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Honors for 'Hardball' host

Chris Matthews will receive honorary degree at Temple's May 12 Commencement

Chris Matthews, the Philadelphia native who has built a national reputation as host of "Hardball" on MSNBC and "The Chris Matthews Show" on NBC, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Temple during the 124th Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 12, in the Liacouras Center.

"Chris Matthews has distinguished himself as a broadcast journalist, newspaper bureau chief, presidential speechwriter and bestselling author," said President Ann Weaver Hart. "Through it all, he has been an enthusiastic advocate for the city of Philadelphia, its people and its institutions."

This will be Matthews' second visit to Temple this academic year. The host also broadcast his "Hardball" show live from Main Campus in October as part of the show's "College Tour" election coverage. The telecast was fueled by the energy of hundreds of Temple students, the Diamond Marching Band and the Spirit Squad, who were featured prominently in cut-away shots of the set constructed at the corner of Liacouras and Polett walks. Several Temple students were interviewed during a feedback segment of the show, during which Matthews referred to Temple as "one of the great universities of the Northeast."

A television news anchor with significant depth of experience, Matthews covered the fall of the Berlin Wall, the first all-races election in South Africa, the Good Friday Peace Accord in Northern Ireland, and the funeral of Pope

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Temple responds to events in Japan

Commitment to Japan "stronger than ever"; TUJ classes to resume April 4

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As Japan continues to wrestle with the effects of the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami, Temple President Ann Weaver Hart acknowledged the university's steadfast commitment to Japan and to Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ), Temple's pioneering campus in Tokyo.

"On behalf of all of us at Temple, I send sympathies to all who have been affected by the recent earthquake and its aftermath," Hart said. "Temple is committed to the students and staff of TUJ, and to the continuing involvement of Temple University in higher education in Japan."

Although conditions in Tokyo — about 230 miles from the quake's epicenter and 140 miles from the damaged Fukushima

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Temple president

Daiichi nuclear power plant — continue to evolve on a daily basis, classes at TUJ are currently expected to resume on Monday, April 4. TUJ's facilities, which were inspected and declared safe after the earthquake, remained open in the weeks that followed March 11. Temple's study abroad programs at TUJ are not operating in Japan because a U.S. State Department travel warning for Japan is in effect (study abroad students are completing their studies in the U.S.).

In the days that followed the earthquake, a small fraction of TUJ's diverse international student body left Japan, making their own travel arrangements to return home. After the State Department strongly urged U.S. citizens in Japan to consider leaving the country, Temple assisted with travel from Japan for any remaining students who wished to comply with the U.S. government's recommendations. Although a significant proportion of U.S. students have left Japan since March 11, many of TUJ's U.S.

President Hart stands up for Temple at House hearing



Temple President Ann Weaver Hart addresses the House Appropriations Committee at a budget hearing on Monday, March 28 in Harrisburg.

President Ann Weaver Hart and the three other state-related university leaders made their case in Harrisburg on Monday for Commonwealth support for higher education before the House Appropriations Committee. The hearing was the latest step in the Commonwealth budget process that began with Gov. Tom Corbett's budget address on March 8.

Speaking in a packed hearing room, President Hart said she understands the challenge facing legislators as they attempt to close a \$4 billion budget gap. The governor's proposal being reviewed by legislators would reduce the Commonwealth appropriation to Temple by more than half.

"We understand the challenges you face and we want to be part of

the solution," she said, noting that the decisions elected officials make will have a direct effect on the lives of individuals. "I also want you to know this is very personal for me. I would not be here if it wasn't for a publicly-supported higher education."

Legislators asked a range of questions during the hearing, such as how universities used the federal stimulus funding and what value the Commonwealth gets from having a group of state-related universities.

On the topic of federal stimulus funds, President Hart explained that Temple officials knew those dollars were not going to last. "We used stimulus dollars for one-time expenses targeted to academic

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School of Pharmacy
reaccredited through 2017

The professional program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in the School of Pharmacy has been accredited for a full six-year term, extending until June 30, 2017, by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

Accreditation is awarded based on a program's ability to meet its goals, as represented in self-studies, on-site evaluations, communication with the council, North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination passing rates and entry class size and comments from a public interest panel.

Faculty join 25-year club

The 25-Year Faculty Club will welcome 13 new members this year, each of whom has been with Temple since 1986.

