Behind the NUMBERS
Busy admissions season marked by surges in applications and campus visitors

WHEN THE TAIL LIGHTS OF THE LAST parent to drop off a new student at Temple faded from sight on Aug. 28, left behind was likely one of the largest and most well-qualified cohorts of freshmen and new transfers in the university’s history, closing a busy admissions season marked by a spike in applications and record numbers of visitors.

Temple’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions estimates that about 7,000 new students will enroll for the 2011-12 academic year, including approximately 4,300 freshmen and 2,700 transfer students.

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The frenetic pace of Welcome Week—capped by new student Convocation, Fresh Serve and a post-hurricane concert at the Liacouras Center—was a fitting conclusion to Temple’s liveliest annual admissions cycle. Undergraduate applications rose sharply, up 9 percent from Fall 2010, a surge fueled by a 10 percent increase in completed freshman applications (transfer applications were up 4 percent). Prospective students and their families stormed the Welcome Center throughout the year.

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To help increase the number of Philadelphians with college degrees—and to give back to its community, Temple has created 250 four-year scholarships awarded to Philadelphia neighborhoods surrounding Main Campus. The new program will boost the amount of scholarships awarded to Philadelphia students by Temple to nearly $12 million annually. Temple President Ann Weaver Hart and Mayor Michael A. Nutter announced the program at a celebration for the 2011 recipients of the scholarship this week in Sullivan Hall.

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Temple’s spirit, vitality palpable as fall semester begins

A message from Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart.

I am delighted to welcome you to Temple University’s 2012 academic year! I offer an especially warm welcome to the newest members of our community who are just starting out at Temple: more than 4,300 freshmen and nearly 2,700 transfer students.

Temple is a vibrant urban university constantly growing in quality and influence. Our academic programs continue to earn recognition for their quality and outcomes. Our research also earns accolades and helps solve the most pressing problems of our day.

Temple University’s growth and vitality can also be measured in the many construction projects underway across the Main Campus. The new architecture building on 13th Street is well on its way toward completion by January of next year. Great progress is also being made on the remediated student athletic and recreation facilities in Pearson and Mcintigle Halls on Broad Street, which will reopen in early 2012. The new student residential complex on Broad Street will be taking shape in the months ahead, and design planning continues for the new science education and research building on 12th Street.

Most importantly, the positive spirit that has characterized Temple University from its founding is alive and well at this great university. Our students are making a difference in Philadelphia and in the world. Those of you who are new to Temple should seek out volunteer opportunities through one of our many student organizations. A growing number of students have also joined TALON, Temple’s advocacy network, to make their voices heard in Harrisburg when important issues like public education funding are discussed.

I strongly encourage you to follow your passion in your studies and extracurricular activities this year. I guarantee that this year will be exciting and inspiring as you contribute to Temple University, our great city and the world.

To view President Hart’s Fall 2011 video greeting to the Temple community, visit www.temple.edu/newsroom.
Six Temple students have won prestigious Fulbright fellowships for study abroad in 2011-12. This year’s cohort of Temple student Fulbright grantees is the second largest in the university’s history. The six winners for 2011-12 — five of whom earned bachelor’s degrees in May — will take part in a record run of success for Temple applicants, with 18 students earning the intensely competitive grants in the last four years.

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. Government’s flagship international exchange program, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. Winners are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential.

Temple’s 2011-12 Fulbright winners are:

- Sean Dobek, College of Education graduate (B.S.Ed., elementary education/special education) from Allentown, Pa., will travel to Spain to serve as an assistant to an English teacher in an elementary school near Valencia. She also will study Spanish special education practices and develop collaborative after-school programs. Dobek expects to put her immersive Spanish-language experience to use in an urban bilingual school in the United States. An avid soccer fan, Fischer is planning a pilgrimage to the iconic stadion of Spain’s famous clubs.
- Christian Jackson, an alumna of the College of Liberal Arts (B.A. political science and German) from Waldorf, Md., will serve as an English-language teaching assistant in a class for high-school-aged students in Ingelheim, Germany, near Frankfurt. It will be a homecoming for Jackson, who was born in Germany while her father served in the United States Air Force. Her middle name is Berlin. Jackson is fascinated by German politics; she will explore differences in youth political engagement in the U.S. and Germany.
- Jesseck Meckler, a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts (B.A. English and Asian studies) from Newtown, Pa., is teaching English at an all-girls high school in Chongju, the capital of South Korea’s Chungcheongbuk-do province. Meckler is interested in inter-Asian and international relations; she intends to encourage her students to explore the world outside Korea. She also hopes to volunteer to work with orphans or North Korean defectors, experiences that will help her reach her career goal of working for a human rights organization.
- Karin Tangtrakul, a College of Liberal Arts graduate (B.A. environmental studies and geography and urban studies) from Kings, N.J., will be an English-language teaching assistant at a school in Sukhothai province, site of Thailand’s first capital. She hopes to spread her passion for her favorite subjects — sustainability and rugby — to the children she teaches Tangtrakul, whose father is Thai, plans to return to Philadelphia to launch a career in international city planning. Her goal is “to make it the greenest city in America.”
- Mary Wolfe, an alumna of the College of Liberal Arts (B.A. environmental studies) from Womelsdorf, Pa., will travel to the Netherlands to pursue a master’s degree and conduct research at Utrecht University, one of Europe’s leading research institutions. She will continue her investigation of the spatial relationship between vegetation and crime in cities using satellite imagery, cartography and statistical analysis. Beginning Sept. 12, Wolfe will explore an undergraduate with the help of a Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship grant from Temple.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen who will have a bachelor’s degree by the beginning date of the grant. The Fulbright Program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide and offers grants in nearly all fields and disciplines, including the sciences, professional fields and the arts. Applications for Fulbright grants for 2012-13 are due on Sept. 26, 2011. To learn more about applying for a Fulbright, visit Temple’s Office of Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses online at www.temple.edu/studyabroad.
New program expands STEM education throughout Pa.

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Further broadening its outreach in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, Temple launched the Pennsylvania Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) initiative during a ceremony at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on August 2.

Sarty middle and high school students from the Philadelphia School District, along with their parents, joined university leaders, top Navy commanders — including U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead — and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter in the ribbon cutting, which celebrated Temple receiving the license to bring the national award-winning MESA program to Pennsylvania.

“The launch of the MESA Pennsylvania, and our investment in youth you see here today is just the beginning of a carefully-crafted movement to partner with families, school districts, elected officials, community leaders and companies to build a solid STEM workforce that we will need to compete economically in a global environment,” said Temple Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard Englert.

“Temple has been a key leader in supporting community efforts to bring high-quality STEM education to the students of Philadelphia and the surrounding region.”

The MESA initiative is designed to increase the number of scientists, technologists, engineers and related professionals who are able to graduate from a two- or four-year institution, and to diversify American students who achieve advanced degrees leading to research and development to create new products and to support the nation’s defense. Over the past 40 years, nearly 70 percent of MESA students — many of them minorities and women — have entered STEM fields. Founded and headquartered at the University of California, MESA is operated at institutions around the country, including Johns Hopkins, the University of Washington and UC-Berkeley. With the Temple license, Pennsylvania becomes the ninth state to implement the goals of MESA. Temple’s College of Engineering, School of Urban Engineering and health and medicine at the College of Medicine and the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

“We were pleased that the U.S. Navy was represented at this event by such high-ranking officials, since the Navy has been a truly great partner in STEM programs provided to Philadelphia students by Temple,” said Keya Sadeghipour, dean of Temple’s College of Engineering.

Newest Owls TAKE FLIGHT

As the lead MESA institution in Pennsylvania, Temple will develop public/private partnerships with industry, other academic institutions and government agencies to implement the goals of MESA. Temple’s commitment is to help every student reach their full potential regardless of background, gender or economic status by partnering with families, districts, elected and community leaders and companies to build a solid STEM workforce necessary to compete economically in a global environment.

Temple’s College of Engineering is leading the Pennsylvania MESA initiative through financial and administrative support, with Jamie Bracey, director of STEM education, outreach and research in the College of Engineering, cut the ribbon to officially launch the Pennsylvania MESA. Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) initiative during a ceremony at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Mayor’s Office of Community Services.

In addition to Roughead, Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commander of the Naval Sea Systems command and Rear Adm. Nevin Carr, Jr., chief of Naval Research, also attended the ceremony, along with Oscar Porte, president of MESA USA and MESA California.

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Main Campus Was Alive with activity during Welcome Week, as more than 4,700 students moved into university residence halls and began their time as Owls. After settling in, students and their families participated in a series of activities that included Temple Fest, an outdoor carnival with music, food and information on student activities; Convocation, the university’s official opening ceremony with welcoming remarks and a pep rally; and Fresh Serve, the annual service activity that introduces freshmen to their new neighbors through a variety of community service activities.
**For Temple students, workout opportunities abound**

By Laura Evelyn Kusker
For The Temple Times

The start of a new semester can be filled with anxiety. One thing that doesn’t need to be stressful, however, is establishing a workout routine at Temple. The university offers several avenues for students to work into their routine.

