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GATEWAY FOR A DAY



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Fifty new citizens representing 33 countries recited the Oath of Allegiance (shown at top) during a naturalization ceremony in the Fox School's Alter Hall.

Fox School hosts naturalization ceremony, giving students a look at law in action



Joyce Shaeker, a native of India, takes the Oath of Allegiance. She earned a Temple degree two days after receiving her U.S. citizenship.

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Joyce Shaeker, a native of India, speaks five languages. But in the moments after she received her United States citizenship during a naturalization ceremony at Temple, she was at a loss for words.

"I feel like I'm in heaven right now," Shaeker said, her eyes closed in reflection. "I don't have words to express, but I'm very, very happy."

Shaeker was among 50 people representing 33 countries who officially became U.S. citizens during the

ceremony, held Jan. 26 in the Fox School of Business' Alter Hall. The Fox School's Legal Studies Department organized the event during Law Week, designed to give students a first-hand look at the law in action.

Shaeker was also one of at least four new citizens with Temple connections, although hers was perhaps the most striking. Within a span of just two days, she earned both her citizenship and a degree in accounting — both within the Fox School.

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Policy changes focus on student success

As part of a comprehensive effort to increase the number of Temple students who have successful academic experiences and graduate on time, the Office of the Provost has announced a series of academic policy changes.

Four existing policies will be amended: the policies on repeating a course, academic standing, academic forgiveness and course withdrawal. In addition, the Office of the Provost announced the creation of a new policy on leaves of absence.

All of the changes apply to undergraduate students; the changes to policies on repeating and

Opportunities for Success withdrawing from courses also apply to graduate students.

The majority of policy changes will take effect at different times during the 2011-12 academic year (students should consult their advisors about the impact of changes when registering for summer 2011 courses and beyond).

"These policy changes reflect the university's commitment to creating opportunities for success for Temple students," said Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard M. Englert. "The goal is to raise the academic bar while increasing the percentage of students who earn Temple degrees."

The policy on repeating a course will prohibit students from taking the same course more than two times in order to earn a higher grade. The change was prompted by an inquiry from the Faculty Senate's Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC).

The most significant amendment to the academic standing policy will be the end of the "conditional" status that some students entered after receiving an academic warning.

The amended policy on academic forgiveness will permit students who have been academically dismissed and have been away from the university for a minimum of four years to re-enroll and be reinstated with a renewed cumulative grade-point average of zero.

The new policy on leaves of absence will allow full-time degree-seeking undergraduates to apply to remain as active, non-enrolled students while taking a leave of absence of up to two semesters (excluding summer sessions).

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Big goal propels a range of Recyclemania events

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Ok, recyclemaniacs, it's that time again.

Time to pitch in — that is, to pitch in your bottles, cans and paper — to push the university ahead of its competitors in the annual national collegiate recycling contest, Recyclemania.

Beginning Monday, more than 600 schools nationwide will compete against their peers in the eight-week contest that tracks recycling and trash collection data. Institutions are ranked based on recyclables per capita, total weight of recyclables,



least amount of trash per capita and highest recycling rate. The overall winner gets the Grand Champion award — and bragging rights in the world of college sustainability.

"Recyclemania is a fun way of mobilizing the Temple community to focus on recycling and reducing waste," said Sandra McDade, director of Temple's Office of Sustainability. "Our goal is to generate momentum that will keep sustainability issues top-of-mind year-round for students, faculty and staff."

This is Temple's fifth year of competition, and organizers hope to rally support to again push the

university to the top of its division. Last year for the first time, Temple captured the Atlantic-10 "Gorilla" title for gross tonnage, collecting more than 403,000 pounds of recycled material — 40,000 pounds more than the next closest A-10 competitor, George Washington University. Temple's conquest was driven in part by a one-time purge of materials from an off-campus storage facility.

Despite the absence of a similar influx this year, members of the Recyclemania committee — which comprises university administrators and members of Temple Student Government, Students for Environmental Action and Students for Responsible Business — have

elected to maintain the same goal as last year.

To put Temple over the top, contest organizers are planning a slate of activities designed to nurture friendly intra-campus competition and rally the community to action.