New members are: Gary Baram, College of Science and Technology; Saroj K. Biswas, College of Engineering; Richard C. Brodhead and Philip Grosser, Boyer College of Music and Dance; Lee-Yuan Liu-Chen, School of Medicine; James L. Marra, School of Communications and Theater; Robert J. Mason, Kathleen S. Uno and David H. Watt, College of Liberal Arts; C. Thomas North, William E. Oddou and John W. Shank, College of Health Professions and Social Work; and Mary A. Weiss, Fox School of Business.

New members will be recognized at the annual dinner, which will be held on May 7.

Carney appointed
university architect

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Anthony Wagner has announced the appointment of Margaret Carney as associate vice president and university architect. Carney, who comes to Temple from Case Western Reserve University, is widely recognized for her work in university planning, design and construction, particularly in urban environments and most notably in Boston and Cleveland. Carney officially joins Temple on April 1.

As university architect, Carney will oversee the implementation of the Temple 20/20 framework for campus development as well as all matters relating to the physical character and quality of Temple's campuses, including architecture, design, landscaping, planning and sustainability, said Wagner.

"As we continue to move forward with Temple 20/20, Carney's leadership and insight will be invaluable," said Wagner.

Several Temple programs rise in latest U.S. News rankings

Temple's School of Medicine and Beasley School of Law rose significantly in the 2012 edition of *U.S. News and World Report's* rankings of graduate schools, on newsstands now.

The Beasley School of Law went up 11 places to 61st. As in years past, the school is ranked highly in the specialty categories: second in trial advocacy; seventh in legal research and writing; 11th in international law and 10th in part-time programs. The school also ranked 61st in the diversity of its

students, up from 66th last year.

The School of Medicine made the top 50 best medical research programs, ranking 45th, up from 52nd last year.

"One of our goals has been to elevate Temple University School of Medicine in national rankings as a means of demonstrating our progress," said Dean John M. Daly. "These rankings are not an end in themselves, but can provide a measure and benchmark for achievement. Nine years ago, TUSM was ranked

86th by the National Institutes of Health and was not ranked at all by *U.S. News and World Report*. I am pleased that our progress has been recognized."

Temple's College of Education stayed in the top 50, ranking 46th. Fox School of Business' Healthcare Management program ranked 24th, up from 28th when last ranked in 2007.

Each year, *U.S. News* ranks business, education, engineering, medicine and law school programs

based on a survey each of the schools completes and peer rankings by graduate school deans and college deans. Rankings of specialty areas such as trial advocacy are based on rankings by graduate school deans and college deans.

Other *U.S. News* rankings for Temple schools, colleges and programs can be found on the publication's website at colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com.

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development," she explained. "We did not put them into the operating budget."

Temple's impact on the Commonwealth is clear: The university directly employs nearly 7,500 Commonwealth residents, and in the last seven years, Temple capital projects provided 14,000 jobs in construction and related services for the state. The president told legislators that Temple University and the Temple Health System account for \$5.3 billion of economic activity across Pennsylvania annually.

In addition, Pennsylvania students attending Temple pay a lower tuition than out-of-state students. Hart also noted that the private schools in the Philadelphia region charge Pennsylvania students between two and three times as much in tuition, compared with Temple's in-state tuition rates.

Hart also made the point that cuts in the welfare budget would have an additional negative impact. She said the Temple University Hospital is the largest safety net hospital for providing health care to underserved populations in Philadelphia. As federal and state reimbursement support for that care continues to decline, Temple finds itself "squeezed from both ends" and will have to make difficult decisions about health care.

Temple and the leaders of Lincoln, Penn State and Pitt have now appeared before appropriations committee members for both the Senate and the House. While this stage of the General Assembly's process is complete, legislators will continue to debate budget priorities and Temple's efforts to communicate the importance of higher education will continue.

For additional updates on the university's budget status, go to the Government Affairs homepage at www.temple.edu/government and sign up to become part of Temple Advocates Legislative Outreach Network (TALON). ♦

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Temple graduates can be found in every profession in the city – one out of every eight individuals who have a college degree in the Philadelphia region is a Temple alumnus.

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non-study-abroad undergraduates have elected to stay.

