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Law service project helps neighbors, cements values

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For one day last week, students, faculty and staff at Temple's Beasley School of Law traded in their journals, books and comfortable chairs for work gloves, paintbrushes, scrapers — and a powerful reminder of the school's core values.

More than a hundred members of the Temple Law family made the short drive to North Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood for "Serving Neighbors, Connecting Communities," the first-ever school-wide day of service. The Temple team spent the day cleaning, priming, painting, sorting and hauling at St. Boniface, an aging former church complex that is being redeveloped by the Norris Square Civic Association (NSCA), a non-profit that serves a predominantly Latino neighborhood by providing parent training, job development, GED classes and after-school and summer programs for neighborhood children.

"This day of service is, for us,



Demolition man: Temple Law student David Chung dismantles a cabinet at St. Boniface, an aging former church complex in nearby Kensington that's being redeveloped by a local non-profit, the Norris Square Community Association (NSCA). At the event are (inset above) are Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum, Dean JoAnne A. Epps and NSCA Executive Director Patricia DeCarlo at St. Boniface.

a day that allows us to define who we are," said Temple Law Dean JoAnne A. Epps. "Members of the Law School community are very much aware that we are part of the surrounding Philadelphia community. This day reminds us that service is important to us. And we hope it allows residents to see that quality as well."

Law students, faculty and staff

swarmed almost every inch of St. Boniface, a church, convent and school complex that was closed by the Philadelphia Archdiocese in 2006.

In the building known as the gym, teams painted walls and demolished a decaying bowling alley. In the basement of the rectory and church, volunteers removed debris and catalogued books and

furniture. Some students and staff tackled the compound's outside spaces, pruning trees and cleaning the grounds. Others unloaded more than 20 boxes of sorted food and dry goods that had been donated at Temple in the days leading up to the event. Before long, most of the white

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Recovery act funding stimulates research

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The nation's economic stimulus package has provided a significant boost to research, and Temple has benefited through the acquisition of more than \$11 million in funding — including three highly competitive NIH challenge grants.

Last month, President Barack Obama made a visit to the National Institutes of Health to emphasize the amount of funding that has been made available to spur biomedical and scientific research through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. After years of flat funding, NIH has received some \$10 billion through the economic stimulus package passed by the Congress earlier this year. Other funding agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, have also seen an increase in the amount of funding available for research projects.

"There's a lot of research funding that has been put on the table through ARRA," said Robert Gage, director of sponsored research programs in



Gage

Temple's Research Administration Office. "Clearly, these dollars would not have been made available in as short a time as we've seen without the government's stimulus funding."

Since late spring, Temple research faculty have submitted more than 225 grant proposals to NIH, NSF and other such agencies for funding that's now being made available through ARRA.

As of the end of September, 34 awards totaling more than \$11 million had been made to Temple researchers to support new projects, existing projects, and to purchase new research equipment. Research faculty in Temple's School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, College of Science and Technology and College of Education are among those who have been awarded grants from ARRA money.

"I think Temple has been doing very well in getting ARRA funding, as evidenced by the fact that we have recently been awarded two of the NIH RC1 Challenge Grants and a

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Classes explore city history beyond the Liberty Bell

Bus tour demonstrates challenges faced by Germantown treasures

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It's a problem that has dogged Philadelphia's Germantown section for decades: traveling by in their cars, precious few tourists take time to stop and admire the 18th-century mansions and historic landmarks that dot this mixed urban landscape.

Why? To answer that question and more, two Temple professors took their American Studies classes

on the road.

In what was billed as a "windshield tour" of Germantown, 25 students viewed nine historic sites from the windows of their bus.

According to Seth Bruggeman, assistant professor of history and director of Temple's Public History Program, the two-hour tour was meant to impress upon the students the sheer size and scope of the challenges faced by house museums in this part of the city — in particular their distance from Center City Philadelphia's historic district.

Bruggeman and Ken Finkel, distinguished lecturer in American Studies at Temple and former executive director of arts and culture

at WHYY public broadcasting, led the mobile discussion.

Bruggeman's "Museums and America's Past" and Finkel's "The Future of Philadelphia's Past" courses are offered concurrently and convene several times during the semester to visit different locations in Germantown. During these site visits, the students explore the way the past gets represented and the relationship between historic institutions and their communities. The courses complement a larger Temple initiative to turn Philadelphia into a learning laboratory.

