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A Weekly Newsletter for Faculty, Staff and Students

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In Memoriam:

Associate Professor Denis Tekippe dies at age 56

Denis Tekippe, a member of the Philadelphia University faculty since 1997, passed away last week at the age of 56. He was an associate professor in the Physician Assistant Studies Program in the School of Science and Health.

Denis was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Award from the 2002 graduating class of physician assistant students. He served as a freshman advisor and an advisor to several master's projects. This year, he chaired the School of Science and Health Personnel Committee, was a member of the Faculty Personnel Committee, and served on one of the Middle States reaccreditation working groups. He has also served on the Outcomes Assessment Committee and the Graduate Education Committee.



After receiving a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Orleans, Denis went on to obtain a Physician Assistant Certification from Northeastern University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Hawaii.

Originally from Louisiana, Denis had a diverse employment background and held various Physician Assistant positions in Boston, Honolulu and Philadelphia. He maintained his professional practice through several clinical experiences throughout the Philadelphia area.

He is survived by his mother, five brothers and two sisters. A funeral is planned for Saturday, June 4, in Chalmette, Louisiana. Condolences can be sent to Denis' mother, Margaret Tekippe, at 2810 Buffon Street, Chalmette, LA 70043.

The University extends its deepest sympathy to the Tekippe family. A Memorial Service is being planned.

Friends and colleagues are encouraged to visit www.vvdfuneralhome.com, click on the obituaries link, scroll to the listing for Denis and sign the guestbook.



In Memoriam

University saddened by loss of Professor Denis Tekippe >>

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Althouse Hall Parking Lot

This parking lot is closed temporarily in order for underground utility work to be performed. Once the work is completed, a turnaround will be reestablished in the Althouse lot.

Parking Lot between Hayward Hall & Scholler Hall & Hayward Lot

For the summer, this parking lot is designated for faculty, staff and students on a first-come-first-served basis. Reminder: No left turns onto Henry Ave. from this lot, only right turns. If you need to make a left turn onto Henry Avenue, proceed through the Search lot, make a right onto White House Drive, a right onto School House Lane and then a left onto Henry Avenue.

Search Hall Parking Lot

The Search Hall parking lot will be closed for periods of time as necessary for construction. We will notify you as necessary.

Tuttleman Parking Lot

The Tuttleman parking lot shall be for faculty and staff. Areas will be designated as necessary for construction.

Townhouse Parking

The traditional Townhouse parking lots will be closed for the summer. Faculty and staff, along with Townhouse residents, may park in the gravel lot between the Townhouses and Archer or in the Downs or Hagar lots.

We thank you for your understanding and your cooperation, and will continue to keep you informed about any changes through a dedicated web site, email, voicemail, fliers, posters and *This Week @ PhilaU*.

Please send specific questions by email to constructioninfo@PhilaU.edu.

NEWS BRIEFS

University Welcomes High School Students from Chinatown

High school sophomores and juniors from Philadelphia's Chinatown section visited Philadelphia University last week to learn about undergraduate programs, particularly in engineering, pre-medicine, and business. Christine Greb, director of admissions, spoke to the group about admissions and financial aid. Others who addressed the students included David Brookstein, dean of the School of Engineering and Textiles, Fernando Tovia, director of the Industrial and Systems Engineering program, and Elmore Alexander, dean of the School of Business Administration.



The students were accompanied by Kenneth Fong, a member of the U.S. President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, whose daughter just completed her first year at Philadelphia University, and who wanted to encourage other students from the Chinatown neighborhood to consider the University.

School of Business Administration to host IRS Working Together Conference

More than 150 private and public tax professionals will participate in the annual Working Together Conference, a joint effort of the Internal Revenue Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, which will be held for the first time at Philadelphia University this Thursday, June 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kevin Brown, commissioner of the IRS Small Business and Self Employed Division, will be the keynote speaker.

