

Class of 1969 – 50th Reunion Then and Now Campus Tour

- 1.** Houston Hall - exit on Spruce St. Houston Hall was the country's first student union completed in 1896. It originally featured a 4 lane bowling alley, swimming pool, gym and locker room in the basement. A student lounge, billiards room and reception area were located on the first floor. An auditorium, athletic department and trophy room were on the second floor and offices for student clubs including *The Daily Pennsylvanian* were on the third floor. Houston Hall is still in use today with lower level food court and upper floor performance spaces, meeting rooms and offices for student organizations.
- 2.** Claudia Cohen Hall formerly Logan Hall opened for use as the Medical School in 1874. When the Medical School moved to Hamilton Walk, Logan Hall became home to the Wharton School. With the completion of Vance Hall, the last Wharton programs left Logan Hall and the building became home to several School of Arts and Science departments as well as University Life and other administrative offices. It houses the class of 1969 Lecture Room G1,7 our 35th reunion gift. This is now used for admissions.
- 3.** Face the Quad which is of course co-ed today. When Class of 1969 was at Penn, you lived in *dorms*. Students today live in *College Houses*. There are 5 first year Houses, 4 four year Houses and 3 upper class Houses. These range from 24 story high rises with over 800 students to smaller 4 story Houses with 170 students. Every House is different in focus and tradition. There are also over 40 specialized "theme floors" called Program communities in which students may choose to live in a smaller community within the Houses.
- 4.** Pass The Wistar Institute, a major research facility not directly part of Penn and The Class of 1956 Trolley replica which remembers the days when trolleys ran down Woodland Ave. right through the center of the Green- before 1965.
- 5.** Platt Performing Arts House advises and trains students pursuing their extra-curricular passions for the performing arts and those preparing for a career in the arts. The Platt House includes Room 177: "Class of 1969" This space was our 40th reunion gift a medium size music room that features a baby grand piano and ample space for small to medium sized ensembles.
- 6.** Enter Tannenbaum Quad – Vance Hall and Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies which offers a joint degree – an MA from the School of Arts and Sciences and an MBA from Wharton or a JD from the Law School. This was built to house Wharton's graduate education program.
- 7.** Huntsman Hall/ Locust Walk/ McNeil Building for social sciences. Huntsman Hall is Wharton's biggest building opened in 2002. It houses Wharton graduate and undergraduate divisions as well as Marketing, Legal Studies, Statistics and Operations and Information Departments. In 1969, you will remember, this was the location of the Bookstore and Kelly and Cohen's.
- 8.** Down 37th St to Walnut past the Graduate School of Education Building part of a quadrangle of academic building that received a renovation in 2001 to create a new entry and presence on Walnut St.
- 9.** 37th and Walnut/ Annenberg Center cross Street to Pottruck Gym. The Annenberg Center for Performing Arts opened in 1971. It contains 3 theaters and is adjacent to the Annenberg School of Communication. The Pottruck Health and Fitness center is across the street and contains a climbing wall, a golf stimulator, swimming pool, 3 basketball courts, a spinning room, pro shop and multi-purpose room for dance, martial arts and aerobics as well as a juice bar. Just like when you were at Penn! If you look west on Walnut Street, you can imagine Smokey Joe's at 38th and Walnut. It is now on 40th St. If you look east, you can picture Pagano's.
- 10.** Walk down Walnut to Penn Book Store and Hill Square. The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) is at 118 S 36th St. The Penn Bookstore Building also contains The Inn at Penn, The Faculty Club and numerous shops and restaurants. The bookstore itself is a combination of a full service academic bookstore and a Barnes and Noble. The computer connection is housed in the bookstore. As we walk down Walnut, remember the State Store and The Dirty Drug at 34th and Walnut.
- 11.** Walk down 33rd St past Engineering Buildings- Moore which houses ENIAC the first electronic general-purpose computer, Towne, Rittenhouse, Levine, and Skirkanich. Skirkanich Hall promotes an enhanced connection between the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) and the greater Penn academic community. Continue past the Palestra and Franklin Field. Notice the statue of Young Ben or Youthful Franklin (Tait McKenzie). Weiss Pavilion at Franklin Field houses an intercollegiate athletic weight training room and recreation fitness center. Once you get to Spruce Street you will see the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Do you remember Art History lectures in the auditorium?
- 12.** Vagelos Lab: Institute for Advanced Science and Technology with 102,000 square feet of research, office and meeting space in bioengineering, chemistry, chemical engineering and medicine. We are passing Irvine Auditorium completed in 1932 by the firm of Horace Trumbauer. It is noted for its nearly 11,000 pipe Curtis Organ.
- 13.** Back to College Hall and Blanche Levy Park (The Green). The Green is surrounded by the Furness Fisher Fine Arts Library (designed by Philadelphia architect Frank Furness), Meyerson Hall home of the Penn School of Design (recently named the Stuart Weitzman W'63 School of Design), and Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. This is still the center of campus life with Ben Franklin (John Boyle) seated in front of College Hall. One of 80 works in Penn's collection featuring Ben Franklin. Public art at Penn began as a part of a 1959 Phila law calling for 1% of construction costs to be set aside for fine arts. The Green has benefitted from this law with the Peace Sign (Engman) and Split Button (Claus Oldenberg) outside of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library and the Love Statue (Robert Indiana). College Hall, the first building on campus, still contains the offices of the president and provost. It was also the inspiration for The Addams Family home conceived by Penn alumnus Charles Adams. Note that the Ivy Day Tradition continues today.
- 14.** Walk to Ben on the Bench (George Lundeen). Notice that he is reading the *Pennsylvania Gazette*- the newspaper he owned and published, now the Penn Alumni Association magazine.



50TH REUNION CAMPUS MAP