The campaign officially kicks off at the Liacouras Center next Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the 7 p.m. men's basketball game against Fordham University. Fans seated in the Cherry and White student cheering section will receive "Crush the Competition" t-shirts, designed — in green, of course — by Tyler senior Marie Thresher. Special promotional events will be held

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Non-profits gain edge in popular new Temple program

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For years, Richard De Jesus played Santa Claus each Christmas, giving food and gifts to help his less fortunate neighbors in North Philadelphia. While he found this annual charity work fulfilling, he was nagged by the sense that many members of his community needed help year-round. So he started the non-profit Richard and Friends as a way of helping those facing food emergencies and crises such as homelessness.

Now 20 years later, De Jesus's daughter, college student Jessica Castro, has joined him in running the organization out of his North Philadelphia home. Although they don't get paid, both are committed to their work and find it rewarding — but challenging.

Like hundreds of small community- and faith-based organizations across the city, Richard and Friends labors to operate successfully in an increasingly competitive non-profit arena. These organizations typically need to strengthen their insider knowledge and technical expertise so they can find and exploit funding opportunities.

Now a new Temple program is meeting these demands head-on. The Non-Profit Management Certificate program offers an ongoing series of seminars and workshops designed to build the capacity of small non-profits. The program is a huge hit so far, with full classes and rave reviews from participants.

De Jesus and Castro have been attending the classes — which are taught by Temple professors and administrators — since last fall, gaining expertise in grant writing, financial management, social media and organizational effectiveness.

"I basically help my father run his program," said Castro. "We go together so we can build our skills and make sure our organization stays afloat. We have learned how to write grants, look for funding resources and be a more professional organization."

The program is a collaborative effort among several administrative entities at Temple: the Center for Social Policy and Community Development and the School of Social Work under the College of Health Professions and Social Work; Temple University Harrisburg; and the Office of Government, Community and Public Affairs.



Bill Knous and Sasha G. Morrobel, who both work for ASPIRA, a non-profit dedicated to developing the educational and leadership capacity of Hispanic youth, participate in "Program Evaluation," the first workshop of the semester in Temple's Non-Profit Management Certificate Program.

"It's geared toward non-profit staff members who are committed to furthering their professional education while using the vital skills they have already acquired through years of serving people in need," said Shirley Moy, interim director of the Center for Social Policy and Community Development, which organized the program. In total, the program offers

60 hours of instruction through 20 workshops over the course of a year. It's open to all on a first-come first-served basis; 90 people are currently enrolled.

This semester's offerings include "Financial Management," led by Senior Associate Vice President of Finance and Human Resources Kenneth Kaiser and Assistant Controller Patricia

Russo, and "Program Evaluation," led by social work faculty member Marsha Zibalese-Crawford and geography and urban studies faculty member Gerald Stahler. Additionally, participants can tap into individualized technical assistance pro bono via the involvement of graduate students, faculty and staff.

According to Moy, Temple's program is different from other university programs for non-profits.

"Ours is not geared toward the paid executives who are running large non-profits, but rather to emerging leaders who live in the communities they are serving," she said.

The program is funded by the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND) and Learn and Serve America.

"The non-profit sector doesn't have the same professional development requirements that other fields have," said Hillary Kane, director of PHENND. "This is a way to provide support and training to folks who don't normally get the opportunity."

Phase two of the program includes plans to start a student internship program that would pair Temple students with non-profits in need. u

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Others with Temple ties had similar stories of accomplishment.

For Magdalena Anna Korecka, who came to America from Poland in 1996, becoming a citizen was a family affair. Daughters Paulina and Aleksandra joined her as all three received their certificates.

"Since we've been here that long, it's kind of a check box to formalize everything, but it does feel a little more distinguished now that we really count as being in this country," Paulina Korecka said.

Aleksandra Korecka, a Tyler School of Art student graduating in May, attended the ceremony between classes. She had a more pragmatic view of her new nationality: "I hear it's going to be easier to get a job now that I'm a citizen."

Mark Collins arrived in the U.S. from England in 1991 as a postdoctoral worker at Wayne State University. Collins, who said his college friends call him "the most English person they know," thought his stay would last two years. He received his green card in 2002, married wife Beth — a two-time Fox School graduate — in 2004 and had twin boys three years later.

"So I figured it was time," he said with a laugh.

Rulla Aswad, a native of Syria, also plans to raise her family here. Aswad earned her master's degree in oral biology from Temple and is a former part-time faculty member. She's currently caring for her 1-year-old twin boys, Kareem and Amir, in addition to 7-year-old daughter Rama.

