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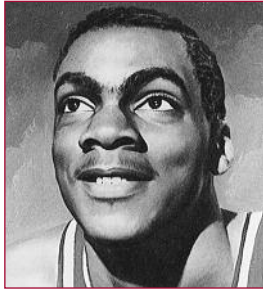
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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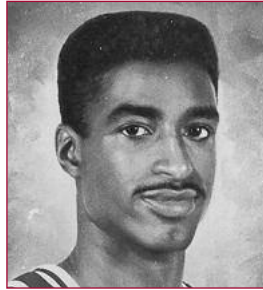
The careers and accomplishments of 36 distinguished Temple players and coaches have been recognized by their induction into the Hall of Fame.



**JOHN BAUM
(1966-69)**

Inducted February 16, 1979

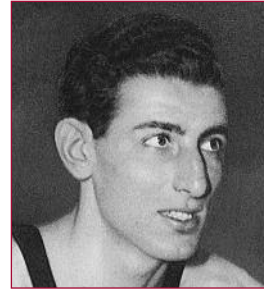
The leading rebounder (1,042) and 11th highest scorer (1,544) in Temple history, he also starred in the pro ranks. Captain of Temple's 1969 NIT Championship team. Named to Big 5 Hall of Fame.



**NATE BLACKWELL
(1984-87)**

Inducted February 17, 1998

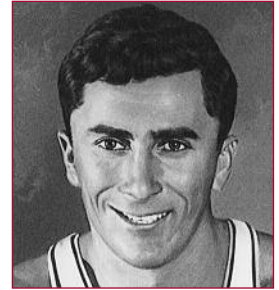
John Chaney's first Temple recruit, earned numerous honors, including All-American. Finished career as Owls' all-time leader in games played. Unanimous choice as the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year in 1987.



**MIKE BLOOM
(1936, 38)**

Inducted February 16, 1981

Starred for the 1938 Temple team that captured the first NIT. Earned All-American honors as a junior and senior when he led the Owls in scoring. Became an outstanding professional player and also did some coaching.



**NELSON BOBB
(1943, 47-49)**

Inducted February 16, 1981

Led the Owls in scoring during the 1942-43, 1947-48 and 1948-49 seasons in a career interrupted by the service. Scored 984 points and set several Temple records that were eventually erased as the sport changed.

THE EARLY YEARS

It all began 116 years ago with a 3-1 victory over the Purple Crescent Athletic Club back in 1894. Dr. James Naismith had dreamed up the non-contact sport just three years earlier. Home court was the basement of College Hall, still standing today directly across the street from McGonigle Hall.

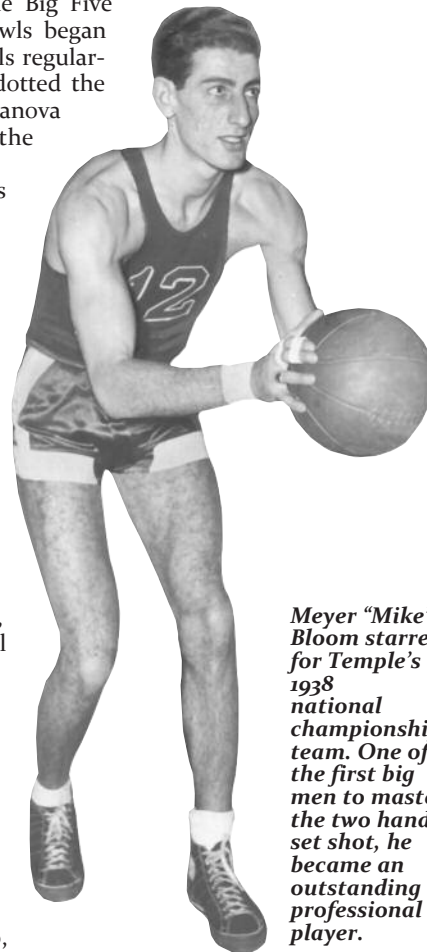
The schedule was dominated by regional athletic association and YMCA teams before the turn of the century, and head coach Charles M. Williams crafted a number of winning squads. In fact, only five of 16 Temple mentors have accumulated more victories than Williams did in directing the first five years of Temple basketball. Williams actually served double-duty, roaming the sidelines of the Temple football team in the autumn, then heading indoors when the days and nights turned cold. Five of the seven

coaches who followed Williams filled both roles as well.

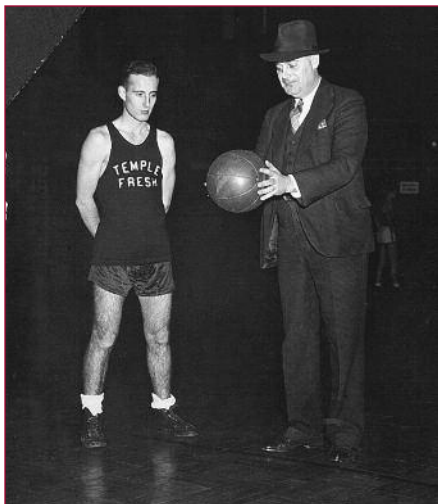
While the formation of the Big Five was still 60 years away, the Owls began playing rival Philadelphia schools regularly. La Salle and Saint Joseph's dotted the schedule every season, while Villanova became a yearly foe before the stock market crashed in 1929.

About the same time, James Usilton, Sr., became Temple's 10th head basketball coach. In 13 seasons (1926-1940), he would take the school to national prominence on the court. In Usilton's second and third seasons, the team was captained by future Temple legend Harry Litwack. The Cherry and White finished 34-9 over those two campaigns, and won better than 72 percent of its games in all under Usilton's guidance.