“We provide an opportunity for students to engage in healthy lifestyles — physically, socially, and psychologically,” said Anne Wilkinson, assistant director of assessment and traning at Campus Recreation.

The hardest thing about a workout is walking in the door,” said Wilkinson.

Located at the rear of the Liacouras Center, The Independent Blue Cross Student Recreation Center (IBC) has cardio and strength training equipment, areas for stretching, an indoor track and raquetball courts. In addition, an outdoor court can be used for playing volleyball or basketball. Students can also participate in fitness classes such as Zumba and aerobics.

Located at the corner of Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Temple University Fitness (TUF) has more than 100 cardio machines, strength and circuit training equipment and areas for core training.

Several workout challenges offer students the opportunity to win prizes. Each month during the fall semester, the TUF Body Composition Challenge helps students decrease their body fat percentage. In October, TUF will offer the Luz Your Lung Challenge, which will encourage students to complete 15 workout sessions during the month to increase cardiovascular health. Another challenge is B U TUF Enuf, in which students randomly draw cards describing new exercises they can work into their routine.

Both IBC and TUF offer free fitness orientations by appointment.

At the Pearson/McGonigle Hall complex, students can access gyms and pools, which remain open during construction at the complex.

As part of a “Triathalon” this year, students can get a ride, etc. Students who might not have been accustomed to riding their bikes in a busy urban environment.

The “Urban Riding Basics” course covers riding in an urban environment, signaling, anticipating traffic movements, observing traffic rules and caring for your bike. Students attending one of the courses receive a biodigradable Bike Temple water bottle. Five courses are scheduled for the Health Sciences and Main campuses.

**Bike Temple**

This year, Bike Temple, an initiative launched two years ago to promote a bike culture among students, faculty and staff, is placing its resources into safety education by increasing the number and places it offers safety classes to help riders negotiate riding in an urban environment. In previous years, these classes were held almost exclusively in residence halls and were primarily aimed at students who might not be comfortable with riding their bikes in a busy urban environment.

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Civic-minded undergrad examines the impact of community gardens

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Amelia Garrett has been committed to issues of sustainability for as long as she can remember. After enrolling at Temple in the Honors Program, the double major in economics and environmental studies began volunteering at Temple Community Gardens and joined the student group, Students for Environmental Action. But that wasn’t enough.

As part of a research project during her freshman year, Garrett noticed that although community gardening was becoming an increasingly popular leisure activity and means of food production, the sites of urban gardens throughout Philadelphia were unevenly distributed. She realized that she could use the knowledge she gained in the classroom to understand why people build community gardens and, more importantly, why some communities have more gardens than others.

Last spring, as a sophomore, Garrett was accepted into Temple’s Diamond Scholars Program to complete her research project, “The Economics of Community Gardening.” Diamond Scholars are selected each year to have the opportunity to receive a stipend and mentoring support while they engage in a focused research or creative arts project.

Over the summer, Garrett gathered and analyzed data on the location of community gardens and their relationship to the corresponding community’s median income, population density, employment, vacancy rates, crime and other variables.

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Watching from Wallops Island Flight Facility this summer as a year’s worth of his scientific work lifted off into a clear Virginia sky, Donovan Bolger could only stand back and marvel.

“I was in awe at first — just the sheer speed of the rocket taking off,” said the recent Temple electrical and computer engineering graduate. “Then I realized that something I worked on all year long was on it. I had almost forgotten that was what we had come here for.”

Bolger was among nine Temple engineering students who spent the past year designing and building two experiments that were launched June 23 aboard the two-stage solid booster rocket Terrier Orion II. The projects were part of RockSat, a NASA and Colorado Space Grant Consortium program that prepares students to design payloads for space flight.

Led by faculty advisor Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor John Helferty, Bolger and three fellow electrical engineering students — John Zelby, Xuhui Liu and Greg Wells — had designed and constructed an active vibration dampening system that could function properly. But their fear about whether their experiments both admitted that they were anxious

Likewise, Bolger said he learned a lot from participating in RockSat that he might not have gained in the classroom. Most important, he said, has been the opportunity to work as a team with three classmates on a live project.

While Bolger and Apel said they weren’t nervous before the launch, both admitted that they were anxious about whether their experiments would function properly. But their fears quickly subsided as the countdown ended with the successful lift-off.

