

Scholarship Established

The Arthur F. Loeben Scholarship is the first scholarship created specifically for the CRP Program.



8 Unique Partnership

Alumni are helping shape and transform environments at Olin.



12 June Homecoming

June 6, 2004
1:00 to 5:00 P.M.



Plant SALE

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Plant Sale on April 17 and 22.



14

THE RAMBLER

Temple University
AMBLER

SPRING 2004

The Rambler is a publication for Alumni & Friends of Temple University Ambler.

Strategic Plan Charts Course for the Future

A strategic plan provides a roadmap for the future of an organization. Last year, the faculty, staff, and students of Temple University Ambler worked diligently on strategic planning to map out the future of Temple University Ambler College and the Ambler campus. Together they drafted the following vision and mission statements to guide activities and decisions for the next five years.

VISION STATEMENT

“Temple University Ambler, a respected innovator in research and education in social, economic, and environmental studies, provides high-quality academic and community service programs that meet the needs of the region. We will promote responsible citizenry through curricular and extracurricular activities and provide a rewarding life experience for students of all ages.”

MISSION STATEMENT

“Temple University Ambler offers a distinctive array of undergraduate, graduate, and non-credit programs for commuter and residential students alike. In doing so, we provide close student-faculty interaction, integrated academic and student services, and unique leadership and service-learning opportunities for our diverse student population. Building upon a rich campus history, the Ambler College cultivates distinctive classroom and research programs with an emphasis on connecting the classroom to the

community and the environment. Our arboretum setting offers unique study, research, and recreational opportunities for students, faculty, and the community in a relaxed, small-college atmosphere.”

Along with these statements, the committee identified three core values to guide the campus in pursuit of this vision. They are: student-centered learning, community engagement, and respect for the environment. The goal is to weave these values into the curricula of many programs and the extra-curricular activities of students on the campus.

While there are students from many Temple majors on campus, the plan sets a goal of endeavoring to expose them all to the Ambler core values in new ways each year. As freshmen, for example, they may be encouraged to participate in a seminar course that includes reading and writing assignments focusing on the core values. Later, as sophomores or juniors, Ambler students may be encouraged to use their skills to benefit community organizations through service-learning opportunities. The Temple Column, Ambler’s student newspaper, may focus more on environmental

issues. In these ways, and others yet to be considered, the three core values will connect students across their majors throughout their course of study at Ambler.

The most important concept presented in the strategic plan is the intention of “growing” the campus – not in acreage, but in the number of students, the number of courses offered, and the quality of programs at Temple University Ambler (TUA). Critical to this outcome is the plan to increase the academic reputation and range of academic programs offered. For example, over the next few years, TUA will explore offering several new undergraduate degrees on campus, as well as master’s degrees in landscape architecture and horticulture.

Temple University Ambler is also committed to increasing faculty and student participation and available funding for applied research that will enhance communities throughout the region and the country. The Center for Sustainable Communities is already contributing significantly to this goal through the Pennypack Creek

Continued on page 2

TUA students Chantia Williams and Cherine Morsi, president of the campus Student Government Association.



From the Desk of the

Dean



The role of the Dean is to represent the vision for the College and the campus, to have others believe and buy into that vision, and then to work with others to bring about the desired transformation.

So, I wanted to use this column to share with you my vision for Temple University Ambler and our plans to bring about the transformation we'd like to achieve.

*The cover story of this edition of *The Rambler* outlines the heart of the strategic plan. I'd like to try to make it more real for you by painting a picture. Imagine it is May 2009. You wake up, and over breakfast you open *The Inquirer*. On the cover of the regional section is an article detailing a \$500,000 grant awarded to Temple University Ambler from the Environmental Protection Agency for a three-year study documenting best practices in urban forestry, several of which were developed by researchers on the faculty of Ambler College. The grant, you read, includes funding for graduate students in horticulture to serve as research assistants, and for additional equipment for the state-of-the-art horticulture research lab on campus.*

Later that morning, you go to lunch at the Irish Pub in Ambler and you overhear some people at the next table talking about their children who have recently made their college decisions. One gentleman says his daughter is planning to major in English, but is also really interested in the environment and is planning to apply to Temple University Ambler because she knows that Ambler weaves in environmental issues across the curriculum and has a well-respected community service program in which students work on community environmental projects.

That afternoon, you attend the Ambler commencement ceremony in the formal perennial gardens. More than 500 students participate, including those receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees from a broad range of majors. You hear a speech from the Dean about the quality of the graduating classes. You hear from a graduating landscape architecture student who will pursue her master's degree at Ambler and who, more than anything else, values the sense of community on campus, including hours spent with friends of all majors and class years at the coffee shop in the lobby of the Learning Center and weekend strolls along walking trails into the town of Ambler for a movie and coffee.

That's the kind of day I hope you'll have five years from now that will demonstrate, beyond a doubt, the successful attainment of our vision for Temple University Ambler.

With your help, we'll plan strategies, map out actions, and go to work to make this vision a reality. Please send me your ideas for helping to achieve our vision. Send an e-mail to my attention at ambler@temple.edu.

– Sophia Wisniewska, Ph.D., Dean

Strategic Plan Charts Course for the Future

continued from page 1

Watershed Study and a project assisting Milford Township in Bucks County with its community planning initiatives. (See page 6.) The addition of a new horticulture laboratory will further the ability of faculty to engage in water quality research and studies that will support community efforts to safeguard the health of watersheds and green spaces.

From a campus-wide facilities perspective, Temple University Ambler aspires to develop its identity as the “green campus” of

Temple University by promoting environmental awareness within and outside of the classroom; by encouraging service to the community that will aid the environmental health of the region; and by transforming the Ambler campus into an even better demonstration of sustainable concepts and technologies such as green buildings, wind power, solar power, and new gardens that exhibit and teach concepts like green roof technology and the principles of drought tolerance.

Finally, in the strategic plan, TUA pledged to improve the quality of life of students and faculty on the Ambler campus through the development of new gathering spaces, and through improvements to the Arboretum like those described in the Arboretum matching challenge story on page 14.

All of these goals have something important in common. They will all help Temple University Ambler build on its strengths as part of a nationally-respected research University, including the historical association between the campus and the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women, a tradition of hands-on learning, and recently established leadership in the area of promoting sustainable communities. Over the next five years, we will pursue the strategic initiatives that will best enable the Ambler College and campus to become what we have envisioned. The support and involvement of alumni and friends of the campus will make it possible to stay on this road to success.

SEVEN STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Create and promote a strong identity.
2. Strengthen the quality and reputation of academic offerings.
3. Increase capacity for research, creative accomplishments, and fee-for-service opportunities.
4. Improve the quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and the community.
5. Create greater accountability through improved organizational and budgetary structure.
6. Enhance community engagement.
7. Expand development and government relations.

Planning Leader Establishes CRP Scholarship

of the Future

To say that Arthur F. Loeben of Gwynedd Township is a world traveler is akin to saying there is a lot of water in the ocean — it's not wrong, but it doesn't do his travels justice.

From Japan to India, Australia to South America, Loeben has visited 55 countries, several more than once, and walked on almost every continent (Antarctica was just a bit too chilly to visit). Yet even with such wanderlust, Loeben's heart remains locally, as does his dedication to a profession he devoted most of his life to — planning.

In an effort to support future planners, a generous donation of \$42,000 made by Loeben will fund The Arthur F. Loeben Scholarship in Community and Regional Planning for undergraduate students in the Department of Community and Regional Planning (CRP) of Temple University Ambler. It is the first scholarship created specifically for the CRP program, which was established in Fall 2002.

According to Dr. Jeffrey Featherstone, Chair of the Department of Community and Regional Planning and Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University Ambler, this new scholarship is a welcome addition to assist undergraduates interested in "directly impacting their communities."

"There are vacancies everywhere for planners," he said. "Public agencies like county planning commissions want to find

good, knowledgeable people. Private consulting firms are also running into the same difficulties finding qualified professionals."

Plans to offer the master's degree in Community and Regional Planning at Temple University Harrisburg campus in Fall 2004 will help reach "a great deal more potential planners," Loeben said.

"It goes a long way to filling a gap in that part of the state," he said.

"My hope is that this scholarship will help produce professionals who are able to advance and promote sensible planning. We used to have to hire three to four new planners on average every year; we were always recruiting. Often we had to hire 'related professionals' and train them ourselves. It is extremely important for universities to produce good planners who know how to write and speak effectively."