"I have been waiting for this day for a long time," Aswad said. "This is home for me. This is the country I want to live in and raise my kids. I feel

more secure by being a citizen."

Fox School Dean M. Moshe Porat, who immigrated to America in 1976, spoke during the event, as did U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Section Chief Phillip Browndeis. He said the gathered immigrants might have applied for citizenship to join family, to search for a better quality of life or to escape persecution. Either way, he said, the "United States is a better country with your presence."

A few feet away sat Joseph Dechemin, a native of Haiti who, like the rest of the new citizens, held a small American flag. Unlike the other citizens, however, he also wore a leather jacket with USA printed across the back.

"I like this because this is the flag of America. I like it because I want to have freedom. That's why I got this coat," he said. "Today is a big day in my life, because this is my ceremony." u

Policy

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Englert applauded Temple's faculty for their role in pushing for policy changes.

"The new academic policies emerged from discussions within the Faculty Senate's EPPC about ways in which student time to graduation could be improved," Englert said. "Faculty input and participation is critical as we push to meet all the goals of the Academic Strategic Compass."

Peter R. Jones, senior vice provost

for undergraduate studies, said that the academic policy changes are part of a broader, ongoing, university-wide effort. Advising improvements in the last decade have already yielded significant increases in Temple's graduation rates, a development that was noted in a recent story in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* ("Fast Gainers: 4 Ways That Colleges Have Raised Graduation Rates," Dec. 5, 2010). New initiatives that will help advisors intervene before academic problems emerge, including the Risk-Based Retention Project and the Critical Paths Program, will continue to improve retention and graduation rates, as will President Ann Weaver

Hart's recent commitment to hire more academic advisors and develop more opportunities for their professional growth.

"The overarching philosophy behind all of these initiatives is proactive intervention. We hope to identify academic issues earlier, communicate with students and clarify needs," said Jones. "We want to lay out a clear path for student success."

The amended academic policies and the new leave of absence policy will be posted in early February at the university's Policies and Procedures web site, policies.temple.edu.

— Hillel J. Hoffman

Temple computer donation helps bridge Philadelphia's digital divide

With printed phone books, help wanted ads and classified listings trending toward obsolescence, access to the Internet is no longer a luxury — it's becoming a necessity for daily living. Yet for as many as 40 percent of Philadelphians, online access remains out of reach.

To help bridge this digital divide, Temple recently partnered with the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia to open a new community computer laboratory at the John F. Hartranft Elementary School, near Temple's Main Campus. The university installed 15 refurbished computers to provide online access for both school students and adult residents of North Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, state Senator Shirley M. Kitchen and Temple representatives joined neighborhood residents at a Jan. 14 opening of the new lab, which was completed in December.

"Giving these computers is just one more indication of how committed Temple University is to community empowerment, community engagement and really being a partner with this particular community," said Mayor Nutter.

Staffed by community volunteers, the lab will be open after school Monday through Thursday. Temple instructors will provide free classes in which adults can learn basic computing and word processing



Temple recently installed 15 refurbished computers at the John F. Hartranft Elementary School.

skills — increasingly vital for seeking jobs, networking and continuing education.

"There are no ifs, ands or buts about it, we must learn to use a computer," said Sen. Kitchen. "Some people are just intimidated by it, but we hope that they can become computer friendly and see that they can handle it."

The project was coordinated by Temple's Office of Community Relations, with computers provided by the university's Computer Recycling Center. The Dell PCs are four to five years old, but have been completely restored and updated with office applications and virus scanning software.

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Smart phones help connect to improved nursing care

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Want better care from your doctor or nurse? There's an app for that — actually about 8,700 of them, and they are helping future health care practitioners train to provide better patient care.

In nursing, the number of students using mobile applications is growing. At Temple's College of Health Professions and Social Work, nursing students are required to have a smart phone equipped with software that allows them to access the most up-to-date drug information available — including drug interactions, dosing information and warnings issued by the Food and Drug Administration — wherever they are.

"In a clinical setting, nurses can't waste time and effort flipping through a 10-year old reference book," said Rhonda Maneval, associate chair of undergraduate nursing education. "They need that information now. We want to guide students to use this technology so that they will be better prepared when they start seeing patients as professionals."

