

Gifts for the campus that has everything

When it comes to alumni donations, sometimes the U. of Pennsylvania has to look a gift horse in the mouth.

Over the years, the university has received its share of unusual gifts: a Buick dealership in New Jersey, a chalet in the south of France, a bed-and-breakfast in Louisiana and 25 free nights in a Washington, D.C., hotel. And although the school did keep one real gift horse — the breeding rights to 1987 Belmont Stakes winner Bet Twice — university officials now avoid accepting what Associate Treasurer Chris Mason terms "crazy gifts."

"We tend to discourage crazy gifts that don't look like



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at about \$500,000. It sounded great at first, but Mason says, "[It] was a gift that wasn't really a gift." It turned out the mortgage on the house was \$400,000. ■ Joshua Goldwert, *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, U. of Pennsylvania

KKK tattoos spark debate

For 18 years, Jackson Warren has worked in Iowa State U.'s Linden Hall with a swastika and the initials "KKK" tattooed on his arm. But recent opposition to the symbols has sparked a free speech controversy on campus.

During the fall, someone stenciled "If you eat at Linden, you support the Ku Klux Klan" on campus sidewalks. After campus officials received complaints about the tattoos, the university moved Warren from his job as dishwasher and reassigned him to less visible duties at a university food storage facility.

But in November the Iowa attorney general gave the opinion that Warren should not be fired for his tattoos or forced to remove them, and the school reinstated Warren to his original position. At the same time, ISU revised its employee dress code to force food service employees to cover all tattoos, regardless of content.

Last fall, Warren told the *Iowa State Daily* that he has always tried to conceal his tattoos because he has no wish to offend anyone. (According to the attorney general, students first noticed his tattoos while he was in the dining

area during his break.) Warren also said he has not been affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan in many years. Since last fall he has refused comment.

ISU President Martin Jischke says although he opposes the message of Warren's tattoos, he supports free speech. "I find the symbols on Mr. Warren's arms and what they represent to be absolutely repugnant," he says. "Neither I nor Iowa State University condones the actions or teachings of the Nazi party or the Ku Klux Klan."

But, he added, "If we do not protect the expression of ideas we find most repugnant, then we cannot protect the speech of those who disagree with these ideas."

Graduate student Micheal Boulden doesn't agree. He says it's more than a free speech issue. "I'm for free speech," he says. "But we need to get to the larger issue because we all recognize that there are limitations to free speech. If society says, 'We believe the KKK is wrong and has no place in a university environment,' then why can't we say that the symbols are also wrong?"

In response to the situation, ISU sponsored a free speech forum and Jischke offered students the chance to move out of Linden Hall. As of December, no one had moved. ■ Mike McNarney, *Iowa State Daily*, Iowa State U.

Test center caught cheating

Forty grand will buy a lot of No. 2 pencils, or in the case of these two alleged criminals, one great score on a standardized test.

Jim Hyeng Park and Wan Gi Jang, who ran a coaching center for standardized test-takers, were arrested in November for supplying impostor test-takers to more than 50 Asian immigrant customers. They made \$250,000 by providing this "service" in the last year, according to U.S. Postal Service Inspector Joseph Marino, who headed the investigation.

The two men, who ran Total Test Center in New York, were caught in a sting operation administered by Educational Testing Service. ETS administers such tests as the SAT, ACT and the CPA exam.

Although some examinations require a photo I.D. from test-takers, ETS spokesman Ray Nicosia says the impostors entered the exams using phony passports.

Nicosia says the company receives information on such scams in a number of ways, including score differentials, handwriting analysis and phoned-in leads. He declined to comment on what tipped off ETS in this case. But, he says, "We had a good idea they were running something."

So last February ETS sent an investigator to Total Test Center as a client. "He was offered to have impostors take the SAT and the Test of English as a Foreign Language for \$17,000," Nicosia says.



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Nicosia says prices for the tests ranged from \$4,000 for the TOEFL to \$40,000 for the CPA exam.

Five other test-taking impostors were taken into custody after the sting, which took place at four high schools and the Total Test Center office.

Park and Jang were charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud. No court date has been set, but they face up to five years in jail and \$10,000 in fines if convicted.

Nicosia says those who have used the service may also face charges.

"ETS will receive all the records from Total Testing and eventually we will take some action," he says. ■ Lesley Kennedy, *The Daily Iowan*, U. of Iowa

they're going to have a positive cash flow for the university, if and when we dispose of them," he says.

For example, they don't want any more gas stations. After receiving one in upstate New York as part of an estate, university officials realized a battery of environmental problems came with it. They ditched it without ever using it.

"We weren't out there pumping gas," Mason says.

And there was the time the university was offered a row house in Philadelphia, valued

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DORM ROOM DIVAS

NEWARK, DEL.: Looking for something a little more risqué than your standard year-book portrait? Boudoir photographer Peggy Montgomery, of Montgomery/Ford Photography near the U. of Delaware, has expanded her variety of "fantasy sets" to include a dorm room setting, complete with pennants, posters, teddy bears, wine glasses and lingerie. "We are hoping to spark the interest of college students," she says; however, "many of the personnel have been calling. Not so much for the dorm set, but our other fantasies."

DO-IT-YOURSELF THERAPY

ARCATA, CALIF.: Budget cuts mean no thrifty idea is too crazy at Humboldt State U.'s Counseling and Psychological Services. Facing a shrinking staff, they have offered students an alternative to one-on-one therapy — a vacant office. They call it a relaxation room, and although you won't find any professional help there, it does include audio tapes, books, pamphlets, a bed and a recliner. Few students have visited the room, but: "We're working on expanding the tape selection," says Wellness Center Coordinator Helene Barney.

SPACED OUT

FORT COLLINS, COLO.: A Colorado State U. professor was honored to be the first veterinarian to decapitate rats in space. NASA selected Martin Fettman, a pathology professor, to take 48 rats on a 14-day space voyage with seven astronauts in order to study the effects of weightlessness. As part of his research, Fettman decapitated six of the rodents, saving most of their organs, including the testes, for post-flight dissection. "It's all for a good cause," he says.

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WON: A Chinese multimillionaire who accidentally backed a long shot at the races. He won \$4.74 million on the bet and used the money to set up a scholarship for mainland Chinese students to study at Stanford U.

REINSTATED: Giego, the Ottawa U. mascot ousted in 1971. Chief Charles E. Dawes, a university trustee and leader of the Ottawa tribe, says he is proud to have Giego back. His tribe plans to provide a buckskin to be worn at football games.

MOVED: The National Service Office. The new address is: 1100 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20525.

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