Arthur F. Loeben

Loeben served as the Director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission for 33 years until his retirement in 1995 at the age of 76.

"There were so many significant changes during that time," he said. "We successfully built the Blue Route (Route 476 South of the Mid-County Interchange), which took years of bitter court battles that went all the way up to the Supreme Court."

Loeben said preservation of open space has always been one of his top priorities.

The open space green program in Montgomery County was established during his tenure.

Even in retirement he's treasurer of the Montgomery County Lands Trust and remains

heavily involved with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, which he helped to found.

After meetings with Dr. Featherstone and Temple University Ambler Dean Dr. Sophia Wisniewska during the early planning stages of the Community and Regional Planning program, Loeben said he became very excited about its potential.

"I was there very early in the game and I was happy to see what was coming. I've always been supportive of academics; I started two scholarships in the arts at Montgomery County Community College," he said. "I had a marvelous job and enjoyed it immensely. I'd like to see this generation have that opportunity."

Recipients of the Arthur F. Loeben Scholarship in Community and Regional Planning will be selected by the chair of the department or by a committee appointed by the chair on the basis of academic performance, extra curricular activities, and interest in planning.

Arthur Loeben at his Gwynedd home, which is richly adorned with souvenirs from his travels.



If you are interested in establishing a scholarship for Ambler College students, please contact Kathy Beveridge at 215-283-1306. If you are interested in applying for the Arthur Loeben Scholarship, or have questions regarding the Temple University admissions process, please call the Temple University Ambler Office of Admissions at 215-283-1252.

THE CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

The gift that's "Win-Win" for you and Temple University Ambler

With a gift of as little as \$5,000, you can establish a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) that will create a named endowed fund at Temple University Ambler and link your name with your alma mater in perpetuity. Your gift will not only continue your legacy at Temple University Ambler, but will also:

- Earn up to 11.3% interest on your investment;
- Provide you a fixed, tax-advantaged annuity payment for life; and
- Secure an immediate tax deduction for the remainder value of your gift

Single-Life Annuity		Two-Life Annuity	
Age	Rate	Age	Rate
60	5.7%	60 & 60	5.4%
65	6.0%	65 & 65	5.6%
70	6.5%	70 & 70	5.9%
75	7.1%	75 & 75	6.3%
80	8.0%	80 & 80	6.9%
85	9.5%	85 & 85	7.9%
90+	11.3%	90 & 90	9.3%

For a confidential illustration and further information, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 800-822-6957, 215-204-1775, or jerry.rohrbach@temple.edu. Or visit our web site at plannedgiving.temple.edu.

Pauline Hurley-Kurtz, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture:

In late fall, a journey of more than 12 years culminated for Professor Hurley-Kurtz and other dedicated individuals who turned the idea of an Irish Memorial in Philadelphia into reality.

Several thousand people gathered in November 2003 for the official dedication of the memorial, located at Chestnut and Front streets, which pays tribute to each aspect of An Gorta Mor, or the Great Hunger, that led so many Irish to emigrate to the United States in the 1800s.

For Hurley-Kurtz, who was design landscape architect for the ambitious project, the celebration could be seen as both a beginning and an end.

“The building of the memorial is an ending in one sense, but I think it is a beginning as well, to galvanize other efforts, such as the peace process in Ireland,” she said.

During the dedication ceremony, Hurley-Kurtz was recognized for her efforts by Philadelphia Mayor John Street, who presented her with the Liberty Bell Award.

Dr. James Hilty, Coordinator of History, Temple University Ambler: In March 2004, Dr. Hilty published a piece entitled “2004: An Election for the Ages,” in *USA Today Magazine*, which also published a piece by Dr. Hilty on George W. Bush in October 2003. Dr. Hilty, an authority on the American presidency and the Kennedys in particular, conducted several radio and television interviews during the 40th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He also presented a paper entitled “The Kennedys and Marilyn Monroe: A Study of Contemporary Historical Mythology,” at a conference on the JFK Legacy in November.



Dr. James Hilty

Dr. Lolly Tai, Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture:

Dr. Tai’s article, entitled “Doctoring the Profession,” was published in the November 2003 issue of

Landscape Architecture magazine. The

article explores the fact that PhDs in landscape architecture are on the rise. It details which universities offer these degrees and how this change will affect the way the discipline is taught. It is available online at www.asla.org. Dr. Tai also published “Assessing the Impact of Computer Use on Landscape Architecture Professional Practice: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Design Creativity,” in *Landscape Architecture Journal* in December 2003.

Sinclair Adam, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, and Stephanie Cohen, Director of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler: Temple University Ambler was well represented at the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association’s (PLNA) 2004 Conference, held in February 2004. Adam gave a presentation on “Tissue Culture Finishing” in addition to taking part in panels on “Native Plant Production” and “Invasive Issues.” Cohen gave a lively presentation on “Hot New Perennials” in addition to being a panelist on “Marketing Par Excellence.” During the centennial celebration event, Temple University Ambler alumnus **J. Andrew Sykes AMB ‘88**, of Garret Churchill, Inc., was presented with the prestigious “Green Achiever Award.” The award is presented to someone who is recognized as an upcoming leader within PLNA and the industry.

Dr. Kenneth Kusmer, Professor of History: Dr. Kusmer has finished several smaller writing projects that are an outgrowth of his book *Down and Out, On the Road: The Homeless in American History*. These include an essay in the *Encyclopedia of Social Welfare and*



Associate Professor Pauline Hurley-Kurtz designed the landscape for the Irish Memorial in Philadelphia.

Poverty, and an article, “Private Lives and Public Space: The Homeless and the Working Class during the Industrial Era,” in *Private and Public in American History* (2003). A new project of Dr. Kusmer’s will detail the rise of the “new conservatism” in the U.S. since the 1960s, focusing on the interconnections of politics and culture.

Dr. Harriet Freidenreich, Professor of History: Dr. Freidenreich received a Temple Summer Research Grant to begin working on a new project, a collective biography of Jewish women in academia in the mid-20th century, tentatively entitled *On the Fringes of Academia: Jewish Women as University Faculty*. As a sequel to her recently published book, *Female, Jewish, & Educated: The Lives of Central European University Women* (Indiana U. Press, 2002), she will explore, comparatively, how gender and ethnicity affected the academic careers of Jewish women in North America, Europe, and Israel.

Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Professor of Psychology and co-director of the Temple University Ambler Infant Lab: Dr. Hirsh-Pasek has published a new book, *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards — How our Children REALLY Learn and Why They Need to Play More* with co-author Dr. Roberta Michnick, which argues for the importance of imaginative play and love of learning in early childhood development. The authors explore the key areas of development, such as math, reading, verbal communication, science, self-awareness, and social skills, with an emphasis on the process of learning from a child’s perspective.

LEARNING CENTER

GROUNDBREAKING ANTICIPATED

It is full steam ahead for the first major construction project at Temple University Ambler since Dixon Hall opened its doors in 1983.

According to Saul Katzman, Director of Finance and Operations at Temple University Ambler, groundbreaking for the highly anticipated Learning Center will take place during the spring of 2004.

"We are still planning to have the building available for students and faculty by Fall 2005. There have been no changes to the technology profile of the building and the state-of-the-art features are the same," Katzman said. "There has been a considerable amount of activity that has taken place to select the interior furnishings to ensure this building is a comfortable, attractive location for students to study, attend classes, or meet in groups. That process is nearing completion."

The \$17 million, predominantly state-funded, 72,000-square-foot Learning Center will include "smart" classrooms, fully integrated technology, PC and Mac labs, math, science, and writing centers, a 300-seat auditorium, and other amenities, including wireless Internet.

To follow the progress of the Learning Center, visit the News section of the Temple University Ambler website at www.ambler.temple.edu.

EDINBURGH EXCHANGE BEGINS

Right about now, Temple University Ambler Landscape Architecture seniors Andrew Bosworth and Jesse Forrester have a view that many students might only dream about.

Just outside of the design studio window looms a spectacular view of the majestic Edinburgh Castle, the very heart of medieval Edinburgh, Scotland.

Digital image of the anticipated Learning Center building.

Bosworth and Forrester are the first students to be taking part in an exchange program with the Edinburgh College of Art/Heriot-Watt University, which was approved during the Fall 2003 semester.

