What’s Ahead…

- May 6 – Lewis Film Series – Iceland and Maldives
- May 13 – Lewis Film Series - Dead Sea and Salar de Uyuni
- May 26 – 29 – Reunions
- May 30 – University Holiday
- May 31 - Commencement

April 25, 1957—Senator John F. Kennedy addresses the Class of 1957 in Dillon Gym, urging their involvement in politics as “intellectuals...who deal with the truth, unlike politicians who deal in half-truths—in order to keep the voters’ interest.”

April 26, 1997—Mike Beer ’95 and Jason Rudy ’97 are the first same-sex couple to marry in Princeton University Chapel. —Editorial cartoon, Progressive Review, November 1997.

April 27, 1987—A “Communiversity” festival is held, uniting town and gown in Princeton. Over 7,000 attend, inspiring organizers to make it an annual event.

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To submit items, please contact Jean Moyer (jmccall@princeton.edu)
Training Opportunities

Training at your desktop 24 hours a day: http://mcgrawect.princeton.edu/learn-something-new-with-lynda-com/ Lynda.com offers a comprehensive list of online training courses on both technical and soft skill topics you can take right at your desk. These courses are free to all University staff, students and faculty with a valid Princeton NetID.

Other Training Opportunities at PU

There are lots of other training opportunities available from the Office of Information Technology, University Human Resources, Carebridge, and more. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at: http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest

Training and Development Programs at Princeton University Library (excerpted from the PULA Contract):

Supervisors are strongly encouraged to support employee attendance at training.

Particular emphasis should be placed on attendance at those training activities which enhance the employee’s job skills in their current position or which help the employee to advance his or her career at the library.

Bargaining unit staff shall be allowed to attend at least one training activity per month provided the training activity is directly related to enhancing job skills, provides orientation to a facilities or area that is directly related to the employee’s work or furthers their career development at the library.

Committee members
Dina Conte, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keenan, Angela Knox, Vicki Principi, Audrey Welber
—The Bulletin Elm, situated southeast of Nassau Hall near where Chancellor Green Hall stands today, had long been where students posted nearly all campus announcements. In this photo, a Glee Club event is advertised ca. 1880s. For some time after the tree’s demise, the Daily Princetonian printed announcements under the heading “Bulletin Elm,” but the tradition eventually faded from alumni memory.

Historical Photograph Collection, Grounds and Buildings Series

May 1, 1888—The Bulletin Elm, long a beloved landmark at the College of New Jersey (Princeton), is chopped down due to decay. Students seize remains of the tree as souvenirs.

Lewis Science Library Film Series

World’s Greatest Geological Wonders

• May 6 – Iceland and Maldives
• May 13 – Dead Sea and Salar de Uyuni
• May 20 – Namib/Kalahari Deserts and Siwa Oasis
• May 27 – Auroras and Arizona Meteor Crater
• Jun. 3 – Geologic Mini-Wonders and Planetary Wonders

Fridays @ Noon in Lewis 225

Questions? lfdeis@princeton.edu or 258-3235
The Engineering Library

The Library of the School of Engineering is situated on the main floor of the John C. Green Engineering Building which is just across Washington Road from the delivery entrance of Firestone. Such proximity is fortunate because we are not an official departmental library, with our own subject catalog, for instance, but are rather a convenient extension of the technology stacks on C floor. Consequently, our books and bound magazines are charged out to us from the circulation desk.

At present, the available storage space for these materials is limited to recessed shelves ranged around three sides of the room, but there is a move afoot to bring over from Pyne three additional sets of shelves which will permit the library to retain earlier volumes of bound periodicals than is now possible. Other improvements now being considered involve the replacement of the overhead light fixtures, and the acquisition of some vertical file drawers for the considerable amount of uncatalogued pamphlet material.

The Library’s collection consists principally of material in civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, with some additional literature in the allied fields of mathematics, and metallurgy. Aeronautical engineering books and magazines are now practically located at Forrestal, while Chemical Engineering, Geology, and the Plastics Laboratory also have their own small engineering collections. (Perhaps a parenthetical note may be inserted here: from the point of view of a mere layman, the subject matter of most engineering books and articles, be it compressed air, crystal vibrators, sewage disposal or factory management, is most skillfully disguised in a bewildering array of graphs, tables, formulas and figures of a highly esoteric character.)

The formally cataloged material is supplemented by numerous bulletins and reports of such research agencies as the Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Highway Research Board, the National Bureau of Standards, and the Office of Naval Research. Furthermore, a number of current trade journals, house organs and college engineering publications are piled on one of the tables. Samples of these would be: The Standard Oiler, Westinghouse Engineer, The Quartermaster Review, and the Yale Scientific Magazine. Advertisements of a decidedly non-library nature also turn up in the mail. One, for instance, emphatically praises a “magnetic separator,” the virtues of which included the fascinating ability to pluck stray iron files and nails from processed cereals!

I am indebted to a great number of both fellow staff members and of personnel in the Engineering School for their ready assistance and cooperation in helping to continue the efforts which constantly must be made to improve the contribution which the school can make to the Princeton educational idea, and to the training of the nation’s future engineers. (R. P. Matthews)