The Institute of Medicine estimates that up to 100,000 Americans are killed each year by preventable mishaps like medication errors, and Maneval says mobile applications might help prevent errors by providing nurses with the most current information available.

Nursing senior Amy Gargiulo was part of the first class at Temple to use the software on their smart phones, and she found the instant access helpful while doing her clinical rotations.

"It's like the drug book for 2011," she said. "It's nice to have that information right at your fingertips, especially in the clinic, because it's helpful when you need to make quick decisions."

While some students do note that the software is a bit pricey (apps range between \$115 - \$285), all agree that it can be helpful. Katherine Brinton, a recent nursing graduate, says the move toward using this software is a great step for the nursing field.

"When I become a practicing nurse, I plan to have some kind of software like this on my phone," she said. "It can only work to our advantage: we have this wealth of information that's constantly updating, it's portable and it's convenient."

In fact, more and more nursing schools are equipping their students with this technology; in requiring its nursing students to have clinical reference software on their phones, Temple joins Jefferson's School of Nursing, Drexel's College of Nursing and Health Professions; Northeastern Ohio University Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy; Ohio State University College of Nursing; the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Maneval says the benefit of



Using newly required mobile apps, Temple nursing students can access up-to-date information on drug interactions, dosing and FDA warnings.

students having the apps on their phones far outweighs the cost.

"Just as engineers need laptops, artists need expensive supplies and architects need high quality measuring tools, nursing students will need this software in order to do well in the major and become well-trained members of the health care system," she said. u

Boufadel tapped for expertise on top issues

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The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the extraction of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale are among the nation's most significant environmental concerns, and Temple Civil and Environmental Engineering professor and chair Michel Boufadel is at the center of efforts to understand the impact of both.

Boufadel was recently named to both the National Academies' committee examining the effects of the Deepwater Horizon spill on the ecosystem in the Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's panel studying natural gas extraction from shale formations.

Boufadel, director of the Center for Natural Resources Development and Protection in Temple's College of Engineering, said the appointments are an honor and recognition of the important work being done by the university's environmental researchers.

"We have worked long and hard to achieve this recognition where Temple is now the place to go on such vital national issues concerning the environment," he said.

Boufadel said that both the oil spill in the gulf and the extraction of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale have touched a nerve throughout the country because they revolve around energy, which he calls the "blood of a nation."

One of 16 members selected for the National Academies' panel, Boufadel said the group's goal is to understand the effects of the spill on the eco-system in the gulf and, more importantly, to determine the best tools and methods for further evaluating its impact.

He is currently working on a two-month, \$250,000 grant from the Unified Command investigating the persistence of oil in the gulf's beaches. Based on the findings, he will make recommendations on whether to excavate the oil from the beaches or allow it to biodegrade naturally.

On the Marcellus Shale issue, the 23-member panel is charged with providing independent expert advice for the EPA's draft Hydraulic Fracturing Study Plan investigating potential public health and environmental protection issues associated with the gas extraction technique.

Boufadel is one of six panel members from Pennsylvania — the most of any state — and the only representative from eastern Pennsylvania. The other Pennsylvania representatives are from Carnegie Mellon University, the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Boufadel is teaming with faculty in Temple's Colleges of Engineering, Science and Technology, and Liberal Arts in conducting environmental health research on Marcellus Shale drilling. He also provided public testimony last fall on the topic at a hearing held by Philadelphia's City Council. u