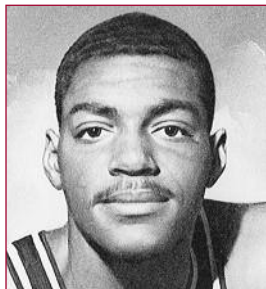
Temple reached the pinnacle of college basketball in 1938, claiming the first-ever National Championship. The Owls stormed to a regular season record of 20-2 that year, gaining a bid to the inaugural National Invitation Tournament. With the first-ever NCAA Tournament still a year away, the Owls' trio of victories at Madison Square Garden over Bradley, 53-40, Oklahoma A&M, 56-44, and Colorado, 60-36, earned the initial National crown. Don "The Thin Man" Shields, a 6-5 forward, was named Most Valuable Player of the tourney. The starting five on that squad (Shields, 6-6 center Meyer "Mike" Bloom, 6-5 forward Howard Black, 6-2 guard



Meyer "Mike" Bloom starred for Temple's 1938 national championship team. One of the first big men to master the two hand set shot, he became an outstanding professional player.



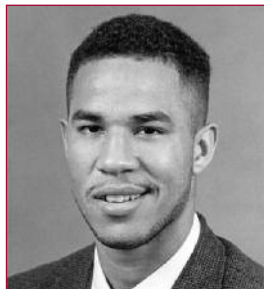
In 1936, Jimmy Usilton, Jr., a member of Temple's freshman squad, received instructions from his dad, head coach James Usilton, Sr.

**CLARENCE BROOKINS
(1965-68)***Inducted February 16, 1984*

Scored 1,386 points in three seasons and earned numerous honors. He was the MVP in the 1967 Quaker City Tournament won by the Owls. Named to the Big 5 Hall of Fame. Played several seasons of pro basketball.

**JIMMY BROWN
(1933-35)***Inducted January 28, 1977*

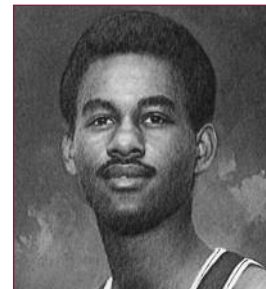
Winner of six letters, he starred in basketball and baseball. Led the Owls in scoring two seasons. Made the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference all star team twice. Earned basketball All-American honorable mention.

**RICK BRUNSON
(1991-95)***Inducted February 19, 2011*

Two-time team captain who averaged 16.7 points per game in his senior year, when he was named first-team All-Atlantic 10. Scored 1,493 points, dished 470 assists and made 253 steals. His assists and steals ranked third at Temple upon the completion of his career.

**JOHN CHANEY
(1982-2006)***Inducted January 24, 2009*

Inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame (2001). Led Temple to 23 postseason appearances in 24 seasons, including 17 trips to the NCAA Tournament. Five of his teams reached the NCAA Elite Eight. Named National Coach of the Year twice, and his 1987-88 team ended regular season ranked #1. Compiled most coaching wins (516) in Temple history.

**TIM CLAXTON
(1974-78)***Inducted October 21, 1994*

Scored 1,418 points. Led the Owls in scoring during 1977-78 season. Inducted into Big 5 Hall of Fame (1987). Winner of Gallagher Award as Big 5's Most Improved Player. Drafted by the Washington Bullets.



Temple co-captain Don Shields accepts the 1938 NIT MVP award from Joe Lapchick, St. John's coach and chairman of the awards committee.

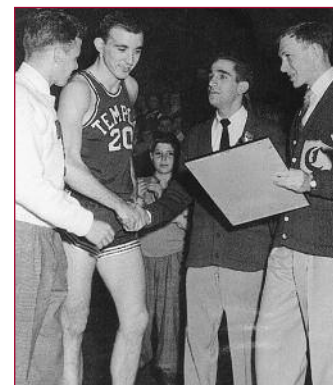
Edward Boyle and 6-2 guard Don Henderson) often played 40 minutes per night, earning the nickname "The Five Ironmen." The Cherry and White were a popular draw in 1938, as a record crowd of nearly 12,000 packed Convention Hall for the regular season finale with Saint Joseph's, and 15,000 filed into the Garden for the championship victory over Colorado. A young, innovative assistant coach by the name of Harry Litwack created the box-in-one defense that completely shut down Stanford great Hank Luisetti and many others during this championship season.

In those days, Temple competed in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference against the likes of Georgetown, West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Carnegie Tech. Usilton also started a Temple tradition of battling the toughest teams in the nation. Powerful New York City schools such as St. John's, CCNY and NYU all became regular opponents in the years leading up to World War II. Games were played at a variety of sites — from Mitten Hall on campus, to the Philadelphia Arena and Convention Hall in West Philadelphia.

It sometimes became difficult to keep a team intact as young men were sent to battle in Europe and the Pacific during the 1940s, but the Owls managed a number of notable accomplishments throughout the decade. A 47-43 victory over La Salle on February 20, 1943 was the 500th in Temple history. One year later, head coach Josh Cody led the Owls to their first-ever NCAA Tournament bid. Late-season victories over St. John's and Western Michigan helped earn that invitation, though the team finished the regular season with a record of just 13-8. The Owls defeated eventual NCAA Champions Oklahoma A&M in December of 1944 and Kentucky in December of 1947.