The university has offered free housing at Main Campus to TUJ and study abroad students returning from Japan who have eligible status in the U.S. or who can obtain a visa. Temple is working with all students, regardless of their final destination, to complete their Spring 2011 studies.

TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach praised the resolve of TUJ staff for their handling of a "complex and stressful" situation.

"In all my life," Stronach, "I have never seen anything like the dedication that the staff here at TUJ have put into responding to the immediate crisis, working to make sure that we were in contact with every student to ensure that they were in a safe situation, working to help repatriate or move outside the Tokyo region those who wanted to go and beginning to make the transition back to restarting the semester."

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard M. Englert acknowledged the dedication of the TUJ staff and the spirit of cooperation among Temple employees on both sides of the Pacific.

"There has been tremendous collaboration between TUJ and Main Campus staff since March 11," said Englert, one of many Temple administrators in Japan and the U.S. who participated in frequent middle-of-the-night teleconferences. "I am so grateful for all the hard work on behalf of our students, faculty and staff."

President Hart announced that a university-wide fundraising effort to support those impacted by the earthquake and tsunami has been launched. Over the next week, Temple will announce specifics about initiatives and how to get involved on a web page to be hosted by the Office of International Affairs.

Additional information, including FAQs, is available at TUJ's web site, www.tuj.ac.jp. Study abroad students should refer to the Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses web site, www.temple.edu/studyabroad; updates for law students are being posted at Temple's Beasley School of Law web site, www.law.temple.edu. Questions may be e-mailed to tujask@temple.edu. ♦

Presence of peers heightens teen sensitivity to risk rewards

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It is well known that teenagers take risks — and that when they do, they like to have company. Teens are five times more likely to be in a car accident when in a group than when driving alone, and they are more likely to commit a crime in a group.

Now, a new study sheds light on why.

Temple psychologists Jason Chein and Laurence Steinberg set out to measure brain activity in adolescents — alone and with peers — as they made decisions with inherent risks. Their findings, published in *Developmental Science*, demonstrate that when teens are with friends they are more susceptible to the potential rewards of a risk than they are when they are alone.

"We know that in the real world teenagers take more risks when with their friends. This is the first study to identify the underlying process," said Steinberg, a leading international expert on teen behavior, decision making and impulse control.

"Preventable, risky behaviors —



Temple researchers monitored brain activity in participants of different ages as they made decisions in a simulated driving game.

such as binge drinking, cigarette smoking and careless driving — present the greatest threat to the well-being of young people in industrialized societies. Our findings may be helpful in developing ways to intervene and reduce adolescent risk taking," said Chein, a cognitive neuroscientist and the lead author of the study.

Using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), Chein and Steinberg looked at brain activity in adolescents, young adults and adults as they made decisions in a simulated driving game. The goal of the game was to reach the end of a track as quickly as possible in order to maximize a monetary reward. Participants were forced to make a

decision about whether to stop at a yellow light when they came to a given intersection or run through the intersection and risk colliding with another vehicle.

Taking the risk to run through the yellow light offered the potential payoff of moving through the intersection more quickly, but also the consequence of a crash, which added a significant delay.

Each participant played the game alone and while being observed by their friends. While adolescents and older participants behaved comparably while playing the game alone, it was only the adolescents who took a greater number of risks when they knew their friends were watching.

More significantly, according to Chein, the regions of the brain associated with reward showed greater activation when the adolescents knew they were being observed by peers. "These results suggest that the presence of peers does not impact the evaluation of the risk but rather heightens sensitivity in the brain to the potential upside of a risky decision," he said. ♦

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New show aims to recast perceptions of community youth

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A new youth-driven news show supported by Temple's University-Community Collaborative of Philadelphia (UCCP) program aims to do more than just tell stories about youth. Instead, the show's producers hope to start a conversation about issues that are "POPPYN."

The show's name is an acronym that stands for Presenting Our Perspective on Philly Youth News, a play on the colloquialism "What's poppin'" (which means, "What's happening?").

POPPYN segments address subjects such as the recession's effect on youth; zero tolerance policies in schools; volunteer work at the MLK day of service; and analysis of network coverage of student walkouts in Philadelphia schools.

