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**Justice for All**

Sheller Family Foundation’s $1.5 million gift to Temple Law will establish social justice center

STEFAN AND SANDRA SHELLER, who have spent their respective careers in law and behavioral health treatment advocating for the poor, powerless and those experiencing injustice, have made a $1.5 million gift to establish a new center to further that cause at the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

The Stephen and Sandra Sheller Center for Social Justice will partner with non-profit groups and city agencies to identify and address urgent social justice needs in the city and region. Set to open this spring in Temple’s Howard Gittis Student Center, the new center will build on Temple Law’s 50-year tradition of offering legal assistance to those in need, while providing hands-on learning experience for law students.

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**Hai-Lung Dai wins permanent post as Temple provost**

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Temple President Neil D. Theobald announced last week that Hai-Lung Dai has been appointed provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, effective immediately.

"Hai-Lung was the enthusiastic choice of the search committee, which was impressed by his vision, impeccable academic credentials and his collaborative work style," Theobald said in announcing the appointment. "In the months Hai-Lung has been interim provost, he has earned the trust of his colleagues across the university and worked tirelessly to improve the academic environment for our students. "Hai-Lung combines the best traits of a dedicated researcher, an accomplished dean and effective administrator: His broad experience in teaching, research and education makes him an outstanding choice to be provost, and I am confident that he will be an outstanding contributor to the university leadership team."

Dai said he was honored by the opportunity to serve as Temple’s Provost.

"Temple has made great strides recently in improving education quality and service to students, strengthening the faculty and enhancing campus facilities," said Dai. "President Theobald’s arrival has brought a new vision and enthusiasm for Temple to achieve at an even higher level of excellence."

"There are both exciting and challenging times at Temple. I am honored by President Theobald’s entrusting in me this great responsibility, and I look forward to working with faculty and my colleagues to accomplish Temple’s mission in education and research,” said Dai.

"This is the latest in a series of new responsibilities for Dai since he arrived at Temple in 2007 to become dean of the College of Science and Technology (CST), Laura H. Carnell Professor of Chemistry and then also the senior vice provost for international affairs. Just five years later, he was appointed interim provost by Acting President Richard M. Englert. Dai’s tenure as CST dean was characterized by a major influx of world-renowned faculty; a near tripling of research funding, new cutting-edge instruments; improved facilities, including a new research and education building; and transformative changes to education and services for students. New educational initiatives included revised curricula, research opportunities for undergraduates, a research-focused financial aid program, student career services and the establishment of the TUbach program — a fundamentally new approach to educating high school math and science teachers.

As senior vice provost for international affairs, Dai oversaw Education Abroad, which manages study trips to 50 countries and 30 states, and directed initiatives at eight Fulbright Commission countries. Dai was also instrumental in attracting the largest-ever faculty sabbatical program at Temple.

Dai’s tenure as provost has been marked by his efforts to improve and maintain quality and service to students, enhancing education and research, and improving student experience and safety.

In a Feb. 5 announcement of level funding for state and state-related universities, including Temple. In return, Temple President Neil D. Theobald and other public university leaders said they would work to keep tuition increases as low as possible.

"We are working together to make a higher education in Pennsylvania both excellent and affordable," Corbett said during a Feb. 1 news conference. "Our commitment allows schools to plan their budgets for the coming year and make the best use of their resources."

The current year’s Commonwealth appropriation for Temple was $139.6 million and would not change for the coming year under the governor's proposal.

The governor officially put forth his funding proposal for higher education as part of his Feb. 5 budget address to the state general Assembly, with President Theobald and representatives of other Pennsylvania higher educational institutions in attendance.

Keeping the commonwealth appropriation at a steady level was good news for Temple students, said President Theobald.

"(The) announcement of an affordability partnership between the commonwealth and its universities is welcome news for students and their families who are struggling to balance the burden of student loan debt with the need to earn the college degrees that are so essential to better career opportunities in the 21st century," the president said.

Theobald explained that Temple is focused on ensuring that it maximizes the return on both student tuition investment and their college experience.

