

# This Week @ PhilaU

January 5, 2004

*A Weekly Newsletter for Faculty, Staff and Students*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Faculty and Staff Celebrate the Season

Philadelphia University faculty and staff gathered on Dec. 19 for the annual holiday party hosted by Dr. Gallagher. The festive event at the Germantown Cricket Club featured holiday music, great food, and the annual faculty and staff service awards.



*Bill Mea (far left) and the "Philadelphia University Singers" started the holiday party with songs of the season: Kris Wiemer, Chris Davis, Gary Bolton, Warren Young, Pat Baldrige, Freddi Ford, Nancy Packer, Amanda Mullin, Catherine Piersol, Hazel Wilborn, Fran Webb, Debbie Kaminski.*



*Members of the Admissions Department enjoying the festivities: Barbara Robinson, Jill Frick, Debbie Kaminski, Colleen Duffey-Giambalvo and Kathy Kissane.*

## EVENTS

**Tuesday, January 6**

### **Intermediate Blackboard: Online Assessment**

9 to 10 a.m.

Search Hall Room 303

This workshop will explore the online assessment tools built-in to Blackboard: quizzes, surveys and the question pool. Attendees will learn how to set up, produce and evaluate quizzes and surveys and will learn how to populate a question pool and use that pool to create an online quiz.

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### **Intermediate Blackboard: Gradebook**

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Search Hall Room 303

This workshop will explore the built-in gradebook feature of Blackboard. Attendees will learn how to set up the gradebook, including designating weights; allow students to view their grades; and how to enter and retrieve information during and at the end of the semester.

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*Men's Basketball Head Coach Herb Magee was honored at this year's holiday party for 40 years of service to Philadelphia University. Pictured: President Gallagher and Jane Antheil, vice president for Enrollment and Student Affairs, present Coach Magee with his award.*

**The following faculty and staff were also honored for years of service:**

**10 Years**

Eileen M. Angelini  
Lorraine Brown  
Joseph A. Bucci  
Marie Wilcom Bunner  
Kevin Byrd  
Kamini Desai-Carroll  
Frank D. Fiorino  
Robert M. Fleming  
Daniel J. Grady  
Ann C. Howell  
Deborah D. Kaminski  
Bridget A. Kelly  
Bennur Koksuz  
Sharon Lefevre  
Scott F. Maisey  
Davinder K. Malhotra  
John A. McAllister  
Donald B. McCoy  
William E. Mea  
Rosa L. Monroe  
Robert C. O'Malley  
Mark A. Sanders  
David R. Smedley  
Anne J. Smock  
Les M. Sztandera  
Kevin Usle  
John A. Venafro  
Patricia Viola  
Barbara J. Wadley  
William Weychert  
Vickie A. Williams  
Gregory Wojchowski

**15 Years**

Ronald P. Dawson  
Regina M. Haley  
Robert C. Hoff Jr.  
Jane Y. Likens  
Tony L. Medford  
Liane Moore  
Claire Owen  
Leon Scott  
Suzanne M. Singletary  
Debra L. Wake

**20 Years**

Lauren K. Baumbach  
Rocco Crescenzo  
Frank DeAngelo  
Linda E. Dessner  
Stanley J. Gorski Jr.  
Victoria J. Lally  
Abigail Lee Miller  
Robert Moorehead

**25 Years**

Russell L. Kleinbach  
Harvey B. Lermack

**30 Years**

Maureen Roberts  
Richard R. Webb

**35 Years**

Herbert J. Barndt  
Marylyn Goutmann  
Madeline Linke  
Merium Y. Sanders

**40 Years**

Herbert Magee

**Retirees**

Claire Roberts  
Barbara Winerling  
Mary Minuto  
William Brendley

**Congratulations!**

**Tuesday, January 6**

**Intermediate Blackboard: Digital Drop Box and Discussion Board**

1 to 2 p.m.

Search Hall Room 303

This workshop will be split between learning how to harness the power of the Digital Drop Box and how to use the Discussion Board to have continuing discussions outside of class. Digital Drop Box is a way for students to submit work to the instructor, and vice versa. We will learn how to upload/download items and discuss how this tool might be used in your class. The second half of the session will focus on the Discussion Board, an asynchronous online communication tool that allows all members of the course to discuss topics, post and answer questions, and continue to conduct business after the class period is officially over.

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**Advanced Blackboard: HTML and Multimedia**

Search 303

2:30 to 3:30pm

This workshop will explore how to take Blackboard to the next level. Attendees will learn to integrate HTML into their course sites, via HTML and programs like Dreamweaver and FrontPage; to integrate multimedia files and projects; to integrate Blackboard and ERes; to integrate Blackboard and ProQuest; and to create more interactive course sites.

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**Wednesday, January 7**

**Better Learning with Better PowerPoint**

Tuttleman 213

9:30 to 11 a.m.

Do you use PowerPoint in your course? This workshop will explore ways to enhance your PowerPoint usage through interactivity, embedded web sites, audio and video. In addition, we will explore how your students can use PowerPoint to enhance their oral presentations.

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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



**Jean-Marie Reilly**  
Women's Basketball  
Senior, Guard  
Collegetown, Pa.  
Villa Marie Academy



**Samara Speakes**  
Women's Basketball  
Junior, Forward  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Bodine

The dynamic duo made their respective marks on the Philadelphia University women's basketball record books, as they both posted the 1,000th point of their careers in the Lady Rams' recent victory over Southampton College. Reilly, who needed 19 points entering the contest, led the team with exactly the 19 points she needed, while Speakes, who needed eight points entering the game, posted 15 points and eight rebounds. In the game, the Lady Rams overcame a 19-point second-half deficit for the 71-66 victory.