BOUFADEL

Forensic podiatry club offers students a new way to think about feet

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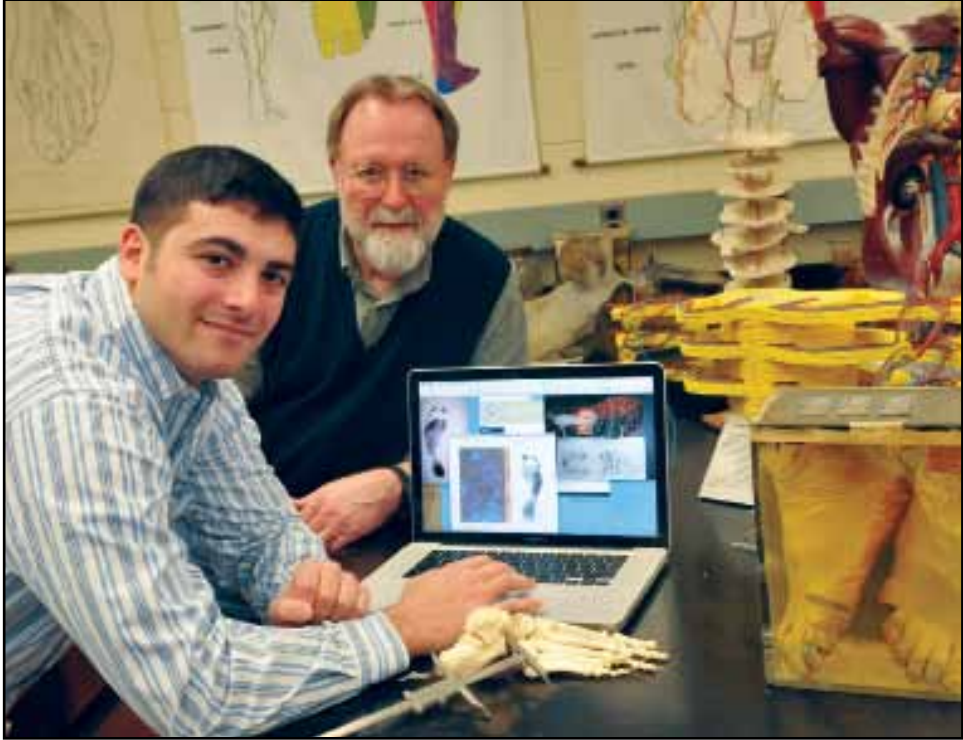
As a high school senior in 2003, Mike Sganga took a course in forensics — the art of crime solving — and discovered an interest that stayed with him as he began his studies in Temple's School of Podiatric Medicine.

But Sganga's curiosity about solving crimes soon took a backseat to exams and clinical rotations — until the Fall 2009 semester, when he took an anatomy course taught by Arthur Washburn, an associate professor of anatomy and cell biology in Temple's School of Medicine.

For the past 20 years, Washburn has served as a forensic consultant to the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office, often called to examine human skeletal remains to determine a victim's age, gender and ethnicity. After learning of Washburn's work with the city, Sganga and classmate Ronald Dirlam shared their interest in forensics, and asked the professor if they could accompany him on his next case. When the next call came, Washburn agreed to let Sganga and Dirlam tag along.

"We met at the Medical Examiner's office to examine some bones that were found at a crime scene," Sganga said. "We were able to do systematic measurements and determine the age, gender and ethnicity based on the length and thickness of the bones."

Sganga wondered why there wasn't a formal course on forensics at any of the podiatry schools in the U.S., and with Washburn's help, decided to remedy that by starting the first club in the country dedicated to learning how podiatrists can help process



Arthur Washburn (right), assistant professor of anatomy and cell biology, and podiatry student Mike Sganga have started the country's first forensic podiatry club.

crime scenes.

"Forensic podiatry is still a relatively new field," said John DiMaggio, president of the American Society of Forensic Podiatry, which began in 2003. "But it makes sense if you're trying to process a crime scene to look at things like foot prints or shoes that have been left behind. If someone walks into a crime scene, someone has to walk out."

DiMaggio says a recent murder case in England was solved by comparing a suspect's gait to one captured on surveillance video, and several rape cases have been solved by having a forensic podiatrist examine the lining of shoes left at a crime scene.

"Podiatrists are trained to look at bones for pathological features, so they can look at the impressions of a

shoe lining and determine whether the suspect had a bunion or hammertoe, and can show in court how they can leave distinctive marks," he said.

In the case they worked on with Washburn, Sganga and Dirlam were able to help identify the victim by comparing their findings to a driver's license found at the scene and sending the data to a forensic dentist, who confirmed the identity through dental records.

So far, the forensic podiatry club at Temple has had two meetings with about 60 people attending in total. At the most recent, Washburn lectured on identifying bones at a crime scene. But Sganga says he doesn't want to stop at lectures.

"We certainly want to talk to other experts in the field to learn things like how to prepare a deposition, but we'd

also like to do workshops at Temple's Gait Lab so we can learn how to study unique gait patterns and hopefully even visit the medical examiner's office and go out into the field, the way we did with Dr. Washburn," he said.