The university will redouble its efforts to help students limit their debt.

"This will require the university to..."
Three appointed to Temple Board of Trustees

Three trustees were appointed to the Temple University Board of Trustees at its most recent meeting in December.

New to the board is Leon O. "Lonnie" Moulder Jr., co-founder and CEO of TESSARO, Inc. a privately held, oncology-focused biopharmaceutical company in Wallingford, Mass. Moulder earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Temple in 1980 and has a master of business administration degree from the University of Chicago. His appointment is effective through 2016.

In 2008, Moulder and his wife, Sharon (also a 1980 pharmacy graduate), made a generous gift to establish the Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research at the School of Pharmacy.

Returning for new terms on the board are Bret S. Perkins and Joseph W. "Chig" Marshall III. Both are commonwealth appointees.

Perkins is vice president of external and governmental affairs for Comcast in Philadelphia. In 1991, Perkins earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Temple and later served on the trustees as president of the Alumni Association. His appointment as a trustee continues through Oct. 1, 2016.

Marshall is the former chairman and CEO of Temple University Health System and has served as a trustee at the President's Citizens Medals

Patience Lehman, national director of Temple's Project SHINE (Students Helping in the Restoration of Elders), has been selected from among 600 public nominations to receive the President's Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor given for voluntary services to the country and fellow citizens.

President Obama will welcome recipients to the White House for a Feb. 15 ceremony to recognize their efforts in serving their communities and inspiring others to do the same.

SHINE partners with 18 institutions of higher learning, community-based organizations and county and city governments across the country. The program engages college students and community members to provide English language and health education and citizenship and core participation lessons to immigrant communities.

Lehman also mentors inner-city high school students, provides free meals to low-income children in the summer, and serves as an election official. She holds three Temple master's degrees.

GSR intern dean honored by Trinity College at Cambridge

College of Science and Technology Interim Dean Michael Klein has been elected as an honorary fellow of Trinity College, a college of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

Founded in 1546 by England's King Henry VIII, Trinity is a college of mathematicians and scientists. Among its alumni are 31 Nobel laureates, five recipients of the Fields Medal for mathematical research and the late Sir Isaac Newton, James Maxwell, Ernest Rutherford and Niels Bohr.

Klein joins an exclusive group of less than 30 honorary fellows of Trinity, who are generally elected based on having attained a distinction in academic or public life.

The group includes Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh; Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales; and most recently, mathematician Andrew Wiles, who is noted for proving Fermat's Last Theorem.

Although Klein is not an alumnus of Trinity College, he does have connections to Cambridge and the college. In the early 1980s, while working for the National Research Council of Canada, he was invited to visit Cambridge University and, later in 1985, he was again invited to Trinity College to deliver a plenary lecture.

Klein is also a part of the University of Cambridge.

In the past decade, Klein has twice served on international review panels of chemistry and chemistry research in his native United Kingdom — both involving the University of Cambridge.

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"The law school is always seeking creative solutions to address the ways in which we fall short of the promise of justice for all," said Temple Law Dean JoAnne Epps. "The Stephen and Sandra Sheller Center for Social Justice will help us realize this goal. It's recognition of the historic mission of Temple and our abiding commitment to assist the community around us as we educate our students."

"Temple is the perfect place for this," said Stephen Sheller. "If we can affect the way justice happens, we can impact, on a large scale, a lot of lives for the better."

In more than four decades as a leading national litigator, Sheller's causes have ranged from civil rights, to voter registration, to protecting consumer and environmental law, to advocacy for the homeless and those in need.

"I have seen that a lot of struggling communities and individuals have risen up and made meaningful change in the community," said Epps.

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To continue to meet the needs of the community, whether they be in civil liberties, the environment, consumer protection or disabilities rights, a board of directors comprising legal experts and community leaders to be organized this summer will meet with non-profit agencies and community leaders. The board will identify those that are most urgent and support area residents who lack access to adequate legal representation.

The center will be a think tank where participating law students and faculty focus on issues related to social justice, with specialties and practitioners in the field to provide the required training.