"We are so enthusiastic about this program. It is another way for us to give our students an opportunity to broaden their educational experience," said Dr. Lolly Tai, Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture who received her doctorate from Heriot-Watt. "Not only do they have the opportunity to engage in design, they are also able to take lecture and seminar courses at the College of Art."

Bosworth readily shares Dr. Tai's enthusiasm for the program.

"I have been interested in traveling abroad for quite some time, but there were never any opportunities that particularly interested me," he said. "I enjoy golf and am pursuing a career in golf course design, so when the chance came up to study in Scotland — the home of golf — I knew this was the perfect trip for me."

To qualify for the exchange program, junior or senior students in the Landscape Architecture program must retain a 3.0 grade point average. They must submit a portfolio of their work and an essay expressing their interest "and why they feel they would benefit from the experience." Scholarships of \$2,000 to \$3,000 to assist students in the journey overseas were funded by the Charlotte Shepherd Meigs Endowment and the Landscape Architecture and Horticulture Department Development Fund.

It is anticipated that two students from Edinburgh will be spending a semester at the Ambler campus in the near future. For more information on this exchange program, call the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture at 215-283-1292.

AMBLER ESTABLISHES BOARD OF VISITORS

Temple University Ambler College is getting by with a little help from its friends.

In fall 2003, Ambler College took a significant step toward initiating its strategic plan and moving toward a bright future with the first meeting of the Temple University Ambler Board of Visitors.

"The Board will help carry out the mission of Ambler by advising me on matters related to strategic planning, the relevance of new programs, and relationships with professional and community groups," said Temple University Ambler Dean Dr. Sophia T. Wisniewska. "I hope that they will also serve as advocates and ambassadors for the campus, helping us increase awareness of our accomplishments and needs and working with us to advance our fundraising objectives."

Jane Pepper, a Temple University Ambler alumna and president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, is serving at the Board's first chair.

"It's a wonderful group of people whose skills and enthusiasm will be a great asset to Temple Ambler. As an alumna of Ambler, I am delighted to revisit the campus and to hear about all the exciting plans Dean Wisniewska and her colleagues have for the future," Pepper said.

OWLS BEGIN PLAY ON NEW AMBLER FIELDS

The Temple University baseball and softball teams begin play this Spring on their new home fields at the Ambler campus. Baseball head coach Skip Wilson enters the 2004 season just six wins shy of 1,000 career victories. Softball head coach Rocci Pignoli leads a squad that finished second in the Atlantic 10 in 2003. Visit www.owlsports.com for complete schedules and additional team information.

**NEW HORTICULTURE TRACK
IN URBAN FORESTRY**

When contemplating cityscapes, glass, steel, and concrete might readily come to mind. Lush greenery is likely very low on the imagery list.

Urban forestry, a new focus within the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture at Temple University Ambler, could change that perspective.

“As we focus more and more on sustainable community development, that concept generally includes maintaining trees and plants in urban ecosystems such as street trees, parks, and greenways,” said Department Chair Dr. Lolly Tai.

According to Dr. Tai, the presence of the “urban forest” has both environmental and economic benefits for communities. “These benefits include reducing heating and cooling costs for buildings, decreasing water run-off, and air pollution,” she said.

“Urban forestry research is a relatively new field. Studies have shown that trees survive for approximately seven years in an urban environment,” Dr. Tai said. “We’d like to explore the design and development of improved products and practices to foster tree development.”

Temple University Ambler is now conducting a national search for a new member of the Horticulture faculty with relevant expertise in this area.

**PRIORITY NEED: STATE-OF-THE-ART
HORTICULTURE LABORATORY**

Temple University Ambler College is planning a dedicated space for research and laboratory coursework in horticulture, soils, and botany. The funding of this laboratory is a necessary step to attract a stellar research faculty.

Funding of \$100,000 to \$140,000 has been committed by Dr. Kenneth Soprano, Vice President for Research of Temple University, contingent upon receipt of private funding of the same amount. The estimated cost of the laboratory is \$280,000.

In spite of the limitations imposed by dated lab facilities and equipment at Temple University Ambler, there has been significant progress in horticulture research over the past year. Faculty have initiated studies of “extreme perennials” that absorb large quantities of nitrogen from ground water, making them excellent choices for riparian buffers.

According to Department Chair Dr. Lolly Tai, a dedicated horticultural laboratory will enhance faculty research and improve both technology and learning.

CCSC, Students Develop

Smart Growth Plan for Milford Township

Milford Township, Bucks County, is taking a path toward smart growth while providing future planners real-world experience.

Students in the Community and Regional Planning master’s program are hard at work preparing recommendations for a Growth Management Plan for the township. Milford Township Supervisors gave approval to the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University Ambler and the Department of Community and Regional Planning (CRP) for the project prior to the Fall 2003 semester. The \$80,000 project is being funded by a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development grant received by the township.

“The project is a broad-based examination of water and land resources, open space, transportation, stormwater management, sewerage, and impacts of potential future development on township revenues and expenditures,” said Dr. Jeffrey Featherstone, Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities and Chair of the Department of Community and Regional Planning. “One area of special interest is water resource preservation; protection of the Unami Creek and its tributaries. We are researching the entire watershed to some degree.”

The project includes water resource evaluations; Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping and analysis; compilation of ecological and natural resources inventories for the township; a review of zoning ordinances; and impact modeling of alternative development scenarios.

“The students that started the work on this project were part of a required studio course, *Planning Studio 1*, which was offered for the first time in the fall,” Dr. Featherstone said. “They were so interested in what they were doing that we developed *Planning Studio 2*; many of the students wanted to see the project through to completion.”

The studio courses are taught by M. Richard Nalbandian and Dr. Shirley Loveless who, with Dr. Featherstone, have a combined total of about 100 years experience in the planning field.

During the fall semester, CRP graduate students collected key data on status and trends in Milford Township, which will be used for scenario analysis and GIS mapping. The students also developed a five-page survey that was sent to 50 Milford community members to determine their vision for the future of their community.

In October 2003, Dr. Loveless and 10 students presented a status report on the growth management plan to the Milford Township Planning Commission.

“With that data in hand, the real planning began this semester. The main emphasis is on looking at a ‘build out’ scenario — taking the Milford zoning ordinances and assuming full build out of homes and business — and measuring the effect that would have on revenues, expenditures, traffic, emergency services, and several other factors,” Dr. Featherstone said. “The students will develop alternative scenarios that protect walkable communities and environmental resources, such as riparian zones, open space, steep slopes, wetlands, and wooded areas.”

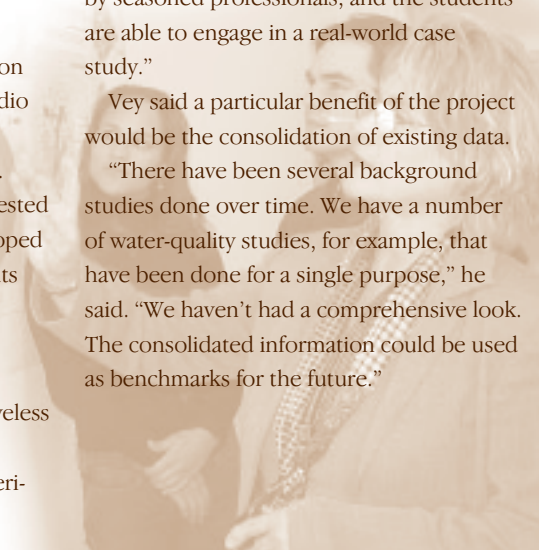
Dr. Featherstone said a series of alternatives will be presented to the township for consideration and a complete growth management plan will be developed by the end of the spring semester.

Milford Township Manager Jeffrey Vey said the opportunity to work with the Center and students in the CRP program was “a fantastic opportunity.”

“The township gets the efforts of the (CRP) graduate students, who are overseen by seasoned professionals, and the students are able to engage in a real-world case study.”

Vey said a particular benefit of the project would be the consolidation of existing data.

“There have been several background studies done over time. We have a number of water-quality studies, for example, that have been done for a single purpose,” he said. “We haven’t had a comprehensive look. The consolidated information could be used as benchmarks for the future.”



Coming Soon: EarthFest 2004

EarthFest 2004 promises to be bigger and better this year.

The Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University Ambler hosted its first-ever EarthFest celebration last April, welcoming an estimated 1,500 people to campus on Earth Day. This year, thanks in large part to a newly formed partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), expectations are for an attendance in the range of 3,000-5,000 people, including mainly students from throughout the greater Philadelphia area.

This free, outdoor, educational festival will once again feature interactive exhibits and demonstrations of programs, products, and services that benefit the

environment and your community, a

Gardeners' Market featuring woody plants and PHS Gold Medal plants, live stage performances (theater, live animals, guest speakers, and music), nature walks, tours of the Landscape Arboretum, and much more.

The main reason for the anticipated growth is the agreement with PHS to relocate their Kids Grow Expo to become part of EarthFest. The Expo was previously a multi-day event held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. A horticultural exhibition by and for school-age

children in the greater Philadelphia region, the Expo creates an awareness of horticulture and the natural environment. A main component of the Expo is the annual Junior Flower Show.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be working with PHS this year to create the premiere Earth Day event in the area," said Mike Schlotterbeck, Director of Marketing and EarthFest Coordinator. "EarthFest was a well-received event last year and we have been overwhelmed by the amount of interest this year, especially from area teachers."

We've already received commitments from four contributing sponsors, including the Ambler College Alumni Association.

For more information regarding EarthFest, contact the Center for Sustainable Communities at 215-283-1540, e-mail earthfest@temple.edu, or visit www.ambler.temple.edu/earthfest.



Two young visitors to EarthFest make their own music from discarded items.

Students from Tyler School of Art move to the beat of a different drum giving an impromptu concert with recycled instruments.



Transportation Angels Help Students Attend EarthFest

You or your organization or business can make a difference in the lives of area school students! Many area schools have expressed interest in attending EarthFest, but have no funding to bus their students to our campus. You or someone you know can provide a wonderful outdoor learning experience to area school students by donating \$150 to be used specifically for transporting students to EarthFest. Become an EarthFest Transportation Angel today! For more information, contact Mike Schlotterbeck at 215-283-1291 or mschlott@temple.edu.

EarthFest

Temple Alumni Find Unique Partnership At Olin

The landscape architecture accomplishments of the Olin Partnership, quite literally, have a globe-spanning reach. From the American Embassy in Berlin, Germany, and the Vila Olimpica in Barcelona, Spain, to projects right in our own backyard such as the Independence National Historic Park and the master plan for the University of Pennsylvania, Olin's award-winning designs have helped shape and transform diverse human environments for decades.

Six Olin employees should feel right at home at their offices in Philadelphia — it's only a half-hour ride from Ambler. With one or two alumni at any given design firm, most people wouldn't bat an eye. Olin, however, has a whole contingent from Ambler that share the company's philosophy of landscape architecture as "artful, compassionate, and timeless."

Sue Weiler, a principal with Olin, was essentially one of the cornerstones of Temple's program when it was being built from the ground up by John Collins, the first chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture. Weiler helped to develop the engineering aspect of the curriculum.

"He recruited myself and a couple of others at the very beginning," she said. "I think what the program at Ambler offers is a very sound curriculum that combines both design and the technical aspects of the profession."

Weiler's projects speak to the very heart of the nation, from Battery Park City— which she watched develop from landfill devoid of any natural features to a thriving 92-acre residential and commercial development in Manhattan — to the Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, to security and restoration work at the Washington Monument.

"I think it's important to have a good undergraduate program in landscape architecture in the Philadelphia area," Weiler said. "I also think it's incumbent upon us as professionals to teach; having a practicing professional in the classroom is very healthy for the students. How are we going to get good landscape architects if we're not willing to teach them?"

Olin doesn't have any need to ask that question — all of the partners teach. In fact many of the Temple alumni at Olin have had

Weiler for a teacher, most recently in a senior design studio in 2003. Josh Leaskey, a recently minted alumnus — May 2003 — was among them.

"I was interviewing with a couple of land development companies in Virginia and was literally days away from moving when I got a call from Sue Weiler. She brought me in for an interview and I ended up staying in Philadelphia," said Leaskey, of West Mount Airy, who is also working on the Battery Park City project and design work for the Museum of Jewish Heritage. "I decided to study at Temple because the landscape architecture program included a design/build course, which is rare, and it had a strong horticulture base to the curriculum. Temple is also a four-year accredited program."

Jean Weston, a 1997 Temple University Ambler alumna from Doylestown, has a certain advantage. Olin's offices overlook one of her primary projects — the Independence Hall National Historic Park.

"I'm the construction administrator for the three blocks of the Independence Mall project. Landscaping isn't just trees and grass; it's fences, and walkways, and benches, and structural issues, and security concerns," she said. "I think if you're going to work in landscape architecture in Philadelphia, Olin is the place to be. With the quality of the projects and the work, it's like a free education — I'm learning every day."

Weston said the co-emphasis in the Temple University Ambler program on both design and horticulture has placed the campus alumni at a definite advantage.

"A lot of programs are just design programs. Someone will put something over in a corner and it'll die in a year and they don't know why because they know nothing about the plant," she said. "Temple also has a very collegial atmosphere whereas some programs are very competitive and students won't share with each other what they are doing. In a field that is, by nature, very collegial, you have to work closely with a team. I think having that experience while still in college is essential."

For Kim Douglas, a 1991 graduate from Temple and a senior landscape designer at Olin, her association with the campus dates back to before there was a four-year program in landscape architecture.

"I had gone to Temple for Landscape Design. When John Collins came in and the Landscape Architecture program got started, I was among the first class to go through," she said. "I also had an art degree and wanted to combine that interest with ecology and the environment — big-picture stuff. The hands-on design/build approach to the program is what truly attracted me."

While working here in Philadelphia, Douglas, who has taught design and planting design at Ambler, has a broad reach where her talents are concerned. She is presently working on an urban planning design for the American Embassy in Berlin, Germany.

"I'm also working on a permanent music festival site overlooking the site of Woodstock in New York," she said. "That's what I like so much about this field and this firm: the diversity."



Josh Leaskey '03,
Kim Douglas '91,
Dan House '94,
Jean Weston '97, and
Chris Hanley '95.

continued from page 8

Chris Hanley, a 1995 Temple University Ambler Landscape Architecture alumnus from Willow Grove, has taken a different path to his career at Olin. He's the firm's computer systems administrator.

"When I entered college, I was interested in environmentally friendly design so landscape architecture was a logical choice. After I graduated, I was working for a small landscape architecture and landscape planning firm and it turned out I was one of the more proficient people in AutoCAD," he said. "I was essentially 'rented' out to other firms for this skill and found that I enjoyed it. I kept my foot in the design world while I pursued my graduate degree in Computer Information Systems."

Hanley said despite his circuitous route to Olin, his background in landscape architecture has served him well.

"It gave me a thorough understanding of design. I understand how a landscape architecture community develops and how it works," he said. "My goal is to help them determine the best way to accomplish a task and give them the right tools to do it."

Dan House, a 1994 graduate, also took a somewhat different path to Olin. Out of high school for five years and working for a landscape contracting firm, "I continued to work full time for nearly the entire time I was at Temple."

"For me, having been out of school for a while and having an idea of what some of the other programs offered, I felt the Temple program gave me a good taste of what it was like in the 'real world,'" said House, who's presently developing a plan for a 3,000-acre ranch in Colorado. "I knew kids out of grad school that had much less of an idea about the working world than our undergrads."

Another student of Sue Weiler (he claims to have called and harassed her just long enough to procure employment), House said Olin was the perfect place for an undergraduate to come and soak up knowledge from the senior designers — like a graduate degree right on the job.

"I'm not really surprised that there are a lot of Temple people here. I think I was the second full-time employee from Temple when I came here — it took a little while for the program to get its name out," he said. "The program is fully accredited now; Temple has made a name for itself in landscape architecture. Most of the partners here have taught at Temple and know what Temple students can do. They've spread the word."

The newest member of the Olin family began work as a landscape designer on March 8 — Brad Thorton, a 2003 Ambler graduate and former president of the LA/Hort Student Association.

"Having Sue (Wieler) as a teacher, the fact that she's a principal of such an exceptional firm and is so talented, was very beneficial," he said. "I think I came into my own at Temple. The diversity of the program enriched my own design philosophy and my understanding of the design process. And I certainly developed all of the graphic and computer skills needed in the profession."