THE OWL WITHOUT A VOWEL

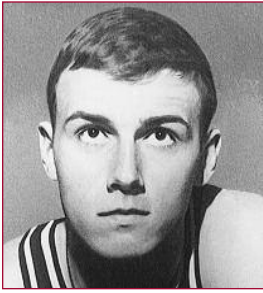
As the 20th century moved past its midway point, one name dominated Temple basketball. It was that of Bill Mlkvy, "The Owl without a Vowel." Few had shot the ball with as much regularity and as much success as Mlkvy since Dr. Naismith first hung the peach basket. Mlkvy capped an incredible 1950-51 campaign with a school-record 73 points against Wilkes College in the season finale.



"The Owl Without a Vowel", Bill Mlkvy, had his cherry #20 jersey placed in the National Basketball Hall of Fame after the 1951 season when he led the nation in scoring and rebounding and was second in assists. He was the fastest-shooting, highest-scoring player ever seen in major-college competition during his time.



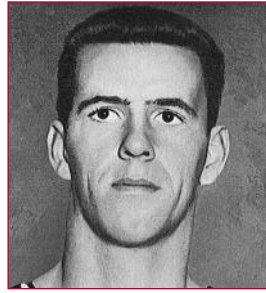
*Temple University Owls, 1938
NIT and National
Champions.*



JOEY CROMER
(1966-69)

Inducted February 28, 1985

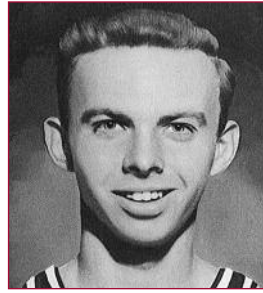
Played an important role as Temple won the 1969 NIT championship. Scored 19 points as Temple defeated Boston College for the title. Had 1,118 points in three seasons (career high of 35 points vs. Penn).



AL (LEFTY) DIDRIKSEN
(1953-55)

Inducted January 14, 1974

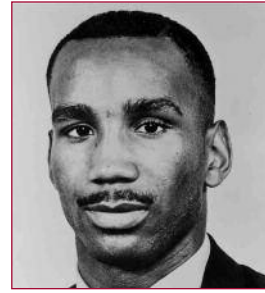
One of Temple's greatest all-around athletes. He received eight letters in basketball, baseball and soccer. Scored 991 points for the basketball team. Co-captain of the Owls for two seasons. Earned soccer All-American honors.



BRUCE DRYSDALE
(1959-62)

Inducted February 24, 1978

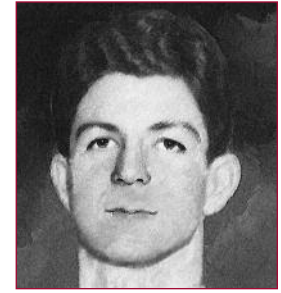
Winner of the Robert V. Geasey Trophy as the Big 5 MVP in 1961. Inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1977. Scored 1,444 points in three seasons. Made the Little All-American team for players 5-10 or under.



HOWARD EVANS
(1984-88)

Inducted February 20, 1999

One of Temple's finest point guards. He sparked Temple to the nation's No. 1 ranking in 1988. The Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year in 1985. Inducted into Big 5 Hall of Fame (1994).



CHARLES FREIBERG
(1933-35)

Inducted January 28, 1977

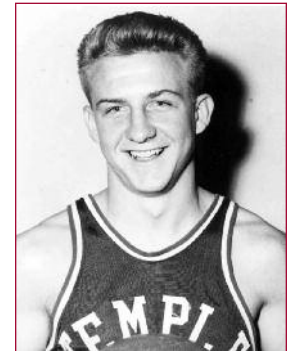
Starter for three seasons and team captain during the 1933-34 season. Named to the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference all star team. Played in the Eastern Professional League.

At one point, he scored a remarkable 54 points in a row in the 30-point victory. Earlier in the season, Mlkvy totaled 43 points in Temple's 70-67 upset of North Carolina. While he fired up an average of nearly 40 shots per night, scoring wasn't all Mlkvy did. He led the nation in rebounding and was second in assists in 1950-51, in addition to leading the nation and setting a school record with 29.2 points per game.

Mlkvy would play his last game for the Cherry and White on March 1, 1952. The Owls won 614 games and one National Championship under 13 coaches in their first 56 years of intercollegiate basketball competition. On Dec. 3, 1952, The Litwack Era began.



Temple's 1955-56 left-handed backcourt duo of sophomore Guy Rodgers and senior Hal Lear is still regarded as one of the greatest of all-time in college basketball. The duo led the Owls to the 1956 Final Four, with Lear scoring a still-standing school record 745 points (24.0 ppg.) during the season including 48 in the Final Four third-place game against SMU. He was named Final Four MVP for his efforts. Rodgers averaged 18.5 points per game in his first collegiate season.



Bill "Pickles" Kennedy was Guy Rodgers' backcourt mate for one year, helping the Owls to the 1958 Final Four. Kennedy then took over the playmaking and scoring load for his final two seasons. He was named All-America in both basketball and baseball.



THE LITWACK ERA

Three seasons as a player. Two of them as team captain. Twenty years as the freshman team coach and assistant varsity coach. Harry Litwack had already devoted nearly a quarter-century to Temple basketball before he became varsity head coach.

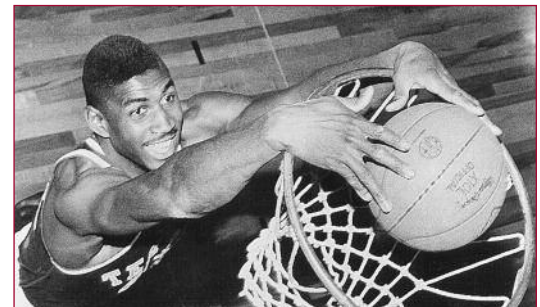
He had a lot more to give. During an illustrious 21-year stint, Litwack, the first Temple basketball coach or player to be inducted into the

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, guided the Owls to their two appearances in the NCAA Final Four, brought home a memorable NIT Championship, and forever placed Temple basketball on the national map.