Temple President Neil Theobald, third from right, joins students for dinner in Louis J. Esposito Dining Center in Johnson and Hardwick Residence Complex on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The event was part of a series of meetings in which participating law students and faculty focused on issues related to social justice, with specialties and practitioners in the field to provide the required training.
Student investors make big gains in transition to real funds

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The simulations are over. There’s nothing virtual about it. The term “shadow fund” no longer applies. William C. Dunkelman, Owl Fund is now, in a word, real.

That’s because the students who manage the Owl Fund — a hands-on approach to investment education at the Fox School of Business — have shifted from conducting mock trades to actual transactions. The Owl Fund is a separately managed part of the Temple University endowment in the name of Dunkelman, a former Fox School dean. The Investment Committee of Temple’s Board of Trustees approved the transition to real money, which represents contributions specifically raised for the Owl Fund.

In the first run, students began investing approximately $120,000 of the nearly $175,000 in donations the fund has been able to secure. Last semester, Owl Fund managers made 14 recommendations for investments, approving nine stock purchases and rejecting five. The inaugural buy: Energizer. Six of their holdings have earned gains since last fall, and the fund will support a scholarship in real estate and finance named in honor of Jay Lanston, the longtime director of Temple’s Real Estate Institute. Faculty directors of the Owl Fund have sole authority for trade tickets and are the ones who contact UBS, a global wealth management, investment banking and asset management firm, for buy or sell orders.

The shift from a virtual to a real portfolio has come with a host of related changes, including adjusting Owl Fund involvement in one-credit independent studies to a six-credit, two-course sequence in the Department of Finance that starts the spring semester of junior year and finishes with a writing-intensive course the fall of senior year. In addition, more advanced protocols are in place for researching and recommending purchases, voting to approve or deny (must be two-thirds majority of lead analysts) and overseeing transactions. The Owl Fund appointed its first director of compliance, an accounting major, who ensures transactions are in accordance with the fund’s investment policy and aren’t compromised, for example, by a student’s personal holdings. The director of portfolio analysis then determines the timing of trades and monitors overall performance. Money is invested across six sectors (such as technology, health care and energy/utilities, a seventh sector is cash), and economics majors work with lead analysts to provide overall market trends to ensure cohesive recommendations across sectors.

“We are running this exactly as the corporate world runs it,” said finance Professor Jonathan A. Scott, academic director of the Fox Honors program and managing director of the Owl Fund. The Fox School hired Cynthia Anghel, a chartered financial analyst, as an assistant professor of finance, director of the Owl Fund and the lead professor for Owl Fund Seminar I and II. Anghel joins Fox with 25 years of professional experience as a senior securities analyst and portfolio manager.

“The Owl Fund is now a money management firm with real-time buy and sell decisions, and provides critical fundamental stock analysis,” Anghel said.

Chief Investment Officer Jordan Moss, a finance major from Los Angeles, said he’s seen more discipline and a more serious attitude from students. “People are here because they think is interesting about this exhibit is that there is something you might see on any given day — but it makes you think about them and view them differently. In the Ambler Campus Greenhouse, horticulture staff have been working since August to help select the plant palette for the exhibit and ensure the plants and trees are ready for the big show. “We are growing more than 100 different types of plants — hundreds of individual plants and trees,” said Brennan, who has worked closely with staff horticulturists Kathryn Reber and Merrill Miller to develop a unique flocking schedule for each species. Temple University Ambler is one of only a handful of exhibitors that forces its own plants for their exhibits.

“We have to essentially simulate a winter cycle and spring cycle for many of the plants, particularly the trees — some of which are more than 13-feet tall — or they will not grow,” Brennan said. “I think one thing that Temple always tries to do is use native plants as much as possible. All but a few of the 100 different kinds of plants we are growing are appropriate for people to use in their own Philadelphia-area gardens.”
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abroad and Temple's overseas campuses in Tokyo and Rome; International Programs, which facilitates and manages partnerships with foreign institutions and collaborative educational programs; International Students and Scholars Services, and International Student Recruiting and Admission. Under Dai's leadership, Temple created new dual bachelor's/master's degree and collaborative bachelor's degree programs for international students at China, India and South Korea, and established a liaison office in Beijing to coordinate collaborative programs and student recruiting. He also led the expansion of Temple's partnerships around the world, including a number of international students and raised awareness of globalization as a core component of Temple's mission.

