayed up all night with him to make sure he would live, delaying reaching the summit for another day.

"If the weather had gotten worse, we wouldn't have submitted, because we didn't have enough oxygen to stay another day longer," Mueller said. "So we were putting a lot of things at risk, and it was completely worth it."

The man descended safely and survived, thanks to the team's care.

But as the crew approached the summit, trouble struck closer to home.

Mueller looked back to find that his long-time climbing partner Grubb was not behind him.

"I couldn't reach him on the radio, and I couldn't see his headlamp," Mueller said. "He was with a sherpa, so I knew he was safe. But after a while, I saw the sherpa coming up, and at this point I knew that Chris

*Mueller will be speaking about his Everest experience Thursday, Sept. 28th, at 7 p.m. at Rodin College House.*

helped me make to decision to continue."

As Mueller made his final ascent, he paused on a formation near the top of Everest called "The Balcony" and enjoyed the sight of a thunderstorm in Tibet from above the clouds.

But although the peak was near, the final stages of the climb were no less grueling.

"Every step, you're reminding yourself that it's very easy to turn back," Mueller said. "And with every step it gets easier, and you just get in to a rhythm."

Then, weeks after the start of his journey, Mueller finally reached the top of Everest.

He spent 50 minutes on the summit while gazing down upon India, Tibet and Nepal.

"Accomplishing a feat like Everest put other hardships in my life in perspective," Mueller said.

When it was time to descend the mountain, the team had one of the most difficult parts of the journey before them — 80 percent of mountaineering accidents occur on the way down.

Finally, the crew reached the bottom of Everest safely, 72 days after starting the expedition.

But Mueller still had one more mountain to climb to reach his goal of summitting the tallest on every continent.

The last peak, Mount Kosciuszko in Australia, was a considerably easier climb than the previous six, at 7,310 feet.

Mueller completed his ultimate dream with his family, successfully climbing Kosciuszko alongside his two sisters and his mother.

Upon reaching the seventh summit, Mueller joined only 125 other mountaineers who have ever accomplished the feat.

Even more impressive is that the current Wharton student climbed all seven mountains on the first attempt.

"It's always stressful to finish a goal, because then everybody's wondering what your next goal is," Mueller said. "But my next challenge is to climb the second tallest mountains in the world, maybe starting with K2 [in Asia] next summer."

And while the goal certainly seems attainable for Mueller, it won't be easy. The second tallest mountains are even more difficult than the tallest; the terrain is not thoroughly charted, since fewer people have climbed those peaks.

But Mueller is used to daunting challenges, and if Everest is any indication, he is living proof that even seemingly ordinary people are capable of extraordinary accomplishments.



Courtesy Neal Mueller

Wharton student and 2000 Penn grad Neal Mueller stands atop Mount McKinley, the tallest mountain in North America.



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