New episodes premiere every two months on the PhillyCAM public access channel and can be viewed on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. All of the short segments from the episode are available on POPPIN's blog: whatspoppyn.blogspot.com. Currently, POPPIN is produced by a small crew of youth and young adults from Philadelphia, most of whom have



A new cable access and internet program, named "POPPYN," is produced by a small crew of young people from Philadelphia, including several Temple students. The show is an outgrowth of Temple's University-Community Collaborative of Philadelphia (UCCP) program.

participated in VOICES — a leadership, civic engagement and media production program for high school students started by UCCP in 2001.

UCCP prepares and supports youth and young adults to become confident,

effective leaders and collaborates with organizations to create cultures that value and integrate the contributions of youth, thereby building stronger communities.

Several POPPIN crew members

are Temple students. Criminal justice major Earla Joseph conducts many of the on-camera interviews, and Lynsey Graeff leads media literacy segments called "Breakin' It Down." Graeff is working as a UCCP intern as part of a six-credit class called "Urban Politics and Problems." The class is taught by UCCP director Barbara Ferman, a Temple political science professor.

POPPYN was launched in the Fall semester of 2010 with the support of a small grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development.

"We are hoping to grow, to reach more youth and adults who care about youth issues, and to change the common perception (and expectation) of youth as criminals to one of civic agents and community leaders," said Natalia Smirnov, UCCP's media productions and communications coordinator. "POPPYN encourages local media and audiences to see young people not as part of the problem, but as positive agents of social change." ♦

High performance computing cluster will aid research

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A new high-performance computing Linux cluster, which will significantly enhance the high-speed computing capabilities of Temple researchers, has been installed on main campus.

Nicknamed the Owls' Nest, the new cluster will provide much needed computing power to researchers across Temple's campuses, including computer and information sciences, chemistry, electrical and computer engineering, mathematics, physics, pulmonary and critical care medicine and physical therapy.

Funded primarily through a major research instrumentation grant from NSF, this state-of-the-art computing system will allow researchers to crunch massive amounts of data and do high-speed computation. It will also be



A new high-performance computing cluster (above) installed to enhance computing capabilities of Temple Researchers.

instrumental in faculty recruiting, as many researchers need high-performance computing resources for their work.

Axel Kohlmeyer, associate director of Temple's Institute for Computational Molecular Science in the College of Science and Technology,

has been leading the installation and said there is hope that the new system will help stimulate collaborations with other Philadelphia universities and serve as a connection to national supercomputing resource providers.

Kohlmeyer said the system, which has more than 100 compute nodes in a variety of configurations, has been installed with the basic operating system and is ready for High Performance Computing use. The system will be gradually made available to users for testing and feedback. Kohlmeyer said he hopes the system will be fully functional and accessible by mid-June, coinciding with a TeraGrid/ICMS high performance computing programming workshop to be held at Temple in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center. ♦

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John Paul II. He has covered every American presidential election campaign since the 1980s.

Matthews worked for 15 years as a newspaper journalist, 13 of them as a Washington bureau chief for the *San Francisco Examiner* and two as a national columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Before that, he had a 15-year career in public service: in the White House for four years under President Jimmy Carter as a presidential speechwriter and on the President's Reorganization Project, then for six years as the top aide to Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. Prior to that he served the U.S. Senate for five years for Sens. Frank Moss of Utah and Edmund Muskie of Maine.



Matthews

Matthews has received the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism and the Gold Medal Award from the Pennsylvania Society. He was a visiting fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics. He holds numerous honorary degrees.

In 2005, Matthews was awarded Temple's Lew Klein Excellence in the Media Award and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the School of Communications and Theater. The award is presented to a distinguished member of the media outside of the Temple alumni community whose outstanding achievements and commitment to service bring honor to the profession.

Matthews is the author of five best-selling books: *Hardball* (1988), *Kennedy & Nixon* (1996), *Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think* (2001), *American: Beyond Our Grandest Notions* (2002) and *Life's a Campaign* (2007).

He is a graduate of La Salle College High School and Holy Cross College, and did graduate work in economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Matthews also served for two years with the U.S. Peace Corps as a trade development advisor in Swaziland, Africa.

He is married to Kathleen Matthews, executive vice president of Marriott International. ♦

Brainpower and technology take center stage at design challenge

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Batina Lewis lives at 18th and Diamond streets and works at a bank in Center City. The 29-year-old wants to attend more cultural exhibits and sporting events, but doesn't want to travel across town to do it.