As faculty advisor, Washburn says he sees the club as a way to expand the discipline of forensics. "In order to blossom, podiatrists need to be able to carve out a niche like some of the other subspecialties in forensics, such as engineering or anthropology," he said.

"Being the first club of its kind in the country, I think it's a great idea, and is very important," said DiMaggio. "It will lead to a discussion and get students thinking about new ways to contribute to the field of podiatry." u

Undergrad develops online resource for the study of slavery

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On a winter day in February 1688, several abolitionists gathered in the Germantown home of Thones Kunders to draft the first formal protest against enslavement in the New World. Despite its historical significance, this event, like other small pockets of protest that once dotted the area, is virtually unknown outside of historical circles.

While there are centers and museums across the country dedicated to preserving the history of Africans in America, none have focused solely on the history of slavery.

Temple undergraduate theater student Iesha Thorton is working to fill that historical gap by developing *SlaveryMuseum.org*, an online resource for the study of slavery and Philadelphia's abolitionist community.

"I've always been interested in the history of Africans in America," said Thorton, who drew on her training in anthropology, theater and web design to develop the site. "I've been collecting these facts for years;



Visitors to *SlaveryMuseum.org* first hear site creator Iesha Thorton reciting an abolitionist poem as historical images flash across the screen.

Courtesy Slavery Museum.org

people often comment that I'm like a walking museum."

Visitors to the site, which was funded by a Creative Arts Research and Scholarship (CARAS) grant, first hear Thorton's recitation of "To Abolitionists," a poem written by John Pierpont in 1843, as historical images flash across the screen.

"In reality, it is Iesha who has given us the gift of a brilliant project that will have lasting significance," said theater Professor Roberta Sloan, who served as Thorton's faculty mentor on the project. "I came along for the very enlightening ride."

Thorton hopes that the web site

will serve as a virtual resource for researchers, students and those interested in history.

"I consider myself the curator of a living museum that brings together aspects of the web, performance and museum exhibition," she said. "It's a fluid space that will continue to change and develop."

For the next phase of the project, Thorton plans to focus on Philadelphia's abolitionist community, she said.

"Philadelphia residents — black and white — were very important to the abolition of slavery," she said. "There is still more of this story to be told. This is just the beginning." u

Black History Month Events

In recognition of Black History Month, several Temple schools, colleges and organizations are planning events that highlight the historical and social contributions of Africans in America.

n Reflections in Black: A Photographic Celebration of African-American Life

Feb. 14-28, Macy's department store, Juniper and Market sts., Philadelphia.

A glimpse at the work of Philadelphia photographer John W. Mosley (1907-1969), presented by the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection and Temple University Libraries.

n "Telling it Like it Was"

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m., Charles L. Blockson Collection, Sullivan Hall

The Tuskegee Airmen share personal stories about their experiences as pilots during World War II.

n Kariamu and Company: Traditions Bookends

Feb. 11-12, 7:30 p.m. Conwell Dance Theater, Conwell Hall, fifth floor.

Contemporary Pan-African and American dances by Temple dance Professor Kariamu Welsh.

n Film screening: Malcolm X

Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. Eighth floor, Gladfelter Hall.

n Department of African American Studies meet and greet

Feb. 11, 5-8 p.m. Gladfelter Hall, eighth floor

More events at calendar.temple.edu.

All-star shortstop gets different kind of award

Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins has won three Gold Gloves, three All-Star appearances, a National League MVP and, of course, a World Series championship, among other awards. But during a visit to Alter Hall last week, he picked up three more honors — and none for his work on the field.

The all-star player was at the Fox School of Business to discuss his Jimmy Rollins Entertainment Group, which represents artists and publishes songs. During the visit, he received two platinum plaques for his work as a music co-publisher and an entrepreneurship award from the Fox Legal Studies department, which organized the event.