## HATS OFF!

**Philadelphia University's Eta Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi** was recently top ranked in the Eastern Region for CEI (Chapter Efficiency Index) Points, the standard for which chapter performances are measured.

## IN THE NEWS

**R. Scott Hanson, visiting assistant professor of History**, was consulted for, and credited with, comments that ran in the Jan. 3, 2004 edition of *The New York Times* regarding the family history of the residents of the New York City neighborhood, Flushing. Hanson's expertise on the topic stems from research he compiled to write his latest book about Flushing's religious history.

## IN MEMORIAM

Former student, Ian M. Tupper passed away suddenly on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, N.C. Ian, a May 2000 graduate, was very involved during his time at Philadelphia University and was well known on campus. He served as senior class president, a University ambassador, and was an active participant in student government. Ian was the eminent commander of Sigma Nu fraternity and served on the fraternity's alumni board and its Special Olympics committee. He was 25 years old and worked as a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch in Hopewell, N.J. At the request of the family, Memorial donations may be made to the Philadelphia University Scholarship Fund. Contact John Pierantozzi at ext. 2929 for more information.

Wednesday, January 7

### Using Microsoft Outlook

Tuttleman 213

1 to 2 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to set up a meeting and have it put into your calendar automatically? How about reducing the amount of spam in your inbox? Do you have a group of people that you send email to regularly, but don't like having to enter their addresses every time? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, this workshop will show you how to do all these things and more. Join Courtney Shaw, OIT, for a hands-on session learning how to use Outlook and its many features.

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### Tips and Tricks for Using Microsoft Office XP

Tuttleman Center Room 213

2 to 3 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how to create tables in Microsoft Word? Or how to get your data into the tables more easily? Have you ever thought about what that little button on the tool bar does? Join Pia Roper, OIT, for a hands-on session introducing mail merge, tables, and many other tips and tricks for making your use of Office XP more enjoyable.

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Thursday, January 8

### Best Practices in Using Technology as a Teaching Tool

Tuttleman Center Room 213

9:30 to 11 a.m.

Join faculty from across the disciplines and hear from selected colleagues about some of the "best practices" for using technology to encourage students as they strive to achieve course-specific learning outcomes.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Upcoming Design Center Exhibitions

### Biennial Faculty Exhibition 2004

January 15 through February 5  
Paley House

Over 45 artists will be exhibited, including faculty and staff from all disciplines. The opening reception will be held on January 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. A president's award will be presented at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### Hopping Fences: Influences in modern living

January 16 through May 2

A collaboration of the Philadelphia Art Alliance And The Design Center at Philadelphia University

In the galleries of the Wetherill Mansion Philadelphia Art Alliance off Rittenhouse Square 251 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Co-curated by Hilary Jay, director of The Design Center, and Melissa Caldwell of the Philadelphia Art Alliance

A hands-on design exhibit that addresses modern living, pressing the boundaries between art and design, personal expression and public statement

Viewers invited to interact with the work

For more information, please call 215.545.4302.



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Thursday, January 8

### Becoming More Paperless: Creating an Electronic Reading Room

Tuttleman Center Room 213  
1 to 2:30 p.m.

As we try to include more current events and information in our courses, we inevitably use more paper to get the material in our students' hands. What if there was a different way? A quick, paperless option. There is. By harnessing the power of the Library's online databases with Blackboard, ERes, your web site, and even email, you can get this valuable information to your students quickly and without the need to make dozens of copies. This hands-on workshop will explore how to use the Library's online databases and the other technological tools you have available to make your course more paperless. Contact: Kris Wiemer, x6332

Friday, January 9

### RefWorks: Using Personal Bibliographic Software For Improving Research and Citing

Steven Bell, director Paul J. Gutman Library  
Tuttleman Center Room 213  
9:30 to 11 a.m.

Personal bibliographic software can allow faculty to create their own searchable database of stored records of articles, web sites, and any other information that may be used for future research or teaching. Using RefWorks, faculty can quickly locate articles, book chapters, web sites, and more with an author or subject search. RefWorks can store information that is manually entered or it can conveniently import article records from a variety of library databases and catalogs. It can also create bibliographies and footnotes that are formatted in any of dozens of standard citation types (e.g., APA, MLA, etc.). Faculty that want students to improve their research and citation skills can benefit by encouraging students to use RefWorks. Attendees will receive hands-on training in using RefWorks, and hear from and see examples from faculty who are currently using RefWorks. Contact: Kris Wiemer, x6332

Friday, January 9

### Technology Study Hall

Presented by a Variety of Experts including Workshop Presenters, Librarians, and OIT Staff

Common Thread  
Noon to 2 p.m.

Join our presenters and other special guests in an informal setting to discuss technology issues and the classroom. Learn how to transport large files through CD burning and how to scan documents. Ask questions about topics you learned in your workshops or ask questions that weren't covered. Topics will include: Blackboard, ERes, RefWorks, VPN, Microsoft Outlook Web Access, Microsoft Office XP, Web Advisor, Microsoft Outlook, Scanning, Burning CDs, Digital Photography, Accessing Library Databases, Using Library Databases and more Join us to learn more about technology and how it can help you. Lunch will be provided.

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Sunday, January 11

### January START Program

Begins with check-in at 10:30 a.m. Downs Hall (Auditorium and Classrooms) New freshman, transfer and international students will be participating in placement testing, advising and pre-registration. This program will continue through Monday, Jan. 12.

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To tell us about news or events to be included in *ThisWeek@PhilaU*, please contact Emily Neff, Public Relations at 215.951.2851 or neffe@PhilaU.edu, by noon on Fridays.