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM PREPARES FOR RE-ACCREDITATION

For the Landscape Architecture program at Temple University Ambler, re-accreditation is often about answering questions and solving puzzles.

Since her arrival on campus in 2002, Dr. Lolly Tai, Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, the faculty and staff have been working toward answering the comments made by a previous accreditation team in 1999.

Hiring a new chair? Check. Facilities issues? Check. Digital technology integration? Check.

"On a day-to-day level, the re-accreditation process has entailed a detailed self-evaluation — what have we been doing to enhance our program and address the needs of our students," said Dr. Tai. "Accreditation is extremely important."

According to Dr. Tai, the detailed self-study is being generated now in preparation for a spring accreditation visit from April 18 to April 21, when a team of three will be given a firsthand look at the landscape architecture program. The self-evaluation includes nine primary components: program and mission objective; governance and administration; professional curriculum; faculty; students; alumni — some of whom will be interviewed as part of the process; practitioners; relationship to the University and community; and facilities, equipment, and information systems.

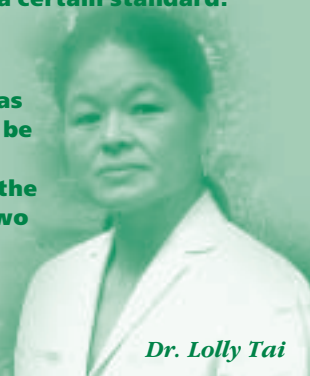
"We wanted to enhance student opportunities, such as adding the Edinburgh (Scotland) study abroad program and increasing participation in the Rome program. We're assessing workloads for full-time faculty and establishing a mentoring process," Dr. Tai said. "We're also seeking to enhance our ability to track alumni and conduct exit interviews."

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), an autonomous arm of the American Society of Landscape Architects, is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the accrediting agency for first-professional baccalaureate and master's degree programs in landscape architecture in the United States.

"The self-evaluation report describes how the program meets the mandated standards and how the University knows it is meeting its own objectives," said Ron Leighton, LAAB manager and Director of Education and Academic Relations for the ASLA. "Each landscape architecture program may have slightly different objectives. Each evaluation is based on institution-specific objectives."

According to Leighton, one of the benefits of accreditation is "it allows a program to be reviewed by an outside group and see that yes, they are meeting a certain standard."

"Many professionals look to hire individuals from accredited programs," he said. "For students, as far as licensure is concerned, it can be very helpful. If they are from an accredited program, they can take the professional licensing exam with two to three years of experience. Without that accreditation, they may be required to have seven to eight years of experience."



Dr. Lolly Tai

Growing Together

Temple University Ambler "Riparian Restoration" Exhibit Garner Awards at the 2004 Philadelphia Flower Show

The hard work of the Temple University Ambler College landscape architecture and horticulture students and faculty was honored once more at the 2004 Philadelphia Flower Show, held March 7 to March 14.

Temple helped mark the 175th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Flower Show with an exhibit entitled "Riparian Restoration." The exhibit won the Special Achievement Award in Conservation from the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. The Garden Club Federation presents awards to "exhibits of unusual excellence" in conservation, education, and horticulture.

This marks the third straight year that the Ambler campus has garnered a major exhibitor award at the Flower Show. The exhibit was additionally honored with a Philadelphia Flower Show Award in the Academic Education category from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

"I think this is a tribute to the dedication of the students. The design this year was directly developed by our students," said Mary Myers, an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture who coordinated this year's exhibit with Assistant Professor of Horticulture Sinclair Adam. "The students came in a week prior to the beginning of the semester and worked right through their spring break, which, I think, says something about their commitment to, and excitement for, this project."

Webster's defines "riparian" as "relating to or located on the bank of a natural

watercourse," such as a river or stream. Temple's exhibit defines "riparian restoration" as essential to our very way of life.

"Every decision we make, every building and design, affects our rivers. Around the world, fresh water, which is crucial for life, is threatened," said Myers. "Many locations, like Philadelphia, depend on rivers for their supply of drinking water. Creeks and streams feed directly into those rivers."

Temple University Ambler's "Riparian Restoration" exhibit visually demonstrated how plants can be used as an excellent, and aesthetic, buffer for water that drains into our essential freshwater resources – from backyard creeks to parkland stream corridors – and how these concepts may be incorporated with environmental protection. In addition to the vibrant display of plant life, the exhibit also incorporated a variety of environmental concepts, such as the use of porous, permeable paving and plantings used specifically for erosion control.

The "natural landscape" of the Riparian Restoration exhibit included more than 650 perennials and 82 woody plants, according to Adam, who coordinated efforts in the Temple University Ambler Greenhouse to ready the plants for the Flower Show. The predominantly herbaceous perennials were nearly 100 percent native to this region.

"In a riparian situation, plants serve a number of roles, from incepting atmospheric moisture to stabilizing stream banks to extracting chemicals," Adam said. "For our students, I think the exhibit is an opportunity to demonstrate how plant arrays go together and see how they can restore a riparian community."

Students working on the exhibit focused on "educating visitors about the importance of protecting water resources and exactly how they can do it, from large scale to small scale," said Lisa Geyelin, a junior in Landscape Architecture whose



design was unanimously chosen by her fellow students as the basis for this year's exhibit.

"We wanted to show them specific applications; what they can do right in their own backyard," she said.

With about 300,000 visitors from all over the world at the week-long Pennsylvania Horticultural Society event, the concepts presented were shared with an extremely diverse audience.

Students in Temple's Community and Regional Planning program were also involved in the exhibit for the first time this year, identifying key water resources that need protecting within the region using advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping technology.

Temple continued its tradition of presenting environmentally focused exhibits at the 175th Philadelphia Flower Show while providing students a hands-on project unlike anything they might otherwise experience.

"I had never personally worked on construction before. With something like this, you're learning how to take something from paper and create it in reality," said Landscape Architecture junior Bria Franklin. "It's a collaborative process that requires teamwork, time management and flexibility. If something doesn't work out initially, you need to take the time to think it through and re-design it."

In 2002 and 2003, Temple took home "Best of Show" awards in the Academic Educational category for exhibits demonstrating the use of green roof technology and the use of graywater, water used for cleaning, which may be recycled and used for watering plants and gardens.



Ambler Alumni Honored in Gallery of Success

On the first floor of Mitten Hall at Temple's Main Campus, the success of Temple alumni is pretty hard to miss — it's right there on the wall for everyone to see.

This year, Jane Pepper, AMB '74 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) president since 1981 and recently appointed chair of the Board of Visitors of Temple University Ambler College, and Rodney Bierhuizen, AMB '02 a Horticulture graduate who established an undergraduate research scholarship for horticulture students, were inducted in Temple University's Gallery of Success.

The Gallery highlights successful alumni/ae for the entire Temple community to honor. Alumni/ae are honored with a photograph and a brief biographical sketch, which are prominently displayed for one year.

JANE PEPPER

A native of Scotland, Jane Pepper never imagined that one day she would supervise the production of a world-renowned flower show, or that under her leadership, the Philadelphia Flower Show would achieve national and international stature.

Ms. Pepper received her Associate of Science degree in Landscape Design from Temple University in 1974 and also holds a B.S. in Plant Design and M.S. in Public Horticulture Administration from the University of Delaware and Longwood Graduate Program. President of PHS since 1981, she oversees the Society's activities and programs, including the award-winning *Green Scene* magazine, a 14,000-volume horticultural library, garden tours, lectures, workshops, and awards programs. The Society's acclaimed neighborhood and public landscape greening program, Philadelphia Green, grew extensively during the past decade and is today the nation's largest such program.

RODNEY BIERHUIZEN

A 2002 graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture, Rodney Bierhuizen has been deeply involved in his family's business, Sunrise Greenhouses in Vineland, Ontario, Canada since age five.

Upon graduation, Bierhuizen used a generous gift from his parents to establish a scholarship, the Bierhuizen Undergraduate Research Award, which will help a horticulture student defray the costs associated with his/her senior research project.

"My parents asked what I would like for a graduation gift and donating a scholarship was my answer. It feels good to give back and hopefully provide someone else with the same opportunities I had," he said. "I also wanted to support research. There are a lot of people out there with good ideas and this scholarship could help many of them develop those ideas."

Last year, Ambler's honorees in the Gallery of Success were Ernesta D. Ballard AMB '54, and Christopher C. Palmer AMB '01.



