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Ralliers in 1986 denounce University involvement in South Africa, calling for divestment to protest apartheid.

1986

## Alleged rape still affects dorm security

By LAUREN SHAHAM

Every student who runs a Penn card through a dormitory card reader, or unlocks a Quadrangle door with an "L" key, is living the aftermath of the alleged Quad rape of November 1986.

At approximately 4:15 a.m. on Friday, November 28, an assailant allegedly tied down a male Franklin dorm resident and then repeatedly raped the student's female friend, also a University student. The assailant was reported

to have then forced the woman to put a blanket over her head so she could not identify him, and then robbed both students of \$25, their watches, and a MAC card. He had entered through an unlocked door.

In the wake of the event, 12 members of the self-described Penn Human Rights Coalition occupied a room in President Sheldon Hackney's office for nine

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No suspects were ever identified in the alleged rape, but the incident has had long-term ramifications for the University — national publicity, over \$1.5 million in security changes, and a heightened sensitivity to campus crime. University students returned from Thanksgiving break in 1986 to learn of an incident in the Quad that shocked the campus and would radically change dormitory living.

## Divestment was key issue for U. activists

By LAUREN SHAHAM

The year 1986 opened with a student group at war with the Board of Trustees in President Sheldon Hackney's office.

On January 17, seven University students occupied Hackney's office for nine hours, demanding a meeting with the Trustees to ask for increased speed in divesting assets from businesses involved in South Africa. Despite an urge from South African Bishop Desmond Tutu when he visited the University that January, the Trustees voted overwhelmingly to postpone a decision about divestment for 18 months.

On January 22, the Anti-Apartheid Coalition began a round-the-clock occupation of College Hall. The sit-in, which lasted 20 days, attracted the attention of many prominent government officials, in-

cluding Congressman William Gray (D-Pa.).

"You must finally get the University of Pennsylvania to see what its moral responsibility is — and its moral responsibility is not to fuel apartheid," Gray told the group. "There are times in life when you've got to stop worrying about money."

The Anti-Apartheid Coalition ended its sit-in in February with a rally outside Hackney's Walnut Street house. The students who initially occupied Hackney's office refused to attend hearings their Open Expression hearings.

In March, small numbers of anti-apartheid advocates occupied University Secretary Mary Ann Meyer's office as well as the bursar's office in an effort to disrupt operations and to change the Trus-

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## Former lecturer Peiper released from prison

By DAN SCHWARTZ

Former Legal Studies Lecturer Jordan Peiper, who was found in contempt of court two months ago for failing to disclose the whereabouts of a trust fund he oversees, was released from prison last month.

Peiper was dismissed from the department after his jailing was made public, and his future at the University remains unclear. Legal Studies Chairperson Thomas Dunfee said in October that Wharton officials would wait until the case was resolved before making any final decisions, but also said that Peiper would not be rehired until the fall semester next year.

Both Peiper and Dunfee — who just returned from an overseas trip — declined comment on the case last night.

Peiper, 55, was sentenced to a six-month term in Delaware County Prison by Judge Francis Catania nearly two months ago. He was released approximately three weeks ago after he provided financial statements detailing the location of about \$50,000 of a client's estate, according to his lawyer and long-time friend, Murray Dolfman.

Dolfman, also a Legal Studies lecturer, said yesterday that after nearly 18 months of civil proceedings, the case has been resolved, adding no criminal charges were filed or are expected to be filed against

Peiper.

Dolfman declined comment on where the money was, citing lawyer-client confidentiality. But he added that Peiper should be exonerated by the community from any criminal wrongdoing and should continue to be "recognized as one of the outstanding professors that the University has."

The case centered around a large trust that Peiper began administering when Maud Gibbs, a client, died in 1973 — \$50,000 of which was unaccounted for until the former lecturer produced documents showing the fund's whereabouts.

Dolfman added that Peiper has returned to work in his Philadelphia law office and has resumed a "normal schedule" except for his departure from the University. Dolfman said he is unsure if Peiper has been asked to return to the University.