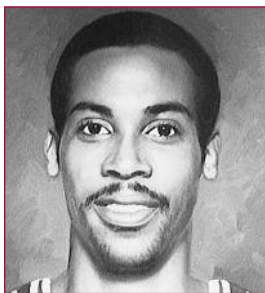
Who else could more properly be designated "The Chief" of the Owls?

While the Owls posted winning records in Litwack's first three seasons, there was little sign of the enormous success that was just around the corner. The 1955-56 campaign, Litwack's fourth, was perhaps the most significant in the 100-year history of the program.

Late in 1954, the athletic directors at Temple, La Salle, Saint Joseph's, Villanova, and



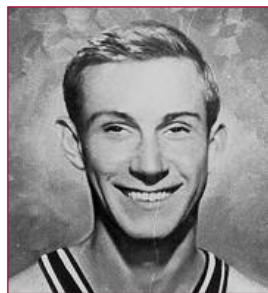
Jim Williams led the Owls in scoring and rebounding all three seasons between 1963-66. He was the first Temple Owl to record over 1,000 career rebounds and 1,000 career points.



GRANGER HALL
(1981-85)

Inducted January 28, 1977

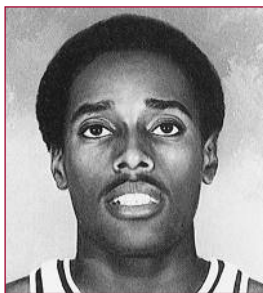
Eighth highest scorer in Temple history (1,652 points). Three-time All-American, holds several Owl records. Named the A-10 Player of the Year in 1985. Inducted into Big 5 Hall of Fame (1991) and made All-Big 5 three years.



BOB HARRINGTON
(1961-64)

Inducted February 17, 1998

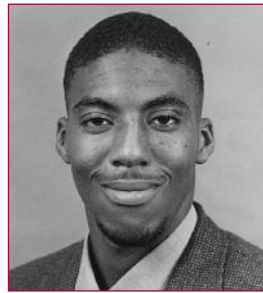
Captain of 1963-64 team that won the Middle Atlantic Conference championship. Played entire season despite suffering from a chronic ankle sprain. Selected an "Unsung Hero" by Phila. Sports Writers Association Basketball Club.



OLLIE JOHNSON
(1970-72)

Inducted March 2, 1983

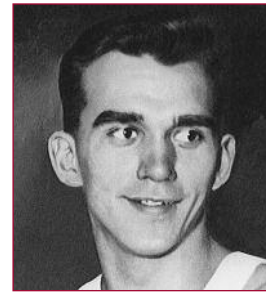
Finished his career with 1,063 points. Co-captained the Owls and twice was named the team's MVP. Led Temple in scoring and rebounding as a junior and senior. Inducted into Big 5 Hall of Fame (1979). Played pro with several teams.



EDDIE JONES
(1991-94)

Inducted February 19, 2011

Earned Atlantic-10 Conference Player of the Year honors and AP Honorable Mention All-American as a senior when he led Temple in scoring (19.2 ppg), blocked shots (1.5 bpg.) and field goal percentage (.470). Scored 1,470 points in his three seasons.



STEVE JUENGER
(1935-36)

Inducted February 16, 1979

Earned three letters in basketball and was named to the All-Eastern Conference team as a senior when he was a co-captain. Played on 1935-36 team that reached finals of the Olympic Trials. Also competed in football and track.



Harry Litwick, team captain John Baum and the rest of the Owls accept the 1969 National Invitation Tournament championship trophy.

Penn announced that those five schools would begin round-robin play the following season as Philadelphia's Big Five. The Owls had been playing the Explorers and the Hawks regularly for many years, though the Wildcats hadn't appeared on the schedule in nearly 20 seasons—and the Quakers in nearly 40.

Litwick had quite a backcourt to spring on his city foes. Senior guard Hal Lear had established himself as a big-time scorer the previous season, and he was joined that year by a left-handed sophomore named Guy Rodgers. The two formed what was widely regarded as the best backcourt combination of the 1950s, and perhaps all-time.

That duo led the Owls to a 13-0 start in the 1955-56 campaign, including an impressive victory at Kentucky. A February loss to Saint Joseph's denied Temple the inaugural Big Five title, but that was later avenged in the regular season finale. Combined with a late-season victory against well-respected St. John's, the Owls headed into their second-ever NCAA Tournament with a record of 23-3.

It wasn't just the Temple backcourt that left opposing coaches scratching their heads. The frontcourt featured big-time rebounders Fred Cohen and Jay Norman, a future member of the 1,000-point club and an eventual Temple assistant coach.

The Owls nipped Holy Cross, 74-72, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Madison Square Garden, and returned to The Palestra for the next two rounds of play. With the home folks

cheering them on, the Owls dispatched Connecticut and Canisius, gaining a coveted spot in the Final Four. Cohen hauled in a still-standing NCAA Tournament record 34 rebounds in the victory over Connecticut.

A loss to Iowa ended hopes of a National Championship, but Lear was not about to let his career end on a down note. The senior pumped in 48 points in a third-place game victory over Southern Methodist, and was named Final Four MVP. Lear totaled 745 points that season, setting a Temple record that stands to this day.

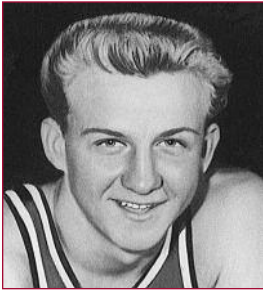
Two years later, Litwick and the Owls again found themselves in the thick of the NCAA title race. Rodgers was on his way to a consensus All-American campaign, sophomore Bill "Pickles" Kennedy was a perfect complement in the backcourt, and Norman was still a terror on the boards.