At the Gallery of Success event: Dr. Lolly Tai, Dean Dr. Sophia Wisniewska, Rod Bierhuizen, Carrie Stasiak and Kathy Beveridge.

In the Spotlight Founder's Dinner 2004

Philip Albright AMB '86 received an unexpected Christmas present this year. He was told he would be honored at the 2004 Temple University Founder's Dinner on April 17. He will be just the third person to be presented with a Certificate of Honor Award by the Ambler College Alumni Association.

"It's a real honor and I greatly appreciate it," said Albright. "My association with the Ambler campus goes back to when I was taking night classes. It continued when I came back as a student in the two-year Horticulture program in 1984."

Albright follows Stephanie Cohen, Director of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler, and Carolyn Corey-Jarin, founder and director of the Peace Valley Nature Center, as a Founder's Dinner honoree for the Ambler College. The Founder's Dinner is held as an annual tribute to University founder, Russell H. Conwell.

Albright said he was there at the beginning when then-Dean James

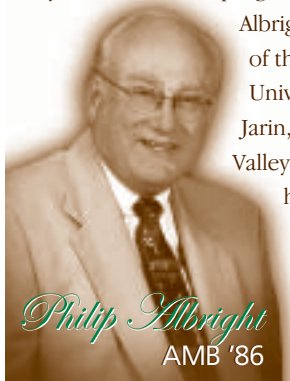
Blackhurst and John Collins, the first chair of the Department, helped steer the course of the fledgling and "long awaited four-year degree programs in Landscape Architecture and Horticulture."

"I wanted to help promote it, help with fundraising, and generally advocate the program," he said. "I still feel that the Ambler campus is the best kept secret in the world."

Albright's commitment to the campus is no secret. He is a member of the Board of Visitors of Temple University Ambler College and the founding chair of the Advisory Committee of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler.

"I think the Arboretum is a fantastic resource for academics, the community, industry, and municipal governments," Albright said.

Another member of the Board of Visitors of Temple University Ambler College will receive a special honor at Founder's Dinner this year. **Ms. Janet S. Klein**, Commissioner and Former Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and her husband, H. Lewis Klein, Chair of the Board of Visitors of the School of Communication and Theatre, will receive the Russell H. Conwell Award. This special recognition is given to non-alumni individuals and groups for outstanding service to the University community.



Philip Albright
AMB '86





Dear Ambler Alumni,

Welcome to another edition of *The Rambler* with *Pen & Trowel Inside*. I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to stay connected to all of you, particularly when there are so many things going on at Temple Ambler. We have lectures, plant sales, EarthFest, and Homecoming events – and that's just this spring!

I encourage you to attend these events as a great way to stay connected to friends while supporting the Alumni Association and Ambler College.

Perhaps more importantly, I encourage you to become involved in these activities and the groups that are planning them. This edition of *The Rambler* is filled with opportunities for involvement, including service as an Arboretum volunteer, an EarthFest volunteer, and a donor to the Arboretum matching challenge. I'd like to add to this list several opportunities to become more involved with the alumni association as an officer of the association, or a volunteer at Homecoming. Volunteering is a great way to network, help current students, and advance the mission of the Ambler College Alumni Association. I hope you'll consider it and call me with questions at 215-482-0722 (work and home).

Finally, I hope you'll plan to attend our Homecoming event on Sunday, June 6th. (See the column opposite.) The luncheon, lecture, and plant auction are always a great time, and a great opportunity to stroll down memory lane while enjoying the campus gardens. I look forward to seeing you there.

– **Claire Weir Whiting**
AMB '66
President
Ambler College
Alumni
Association



June Homecoming

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual, Ambler College alumni gathering, June Homecoming, on Sunday, June 6, 2004. All alumni are invited to attend. Special guests will be members of the 50th reunion class of 1954, and all classes celebrating reunions this year (i.e., those with a graduation year ending in 4 or 9). Friends and family are also welcome.

The event will begin with a luncheon at 1:00 p.m., followed by a lecture at 2:15 p.m. and the annual plant auction at 3:30 p.m. Plant donations for the auction and volunteers to assist with the events of the day are very welcome. The cost of the event is \$12 per person and the response deadline is May 20.

LECTURE

This year's lecture will feature alumna Jenny Rose Carey AMB 2003 presenting "Philadelphia Gardens of the 1920s Revisited."

Louise and James Bush-Brown wrote a book in 1929 that described 23 of the best gardens in the Philadelphia area. Carey will describe these gardens as they were in the 1920s and explore their varied histories over the ensuing 75 years. With a slim amount of information (not even an address), Carey sought out the original location of these 23 gardens based on old maps, verbal descriptions in the original text, and word of mouth.

"My search was like a treasure hunt," Carey said. "I became infatuated with finding all of the gardens and seeing what had happened to them. Walking into these sites with bated breath and wondering 'Will anything be left of the original design?' I wondered how many of the gardens would have survived the growing suburban sprawl." She is still searching for that last garden, number 23.

A Temple alumna of the horticulture program in 2003, Carey hails from London, England. She is from a family of botanists and gardeners and put in her first herb garden at the age of 16.

Carey teaches courses in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and consults privately on historic gardens. She is on the board of Awbury Arboretum in Germantown and the Advisory Committee of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler.

EXTENDED STAY

Several groups of alumnae will be extending their visit to campus and staying in the dorms over the weekend of June 5-7. If you are interested in having your friends and classmates take part in an extended stay, please contact Kathy Beveridge as soon as possible at 215-283-1306.

REGISTRATION

To register for Homecoming, please send your name and class year (print carefully), the names of any guests, and a check to Claire Whiting at 379 Parker Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128-4422. Make checks payable to: Temple University and specify "Alumni Homecoming" on the check. Contact Claire with questions at 215-482-0722 (work and home) or e-mail: ambleralumni@earthlink.net.

No other invitations to Homecoming will be sent this year. However, you can download a registration form from the alumni page of Temple University Ambler's website: <http://www.temple.edu/ambler/>.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept phone reservations, and no tickets will be sold on the day of the event. So please send in your reservation by May 20th. You may pick up your tickets at our sign-in desk on June 6th. None will be mailed out.

School of Horticulture Alumnae Nancy H. Martino '49, Betty K. Smith '48 and Mary Wright '27.



Pen & Trowel Inside

Ambler Alumni News Update

Please note: Ambler College alumni names are in green. All other alumni with ties to Ambler are listed in brown.

Mary Enck Reiter AMB '39 Ten years of my life were spent at Ambler. My two years (1937-1939) as a student at the School of Horticulture for Women were the best. The friends I made, the studies I pursued, and having a chance to bring my horse with me (at no cost provided I allowed others to ride) made life just about perfect for me. I even got a new name- "Hoopie." For four years after graduation I remained at the school. The first two years I was working in the Horticulture Department and was in charge of the riding club, teaching students how to care for and ride horses. The next two years were spent in charge of the Poultry Department. In 1944, I married and moved away from Ambler. But in 1949, now with two children, my husband took a teaching job in Hatboro and we were looking for an affordable place to live. Mrs. Bush-Brown offered us half of the "Old Farm House" for rent of \$85 a month. So, while Bob taught during the day, I worked five nights a week for two hours with Miss Heich for the *Farmer's Digest*. Now I am so glad Temple is helping the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture grow.

Jean Butz Stoneback AMB '41 1. Studying for exams in the horse stables; 2. Theater shows- May Queen- Robin Hood; 3 Poultry- had to kill a chicken to pass the course.

Amelie Compton Blyth AMB '44 Ambler location as well as freedom to "walk in the country." It was nice to know all other students and enjoy the various activities: both in classrooms and practical work experience. I enjoyed horseback rides, but took the horticulture courses, including landscape with Mr. Bush-Brown. He was a good teacher.

Vesta S. Waldron AMB '44 Our classes were small so friends made during those two years have lasted a lifetime, as has the practical gardening knowledge acquired through academics and hands-on experience. It's too bad it was not a degree program at that time but I've never regretted my School of Horticulture experience.

Frances M. Garcia-Prieto AMB '45 We worked with the animals, we worked on the land. The experience has stayed with me forever. I am sorry I did not graduate, as I had to work to save for my trip to Spain, where my mother lived. We were separated for 10 years. I learned more in the summer of '44 and through the year of '45 than I ever had before. Life in the country was delightful. My classmates were a joy.