Assistant to the President Nicholas Constan said he does not know the specifics of the case, adding that information on Peiper's status has been "scarce." Constan, who teaches in the Legal Studies Department, added that the department chairperson is empowered to decide whether to rehire Peiper, and declined comment on whether he thought the lecturer should be invited to return to teaching.

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## Panel still deliberating Vincent Phaahla case

By LYNN WESTWATER

The Graduate School of Fine Arts Executive Committee is still deliberating the judicial case of graduate student activist Vincent Phaahla, which became the focus of bitter discord between minority students and the administration last semester, according to Wayne Glasker, a close Phaahla adviser.

Phaahla declined to comment on his case yesterday.

Judicial Inquiry Officer Constance Goodman, who is prohibited from speaking out on the case because of her office, also declined to comment yesterday, as did City and Regional Planning Professor John Keene, acting chairperson of the Fine Arts Executive Committee.

As the Executive Committee deliberates, campus debate over the case has nearly silenced. Last semester, the case sparked several stormy debates between the administration and students, who claimed that Phaahla was being treated unfairly because he was a vocal campus minority activist.

Several black students held a February press conference during which they tried to gain publicity for the Phaahla case and withdrew

their participation in diversity education planning, some citing the administration's handling of the Phaahla case. The issue was also raised several times in University Council.

Additionally, over 30 students interrupted the private meeting last March of Phaahla's hearing panel, garnering the attention of local media and state legislators, who threatened to lobby against the continuation of University funding.

Last year, the leaders of the Black Student League, the United Minorities Council and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly were active in the Phaahla protests. While group leaders say they still support the South African graduate student's case, they have not publicized the issue or protested the proceedings.

GAPSA Chairperson Mohamed Saadi-Elmandjra said yesterday that he still thinks the administration has mishandled the case, but added "I have not heard anything new this year that would make me act this year."

Glasker, former GAPSA chair-

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## U. Council will discuss honorary degrees

By LYNN WESTWATER

In a special session yesterday, the University Council Steering Committee decided to place discussion of procedures for the honorary degree process on the advisory panel's December 13 agenda, despite the earlier objections of Steering Committee Chairperson Robert Davies.

However, the discussion will not affect this year's selection of honorary degree candidates, according to Trustee Chairperson Alvin Shoemaker. Shoemaker said yesterday that the Trustee Honorary Degree Committee has completed the selection of candidates it will invite to receive degrees at this year's graduation ceremony.

The Trustee committee, which receives advice

## Panel will address selection procedure

from a University panel composed of faculty and students, makes final decisions on honorary degrees.

In the final minutes of last week's regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Chairperson Mohamed Saadi-Elmandjra moved that the honorary degree issue be included on next week's Council agenda.

Davies did not want to include the item, according to graduate student leader Wayne Glasker. Saadi-Elmandjra subsequently withdrew the motion, Davies said last week.

After the meeting last week, Davies said that it is not appropriate to discuss the honorary degree process at this time, because this year's selections have already been made. He said the issue should be discussed between June and October.

Davies said yesterday that he voted to include the item because it was slated as a discussion of the honorary degree procedure, not of this year's selections.

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## SAS considering Latin Am. Studies program

'We feel that it's time that this University make a commitment to represent our culture.'

Yvonne Armendariz  
MEChA Vice President

By HELEN JUNG

After a meeting Tuesday with two Latino student leaders, School of Arts and Sciences administrators said this week that they hope to create a Latin American Studies program within the next three years.

As the students met with the SAS officials in Logan Hall, the six students staged a small-scale demonstration for about 20 minutes outside Van Pelt Library to show their support for the proposed program.

La Asociacion Cultural de Estudiantes Latinos Americanos President Carmen Maldonado and Movimiento de Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan President Regina Rodriguez said they met with four admini-

strators for an hour to voice their concerns that Latino students' needs have not been adequately addressed.

Maldonado said this week that the four administrators — SAS Associate Dean for the Humanities Stephen Nichols, SAS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Norman Adler, College Assistant Dean Maria Vallieres and College Office Director Jean Morse — were very receptive to the presidents' ideas and concerns.

Maldonado said that administrators advised them to seek out faculty members who would be interested in directing and teaching a Latin American Studies program.