Harry Litwick and Boston College coach Bob Cousy hug after Temple defeated BC for the 1969 NIT title. It "was the happiest day" of Litwick's coaching career. It was Bob Cousy's last game as a collegiate coach.



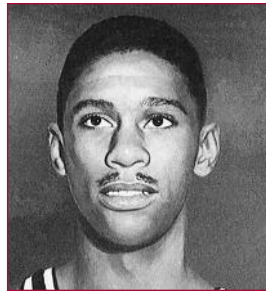
The Owls called McGonigle Hall their home from 1969 to 1997, compiling an overall record of 177-29 and 99-17 in Atlantic 10 play.



**BILL "PICKLES"
KENNEDY
(1957-60)**

Inducted January 31, 1975

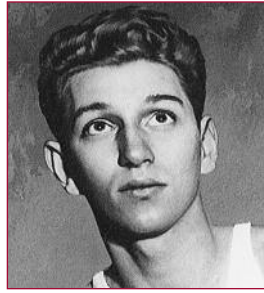
Earned All-American honors in basketball and baseball. Finished career with 1,468 points. Led the Owls in scoring as a junior and senior. Won Robert V. Geasey Trophy as Big 5 MVP (1960). Inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1975.



**HAL LEAR
(1953-56)**

Inducted January 14, 1974

Leading scorer on the 1955-56 team that finished third in the NCAA Tournament. Selected the MVP of the tourney after his 48-point outburst against Southern Methodist. He scored 1,472 points and earned All-American honors.



**ED LERNER
(1946-49)**

Inducted February 16, 1982

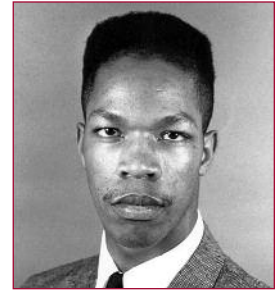
Scored 899 points, a total remarkable for his era. Led the Owls in scoring during 1946-47 season with a 10.2 average. Made over 90 percent of his free throws. He played in 85 games.



**HARRY LITWACK
(1927-29)**

Inducted February 1, 1971

Inducted into National Basketball Hall of Fame (1975). "The Chief" led Temple into 13 post-season tournaments. His 21-year record was 373-193. Led Temple to third place finishes in 1956 and 1958 NCAA Tournaments and to the 1969 NIT championship.



**MARK MACON
(1988-91)**

Inducted October 8, 2004

An All-America selection as a freshman, he ended his career as the school's all-time leading scorer (2,609 points) and steals leader (281 steals). Only four-time first team all-league honoree in A-10 history. Played six seasons in the NBA. Assistant coach from 2003-06.

The team lost two of its first three games, and then reeled off a school-record 25 wins in a row. Along the way, the Owls swept through the ECAC Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden and claimed their first outright Big Five crown. Rodgers was named Big Five MVP for the third year in a row, and he passed Bill Mlkvy as Temple's all-time leading scorer in a mid-season victory over La Salle.

Litwack guided the Owls past Maryland and Dartmouth for another berth in the Final Four, but a 61-60 loss to Kentucky and a 67-57 victory over Kansas State brought another third-place finish.

POSTSEASON SUCCESS CONTINUES

The Owls would return to the NCAA Tournament four more times in Litwack's tenure, as new stars emerged in the 1960s. Temple basketball has always been renowned for its backcourt play, but a pair of forwards stepped to the forefront as The Litwack Era moved into its second decade.

Jim Williams led the team in scoring and rebounding in 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66, a feat repeated by John Baum in 1967-68 and 1968-69. Along with Kevin Lyde and Jay Norman, those are the only Temple players to complete their careers with over 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. In his senior season, Baum led the Owls on a memorable run to their second NIT Championship.

Temple competed in the Middle Atlantic Conference in those days, and the conference championship was the ticket to the NCAA Tournament. The senior-laden '68-69 squad just missed having that ticket punched, losing to Saint Joseph's on a buzzer-beating shot in overtime of the

MAC Championship game. The NIT came calling for the seventh time in the Litwack Era, and the Owls took every advantage of their extended season.

"The Chief" had a starting five featuring Baum, Eddie Mast, Joe Cromer, Bill Strunk and Tony Brocchi. The Owls defeated Florida in the NIT opener and followed that with a 94-78 victory over Saint Peter's. Then came a stunning win over Tennessee, 63-58, in the semifinals.

Litwack made a key substitution late in the second half of the championship game against Boston College. With the Owls trailing, 67-64, he called on Tom Wiczerak to spell Strunk, who was hobbling on a bad ankle, and the move ignited a 25-9 rally that produced an 89-76 victory and an NIT Championship.

"This is the happiest day of my coaching life," Litwack said afterward.

A NEW HOME

The following year, the Owls began playing at brand new McGonigle Hall. The new home facility was appropriately opened with a rousing, 60-59, victory over St. John's.

"The Chief" directed the Owls until 1973, completing a remarkable Temple career that spanned six decades and eight U.S. Presidents — from before the stock market crashed until after Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. In the first 100 seasons of Temple basketball, nobody led the Owls to more victories (373) or more post-season appearances (13) than Harry Litwack.

The "Chief" passed away on August 6, 1999 at the age of 91.