“It was pretty exciting,” said Apel. “I don’t mind waking up at four in the morning for this.”

Engineering students launch experiments on NASA rocket

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A multidepartmental team of Temple researchers will investigate the origins of methane gas found in drinking wells near Marcellus Shale drilling sites in Pennsylvania and how science is influencing the debate over whether to allow it. The research is being funded through a one-year, $86,000 multi-disciplinary grant received this summer from the William Penn Foundation.

“We know there are environmental concerns, but there have been some accidents related to the drilling,” said Michel Boufadel, professor of environmental engineering and director of the Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection (NRDP) in Temple’s College of Engineering. “There has been a lot of hype about this issue and sometimes it is difficult to decipher what is fact-based and what is opinion.”

Boufadel, the study’s principal investigator, said that the process used to drill into the shale creates enormous pressure that can cause pockets of methane toward nearby drinking wells, which have been found to have methane concentrations 17 times greater than those not near drilling sites. The study will attempt to determine if the methane gas was released from the shale during drilling or whether it was located in pockets closer to the surface.

If the methane is originating in the upper formations, the likely cause is the drilling operation or the well casing construction — issues that could be addressed at this time, said Boufadel. However, if the gas is originating in the deep formation, the entire hydrofracturing process could be considered hazardous and would need to be stopped or dramatically modified, he said.

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Computer recycling program seen as national model

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Temple is one of six colleges and universities nationwide honored in July as part of University Business magazine’s Models of Efficiency program, which recognizes campus programs that increase efficiency through technology and business process improvements.

The honor was given for the Computer Services division’s Computer Recycling Center (CRC), which has refurbished nearly 12,000 computers, 11,000 monitors and 5,800 printers, saving Temple about $300,000 since 2005.

Before the initiative, employees often dumped old computers rather than pay a fee to have them hauled away and disposed of properly. But under the recycling program, computers that can’t be put back into commission are sold or donated.

“We noted very quickly that these computers were still good in a lot of cases, and with a few dollars here and a little work there, we could put them back into service,” said Tim O’Rourke, vice-president for Technology and Payment Services and chief information officer.

The program has prevented an estimated 2,600 metric tons of carbon equivalents from entering the environment as waste.

“Efficient business operations translate into better experiences for students and administrators alike, and the Models of Efficiency program aims to encourage schools to prioritize service,” said Tim Goral, editor-in-chief of Diversity Business.

“Temple stands out for developing a very effective solution to a challenging situation.”

This is the latest of several honors for the CRC. In 2009, the program received an Environmental Achievement Award from the Environmental Protection Agency Mid-Atlantic Region. The center is overseen by Director of Computer Services Bill McMaster and managed by CRC Assistant Director Jonathan Latka.

“It’s a win-win situation for everybody,” said O’Rourke. “It’s a win for the environment, and it’s a win for financially. That’s the beauty of this program.”

In addition to Temple Computer Services, Models of Efficiency honorees include Fresno Pacific University, Western Washington University, Oakland University, State University of New York at Cobleskill and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The program is sponsored by Higher One, a company that offers college technology and payment services operations.

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Temple immigrant support program gets White House honor

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Project SHINE, an immigrant-support program based at Temple's Intergenerational Center, has received the national E Pluribus Unum award, which recognizes outstanding immigrant integration initiatives led by nonprofit or community organizations, businesses, public agencies, religious groups or individuals.

At a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Patience Lehrman, director of Project SHINE, received the $50,000 award from the Migration Policy Institute/National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy to fortify and expand Project SHINE's initiatives.

Lehrman was also named a Champion of Change by senior policy advisors at the White House for her leadership in promoting an innovative and exceptional immigrant integration initiative.

Founded in 1985 by center director Nancy Henkin, Project SHINE (Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders) connects student volunteers with older immigrants to help them learn English and become engaged in the community. The program has since become a national model for intergenerational partnerships and has expanded to more than 20 sites in nine states.

In Philadelphia, student volunteers spend two or more hours each week over ten weeks tutoring immigrants at 20 locations throughout the city.

As an immigrant, I was delighted to participate in a conversation with high-ranking White House officials to promote the importance of immigrant integration efforts that call for accountability at the local, state and national levels, and to underscore the importance of immigration reform to our society and our prosperity,” said Lehrman.

By raising the profile of this issue and calling for a national conversation on immigration reform, the White House recognizes that the best ideas that result in real change come from the American people,” she added Lehrman.