Dai's research in molecular and surface sciences, currently supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the National Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society, has also resulted in 24 journal articles, 36 book chapters, 90 conference papers, 160 articles, edited two books and five journal volumes and delivered more than 50 lectures and seminars at international and national meetings, research institutions and universities. He has received numerous honors, including a Dreyfus Foundation Pre-doctoral Scholar Award, a Sloan Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Humboldt Fellow from Germany, the Coblenz Award in Surface Science, the Ellis Lippincott Award for Spectroscopy of the Optical Society of America, the Langmuir Lecturer Award in Colloid and Surface Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, the American Chemical Society Philadelphia Section Award, the American Chemical Society Award from the Institute of Chinese Engineers in the U.S. and Australia, and a Visiting Scholar from China, Japan and the U.S.

Dai is a fellow of the American Chemical Society, the American Physical Society (APS) and serves as the chair of the APS Chemical Physics Division.

In addition to a gubernatorial appointment on the Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Dai has served in several government agencies, professional societies, universities and research institutions in the United States as well as abroad. He is the former conductor of Philadelphia’s Chinese Musical Voices Choir and has conducted several orchestral concerts in Philadelphia.

A graduate of National Taiwan University, Dai holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley and was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. In 1984 he joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and became chair of the chemistry department, founding director of the Penn Science Teacher Institute and the Hirschmann-Makineni Professor of Chemistry.

**Temple faculty featured on acclaimed public radio program**

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It's been just six weeks since the start of the new year and already seven Temple faculty members have featured guests on "Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane." The pre-eminent Philadelphia-produced radio talk show features local politicians, academics and artists as it features the figures of national and international prominence. Hosted by Moss-Coane (CLA ’73), the two-hour program airs live every week on WHYY-FM at 10 a.m. and re-broadcasts on WYMD.

On Jan. 22, Jimmy Hilty talked with a panel of guests about President Obama's inauguration and what we can expect from his second term. Hilty, professor emeritus of history, is a nationally recognized expert on the history of American politics and the presidency.

On Jan. 25, Mark Salzer joined "Radio Times" to discuss new proposals for mental health legislation in wake of the Newtown school massacre. Salzer is chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and director of the Temple University Collaborative on Community Integration for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities.

On Jan. 28, Beth Bailey discussed the significance of the announcement certificate for executive MBA, from the University of Ghana Business School featured stories from U.S. and Ghana. President Barack Obama and Ghana’s distinction of hosting the first cohort of Peace Corps volunteers in 1961. Agyekum, who emphasized Ghana’s contributions to the creative process behind the GRAMMY-nominated "Music of Ansel Adams: America," stroked, take a proponent for the arts and the dean of the Center for the Arts, served as executive producer for the program in College of Music and Dance recording.

On Jan. 29, Jan Ting and Peter Spirs, professors in Temple’s Beasley School of Law, were interviewed on the subject of comprehensive immigration reform. Ting served as assistant commissioner at the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U.S. Department of Justice and Spirs specializes in international and immigration law and is the author of Beyond Citizenship: American Identity.

On Feb. 11, Lori Tharps, assistant professor of political science Christopher Weiten discussed the presidential campaign and his new book, "The Timeline of Presidential Elections: How Campaigns Do (and Don’t) Matter." Robert Kolodny, associate professor of political science, examined the money and the ads in the 2012 presidential campaign. And Gary Foster, professor of medicine and public health and director of the Center for Obesity Research and Education (CORE), reviewed some good news in the fight against childhood obesity.

Looking ahead, Heather Ann Thompson, associate professor in the Department of History and the Department of African American Studies, has been invited to join the show for a discussion of the causes and consequences of the high rates of incarceration in the U.S.