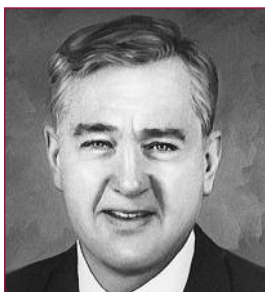
Harry Litwack's top assistant, Don Casey, took the reins of the Temple basketball program in 1973. The future NBA head coach would lead the Owls for nine seasons, but perhaps the most interesting game of his tenure took place just three weeks after he got started.

Temple had a solid team in the 1973-74 season, but the squad lacked depth. Still, the Owls stood 4-1 after a victory over Utah State in the opening game of the 1973 Volunteer Classic in Knoxville, Tenn. The host Volunteers were one of the best teams in the nation, led by Ernie Grunfeld.

The Owls were heavy underdogs in their championship game meeting with the Vols, and early foul trouble made things even tougher on Casey and first-year assistant coach Jim Maloney. Knowing the team would have little



Temple's 1969-70 team started the storied history of McGonigle Hall with a thrilling, 60-59, upset win over Lou Carnesecca's St. John's Redmen on Dec. 2, 1969. The pregame ceremonies included awarding the game ball in advance to Arthur T. McGonigle, the Temple trustee, Reading pretzel maker and 1958 Republican gubernatorial candidate, who donated the furnishings and equipment for the then modern gym.



JIM MALONEY
(1973-96)

Inducted January 28, 1997

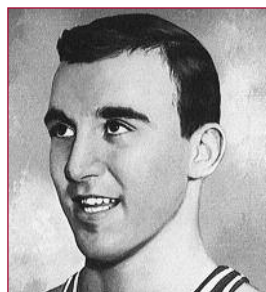
Considered one of basketball's finest strategists, he played an important role in the Owls' success. Assisted both Don Casey and John Chaney at Temple and was head coach at Niagara. He developed some of the finest guards in Temple history.



AARON MCKIE
(1991-94)

Inducted February 19, 2011

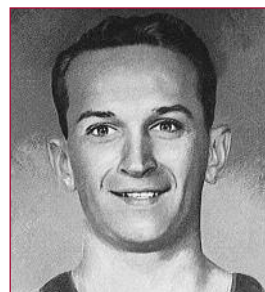
The AP Honorable Mention All-American finished his three-year career tied for sixth on the all-time scoring list with 1,650 points, averaging 17.9 points per game while starting all 92 games. Averaged 20.6 ppg, and earned A-10 Player of the Year as a junior. Named first-team all-conference as senior.



BILL MLKVY
(1950-52)

Inducted December 2, 1971

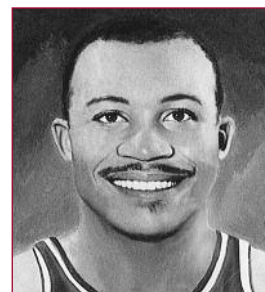
Temple's famed Owl Without a Vowel. Earned first team All-American honors after averaging 29.2 points a game during the 1950-51 season. Owns numerous Temple records including the one game mark of 73 points against Wilkes.



ANGELO MUSI
(1940-42)

Inducted February 5, 1973

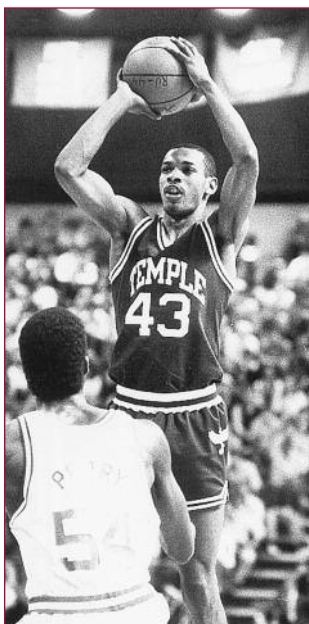
Captain of both the Temple basketball and baseball teams. Earned All-American and All-East honors after the 1941-42 basketball season. Three-time All-City. Team captain of the Philadelphia Warriors in 1946-47.



JAY NORMAN
(1955-58)

Inducted January 26, 1976

A three-season starter. Scored 1,024 points. Led the team in rebounding. Played on Temple's teams that rolled to third place finishes in two NCAA Tournaments. He is a Big 5 Hall of Famer.



Terence Stansbury left Temple as its all-time scoring leader with 1,811 points. His biggest basket, a 22-foot buzzer-beater in the 1984 NCAA Tournament against St. John's, gave the Owls their first NCAA win since 1958.

chance to run-and-gun with Tennessee, the coaches decided to have the Owls hold the ball just beyond midcourt for the majority of the first half. The Volunteers obliged, refusing pressure on the ball. And after 20 minutes of play, Tennessee led, 7-5. Despite incurring the verbal wrath of a rabidly angry crowd, the Owls continued their strategy in the second half. They couldn't score enough in the end, though, and lost by a score of 11-6. It was the lowest scoring Temple basketball game since the turn of the century.

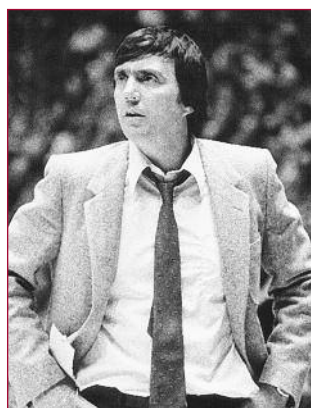
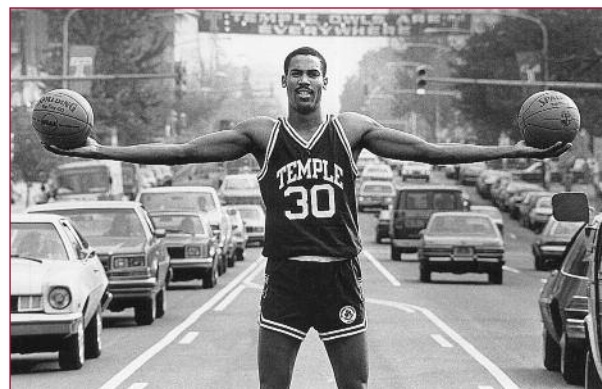
Casey did his share of winning on the court as well. The Owls moved from the MAC to the East Coast Conference in the mid 1970s, putting together a couple of strong runs at making the NCAA Tournament before finally returning there in 1979.