For more information about Project SHINE, visit templeigc.org/project-shine.

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Temple officials reported an all-time high of more than 38,000 admissions-related visitors in 2010, a staggering 40 percent increase since 2006.

Formal high volume visits were the clincher. Kufere Laing, a freshman from Pittsburgh who plans to major in economics and African-American studies, had no intention of applying to Temple or any other college in Pennsylvania until his father insisted on a Philadelphia college tour.

“The moment I stepped on campus, Temple instantly became a place I could see myself,” Laing said. “I liked the campus, I liked Philadelphia. I felt comfortable. My dad and I were surprised by the diversity. But it was more than that. There were people of all different kinds walking around in groups and talking — it was clear that learning wasn’t just going on in the classroom.”

As expected, the number of freshmen from Pennsylvania increased compared to last year as many families sought to take advantage of Temple’s unique combination of academic excellence, affordable tuition and urban location. About 3,300 freshmen from 49 different counties in Pennsylvania were projected to enroll at Fall 2010. Undergraduate Admissions noted that Fall 2011 enrollment is on track to rise among students from Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey and other states where residents pay higher out-of-state tuition rates — a powerful indicator of Temple’s appeal, given the economy’s prolonged sluggishness.

Although value played a role in many students’ decisions, Temple’s academic reputation often was the deciding factor. Maya Ferguson, a freshman from Coatesville, Pa., applied to 14 different schools — and was accepted at all of them — but ultimately chose Temple’s Tyler School of Art. Ferguson, who is enrolled in Temple’s Honors program, acknowledged that Temple’s in-state tuition helped. But Temple’s academic strength, international focus, variety of programs and state-of-the-art facilities sealed the deal.

“Tyler is well known, it has a good reputation,” she said. “A plus factor is Temple’s study abroad program, because I’ve been dreaming about going to Japan ever since I was a little girl. For me, it was just an art school — it has more options. You need to have a versatile resume and a global outlook. And with Tyler having a new facility, Temple was really appealing.”

— Hillet J. Hoffmann

Student Health Services offers quicker way for students to get treated

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In addition to getting you into galleries, performances and sporting events, your OWLCard can also help you get healthier, faster.

Starting in September, Student Health Services will feature new, self-check in kiosks in their fourth floor lobby at 1010 Liacouras Walk, where a swipe of the identification card and the answers to a few questions will get students to the old school of checking in and filling out several forms.

“The new kiosks will face downward, so that students’ personal information won’t be seen by anyone else,” said Mark Denys, senior administrator of Student Health Services (SHS).

“It will help speed up the process for most students, who will only have to swipe their ID card to be seen by a staff physician.”

The addition of the new kiosks comes on the heels of SHS’s rollout of electronic medical records. Under the new system, students’ medical history will be stored in a secure online database that nurses and physicians will be able to access, rather than having to share paper files.

“The use of e-records will help us streamline the experience for students and it will also help our staff better manage their patients, especially during high volume times such as flu season,” said Denys.

Student Health Services offers a number of options for students, to help them stay healthy at a time when they may be far away from their primary care doctors.

• Free vaccinations
• Primary care
• General medical services
• Prescriptions
• Physicals for sports or work

In addition, students who have a minor condition, such as a headache, rash or cold, can visit the office’s Self-Care Center, which is equipped with over the counter pain medication, decongestants and bandages.

To schedule an appointment with Student Health Services, visit mytemple at ah-soft.temple.edu, or call 215-204-7500. Walk-ins are also welcome. 
Temple-sponsored programs help students access city arts, culture and cuisine

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The history and creative aspect of jazz, many reasons I recruited D斯塔克, dean of Temple’s College of Music and Dance. A turnover in leadership at Boyer helped shaped him as an artist. This summer putting the finishing touch on Terell's most ambitious project yet, "In Search of the Lost Pink Cadillac: A Journey Through Jazz’s Golden Age." To really get to know the city before the freshmen is to use as many tickets as you can—try not to miss the opportunity to really get to know the city the first few weeks of the semester. To gain admission at a participating destination, students simply show their passport and their OwlCard, which gets them a $10 discount on many attractions. "These urgent concerns provide an impetus for expanding our campus footprint to include more off-campus programs." Temple students can experience all that the Philadelphia metropolitan area has to offer, whether it’s a theater show, a concert, or a museum exhibit. "I'm always inspired by the new and the different," Stafford said. "I don't get much time off... I don't sleep much. I don't think I could manage my schedule if I didn't love what I do so much." In addition to touring Europe with the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and the Clayton Brothers, Stafford spent this summer putting the finishing touches on a new CD titled Th Thad. With Love, a musical tribute to Thad Jones recorded entirely by Temple jazz students. Stafford sees his work in jazz education as an extension of the great musicians who came before him. He’s not at all swayed by changes in popular music; in fact he foresees jazz continuing to influence music for years to come. "I'm always inspired by the new direction the genre is taking," he said. "I don't hesitate to say jazz will be as strong in 20 years... maybe stronger in the future.