Joseph V. Labolito

Recyclemania

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during time outs, and volunteer members of the Temple Green Team will circulate at half time to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Other Recyclemania events will include:

n A bingo contest sponsored by Main Campus Program Board and Students for Environmental Action. (Feb. 16, 5 p.m., Gittis Student Center, room 200C.)

n A "paper purge" drive to encourage university departments to clean out or shred unneeded paper records during the duration of the Recyclemania contest, with special effort during spring break, March 7-10. (Contact Marshall Budin in the Office of Facilities Management at hmbudin@temple.edu or 1-7396 for information about shredding and bulk paper removal.)

n A recycling-themed video competition sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, the School of Communications and Theater and

the Tyler School of Art. Winners of the juried competition will receive 100 Diamond Dollars. (Upload videos between Feb. 2 and 20 to YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/TempleSustainability.)

n An environmental racism seminar hosted by Students for Environmental Action as part of Black History Month. (Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Gittis Student Center, room 200C.)

n A Greek recycling fair, with information and displays. (March 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bell Tower.)

n Ongoing residence hall competitions, with contests by floor and facility.

Eligible recyclable materials that Temple collects are paper, including catalogs, books, junkmail, magazines, newspapers, phone books and all varieties of office paper; bottles and cans, including nos. 1 and 2 plastics, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars; and cardboard, including boxes, boxboard and chipboard.

The Recyclemania contest runs through April 2. Temple's results will be reported weekly at www.temple.edu/sustainability. u

Featured Events

'Surface Deposit' Film Series continues at Temple Gallery

In conjunction with their exhibition at Temple Gallery, Annie Han and Daniel Mihalya of Lead Pencil Studio selected several films that have been influential to their practice and that they feel demonstrate built environments, atmospheres and other worlds.

The 'Surface Deposit' Film Series continues this month with showings of *Nostalgia* and *The Fifth Element*.

Nostalgia, a winner of several awards at the Cannes Film Festival, tells the story of Russian writer Andrei Gortchakov, who is nostalgic for home while living abroad in Italy. He meets Domenico, a mystic or a madman, and is tempted to have an affair with Eugenia, his guide and translator.

The Fifth Element is set in New York City in the 23rd century. Flying taxi cab driver Korben Dallas finds himself on a mission to save humanity from the Great Evil, a force that attempts to destroy life throughout the universe every 5,000 years.

The series continues throughout February. All showings are free and will take place at the Temple Gallery. E-mail exhibitions@temple.edu for more information.

Student seminar series explores exemplary leadership

Held at both Main and Ambler campuses, the six-week Emerging Leaders seminar for students explores Kouzes and Posner's book *Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership*. The series concludes with a guest panel and networking events for participants.

James Kouzes and Barry Posner are award-winning writers and researchers in the field of leadership. *Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership* aims to give leaders the tools they need to turn theory into practice and visions into reality.

Charles Mee's Big Love explores issues of love and marriage

Directed by MFA candidate Jill Harrison, *Big Love* (not related to the HBO series of the same title) follows three sisters (Lydia, Olympia and Thyona) planning to lead a violent revolt against their prospective grooms, who also happen to be their cousins.

Written by Charles Mee, this modern take on Aeschylus' *The Suppliant Maidens*, deals with issues of domestic abuse and gender inequality through a modern lens.

"It seems that Mee was really interested in how humankind remains the same over time," said Harrison. "The play deals with issues related to war, gender inequality, the business of marriage, our obsession with the perfect wedding that seem to repeat from century to century."

For the Temple production, set designers reconfigured Tomlinson Hall to allow the audience to participate in the play as the story unfolds, said Harrison.

"Instead of remaining passive the audience is asked to respond, similar to the way the play would have been staged in ancient times," said Harrison.

Big Love will play Tomlinson Theater from Feb. 9-20, with an official opening on Friday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by phone at 1-800-838-3006, online at www.temple.edu/sct/theater,



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Big Love features (left to right) Alex Fraser, Olivia DiRodio, Sara Yoko Howard, Greg Fallick, Sean Gibson and Claire Lenahan.

or in person at the Tomlinson Theater Box Office.

Prices are \$5 for Temple students; \$15 for seniors, students, Temple employees and alumni; and \$20 for general admission.

For more information, visit www.temple.edu/theater.

Show times:
n Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. (preview)
n Friday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. (opening)
n Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 and 8 p.m.
n Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.
n Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
n Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
n Thursday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.
n Friday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.
n Saturday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
n Sunday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

The series begins at Ambler Campus in Bright Hall on Feb. 3, and on Main Campus at Howard Gittis Student Center on Feb. 8. Registration is required. For more information, visit www.

temple.edu/studentleadership for Main Campus or www.temple.edu/ambler/student_life for Ambler Campus.

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