"Hopefully by next year we will have an interdisciplinary program," Maldonado

said. "It may not happen then, but I see the ball rolling."

And although the administrators said that Maldonado's estimate may not be feasible, they said they "wholeheartedly" support the formation of a Latin American Studies program.

"[The date] is a little optimistic, but why not be optimistic?" Nichols said yesterday.

Nichols added that although administrators would try to help facilitate developing a program once it is approved, faculty members were responsible for proposing and authorizing such a program.

Adler also said this week that the establishment of such a program is important for both Latino students and students of other backgrounds, because it will give them the opportunity to learn about other cultures, and learn about dealing with issues that affect the Latin American countries.

The small rally in front of Van Pelt

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## Ultimate Decision



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Panelists discuss the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania's decision to submit a friend-of-the-court brief in a landmark Supreme Court right-to-die case. Page 4.



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## **ATTORNEY IMPRISONED FOR NOT TELLING WHERE TRUST'S \$50,000 WENT**

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When Maud Harrison Gibbs died in 1973, she took care to provide her daughter with a house in Rosemont, with enough security to pay for a gardener and a maid. She also left a large trust to be administered by Philadelphia lawyer Jordan L. Peiper.

The house in Rosemont is still standing, but this week Peiper, 55, was in prison, sentenced to six months for refusing to explain what happened to about \$50,000 of the estate.

A judge jailed the Center City attorney for contempt of court, saying Peiper had "dragged his feet" in producing a full accounting of the estate for almost a year and a half.

"He asked for 24 hours more at the last hearing, but I told him that proved to me he was in contempt," said President Judge Francis J. Catania of the Delaware County Court. "If he could have it in 24 hours, then he could have had it months earlier."

Peiper could not be reached for comment yesterday, and his attorney refused to comment. But according to court papers, he and the Gibbs family have been wrangling over the estate for almost a year and a half, with Gibbs' daughter, Sarah Gibbs McClure, trying to get a full accounting of the estate, while Peiper asked for more time.

Neither side can agree on whether money is missing, and both have hired accountants. No criminal charges have been filed.

But according to court papers filed by the Gibbs family, Peiper admitted that he had deposited some of the estate money in his own escrow account, where it was mingled with funds from other estates Peiper was administering.

An accountant hired by McClure has testified that almost \$290,000 in securities and interest are

unaccounted for. But there are also deposits that have not been accounted for, and the total shortfall amounts to about \$50,000, said Michael Solomon, the accountant.

McClure first became "suspicious," according to court papers, after she discovered that taxes on her mother's large Rosemont home had not been paid.

Paying the taxes was Peiper's responsibility, according to McClure, because they were to be paid out of the trust.

In June 1988, McClure fired Peiper and demanded an accounting of the estate funds. For the next 16 months, Peiper repeatedly asked for extra time - once saying that a fire in his home had delayed the work, according to court documents.

Peiper, a general-practice lawyer with offices in the Land Title Building, has administered the estate since 1973.

In court papers, he denies wrongdoing, saying no funds are missing, and says that he has supplied as full an accounting as possible considering some documents have disappeared over 16 years.

Finally, in August, Catania ordered Peiper to show cause why he should not pay about \$35,000 in apparently missing funds to Delaware County's Register of Wills. Peiper did not pay the money, and at a hearing Oct. 12, Catania sentenced him to six months in Delaware County Prison for contempt of court.

He will be held there until he provides a full accounting, according to Catania.

McClure would not comment on the case, other than to say, "It's not a pleasant situation. . . . The lawyer is paying his dues, which doesn't make me particularly happy, but I think he deserves it."

At Peiper's Center City office, his law partner said he was unaware that his associate had been jailed.

"He's been out ill for the last 10 days with a virus," said Daniel Gelber. When asked whether he had tried to phone Peiper at home, he said, "Oh no. I wouldn't disturb him at home."

Memo:

CLEARING THE RECORD, PUBLISHED OCTOBER 25, 1989, FOLLOWS:

A story in yesterday's Inquirer on the imprisonment for contempt of court of Center City lawyer Jordan L. Peiper stated incorrectly that he is a law partner of Daniel Gelber. The two share offices but are not partners.

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