Lewis — a character created by a group of Temple students — is fictional, but her problem is real. So is the effort to solve it.

Ninety students in 15 teams, representing six schools and colleges at Temple, recently participated in the inaugural North Broadband Design Challenge to create innovative solutions to local issues such as this.

The competition, co-hosted by the Fox School of Business' Center for Design+Innovation and the city of Philadelphia, sought to combine the brainpower at Temple's Broad Street campuses with technological resources to transform ideas into action. The purposely open-ended challenge — to design something environmentally responsible, economically sustainable and humanly satisfying — produced promising results.

The winning team, full-time MBAs representing the student group Net Impact, created a hair salon-based automated banking system to combine the comfort and pervasiveness of

salons with the long-term benefits of financial institutions over check-cashing storefronts.

The idea arose after two days of shoe-leather research, including walks along North Broad Street and resident interviews, and nearly a full day of structured exercises and activities to promote team-based collaboration.

"It distinguishes the university a lot," winning team member Ann Dubensky said of the challenge's emphasis on metro engagement. "It makes it a genuine experience. We're not just here to be here. We actually interact with the community and want to help it."

And vice versa. On March 14, the first day of the four-day competition, city officials, community leaders and business executives visited Main Campus to describe issues and advise students. Competition judges ranged from city Deputy Cultural Officer Moira Baylson to local pastor Taehoo Lee. Mayor Michael Nutter spoke on the final day of Fox's DESIGNweek.

The two winning teams were awarded cash prizes — \$1,000 for first and \$500 for second — and opportunities for their ideas to be aired with city officials.

"It's more than just the academic and the abstract," said the Center for Design+Innovation's James



Fox School student Scott Benedict writes down an idea as teammate Josh Cherian looks on during the North Broadband Design Challenge.

Moustafellos, who oversaw the competition with Oxford University's Lucy Kimbell. "It's about immersing yourself in the real world, with real-world people and real-world issues. The teams that won really understood that."

Junior entrepreneurship major Salima Cunningham, a native of Germantown and a member of the second-place team, said she typically feels more comfortable working alone instead of in groups. But during the design challenge, "everybody had something important that they wanted

to contribute."

Cunningham's team, a mix of business undergraduates and a geography and urban studies major, devised an open-source web portal for university and community members to share news and events. As an extension of the proposed portal, smart-phone users could utilize an application, a la Google Goggles, to snap photos of Temple buildings to download information about them, such as upcoming events.

And that's exactly what Batina Lewis could use. ♦

Temple artists showcase Paris for Philadelphia International Festival

The first annual Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA) will feature works by a variety of Temple artists. This three-week festival, inspired by the Kimmel Center, celebrates the collaboration, innovation and creativity present in every art form. Centered on the theme “Paris: 1910-1920,” the festival will showcase non-traditional and emerging art forms along with classic performances. Events run from April 7 through May 1. Below are highlights of Temple’s involvement; for a complete list visit www.PIFA.org.

“From Paris to Pyrénées: The songs of Déodat de Séverac”

A lecture presented by Christine Anderson, associate professor of voice, Boyer College of Music and Dance.

- April 7, 4 p.m.
 - Rock Hall Auditorium, 1715 N. Broad St.
- Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921) made a significant contribution to the French mélodie repertoire and was considered one of the most original voices of his generation. Discover the works of Séverac and his contemporaries through a lecture-recital presentation of their songs.

“L’après-midi with Debussy”

- Temple Music Prep non-credit course
- April 14, 21 and 28
 - Temple University Center City, 1515 Market St.
- Hear some of Debussy’s best loved piano music performed by artist and lecturer Sandrine Erdely-Sayo. In addition to live performances, this unique exploration of Debussy’s music will also encompass happenings in science, art and literature that influenced this colorful and innovative composer. Priced at \$100 for all three sessions.



Above: Dancers from the Boyer College of Music and Dance will perform the ballet *Crystallina*, as part of a collaboration with the Temple Symphony Orchestra and Tyler artists. Top, right: Temple Opera Theater presents a double bill of French masterpieces.

Ravel’s *L’heure Espangénole* and Poulenc’s *Les mamelles de Trésias*

- (Sung in French with English subtitles)
- Temple Opera Theater
 - Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m.
 - Tomlinson Theater, 1301 W. Norris St.

