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ALLAN AND DALE BELL '81

Background: When Allan and Dale Bell met as freshmen, it was the start of a lifelong love of each other and of Penn. Today, Dale is a successful health care consultant and Allan has been included in The Best Lawyers in America and New Jersey Super Lawyers. Their children are Class of 2011 and 2014.

A Penn Grad Is: Allan credits Penn with readying him for professional success: "My classes prepared me for law school, but so did my social life. My fraternity taught me the importance of both playing hard and working hard." Adds Dale, "Throughout our careers, our Penn degrees have been a great source of pride."

A Penn Grad Gives Back: The ways in which this Penn pair supports their alma mater are seemingly endless. This includes a scholarship fund they established in honor of their 25th Reunion and in memory of Allan's father. "We strongly believe in Penn's mission and hope, in this small way, to open the door for a student to have the same opportunities we had."

BMW is pleased to support the Bell family's efforts with a contribution to the Penn Fund for the Class of 1981 30th Reunion.

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what is supposed to be alumni news ends up being articles about research that doesn't show scientific or social progress (i.e., unsuccessful research), and written in a style that's not much beyond eighth-grade English. And God forbid you say anything negative about investment banking or consulting. Well, I will no longer be receiving the *Gazette*, which is a shame because I really would like to hear what my fellow alumni are up to. If only they would publish it.

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Legal, but Not Legitimate

Alex Hoffman states that my claim that animal-enterprise terrorism statutes compromise freedom of speech is "misleading" ["Letters," May/June]. Any elementary First Amendment analysis, however, will establish that a statute that criminalizes expressive activity based on the content of the message (in this instance, opposition to animal vivisection) is an absolute violation of the public's right to free speech.

Hoffman references attacks on animal vivisection, such as detonation of pipe bombs, yet he fails to recognize that such dangerous activities are already codified in our states' criminal statutes. Why should crime in the name of animal rights be elevated to the federal charge of "terrorism" and face much harsher penalties than the same crime that is perpetrated without any such cause?

I also take exception to his value-laden phrase "legitimate animal use." Exposing sentient creatures to painful, agonizing, and fatal experiments when there is little, if any, scientific evidence that such torture yields accurate results in human subjects can hardly be considered "legitimate." "Legal," yes; "legitimate," no.

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Kaplan Clears Things Up

Some readers complained about the language in our May/June "Arts" interview with alumna and singer-writer-comedian Cindy Kaplan. Here is her response.—Ed.

Let me just say two things about the use of profanity in my writing. The first is this: I make no apologies. And the second: I'm sorry.

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Another Civil War Story

"Penn Fights the Civil War" [Mar/Apr] sharply reflects North-South divisions and connections in Civil War times, Penn's unique importance in medical education, and Philadelphia's proximity to the Mason-Dixon line.

Another aspect of Penn's involvement deserves mention, and perhaps further research: in December 1859 more than 200 students from the South withdrew from the Penn Medical School and returned South to continue their studies.

The Southern students' withdrawal was apparently motivated by the passing of John Brown's body through Philadelphia in early December 1859, an event that generated intense and conflicting reactions in Philadelphia.

As a result, Dr. Hunter H. McGuire and Dr. Francis E. Lockett, both Virginians then studying in Philadelphia, rallied 400 Southern students to go home. The faculties of the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond, and of the Charleston, Augusta, Nashville, and New Orleans medical schools agreed to admit them free of charge. The result was that on Wednesday, December 21, 1859, 244 students came to Richmond from Philadelphia with 144 enrolling at MCV—which also paid the train fare for all 244 students that totaled \$3,555.95.

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And Another

The exploits of Matthew H. Cryer, DDS, MD (1840-1921) merit recognition.

Cryer served in 25 engagements with the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, eventually achieving the rank of major. He led "the last assault of Grant against Lee and commanded Lee's escort from Appomattox to Farmville after the surrender." I am indebted to Milton B. Asbell, whose book, *A Century of Dentistry, A History of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine 1878-1978*, recorded Cryer's exploits.

Cryer was installed as assistant professor of oral surgery at Penn in 1897 and is remembered as "the Father of Cranial Anatomy." A memorial tablet and portrait of Cryer placed in 1922 is still on view at the school.

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