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The scene is healthy and growing. Hopefully it will continue to grow as there are more opportunities for students to experience Philadelphia for the incredible jazz city that it is.
Passion is in the playbook for new head football coach

Head Football Coach Steve Addazio joined Temple last December from the University of Florida, where he served as an associate head coach and offensive coordinator. The Farmington, Conn., native brings a quarter-century of coaching experience to Temple, including appearances in 11 postseason bowl games in the past 15 years. He takes the reins of a program that has achieved back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1978. Last season, the Owls went 7-6 on the way to recording 5-3 in the Mid-American Conference East Division. The team returned 46 lettermen, including 13 starters.

As the Owls prepared for their season opening Mayor Cup Thursday afternoon, Villanova, Temple’s rising star, talked about his coaching philosophy, Temple’s rising appeal and efforts to grow the Owls fan base.

Temple Times: What are some of your goals as a first-year head coach?

Steve Addazio: Our major focus is on beating Villanova on Sept. 1. That’s our goal. At the same time, we want to get better. We feel that physically, tough, mentally tough and a

passion for the game.

TD: Describe your philosophy when it comes to coaching.

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TD: You come from the University of Florida, which is known for its die-hard fans. How do you see Temple’s fan base growing?

SA: I think it comes down to winning — continuing to win. Our ticket sales right now have doubled — obviously that comes from a couple of winning seasons. But two winning seasons do not create a change in culture, so we need to continue to have great commitment to the sport. This is a great sports city. And what we have to do is put a great product on the field.

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TD: What is the most attractive option for potential recruits?

SA: We’re talking about a great university here that has a national reputation academically, a beautiful campus right here in Philadelphia. In terms of football, we play an unbelievably competitive non-conference schedule. We’re playing Notre Dame, Maryland, Penn State, Connecticut and Rutgers, so that’s big-time college football. We play at the Linc (Lincoln Financial Field), which is one of the great stadiums in the country.

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Scholarships

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scholarships will help meet need not covered by financial aid, which includes other scholarships, student loans and institutional aid.

Veronica Cousin will bring her love of writing to Temple this fall as an English major thanks to the program.

“I love to write, everything from poetry to scripts. It can take you anywhere and I feel like I’ve learned about so many things through writing,” said the Philadelphia Mennonite High School graduate.

Over the summer Cousin got a taste of college life as she spent time on Temple’s campus getting to know the students she’ll be living with in a Lincoln Hall and Learning Community in the White Hall student residence. She was thrilled to learn that she had been awarded the 20/20 Scholarship to attend Temple, which she said has been her first choice college since she was in the third grade.

Jason Johnson is another 20/20 scholarship recipient. She’ll join her twin sister, Jessica, as a Temple student, and wants to pursue nursing like her father Jerome who is a nurse at Temple. She said Temple’s student-faculty ratio is helping people and volunteering at a nearby nursing home, “said Johnson.

“Not too many of (the nursing home patients) have family members who visit. It makes me happy.”

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Celebration of Amberl centennial continues

The Celebration of Temple Ambler’s 100th anniversary continues with Rhapsody in Bloom, to be held Sept. 10 at the Ambler Arboretum.

Featured Events

Wanya Morris and Shawn Stockman.

The Temple Concert marks the group’s return to their hometown as they prepare to mark their 20th anniversary and the release of their forthcoming album. Twenty-Four, following the concert, Boyz II Men will host a post-show charity reception, including a meet-and-greet with the group and a raffle to benefit Boyz II Men House.

Everyone who purchases a $89.50 ticket will receive admission to the post-show party.

Boyz II Men has earned 13 Grammy Awards, three MTV Awards and three Billboard Awards and has sold more than 64 million albums. Their number one hits include “End of the Road,” “I’ll Make Love to You” and “On Broadway.”

Tickets for the concert are available by phone at 215-688-8001 or by emailing Judy Shatz at judy.shatz@temple.edu.

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