Temple Opera Theater will present a double bill of French masterpieces that premiered at the Opéra-Comique in Paris. Maurice Ravel’s *L’heure Espagnole*, first performed in 1911, is a comedy about the various romantic escapades of a clock maker’s wife. Accompanying this one-act opera is Francis Poulenc’s *Les Mamelles de Tirésias*, which premiered in Paris in 1947 and is set in 1910. This surrealistic comedy involves, among many other things, a central character who decides she doesn’t like the demands of womanhood and

rides herself of them, becoming the husband. The husband, meanwhile, turns out to be a prolific producer of progeny, as he dons the role of the mother. Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15 for students and seniors; and \$5 for students with an OWLcard.

La Baker: The Life of Josephine Baker

- April 20-21, 7:30 p.m.
 - Tomlinson Theater, 1301 W Norris St.
- Josephine Baker dazzled Paris with her unapologetic femininity. This collaborative work between Dance Department Chair Kariamu Welsh, Theater Professor Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon and students from the dance and theater departments examines the life of expatriate entertainer Josephine Baker through the eyes of Paul Robeson, James Baldwin and Langston Hughes.



Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15 for students and seniors; and \$5 for students with an OWLcard.

Pulcinella/Crystallina

- April 29-30, 7:30 p.m.
- Tomlinson Theater, 1301 W Norris St.

A masked man encounters youthful beauty. A young woman makes a life-changing journey of self-discovery. *Pulcinella/Crystallina* presents these two transformative journeys expressed through a collaboration of the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the Tyler School of Art. As an enhancement to Stravinsky’s *Pulcinella* Suite score, performed by the Temple University Symphony Orchestra, faculty composer Maurice Wright employs computer animation, live and pre-recorded video and snippets of theater to tell the classic story.

Crystallina retells Russell Conwell’s “diamonds-in-your-backyard” story with a woman at the center and foreign lands that are not so much places as states of mind. The project brings together the Temple University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Luis Biava; dancers from the Boyer College of Music and Dance, who will perform the ballet; and visual artists from the Tyler School of Art, who designed the scenery. Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15 for students and seniors; \$5 for students with an OWLcard.

All Owls welcome for upcoming alumni weekend events

The entire Temple community — alumni of all ages, their families, Owl sports fans, students, staff, faculty and friends — is invited to celebrate alumni weekend on April 15, 16 and 17.

More than 30 events are planned on Main Campus and around the city, including Cherry and White Day athletics events, art gallery tours and reunions for the classes of 1961 and 1986.

Friday highlights include a late-night party for young alumni; an open house at the Blockson Collection; an exhibition of Tyler alumni work at the Tyler School of Art; and a Temple Opera Theater performance of Maurice Ravel’s *L’Heure Espagnole* and Francis Poulenc’s *Les mamelles De Tiresias* (see story, left).

Saturday highlights will include an alumni basketball game hosted by former men’s basketball coach John Chaney and current coach Fran Dunphy; an international street fair on Liacouras Walk featuring student performances, crafts, carnival games and rides; and a spring football game at Chodoff Field. The day will wrap up with a featured concert, “Live from Daryl’s House: Daryl Hall & Fitz and the Tantrums,” at the Liacouras Center.

On Sunday, alumni will join current students for community service projects in the neighborhoods surrounding Main Campus. Temple criminologist M. Kay Harris will discuss new approaches to cutting crime, followed by a guided tour of Eastern State Penitentiary.

Tickets are available a la carte at various price points or as part of a full weekend pass priced at \$60, or \$50 for 2000-2010 Temple graduates, employees and students.

For a list of events and pricing, visit myowlspace.com/alumniweekend. ♦

Library Week features discussion of E-A-G-L-E-S

As part of National Library Week, Tom McAllister, lifelong Eagles fan and lecturer in the Department of English, and legendary Philly sports writer Ray Didinger will be at Paley Library April 14.

McAllister recently published *Bury Me in My Jersey*, a memoir that explores the intense bonds created by a lifetime of sports obsession, and relates them to his relationship with his father, who recently passed away from cancer.

Didinger is a six-time Emmy winner for writing and producing for NFL Films. He has covered the NFL for *The Philadelphia Bulletin* and *The Philadelphia Daily News*, and, for his distinguished reporting, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

McAllister will read from his book and Didinger will join him in discussing writing, sports and — of course — the Eagles.