**At Fox, President Theobald welcomes ambassador and MBAs from Ghana**

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Emphasizing Temple University’s commitment to academic and economic partnerships abroad, President Neil D. Theobald addressed 75 MBA students visiting the Fox School of Business from Ghana earlier this month.

“Collaborations such as this between Temple and the University, two pre-eminent universities that share a mission of international education and research, are central to creating stronger bonds between our nations of economic opportunity for our citizens and strength, friendships and across borders,” Theobald said.

Temple has formal agreements with 11 universities across the Saharan Africa Chamber of Commerce; a Certificate Program for executive MBAs; and Ghana’s distinction of hosting the first cohort of Peace Corps volunteers in 1961. Agyekum, who emphasized Ghana’s contributions to the creative process behind the GRAMMY-nominated "Music of Ansel Adams: America," stroked, take a proponent for the arts and the dean of the Center for the Arts, served as executive producer for the program in College of Music and Dance recording.

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Drug discovery proof-of-concept grants lead to patents

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An innovative funding model designed to encourage interdepartmental collaboration with the Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research in Temple’s School of Pharmacy is already showing results.

As part of the expansion of the Moulder Center into the university, a competitive process for awarding two-year, $100,000 Drug Discovery Research Grants was established by the Provost’s Office to support undergraduates.

These proof-of-concept grants allow researchers across the university to generate any type of data that can be used in applying for government, private or industry funding.

The grants are having a positive impact on the university’s intellectual property portfolios. From the first three awarded by the Moulder Center in March 2011, three drugrelated patent applications have been filed by Temple’s Office of Technology Development and Commercialization.

With this grant program, the Moulder Center is helping to address the ‘valley of death’ when it comes to innovation, and that is initial, critical funding for proving proof of concept,” said Stephen G. Nappi, associate provost for technology development and commercialization. “But it is also allowing researchers to move along two parallel paths: establishing patents that attract additional funding, but also building a strong intellectual property portfolio to show the university’s commercial commitment.”

Salma Merali, associate professor of pharmacology in Temple’s School of Medicine, believes that without the Moulder Center DDI grants, “we wouldn’t have been able to reach the point where our projects were commercially attractive and patentable.”

Andrade and Wolf, who were the principal investigators of the DDI grants, are also providing a model for other institutions.

“The kind of drug discovery research being conducted in this laboratory can attract significant funding,” said Andrade.

Urban Studies Associate Professor Jeremy Mennis.

Mennis about partnering to explore the effects of vegetation on crime in Philadelphia as a whole.

After establishing controls for other key socioeconomic factors related to crime, such as poverty, educational attainment, and population density, their study found that wellmaintained vegetation lowered the rates of certain types of crime, such as aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, and assault in urban neighborhoods.

“There is a longstanding principle, particularly in urban planning, that you don’t have a high level of vegetation, as it was believed abetted industry and disregard of the criminal activity or allowing the criminal to escape,” said Mennis. “Wellmaintained greenery, however, can have a suppressive effect on crime.

The study examined the idea that viewing or being within a natural setting has a mentally restorative or calming effect and suppresses precursor to decreased motivation and performance.”

Mennis and Wolfe both said that the DDI grants gave them access to research resources that they otherwise would not have been able to access experience.

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Exhibit of Indian miniature paintings represents 12 years of collaboration

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It started out as a short trip to India in the summer of 2001 by a few of Jasuprasad Jhala’s students to help out in the reconstruction of the town in the aftermath of a major earthquake. But not only did it turn into a full-fledged interest in Indian visual culture, the endeavor also led to a unique exhibit of contemporary Indian miniature paintings. Jhala, a Philadelphia-based real estate agent interested in historic architecture, said today “Filming 24 hours a day, there is certainly enough footage to make anything happen,” said Reid Rosenthal, and there are writers deciding what they want to happen, “ said Reid Rosenthal, a Philadelphia-based real estate agent interested in historic architecture, said today. “Filming 24 hours a day, there is certainly enough footage to make anything happen, “ said Reid Rosenthal, a Philadelphia-based real estate agent involved with the re-creation of a tradition that has been completed, although only about 15 are shown in the CHAT exhibit. Co-curator Amabile Rodrigues, a graduate fellow in anthropology at Temple, is working on plans to show the exhibit at other institutions around the country. According to Jhala, plans also are in the works to develop a book or catalogue of the paintings to document the images and the process. For Grumbkow, the project has been about expanding horizons. “For me the project has been much more than an academic one,” he said. “It has been about immersing myself in the past, learning to be a cultural mediator, dedicating my self to a subject and building enduring friendships.”

