



Light out of darkness

How one of Penn's schools helped a darling of the sports world — and how Barbaro returned the favor. **See back page**



Philly newspapers sold

The Inquirer and Daily News were sold Tuesday to a team of local businessmen led by Brian P. Tierney for \$562 mil. **See page 3**

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Sweet home Philadelphia



Graduates likely to stay in Philadelphia

Spring 2002

50%

Fall 2005

65%

Source: Campus Philly

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Study shows that city initiative to retain area students is working

By MICHAEL GULINELLO
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Philadelphia's initiative to keep area college students in the city after graduation appears to be working — at least in theory.

Campus Philly, a group aiming to retain college students, published a report last week that stated current students are more likely to want to stay in Philadelphia than they were in 2002.

In the latest survey, done in the fall of 2005, 65 percent of students said that they would be likely to stay in the city after graduation. Only 15 percent said they would be unlikely to remain in Philadelphia.

This is an improvement from the spring of 2002 when only 50 percent of respondents said they would likely stay in the area, and 20 percent said they would likely go elsewhere after com-

pleting college.

Whether or not those numbers translate into students actually sticking around remains to be seen, but city officials are optimistic.

"It shows that we're seeing the results that we've hoped for," said Josh Sevin, the manager of Knowledge Industry Partnership, a three year old city-funded initiative to attract and retain the best and brightest young minds.

Sevin's department helped organize the Partnership, a three year old city-funded initiative to attract and retain the best and brightest young minds.

"More and more research shows that the economic success of cities and regions is tied to the ability to keep talent," Sevin said.

The Partnership is composed of three independent organizations: Campus Visit, Campus Philly, and Career Philly.

The idea behind the program is that there

are three steps to having a talented pool of young workers in the city.

Campus Visit attracts students to the area, Campus Philly engages current students in an attempt to make their time in school more enjoyable, and Career Philly helps students find internships and employment in the area.

The Philadelphia metro area contains over 80 colleges and universities so the number of potential workers is high.

"If we were able to keep all those people, that would be a big contribution to Philadelphia," said Jon Herrmann, Executive Director of Campus Philly.

The goal of Herrmann's group is to fulfill the intermediate phase of KIP's plan.

"Campus Philly's role has been getting people

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Police: no suspects in SEPTA homicide

Investigation of last week's fatal shooting at the 37th Street SEPTA trolley station proving fruitless

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Philadelphia police still have no suspects in last Tuesday's fatal shooting at the 37th Street SEPTA trolley station.

According to Philadelphia Police Sgt. Tim Cooney, the department is still conducting interviews in regards to the case and has made no definitive progress.

"There's nothing productive coming out of our efforts at this time," Cooney said.

On May 16, two men were shot in an early morning incident on the eastbound Green Line trolley platform at 37th Street.

Twenty-three year old Philadelphia resident Derrick Nalley was shot in the upper torso by an unknown assailant at about 6:40 a.m. while on his way to work. Nalley was pronounced dead at the

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New bill aims to protect minors from predators

Legislation restricts access to websites such as MySpace.com and Facebook.com from school

By TALI YAHALOM
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A new bill is poised to fight predators in cyberspace, but major online social network Facebook.com says the precautions might be unnecessary.

The bill, which was introduced earlier this month by Pennsylvania congressman Michael Fitzpatrick, will forbid minors from accessing "commercial networking websites" — such as Facebook and MySpace.com — from schools and public libraries without parental permission or teacher approval, said Jeff Urbanchuk, Fitzpatrick's press secretary.

The bill's regulations will apply to all of these types of websites, including Facebook, which specializes in

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High-rise renovations begin with Harnwell

\$16.5 million phase of larger renovation plan means new floors, kitchens for some residents

By TALI YAHALOM
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Students living in Harnwell College House may not recognize their new home come move-in day in August 2006.

Since President Gutmann's \$106.5 million high-rise renovation program was approved earlier this month, construction began during Senior Week in the vacated rooms of Harnwell.

Right now, workers are laboring "very aggressively" to finish demolishing the floors in the kitchens and bathrooms in order to replace them with new ones, said Darren Berger, director of Housing and Conference Services.

75 percent of the kitchen and bathroom floors and 80 percent of the

plumbing have been torn out, and Berger said he expects the demolition process to be completed by early next week.

While the plan for this summer is restricted to eight floors in Harnwell, all three buildings, including Harrison and Hamilton College Houses are set to be completely revamped by the end of August 2009.

Currently, major renovations include rebuilding the kitchen and bathroom floors as well as replacing the heating and air conditioning ventilation pipes, which have not been touched since they were first installed almost 40 years ago.

Though repairs were done over the last four summers to the buildings' concrete and windows — which

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Harnwell College House is currently undergoing renovations on eight of its floors. The revamped rooms will feature new kitchens, floors and duct

LGBT symposium seeks to dispell myths

Researchers present scientific findings on same-sex families

By ROSS AVILA
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Gay rights advocates took the next step in their fight for equal rights by presenting academic research about children in same-sex households earlier this week.

The University's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center and advocacy organization Family Pride sponsored the "Real Families, Real Facts" academic symposium, which took place Monday and Tuesday at the Radison-Warwick hotel in Center City and drew 160 participants.

The symposium was designed to showcase academic work and research about gay and lesbian parents and their children and to foster dis-

cussion and future research.

Scott Davenport, a former co-chair of Family Pride and a funder of the symposium, said that Americans need to understand same-sex families in order to support them.

"We believe that an important component of the reason why gay people shouldn't be denied the right to marry... is because there are all these gay and lesbian headed families," Davenport said. "The problem is that the general public doesn't know enough about what a gay or lesbian family looks or feels like."

The opening keynote speaker was Dr. Susan Golombok, a psychology professor from the University of Cambridge in England.

Golombok's speech kicked off the symposium by highlighting the history of research on gay and lesbian families for the past thirty years.

Bob Schoenberg, the director of

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