Departing from Temple's center city campus, the students travelled north into the heart of Germantown, where muskets fired from house

windows during the Battle of Germantown in 1777.

By the late 19th century, Germantown was a booming industrial town, but during the second half of the 20th century many of the area's most affluent citizens moved to the suburbs. Today, Germantown is an urban neighborhood on the rebound, with a myriad of historic sites in various states of preservation.

"Cumulatively, Historic Germantown is one of the richest geographic concentrations of historic resources in the United States," said Bruggeman. "I have never seen anything else like it — a

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Provost's Office pilots new University Internship program

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On Friday Oct. 2, in an event co-sponsored by the Dean of Students Office and the Office of International Services, about 30 international students and faculty gathered for "Coffee and Conversation" — not an unusual event for a university with a "Global Commitment."

What was unusual, however, was the way the event was carried out. All elements — from the graphic design for the invitations and the flyers, to the distribution of the invitations, the choice and booking of the venue, the ordering of the food, and promotions on Facebook and Twitter — were managed by a team of university interns who are working as a marketing team for the Office of the Dean of Students.

The team, which includes Melissa Alam (Fox '10), marketing manager; Mike Hagel (SCAT '10), graphic designer; Shaista Naim (SCT '10), web developer, and Frances Udukwu (CHP/Fox '11), event planner, is part of a pilot for the new University Internship Program.

This semester, the program placed 16 interns in offices in the provost's portfolio, from Disability Services to Enrollment Management. Each of the internships offers students a professional development experience relevant to their major, combined with an internship course that provides academic credit.

"This initiative provides students with 'Opportunities for Success'— professional development, the opportunity to work on a concept from start to finish, to grow their portfolios and to meet students outside of their major with whom they can form a professional team," said Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Students Betsy Leebron Tutelman, whose office oversees the Career Center, which implemented the initiative. It also connects students to 'Destination Temple' — building their understanding of the university from a business perspective, and connecting those interns who are junior and seniors to the university in new ways. Under Director of the Career Center Rachel Brown, this initiative is one of many aimed at strengthening professional opportunities for



Ryan S. Brandenburg/Temple University
International student Vivek Kodati chats with the senior vice provost and dean of students and her marketing team. Melissa Alam; Frances Udukwu; Dean of Students Betsy Leebron Tutelman; Mike Hagel and Shaista Naim.

students."

The program was the vision of Senior Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies Peter Jones. "Temple, one of the city's largest employers, needed to look inward to provide more opportunities for its students," said Jones. "For students who have an on-campus job, there is less likelihood the job will negatively impact their studies."

To reduce the need for University Interns to also work off campus, the students are being paid minimum wage either through work study funds or, this semester, for students who don't have work study, through a special fund established by the provost.

"The new University Internship Program is unique insofar as it gets our students involved with the university

outside the classroom curriculum," said Provost Lisa Staiano-Coico. "Through the program, students can develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of how the university works, and essential to their future, an opportunity to work side-by-side with skilled professionals on real-life projects."

For the dean of students, participating in the pilot made a lot of sense. "Our office has changed, so we needed to create messaging to communicate that change so that students will understand who we are and what we do," said Leebron.

And who better to communicate to students than other students, with their understanding of and connection to the Temple student body. The dean's marketing team immediately embraced their mission.

"We want students to know that the Dean of Students office is a welcoming place, not just a place of discipline," said Udukwu, the team's event planner.

The pilot for the University Internship Program will continue in the spring. ♦

Temple gets major challenge grants funded through stimulus

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RC2 Challenge Grant," said Gage.

He pointed out that of 840 NIH RC1 Grants awarded nationally from more than 20,000 grant submissions, Temple received two. "The competition has been very steep, involving virtually every research institution in the country," he said.

The RC1 Challenge Grants have been awarded to Scott Rawls in pharmaceutical science and Keith Latham of the Fels Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Biology. The RC2 Challenge was awarded to Steven Kelsen in pulmonary and critical care medicine and Salim Merali in biochemistry.