Reality TV stars kick off law week at Fox

By Kyra Mazurek
For the Temple Times

Five reality TV personalities, all with ties to the Philadelphia region, addressed approximately 150 Temple students Jan. 28 for a discussion on legal aspects of reality programming as part of the Fox School of Business Legal Studies Department’s Law Week.

Jon Gosselin shared the story of how his experience quadrupled sales in his New Castle, Del. bakery. “Filming 24 hours a day, there is certainly enough footage to make anything happen,” said Reid Rosenthal, a Philadelphia-based real estate agent involved with the re-creation of a tradition that has been completed, although only about 15 are shown in the CHAT exhibit. Co-curator Amabile Rodrigues, a graduate fellow in anthropology at Temple, is working on plans to show the exhibit at other institutions around the country. According to Jhala, plans also are in the works to develop a book or catalogue of the paintings to document the images and the process. For Grumbkow, the project has been about expanding horizons. “For me the project has been much more than an academic one,” he said. “It has been about immersing myself in the past, learning to be a cultural mediator, dedicating my self to a subject and building enduring friendships.”

Athletics honors Temple community members

By Laura Konkoly
For the Temple Times

The Temple University Athletics Department continued to recognize members of the Temple community during recent men’s and women’s basketball games.

During the Jan. 16 women’s basketball game against Virginia Commonwealth University, Amy Shapiro was honored for her deep commitment to public interest law and the betterment of our society. A professor in the Beasley School of Law, Shapiro specializes in environmental and property law. Angelika Dimoska, an associate professor with a dual appointment in the Fox School of Business and the College of Engineering, was honored at the Jan. 19 men’s basketball game against St. Bonaventure. Dimoska is the director of the Center for Neural Decision Making, which uses brain imaging and physiological measures in combination with traditional behavioral measures to develop models on how humans make decisions.

At the men’s basketball game against Penn on Jan. 22, Lt. Col. James Castelli, professor of military science, was honored for his achievements. Shapiro, who serves as senate president, is a professor of educational leadership in the College of Education and co-director of the international Democratic Ethical Educational Leadership Community Network. Shapiro was named Routledge Education’s Co-Author of the Month in January for the publication of the second edition of her ethics book.

Rahdert is vice president of the Faculty Senate and a member of the Beasley School of Law faculty, where he teaches constitutional law, comparative constitutional law and torts. An award-winning author of two books and dozens of scholarly articles on a wide range of subjects, he is a frequent public speaker and panelist both nationally and internationally.

During the Feb 6 game against Charlotte, four members of the Kornberg School of Dentistry were honored. Maria Fornatora, assistant dean for academic affairs, was recognized for her excellence in teaching and commitment to academic development of dental students. Belinda Brown-Joseph, an alumnus of Kornberg and director of the postgraduate periodic clinic, was honored for her success in improving the quality of education of residents. Professor Gene Whitaker was honored for his service through volunteerism. And Professor Robert Miller was recognized for his commitment to education focusing on patient care in oral maxillo-facial surgery.

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Cycling advocate shares stories from cross-country journey

By Laura Kuzer
For the Temple Times

Biking has become a popular sport among members of the Temple community. The number of students, faculty, and staff who commute to campus or participate in bike Temple events has risen steadily each semester. But for Glenn Eck, grounds superintendent in Temple’s Office of Facilities Management, simply commuting regularly to Main Campus from his home in Ambler wasn’t enough. In Dec. 16, 2012 through Jan. 14, 2013, Eck undertook a similar biking trip. “I found that if one rode day in and day out, you could build a capacity that you’d never have.”