Helen Foster AMB '50 We students could take an exam and not be monitored. It was an honor system that I suspect is rare today.

Roberta Dougher Branigan AMB '53 Attending The School of Horticulture changed my life. I grew up while there, made lasting friends, and loved every minute of classes and farm work. I spent a third year there as assistant in the dairy department and that was totally special.

Mirkil C. Abrams AMB '54 I remember going to different churches in Ambler; the Philadelphia Flower Show; working in the stable with the horses; the college flower exhibits and gardens with Miss Anders; and how everyone worked together during the '54 hurricane and saved the barn from burning.

Mary Ann Blair Fry AMB '58 There are many good memories: Mr. & Mrs. Bush Brown; the Prize Dairy Herd; tending the farm animals - chickens, pigs, and horses; riding instruction and horse show; dairy show; spring concert; May Day and Secret Peanuts at Christmas.

Jean Harding Grim AMB '59 My special memories are of the School of Horticulture for Women. I formed many lasting friendships with the small group of students gathered there to learn about and appreciate the gifts of nature given to us by our Creator.

Gail Murch Williams AMB '59 I remember Mr. and Mrs. Bush-Brown: how special that couple was. The class of '58/'59 and '57 (Helene Zimmerman Driesbach). Trips to the Devon Horse Show in May '58, '59. Ice Cream at Willow Ridge. The bounteous meals at the School of Horticulture. The Jersey cows and calves. The horses. Mr. Zutter, Miss Anders, Mr. Hale, Mr. Siegal-Beagling, and the fancy teas afterwards.

Frederick N. Schroeder AMB '61 A wonderful school, program, and teachers. I received a great education and enjoyed the teachers who were so enthusiastic.

Melvin Arther Adams, Jr. AMB '64 The Days of Wine & Roses Dance. Meeting a very special someone who left my life two years later.

Nancy B. Stewart AMB '64 How wonderful it was to walk under the cherry trees when they were in flower.

Margaret Hansen Guzzio AMB '69 My education and "hands on" experiences still are very special memories to me. The weeks in the summer program were very worthwhile and the life-long friendships developed are priceless.

Joseph R. Janulewicz AMB '74 My two years at Ambler were like attending a summer camp, a lot of hard work but also fun.

Janet P. (Penny) Pennington CLA '74 I would like to hear from students that were at Ambler from 1970 - 72. I'm now chief speech/language pathologist with the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Altoona Hospital Center for Medicine, Altoona, PA. Please contact me at 814-946-1354 or 814-949-3155.

David A. Bresler CLA '75 I graduated from 'Camp Ambler' in 1975 with a BA in English and went on to receive a DDS from Temple's School of Dentistry in 1979 and have a specialty certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. I was one of the first graduates at Ambler able to take all of the Pre-Dental courses solely at the Ambler campus. The classes were small, 8-10 students, and the instruction was superb! My three children also are involved with Temple: one graduated from Temple Dental last year, the second is a sophomore there now, and the third is a junior at Main Campus! Along with running a huge, three-office children's dental practice (with offices in Fort Washington, Northeast Philly, and Roxborough), I have been teaching as a Clinical Associate Professor at Temple Dental for 23 years.

Carol Jay Levy CLA '75 My book, *A Pained Life, A Chronic Pain Journey*, was published in September, 2003. When I was at Ambler (1970 - 1975) there were 600 students: 300 commuters and 300 dorm. With such a small population there was no need of a news journal. It was a nice surprise to receive *The Rambler* in the mail.

Marcia Fleet AMB '75 EDU '90 I have very fond memories of the friends I met during my freshman year.

Ms. Kathleen Jarm AMB '89 Woody plants identification with Dr. Dan Seik in the late 80's was my best course the toughest course I ever had! Dr. Seik made every outing around campus a joy.

Lori M. Hayes AMB '98 The walk from the student parking lot to classes at Cottage Hall. Speaking to my advisors: Glenn Geer, Stephanie Cohen, George Whiting, and Liz Sluzis over my 16 years at Temple Ambler.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Hoffman AMB '38
Mary McCarty Bye AMB '40
Ernestine Chamberlain AMB '80
Patti Sweeney AMB '52

ALUMNI NEWS UPDATE

All Alumni with ties to Ambler are invited to share their news and memories. Send via fax (215-283-1626), e-mail (kathy.beveridge@temple.edu) or mail to Kathy Beveridge, 580 Meetinghouse Rd.; Ambler, PA 19002. We welcome photo contributions.

NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

WHAT'S NEW _____



Temple's Journal Inside



Arboretum Chair Matches Gifts To Support Capital Improvements

Big changes are in the works for the Landscape Arboretum thanks to an exciting fundraising opportunity extending through June 30, 2004. The chair of the Arboretum Advisory Committee, Mr. Philip Albright AMB '86, has offered to match every gift to the Arboretum received by June 30, 2004, up to \$25,000. Essentially, the value of each gift to the Arboretum is being doubled this year!

With these and other funds raised over the past six months, Temple University Ambler will be tackling several capital priorities, all of which will enhance the educational value of the Arboretum.

The newly formed Arboretum Advisory Committee has identified several projects that will help the Landscape Arboretum enhance both current offerings and new garden features to be added over time. Top priorities include installation of a solar-powered irrigation system, purchase of equipment and supplies to produce metal tags for labeling plant material, design and installation of new educational signs in several key garden areas, and modifications to make the gardens more accessible to visitors regardless of their physical limitations. The estimated total cost of these projects is \$120,000.

The educational mission of the Arboretum and the Advisory Committee's commitment to raising funds to complete the matching challenge have also inspired several foundations to support these priorities. The Arcadia Foundation, McLean Contributionship, and Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust have contributed substantial funds totaling over \$62,000 for these initiatives.

These grants, plus potentially \$50,000 more raised through the matching challenge, will enable Temple University Ambler to make substantial progress on the capital priorities outlined above, broadening the overall impact of the Arboretum on this community and region. The Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler is uniquely positioned to have its most significant impact in the area of environmental sustainability through education and community outreach.

The Arboretum is an accessible, historic, public garden within a respected institution

of higher education. Its mission is to serve as a living, learning laboratory that promotes love and knowledge of horticulture, understanding of the relationship between people and the environment, and awareness of both the need for and means to achieve greater environmental responsibility.

Our vision for the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler is, by the year 2010, to be recognized as the most comprehensive and highest-quality teaching garden in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region.

The Landscape Arboretum supports the on-site delivery of full and part-time degrees and non-credit programs in many disciplines, including horticulture (B.S. and A.S.), landscape architecture (B.S.), and community and regional planning (B.S. and MCRP). It enhances the environmental

outreach mission of Ambler College and the Center for Sustainable Communities by showcasing best practices in sustainable landscape design, technology utilization, and historic preservation.

Our vision for the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler is, by the year 2010, to be recognized as the most comprehensive and highest-quality teaching garden in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region. It will be the core of an exemplary sustainable landscape to educate and inspire students, community residents, and corporate and municipal officials to become environmentally responsible; a valuable environmental resource for the University and the community; and a financially self-sufficient, community-based amenity.

Gifts can be doubled and can help us realize our vision if we receive them by June 30, 2004. Please use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, check the box for Landscape Arboretum and your gift will count toward the matching challenge. Then you too will be part of the greatest improvement of the Arboretum in the last decade.

Arboretum Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! The second annual plant sale to benefit the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler will take place on the weekend of Open House (Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) and on Earth Day (April 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

Members of the Arboretum Advisory Committee, in partnership with Pi Alpha Xi, the horticulture student honor society, are organizing the sale. Woody plants in portable sizes will be the main offerings. A selection of perennials will also be available. Visitors should be able to find a hardy tree, shrub, or vine suited to the growing conditions in their garden, whether they have wet or dry soil, full sun or shade. Many native plants that are attractive to wildlife and also have high ornamental value will be for sale. Of special interest to many gardeners will be a selection of plants that have won the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Gold Medal Plant Award. Woody plants that have won this award have been chosen for outstanding beauty, performance, and hardiness in our growing region. Well-informed staff, students, and volunteers of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture will be on hand to answer questions and help visitors choose the right plants for their situation. Come prepared to empty your wallet!

Arboretum Lecture Series Takes Root

The Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler joined forces in March to launch a series of lectures for students, alumni, Arboretum members, friends, and neighbors of the campus.

CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY

Carol Franklin, founding principal of Andropogon Associates, started the series out right on March 3 with a presentation on the role of public gardens in conserving biodiversity. Franklin emphasized that development itself affords a tremendous opportunity to emphasize the establishment of biodiversity on a site. Site design must be directed to protect local plant and animal communities, and new landscape plantings must deliberately re-establish diverse natural habitats in organic patterns that reflect the processes of the site.

"When a place is understood, preserved, repaired and celebrated as an integrated whole," Franklin said, "it can be experienced as powerful and memorable."

From its beginning in 1974, Andropogon has been heavily involved in sustainable design and restoration ecology. Franklin focuses predominantly on ecological designs based on the native landscape. Her specialty is developing site-specific strategies for the re-establishment of natural systems in a wide range of sensitive, degraded, and developed environments.



Carol Franklin
Andropogon Assoc.

NEW PERENNIALS

Our very own Stephanie Cohen CLA '59, AMB '80, presented the second lecture on March 23, "New Perennials for Your Garden: Looking Good from Spring To Fall". A noted perennial guru, Cohen talked about the exciting new perennials available this gardening season. An award-winning designer of perennial gardens and writer for many garden publications, she has spoken from coast to coast, including Alaska and Canada, and has been the featured speaker at many conferences. Cohen's lectures are always lively and fun-filled, and this one was no exception.

Cohen has taught herbaceous plants and perennial design at Temple University for over 20 years. She is the Director of the Landscape Arboretum at Temple University Ambler. You many have seen Cohen on QVC TV as the "Perennial Diva."

Currently, Cohen is writing a book on design that will be published in 2005.

Engaging people through lectures is one of the ways that the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler fulfills its educational mission.

Look for the schedule of fall lectures in the September edition of *The Rambler*.

NEW ATTRACTIONS IN THE ROCK WALL GARDEN

Students and visitors to the arboretum this spring will enjoy the first flowering of dozens of new bulbs added to the Formal Garden's planted wall last fall. A grant from the North American Rock Garden Society enabled us to buy cultivars of several small narcissi, botanical tulips, crocuses, and other bulbs not well represented in the gardens.

If you think of tulips mostly as those big blooms that decorate windmills, you may be surprised at the botanicals. They're shorter, well under a foot tall, with narrower (sometimes grasslike) leaves and small flowers, akin to the wildflower ancestors of highly bred garden perennials. Unlike the blocky or broad-cupped blooms of popular hybrid tulips, the flowers of botanicals are often elegantly tapered in petal and bud. On the wall, look for bronzy *Tulipa altaica* and variants of *T. clusiana*, soft red in bud and bright yellow fully open. Flowers of botanicals may be small, but they're not necessarily subtle, such as variants of *T. humilis* with hot pink petals and blue-black throats. One tulip chosen as much for foliage as for bloom is the Kaufmanniana cultivar 'Heart's Delight,' whose waterlily-like rose colored blooms are beautifully set off by broad, purple-striped leaves.

Some of these tulips should bloom early enough to serve as companions for several miniature daffodils, all under eight inches tall, whose diminutive flowers are best enjoyed in raised gardens like the planted wall, where they're closer to eye level. Flowers of *Narcissus* 'Segovia' (yellow and white) and the yellow, sweet scented N. 'Sundial' face out or up, while the little, nodding pale yellow cups of N. 'Hawera' give the effect of floating above the narrow leaves. N. 'Snipe,' a cyclamineus type, looks very different, having swept back white petals and a very long, creamy trumpet.

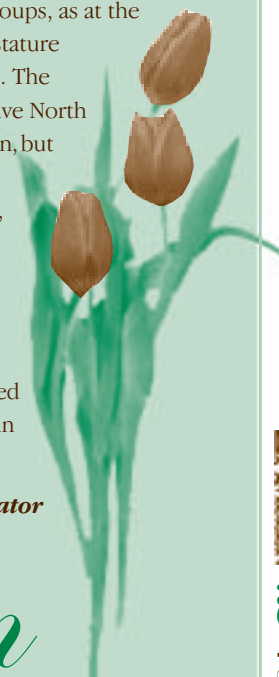
Blooming earlier than the daffodils, but with the same colors, will be *Crocus chrysanthus* 'Cream Beauty' and fragrant *C. sieberi* 'Bowles White,' which will complement the lavender crocus already established on the wall.

The little blue bulbs *Chionodoxa luciliae* (glory-of-the-snow) and *Scilla siberica* (Siberian squill) carpet the woodland garden by the thousand, but the similar, later blooming *Ipheion uniflorum* is little seen. Its flowers face up like those of *Chionodoxa*, but the broader, darker blue petals make it showier in small groups, as at the end of the wall. Blue flowered bulbs of taller stature were added to the native plant garden last fall. The genus *Camassia* contains some of the few native North American hardy bulbs in commercial production, but the only species in the garden has been the least showy, the ice blue *C. cusickii*. This year, the darker blue spikes of *C. leichtlinii* and *C. quamash* should enhance the spring show.

This year, thanks to the North American Rock Garden Society's grant, we plan to add a variety of rock garden perennials to the planted wall, as well as bulbs of *Colchicum* and autumn crocuses. I hope to see you in the gardens.

— Rudy Keller, Curator

In Bloom



In Bloom

Calendar of Events

OPEN HOUSE • SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004 • 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Prospective students, family, and friends are invited to campus to learn more about degree programs and courses available at Temple University Ambler. For information contact Admissions at 215-283-1252

ARBORETUM PLANT SALE • SATURDAY APRIL 17 (10 - 1) AND THURSDAY APRIL 22 (9:30 - 4) AT THE GREENHOUSE

For information see the article on page 14 or contact Rudy Keller at 215-283-1426.

EARTHVEST 2004/KIDS GROW EXPO • THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2004 • 9:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M., RAIN OR SHINE

The Ambler campus will host the second annual EarthFest, an outdoor educational festival in celebration of Earth Day. New in 2004 is the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Kids Grow Expo, a horticulture exhibition for area students of all ages, featuring the Junior Flower Show. This event is free and open to the public. For information contact Michael Schlotterbeck at 215-283-1291 or earthfest@temple.edu.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004 • 10:00 A.M. (LIACOURAS CENTER) AND 3:00 P.M. (TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AMBLER)

The Temple University Ambler Class of 2004 will have its day in the sun beginning at 10 a.m. at the Liacouras Center. The Ambler Commencement Luncheon for graduates and their families will be held at the Liacouras Center at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join a special diploma ceremony for Landscape Architecture and Horticulture graduates at 3 p.m. in the Ambler campus Formal Gardens. For information contact 215-283-1228.

JUNE HOMECOMING 2004 • SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2004 • 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. • BRIGHT HALL LOUNGE


Ambler College alumni come home to Temple University Ambler for a luncheon, lecture and plant auction. For information, see the article on page 12 or call Claire Whiting at 215-482-0722 (work and home) or ambleralumni@earthlink.net .

FALL CLASSES BEGIN • MONDAY, AUGUST 30

The Four Seasons

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL GARDEN LOVERS!



Do you know your weeds from your perennials? Do you enjoy the feeling of dirt under your nails? Do you want to help the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler reach its potential for pristine beauty in the gardens? Curator Rudy Keller needs the help of a few good men and women who can give a morning or two a week to the Arboretum. Volunteers will be asked to do weeding, grooming, and pruning in accordance with their individual skills and preferences. The initial schedule will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. beginning in April. Each semester, an orientation session will be conducted to train new volunteers. If you would like additional information, please contact Kathy Beveridge at 215-283-1306 or kathy.beveridge@temple.edu.



Look for the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler on the Greater Philadelphia Gardens website: www.greaterphiladelphiagardens.org. In Philadelphia, you're never far from a garden.



Interested in reading about Temple University Ambler from the students' perspective? Subscribe to the *Temple Column*, Ambler's own student newspaper. E-mail: temple_column@yahoo.com

Temple University
AMBLER

Quality education
Convenient location
Affordable tuition

Open House
Saturday, April 17
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Undergraduate programs
- Graduate programs
- Non-Credit courses

phone 1.888.GO.AMBLER
web www.ambler.temple.edu + e-mail ambler@temple.edu

Temple University Ambler • 580 Meetinghouse Road • Ambler, PA 19002