"We are very excited about receiving this NIH RC1 Challenge grant," said Magid Abou-Gharbia, associate dean and director of the Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research in Temple's School of Pharmacy, who is a co-investigator on the Rawls' grant along with Sarah Ward and Bob Raffa from the department of pharmaceutical sciences.

Abou-Gharbia said the grant, which will provide \$955,749 over two years, will build on previous work done by Rawls with beta-lactam antibiotics. Under the grant, the researchers will synthesize novel chemical probes which could shed light on the action mechanisms of these antibiotics to determine if they could be drug candidates for treating substance abuse and neurodegenerative diseases.

Merali, director of the School of Medicine's proteomics core facility and principle investigator with Kelsen on the RC2 Challenge Grant, said they were happy to be receiving the funding since the competition level was more difficult than with the standard funding process.

"Obviously, without the stimulus money, it would be very hard to get grants and the money to do this really important work," he said about



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Keith Latham, professor in the Fels Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Biology; Steven Kelsen, professor in pulmonary and critical care medicine; and Salim Merali, associate professor in biochemistry and director of the School of Medicine's proteomics core facility.

the two-year, \$1.5 million grant. "As researchers, we are happy to have this type of funding available to us an option. The ARRA funding is something that is very short term, but will have a big impact in the long term through the success of our work."

Under the grant, Merali and Kelsen, along with Gerard Criner, chief of pulmonary and critical care

medicine, and Zoran Obradovic, director of the Center for Information Science and Technology, will be using proteomics technology to identify cell proteins that could be used as biomarkers for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Latham's grant will pursue the identification of factors in mammalian eggs that are responsible



Preston M. Moretz
Magid Abou-Gharbia (left), associate dean and director of the Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research in the School of Pharmacy, is a co-investigator with pharmaceutical science associate professor Scott Rawls (right) on one of two NIH RC1 Challenge Grants awarded to Temple.

for nuclear reprogramming. The identification of these factors could improve the success in cloning animals for agricultural, biopharmaceutical, and species conservation purposes, as well as offer new methods for the production of therapeutically useful stem cells to be used for treating trauma and degenerative diseases.

Together, the three NIH Challenge

Grants account for nearly \$3.5 million of Temple's stimulus funds.

"The funding through ARRA represents dollars that otherwise wouldn't have been available this year," said Gage. "We've received a couple of instrumentation awards, for example, that we probably wouldn't have received this year without the stimulus money." ♦

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Researcher goes the distance, gets 10-years of funding

Houser makes history at the School of Medicine with prestigious MERIT award

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The fable “The Tortoise and the Hare” comes to mind when you talk with School of Medicine researcher Steven Houser, who’s been studying ways to rescue ailing hearts for more than three decades at Temple’s School of Medicine. He admits others in his field work faster and have more publications, but they don’t have the reputation Houser’s rightfully earned here and abroad as being slow, but careful.

Add consistent to that list, as Houser has been applying for and received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health for the past 25 years for a specific grant aimed at finding novel ways to repair hearts. That consistency paid off this fall when Houser became the School’s first recipient of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) award, a prestigious 10-year research support

award that’s only given to — at most — seven investigators each year.

“This can be the rock that gives me the ability to take risks in other grants because I know I’m going to have this grant for a while,” said Houser, Ph.D., chair of the department of physiology and director of the Cardiovascular Research Center. “It will stabilize my staff and I can get fellows funded in other ways.”

At \$5 million, the award guarantees Houser funding for years. Given his productive past, he expects he’ll pass an expedited review process at year five and get five more years of funding.

While it may sound routine, receiving the MERIT award is anything but. Consider that fewer than 5 percent of all NIH-funded researchers are recipients. In order to qualify for the MERIT award, nominees must have received at least 10 continuous and consecutive years of NIH funding. And with each grant submission, investigators must get

a favorable score on their original application and continue getting better scores again and again — in essence, competing with themselves.

By receiving the MERIT award, Houser is relieved of the need to prepare frequent and tedious renewal applications, a luxury fellow School of Medicine researcher Nae Dun has enjoyed since receiving the Jacob Javits Neuroscience Investigator award — a similar NIH award that lasts seven years.

“Usually a grant is only good for three or four years and then you have to start thinking about getting it renewed,” said Dun, Ph.D., chair of the department of pharmacology. “With my award, I had the luxury of knowing I would have continuous funds and freely explore without the fear of having my funding pulled.”