The previous season, a trio of career 1,000-point scorers (Marty Stahurski, Tim Claxton, and Rick Reed) just missed taking Temple to the tourney, as a one-point loss to La Salle in the ECC Championship game sent them instead to the NIT.

Reed returned to lead the team to a 22-3 record the following regular season, becoming the school's all-time assist leader up to that point. This time, the Owls won all the close games, downing Drexel, Lafayette, and Saint Joseph's by a combined total of eight points to gain the automatic bid to the NCAAs. Casey's squad dropped a 75-70 decision to St. John's in its tournament opener.

The Owls earned two more bids to the NIT before John Chaney became the program's 16th head coach in 1982. The first thing Chaney did was retain Jim Maloney as his top assistant, keeping Temple's ties to Don Casey, to Harry Litwack, and to James Usilton.

Granger Hall was a dominant Temple player in the mid-1980s. He returned from a serious knee injury to be an honorable mention All-American and an Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year. He played professionally both in the NBA and Europe after finishing at Temple.



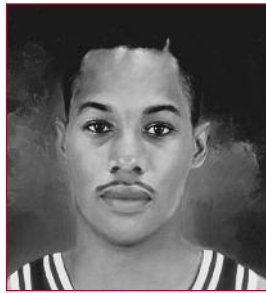
Temple has only had six head coaches since 1926. Don Casey won 151 games in his nine-year coaching stint from 1973-82.



ALBERT (REDS) PEARSON (1928-31)

Inducted January 28, 1977

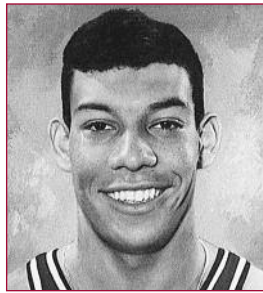
Captain of the 1930-31 basketball team, he led the Owls to a 17-4 record. The physical education section of the complex at Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue adjoining McGonigle Hall is named Pearson Hall in his honor.



TIM PERRY (1984-88)

Inducted January 25, 2000

The Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year in 1988. He is Temple's all-time leader in blocked shots with 392. He scored 1,368 points and grabbed 985 rebounds.



GUY RODGERS (1955-58)

Inducted December 2, 1971

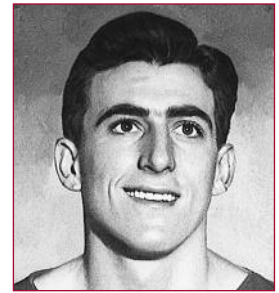
He was the sparkplug as Temple compiled a 74-16 record from 1955 to 1958. First team All-American selection, also earned All-Pro honors. He scored 1,767 points as an Owl.



HOWARD ROSAN (1933-35)

Inducted January 26, 1976

One of Temple's all-time greats, was also outstanding as a high school and pro player. "Reds" played three varsity seasons at Temple and was captain of the 1934-35 team. Earned All-American recognition.



JERRY RULLO (1943-46)

Inducted February 16, 1984

A three-sport standout at Temple. He captained the basketball and soccer teams and also played baseball. He earned seven letters at Temple. He later played pro basketball with the Philadelphia Warriors.



John Chaney, a great guard himself in college, instructs two of Temple's finest — Mark Macon (left) and Howard Evans — during the magical 1987-88 season when Temple rolled to 32 wins and the No. 1 ranking in the nation.

JOHN CHANEY: WINNING IS AN ATTITUDE

A former Philadelphia Public League Player of the Year, Chaney brought with him a Division II National Championship earned at Cheyney State University and a message that would define Temple basketball beyond the next decade, a message that defined Temple basketball for 24 years—“Winning is an ATTITUDE.”

While winning may have been an attitude, injuries made it difficult for Chaney's first squad to make winning a way of life on the court. However, the Owls put it all together late in the 1982-83 season, advancing all the way to the Atlantic 10 Championship game before falling to West Virginia. Temple had moved from the ECC to the Atlantic 10 that year, and the loss to the Mountaineers marked the beginning of the conference's best rivalry over the next decade.

The Owls put it to West Virginia and the rest of the A-10 the following season, racing through conference

play with an unblemished record of 18-0. Senior guard Terence Stansbury led the way, climbing past Bill Milkvy, John Baum, and Guy Rodgers to become the Owls' all-time leading scorer. The A-10 Player of the Year and future NBA first round draft pick saved his best for last, sinking a 22-foot jumper at the buzzer to defeat St. John's, 65-63, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It was Temple's first tournament victory since the Final Four run of 1958.