This free event will take place at 5:30 p.m. on April 14. For more information, contact Nicole Restaino at 215-204-2828.

Fox to host conference on social entrepreneurship

On April 14, Net Impact, the Institute for Social Innovation and the Innova-

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tion and Entrepreneurship Institute, will host the sixth annual Social Entrepreneurship Conference, titled “From Idea to Impact.”

The event will bring together Philadelphia social entrepreneurs, students and business professionals for discussions and hands-on workshops to cultivate social enterprise throughout the Philadelphia region. It will concentrate on finding innovative ways of funding and evaluating social ventures. Opening remarks will be delivered by George Overholser, formerly of Nonprofit Finance, and closing remarks will be offered by Bart Houlahan, co-founder of B-lab.

Temple students, university faculty and staff may register free. All others pay \$20 advance registration or \$30 at the door. Visit foxnetimpact.org/initiatives/social-entrepreneurship-conference for more information.

Bollywood writer highlights conference on Indian cinema

The New India Forum and the journal *South Asian Popular Culture* will host



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“The 1970s and its Legacies: A Workshop on India’s Cinemas” from April 14-16 in Alter Hall. The international conference will explore the portrayal of India in 1970s film and the legacy of that decade on Indian popular culture. The 1970s were a turning point in India.

The global oil crisis, the wars with China and Pakistan, and the Bangladesh War of 1971 augured a difficult start to the decade. By the time Indira Gandhi announced the country ungovernable and declared a state of Emergency on June 26, 1975, it was evident that Indian democracy had reached a nadir. However, during this period of political turmoil, labor unrest, crippling shortages, and profound civic despair, India’s cinemas saw a renaissance.

Prominent Bollywood writer Javed Akhtar will present the keynote address. Akhtar is known for writing the scripts of virtually all the blockbuster Hindi films of the 1970s as well as for many popular lyrics of the time. He has won the National Award, India’s most prestigious film award, five times. He will speak on April 14, 5-7 p.m. in the Alter Hall Auditorium.

For more information, contact Priya Joshi, pjoshi@temple.edu.

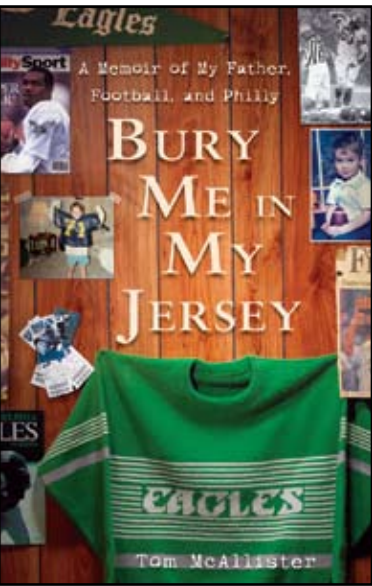
Interdisciplinary symposium explores urban ecologies

Several Temple departments are collaborating to offer a unique interdisciplinary symposium on April 7-8, 2011 at the Kiva Auditorium.

Titled “GRID + Flow: Philadelphia and Beyond: Mapping and Reimagining Urban Ecologies through the Arts and Humanities,” the gathering will highlight the emerging interdisciplinary current events in environmental history, ecocriticism, cultural geography, environmental media studies and environmental ethics.

Timothy Morton, professor of English, University of California, Davis, will deliver the keynote address, “Ecology and Philosophy in the Time of Hyperobjects.” Other activities will include a preview exhibition of a video series of walks performed by Temple Film and Media Arts Professor Peter d’Agostino along the world’s rivers, including the Delaware, Mississippi, Sacramento and Nile. In addition, a full day of presentations will examine how urban life intersects with and affects local ecology.

For more information, contact Alan C. Braddock at braddock@temple.edu or 215-777-9737.



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Tom McAllister, author of a new memoir (above) that explores intense bonds created through sports, will speak on April 14.

“A View from the Bridge” opening at Randall Theater

The Department of Theater presents Arthur Miller’s *A View from the Bridge*, for 12 performances, opening April 15 at the Randall Theater.

Set in an Italian-American neighborhood in 1950s Brooklyn, *View* tells the story of Eddie Carbone, whose life is upended by the arrival of immigrant relatives seeking the American dream.

For tickets, visit www.brownpaper tickets.com/event/125621.