Dun received his award during his 19th year of applying for grants related to neurological research. And as Dun’s grant ends in just a few months, Houser looks forward to the beginning of his grant period — and the beginning of research in a new laboratory in the new medical school building. The new space may be just a block away from the old, windowless lab where Houser has worked for a quarter of a century in unraveling the causes and treatment of heart disease, but it offers a view and opportunity that stand a world apart.

“This building has the ability to take us to higher ground — and I can tell you, it’s already had an impact,” said Houser. “It raises our education profile and I think with our facilities and faculty, our research profile can go way up, too.”

And that’s just what the MERIT award will do, according to the School’s dean, John M. Daly.

“The award will likely give rise to new NIH research programs that

Making medical history



Joseph V. Labolito/Temple University
Temple University’s new Medicine Education and Research Building, at 3500 North Broad Street.

Temple University School of Medicine will celebrate the historic opening of the new Medicine Education and Research Building next weekend with events ranging from symposia to community service. Temple President Ann Weaver Hart, School of Medicine Dean John Daly and members of the Board of Trustees will be joined by prominent state and local dignitaries, including Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary Everette James and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. Celebration highlights include:

Thursday, Oct. 29
Symposium: “Insights and Innovations in Biomedical Research”
Princeton University
President Shirley Tilghman, Ph.D., will deliver the keynote address

Friday, Oct. 30
10 a.m. Ribbon cutting
11-1 p.m. Reception and building tours

Saturday, Oct. 31
Education and community service showcase
Meet students, alumni and faculty engaged in community service locally and abroad



Joseph V. Labolito/Temple University
Steven Houser, director of the Cardiovascular Research Center, has received the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) award.

will result in patents and corporate licensing agreements that will benefit us along with patients,” said Daly. “And that will elevate our school right alongside the finest biomedical research institutions in the country.”

That position is right where Temple belongs, adds Daly: with

a steady hand at the helm of heart disease research. And while Houser admits his team and his field have made progress over the past 25 years in saving hearts that aren’t working properly, they haven’t yet “hit that home run.” Still, that doesn’t stop him from swinging for the fences. ♦

Health & Safety

Temple marks National Cybersecurity Month with reminders

Staying secure online requires mix of university measures and individual vigilance.

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With approximately 14,000 computers on Temple’s campus — from administrative offices to computers labs to classrooms to dorm rooms — keeping online information protected is a responsibility the university takes very seriously.

Although October is National Cybersecurity Month, the university has year-round policies and procedures designed to protect and safeguard vital information, as well as identities, for student, faculty and staff computer users.

Among the steps the university takes is a password policy, segmenting the computing networks by university population and using an endpoint protection program.

According to Ken Ihrer, chief information security officer in the Office of Computer and Information Services, two years ago Temple initiated a policy that requires all users of the university’s computer networks to change their password

every six months.

“Temple is a trend-setter out in the university world in requiring individuals change their passwords regularly,” he said. “The main reason behind this policy, which was about four years in the making, is that an individual’s password is the easiest way for someone to compromise your information.”

Abbe Forman, a computer and information science instructor in Temple’s College of Science and Technology and an expert in computer ethics, said that people should use a combination of alpha, numeric and special characters such #, @ or \$ sign when creating their password.

“The longer and harder you make your password, the better off you are,” she said. “Shorter passwords can be hacked in seconds by a computer program.”

Ihrer said that Temple has also segmented the different user populations at the University by network.

“One real key to our security strategy is separation,” said Ihrer.



Kelly and Massa Photography
With approximately 14,000 computers, including those housed in the TECH center, Temple has implemented multiple security measures to protect online information.

“We protect our administrative computing systems — where the grades, the HR data and the financial information sit — like corporate America would.”

Temple has moved beyond anti-virus protection by using a Symantec endpoint protection product on every computer on campus that incorporates the traditional anti-virus with a desk-top firewall, an intrusion prevention system and host integrity checking which makes sure all the other components are functioning up-to-date, said Seth Shestack, Temple’s associate director

of information security.

“If those components aren’t functioning up-to-date, that particular computer is automatically quarantined,” said Shestack. “In the administrative area, the program issues an alert rather than quarantines because we have other protections in place in those areas.”