“People have come into my office, and they find it hard to believe — and I believe it myself — that I rode the whole stretch of the Continental Divide,” Eck said. “That’s what you can do when you put your mind to it. I look at it as a strategy: If you find something you enjoy — and you put it on par with the Grand Canyon. That was my part of it.”

— Courtesy Glenn Eck

Spotlight shines brightly on the Al of Owls

By Kami Mattison
For Owlsports.com

Over the course of 60 years — throughout 60 seasons — there are, without a doubt, countless memories that filter through Al Shrier’s memory.

At times, it may be hard to remember all of the poignant moments that colored his experiences at Temple, due to the sheer volume of capacity they demand.

But Temple’s Jan. 23 basketball matchup with Penn was different. That night there was just one.

“People always ask me, ‘how can you be here for 60 years?’ I don’t know. It’s amazing how time flies, but it’s people,” Shrier said, addressing the crowd of supporters before the game. “There’s so many of you, and I’m so thankful.”

“Al Shrier loves Temple and Temple loves Al Shrier,” said Broad Street and the Liacouras Center. It’s hard not to feel overwhelmed by the amount of Temple — and Philadelphia — history that surrounds you. Bobbleheads and media guides gather dust on dozens of shelves, while trophies and awards glitter in between them, refracting the fluorescent lights above.

“People live and breathe Temple University and span so much of its history,” said Senior Associate Director of Athletic Communications Larry Dougherty. “That history seeps from every pore, accessible and available to any and all who express interest.”

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**Student-produced collaboration takes on domestic violence myths**

By Laura Kuserk

For the Temple Times

This semester, the Center for the Arts at Temple will unveil its second student-created production, “Chaotic Silence.”

Part of Alpha Pi Omegi’s Backstage season, “Chaotic Silence” is an original play performed, directed, produced and created by students in the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the Division of Theater, Film and Media Arts.

The cast includes four dancers, three actors, three singers, a band and five instrumentalists and a dance captain.

“The performers come from all kinds of different backgrounds; we have dance majors, theater majors, vocal performance majors, film majors and even people who specialize in opera,” said co-director and choreographer Laura Boyer, a senior. “It’s so important for students to work together, instead of competing between departments.”

Beyond promoting collaboration among disciplines, the play tackles the issue of domestic violence and how abusive behavior can be passed down through generations. The storyline focuses on two generations — a boy and his girlfriend and the boy’s parents — and seeks to explain why people stay in destructive relationships even when they are being hurt.

“As directors we sometimes think that we are invincible, but then someone close to us has something terrible happen and we realize that the statistics affect us too,” said Boyer.

“One of the three college-age women will undergo a rape or attempted rape. To me, that is horrible, disgusting and absolutely unacceptable. This is our way, as artists, to deal with a timely and relevant issue.”

Sophomores Stephanie Iozzia and Sarah McWilliams agree that although the play is dealing with a tough subject, it was important to them to be part of the production.

“Domestic abuse is so common in college,” said Iozzia, one of the show’s three actors. “It is very important that we explore this theme and get its message out to the Temple community.”

Iozzia and McWilliams said that they were not aware of the show’s subject matter when they auditioned. Boyer and fellow director William Padilla wanted to allow the cast freedom to create their own characters and plots.

“The directors created a structure, but it can be, and has been changed,” said McWilliams, a dance major who plays the girlfriend dealing with her abusive boyfriend. “Nothing is set in stone. Each rehearsal, there is a new plot to work on.”

“It would be much easier to hand the actors a script and just go from there,” said Boyer. “It’s scary to not know where each rehearsal may end. But to me, as an artist, the projects that are the most difficult and that scare us are the ones we must take on.”

“Chaotic Silence” shows March 2 at 9 p.m. and March 3 at 2 p.m. in the Tomlinson Theater rehearsal hall, room 102. Theatre faculty John Heyer and Maggie Anderson served as advisors to the production team.