Students in International Leadership Program Visit Beijing



A group of 16 students and 3 faculty and staff members recently visited Beijing as part of Philadelphia University's first annual International Leadership Program. The group, which included sophomores and juniors selected from the Honors, Emerging Leaders and Academic Achievement programs, visited such historic sites as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square. They also toured Beijing University and attended performances of the Beijing Opera and Chinese Acrobats. During their cultural study trip, students also learned the important international skill of how to haggle – "because you have to bargain for everything there," said Jim Savoie, assistant dean for Academic Affairs, who accompanied the group. Also on the trip were Marcella McCoy, director of the Honors Program, and Jane Likens, assistant professor of Fashion Design. The International Leadership trip is expected to take place annually at different locations.

IN THE NEWS

Florence Ann Augustine, who received the President's Award for Outstanding Continuing and Professional Studies Student at Commencement on May 16, was featured May 24 in the Norristown *Times Herald*. The story, which chronicled Ms. Augustine's 15-year effort to earn her B.S. degree in psychology, also quoted Lloyd Russow, interim associate vice president for academic affairs, and John Pierce, associate professor of psychology, who was one of her professors.

The appointment of **Matt Baker** as dean of the School of Science and Health was featured recently in *Advance for Physician Assistants*, a national magazine for physician assistants. The article, which included information on the School of Science and Health as well as the PA program, also featured the appointment of Michael Rackover as director of the PA program.

A story on the opening of the **Philadelphia University Research Center** was featured recently on the Innovation Philadelphia website. The story mentioned President James Gallagher; Engineering and Textiles Dean David Brookstein; and Engineering and Design Institute co-directors Rob Fleming and Chris Pastore.

To read the story, go to http://www.imakenews.com/innovationphiladelphia/e_article000404307.cfm?x=b4VTVLs,b1Nymykv.

A story entitled "Philadelphia U. becoming a real fashion plate" appeared in the May 26 *Northeast Times* and highlighted Philadelphia University's recent **Fashion Show**. It featured President James Gallagher; Clara Henry, director of the Fashion Design program; Kelly Geib, Fashion Industries Association co-president; Jay McCarroll, Spirit of Design Award winner, and several student designers.

SAVE THE DATE

2005 Summer START and Family Orientation Dates

Freshman Session #1: Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17

Freshman Session #2: Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23

Freshman Session #3: Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29

Transfer Session: Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12

Freshman Session #4: Tuesday, July 19 and Wednesday, July 20

Freshman Session #5: Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26

Freshman, Transfer & International Session: Tuesday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 24

For more information, contact the Office of Student Development Programs at 215.951.2634

4th Annual Alumni Golf Invitational

Wednesday, June 22

Chesapeake Bay Golf Club
128 Karen Drive
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Philadelphia University is looking forward to yet another exciting Alumni Golf outing as this is the 4th Annual Invitational. The day on the course is a perfect way to relax and have fun with fellow alumni. It also provides a great benefit to the student-athletes and programs at the University.

Tom Shirley, director of Athletics and Head Women's Basketball Coach exclaimed his excitement for the upcoming event. "It seems like only yesterday that this outing was just a lunch-time conversation and now here we are at year 4. I would be remiss if I did not thank our co-chairs Bob Lockyer '68 and Dave Falcione '81 for their outstanding leadership in growing this event. To date, support of this outing has resulted in real-world benefits for our student athletes. We have been able to increase travel opportunities as well as support services in the areas of technology and academic counseling. These advances, coupled with our new athletic conference and numerous campus projects, make Philadelphia University a great place to be. Thank you for helping our student athletes. Go Rams!"

Register to play or become a sponsor today by calling Hazel Winborn at 215.951.2710, emailing winbornh@philau.edu or by returning your payment and registration to the Alumni Office.

Opening Academic Convocation

Thursday, August 25

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at 215.951.2705.

Homecoming

Friday September 30 to Sunday October 2

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 215.951.2929.