While the computers on the administrative networks allow users to do more like install software and surf the Internet, the computers in university labs and classrooms are locked down, Shestack said.

“Installation of software is blocked

because those computers contain all the software that is in use by every college and school each semester,” he said. “Users also can’t download anything off the Internet or plug in a keylogger — which can be used to steal passwords — or install any type of spyware.”

Another protective feature on the computers in the labs and classrooms is that they will automatically logout the user after 15 minutes of inactivity, said Shestack. A pop-up window also reminds users to logoff they are finished using the computer.

Shestack said that computer and information services adhere to the university’s philosophy of residential life when dealing students’ computers in the dorms.

Ihrer also reminds university users to be wary of bogus Temple-looking e-mails that state there is a problem with their e-mail account and requests the user’s password to correct the problem.

“University computer services will never, ever ask you for your password,” he said. “We don’t need it and will never need it. So if you get an e-mail asking for your university password that should send up a huge red flag that this is not from the university.” ♦

SHOT! tells the North Philadelphia story from the inside

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Associate Professor of Theater Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon refuses to let the young men and women of North Philadelphia be written off as thugs.

Tied together by circumstance, they build family beyond blood bonds, claim neighborhood blocks as their own and mark their territory with graffiti tags. Their stories are blunted by media images that depict their community in a negative light, creating an image that is both simplistic and distorted.

In *SHOT!*, Temple Theaters' latest production, Williams-Witherspoon goes beyond the stereotype and reveals the often overlooked story of North Philadelphia and the people who call the area home. Through poetry, interview material and documentary images, playwright Williams-Witherspoon and director Doug Wager paint a portrait of north Philadelphia's history and the residents who have lived, worked and raised families in the area for generations.

SHOT! grew out of an oral history project by Williams-Witherspoon

and former BTMM professor Eugene Martin. With funding from an interdisciplinary seed grant, the two worked together to document the urban history of North Philadelphia.

As she began to compile pages of interviews with local community members — politicians and activists, Williams-Witherspoon saw an opportunity to turn the text into a work of art. The original script — which focused on the women who anchor households, survive incredible odds and

struggle to make a living for their children, grandchildren and family members — evolved in to a story about North Philadelphia's past, present and its struggle to survive in to the future.

"I didn't want this community to be perceived as victims of their environment — they are not victims at all," she said. "The North Philadelphia we see today is not what it always was. This didn't happen overnight."

SHOT! begins during the riots of 1964, which were spurred by tensions between area residents and police. More than 200 stores were damaged or destroyed in the three

days of rioting and never reopened. The disappearance of commerce was a huge blow to the area. From that point on, the area began a steady decline, Williams-Witherspoon explained.

"The neighborhoods were so devastated that the news reporters began to refer to this area as Beirut," she said. "In recent years some of the young men in the area picked up on that reference and dubbed themselves the Beirut Boys."

Through *SHOT!*, the Beirut Boys and community members like 77-year-old Eleanor Jordan and 50-year-old Rene Arlene King are given a rare opportunity to share their voice with an attentive audience.

In preparation for the roles, student actors studied their voices and mannerisms to create a documentary-style play that gives voice to those who have been voiceless.

"The outside perception of North Philadelphia is largely based on fear," Wager said. "Through *SHOT!*, we wanted to create a level of compassion and human understanding about the people who live in north Philadelphia — a neighborhood that is just as rich, complex and human and any other."

SHOT! runs Oct. 27 through Nov. 15 in Tomlinson Theater. For tickets and information, visit www.temple.edu/sct/theater.



He's right here!



Joseph V. Labolito/Temple University

Matt Lauer, co-host of NBC's *Today*, speaks to students in the Joe First Media Center at the School of Communications and Theater. Lauer was on hand to attend the 2009 Lew Klein Alumni in the Media awards, a signature School of Communications and Theater event recognizing media professionals and Temple alumni for significant contributions to their field and communities.

Lauer, known for his globetrotting special "Where in the World is Matt Lauer?," was honored with this year's Excellence in the Media Award at the ceremony held in Mitten Hall. He also participated in a question and answer session before meeting with students to discuss careers in the media industry.

