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### A Note from the Editors:

With this issue we enter the summer. Some of you will be attending classes, others will work full time at summer jobs, while a fortunate few will get to travel. Our graduates, however, are probably preparing for their biggest leap since enrolling in college. Whether the future is full-time employment or graduate school, we wish you all well.

### I've Graduated, Now What?

*Sanford M. Sorkin*

Take a break, at least a mental one, and reflect on your years at Temple. I thought it might be nice to relate relevant stories and give some cogent advice to new graduates, but I realize that my primary qualification to do so is my age. That may or may not be a good thing, but I'll give it a try.

Stay in touch with Temple and our department. You made a lot of friends here and you should find the time to write, call, or visit. It won't be easy, you are embarking on one of the most hectic and demanding times of your life, but it will be worth it. I would also recommend that you get the e-mail addresses of faculty members because we like hearing from our graduates.

Send your stories to Temple publications and become active in the alumni organization. Initially you will be the new kid on the block, but that is what keeps the organizations alive and interesting. When you join, you will meet an incredible number of people who appreciated their educational and social experience at Temple. And don't ignore the networking opportunities. Even if you didn't get to many sporting events, try to make the time now. Basketball and football attract the largest crowds, but there are plenty of other sports that are just as much fun to watch.

Take pictures, write things down, collect a few mementos and preserve them for your future reunions. When you show up at the 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> with an extensive collection of pictures of Temple and Philadelphia from the early part of the century, you'll impress your friends and spark conversations. (I can't believe I just wrote "early part of the century," but alas, that is what it is.) Eventually, your children and grandchildren will appreciate the mementos as well and then ask you questions about the olden days when personal

computers only had DVD drives and 8GB of memory, cell phones had to be recharged by plugging them in, and people used iPods to store their music. You get the idea.

Think about giving back. You may not have the resources to make large financial contributions at first, but every little bit helps. The university and the department like to feel that you care and want to be involved. But giving back involves much more than money. Talk about your education at Temple, offer suggestions for improvement, become a speaker, and overall be an ambassador. My faculty poll indicates that the above suggestions are much more preferable than getting a large red "T" tattooed in an inappropriate place.

So what is the number one recommendation to a CIS grad? Enjoy life, enjoy your job, love your family, and never fail to make backups.

## ACM Dinner and Alumni Reception

April 16<sup>th</sup> saw nearly 100 ACM members, faculty, alumni and friends in the Diamond Club marking the end of another productive year. The turnout was spectacular and necessitated adding extra tables and squeezing in a few additional chairs. You can see pictures and video from the event at <http://picasaweb.google.com/sanford.sorkin>.



**Major ACM Cup Presentations to Alumni, Sharon Mandell and Steve Petchon by Matt Forero**



**ACM Officers**

The ACM leadership did an excellent job this year, and they have turned over the reins to another group of talented students.

The award presentations were brief, but interesting and including alumni with a pre-dinner reception added a wonderful new dimension to the event. Hopefully, we'll have even more alumni next year.



**ACM President Elect Tim Henry**