## Grow Again

he School of Arts and Sciences is proud to welcome four additions to its landscape of advanced teaching and learning environments. A campus staple since the 1970s, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies (1) now has a permanent home that will help it further the knowledge of America's complex roots. The renovation of nearby Fisher-Bennett Hall (4, 5, 6) brought up-to-date classrooms, acoustically perfect rehearsal spaces and stateof-the-art screening rooms to the campus landmark.

April saw the opening of the Weigle Information Commons (3) on the first floor of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. It creates a space where technology can be integrated with support resources to help students make the most of their studies. A few weeks later the School welcomed Carolyn Lynch Laboratory (2) to the western edge of Kaskey Memorial Park, where it will transform the study of the life sciences at Penn.

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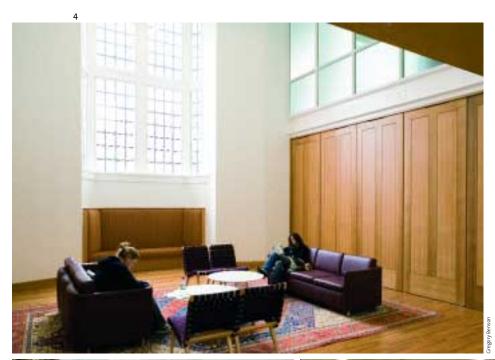
For more information on these additions to campus, please see the Dean's Column "More Than Bricks and Mortar" on page 7 and Last Look on page 31.







## From Hill Field's expansive lawn to the greenery of Kaskey Memorial Park, new SAS spaces are blooming alongside the season's rich floral tapestry.



- 1. The building on Hill Field supports the McNeil Center and captures the spirit of its intellectual focus on early American history.
- 2. Lynch Laboratory offers advanced facilities and the kind of interdisciplinary workspace essential for research in the life sciences.
- 3. The Weigle Information Commons allows students to work on all aspects of an assignment from brainstorming to the finished product.
- 4. Penniman Library in Fisher-Bennett Hall was transformed into the Judith S. Rodin – Class of 1966 Undergraduate Study Center.
- 5. Faculty offices benefit from updated fixtures, enhanced lighting, soundproofing and beautiful views of campus.
- 6. The fourth floor of Fisher-Bennett Hall features new music practice and performance spaces, including the Gary and Karen Rose Recital Hall.