Five Temple alumni were also honored at the awards ceremony with their induction into the school's Hall of Fame: Bernie Prazencia, president of 6ABC, Phil Jasner, sports writer for the *Philadelphia Daily News*, Steve Sansweet, head of fan relations at Lucasfilm Ltd., Irv Randolph, managing editor of the *Philadelphia Tribune* and Addie Collins-Zinone, co-founder of the non-profit Pro vs. GI Joe.

The awards are named for Lew Klein, an esteemed faculty member and seasoned media professional.

— Kyle Bagenstose

Temple, AFSCME have new contract

AFSCME members ratified a new contract during a vote on Wednesday, Oct. 14, after an agreement was reached with the University on Oct. 9.

The contract, which extends to 2013, includes salary increases for each of the four years, merit and excels bonus eligibility for all bargaining members and enhanced vacation and tuition remission terms, among other elements.

Additional details and a summary of the agreement are available on the Human Resources website at <http://www.temple.edu/hr/departments/employeerelations>.

Law School tackles first day of service

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"Serving Neighbors, Connecting Communities" t-shirts worn by volunteers were covered with dirt, debris or paint.

"It's so easy to get sucked up in law school and your classes... you can forget that there is a community that we'll be serving once we're lawyers," said Kara Forsyth, a first-year law student from Washington State, as she pulled weeds from cracks in the pavement in St. Boniface's courtyard. "Temple Law isn't just

creating a bubble around itself. It's using the tools it has to help the neighborhood. That's one of the reasons I chose Temple."

For members of NSCA, an organization founded by a group of neighborhood women in 1982, the Temple Law students and employees provided more than just enthusiastic, *pro bono* labor — they're role models for neighborhood children.

"There are kids here in our charter school who might be Temple Law students one day," said Kensington resident and NSCA

"This day of service is, for us, a day that allows us to define who we are."

JoAnne A. Epps
Dean, Temple Law

Real Estate Development Director Marcos Morales while catching his breath after lifting floorboards into a dumpster. "We hope that seeing Temple students will help broaden our students' perspectives, and

we hope that working with us will broaden the perspectives of Temple students."

Temple Law's first day of service was made possible by a donation from faculty member and Associate Dean for Special Projects Jane B. Baron and her husband, Richard Baron. Temple's Office of Facilities Management also contributed tools and transportation.

"Every once in a while, it's nice to give the students, faculty, and staff a chance to get their hands dirty," said Baron, "and just look at what we can do."

Another 'W' for football



Joseph V. Labolito/Temple University

Temple tight end Steve Maneri (#86) comes down with a go ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Owls' 27-13 Homecoming victory over Army. The win is Temple's fourth straight, leaving their record at 4-2 heading into this weekend's game at Toledo.

Curb appeal a Germantown challenge

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place where history, memory and everyday life exist side by side."

During the tour, the students participated in real-time data collection regarding visitor reaction via Twitter. The idea was to force students to quickly respond to a set of questions and give their candid impressions, explained Bruggeman. "One of the hardest things in a museum's life is to figure out what people think about the museum, especially the elusive young person."

After the students have analyzed the data, they will present the results to the sites for their use. "This is something a museum would typically pay thousands of dollars for," Bruggeman said.

"The tour definitely shows us how important curb-appeal is — how important the first impression is for getting people off the street," said Steven Greenstein, a master's

student studying public history.

Curb appeal is just one of the many everyday problems and challenges faced by historic sites around the country, according to Finkel.

"How do you go about engaging with the public? How can you create connections between the sites and the community? How do you remain relevant? Answering these questions helps Temple students better appreciate the knotty relationship between the past and the present, history and representation, culture and everyday life," he said.

The two courses are preparing students to deal with this kind of historical complexity in future positions as archivists, curators, park managers and policy makers. For their final projects, the students are charged with developing interpretive plans for several of Germantown's historic sites that will promote engagement



Photo credit

A recent bus tour was designed to show students the size and scope of the challenges faced by house museums in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

with the public.

"I think the bus trip has been fun. I wish we had time to get out and look at things things, but I understand the point is driving by like a tourist would," said Megan Hess, an anthropology major who wants to do museum work when she graduates.

"It's difficult because we go by so quickly and I am not able to think about it enough — but I guess that's the point."