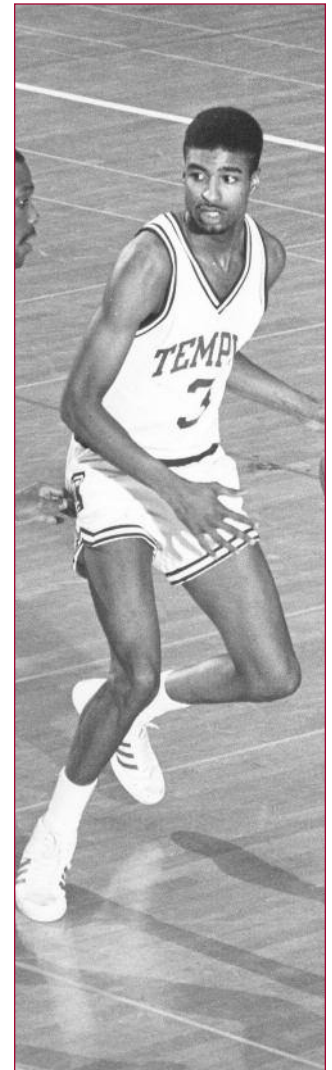


Mike Vreeswyk, one of the most prolific long-range shooters in Temple history, ranks second on the all-time three-point field goal list with 271.

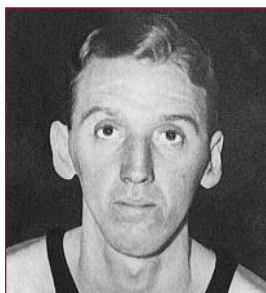
Stansbury was the first of many NBA draft picks that honed their skills under Chaney's tutelage. Two more were drafted the following season in forwards Granger Hall and Charles Rayne. Hall climbed to third place (now eighth) on Temple's all-time scoring list in leading the Owls to their first A-10 Tournament Championship and another spot in the NCAA Tournament in 1984-85. That year, Chaney won his second straight A-10 Coach of the Year Award.

The following season produced more of the same, as the coach molded a team that was bound to make a major national impact sooner or later. The Owls won by playing a suffocating and innovative match-up zone halfcourt defense and by making the most of each possession on offense. Chaney derided turnovers as “an evil,” and the Owls consistently ranked among the nation's leaders in lowest number of turnovers each season.

The much-anticipated major national impact came in 1986-87, as the Owls rampaged to a school record 32 victories and gained a top five national

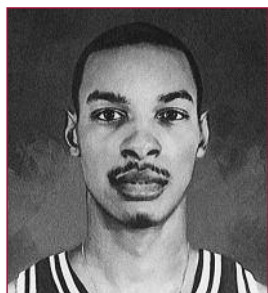


Nate Blackwell finished his career second on the all-time assist list and third on the all-time scoring list.

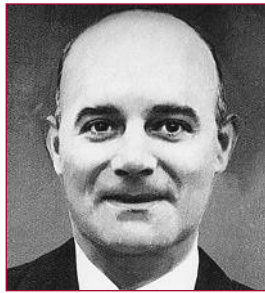
**DON SHIELDS**
(1935-38)*Inducted December 2, 1969*

Sparked Temple to the championship of the first NIT in 1938, was named the tourney's MVP.

Earned All-American honors in 1936 and 1938. Temple had a 58-14 record during his career.

**TERENCE STANSBURY**
(1981-84)*Inducted September 29, 1995*

Fifth highest scorer in Temple men's basketball history (1,811 points). Earned All-American honors. Led the Owls twice in scoring. Inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1990.

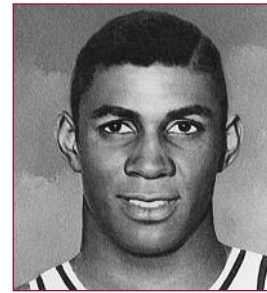
**JIMMY USILTON, SR.**
(1926-39)*Inducted February 5, 1973*

During his 13 years as head coach, compiled a 205-79 record as Temple became a national powerhouse. His 1937-38 team had a 23-2 record and won the first NIT. He coached the 1936 team to the Olympic Trial finals.

**MIKE VREESWYK**
(1985-89)*Inducted February 8, 2001*

The ninth highest scorer in Temple men's basketball history with 1,650 points. Second all-time for three pointers made with 271.

Inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1995.

**JIM WILLIAMS**
(1963-66)*Inducted March 2, 1983*

The second highest rebounder in Temple history with 1,031 boards, he also scored 1,306 points. He made the All-Big 5 team twice and was inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1983. He earned numerous other honors.



Mark Macon, the school's all-time leading scorer, led the Owls to three NCAA Tournament appearances in his four years on North Broad Street.

ranking in February. Lanky guard Nate Blackwell was the senior leader on that team. He finished his career in third place on Temple's all-time scoring list and second on the all-time assist list. But for the fourth season in a row, the season ended in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, leaving the starting junior class trio of big men Ramon Rivas and Tim Perry and point guard Howard Evans anxious to move further in their final campaign.

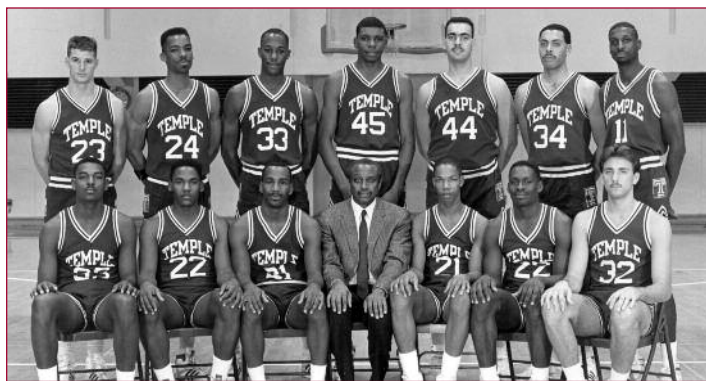
DREAM SEASON

The Owls did just that in 1987-88, putting together the finest regular season in school history. Perry earned A-10 Player of the Year honors and became the school's all-time leader in blocked shots. Evans moved atop the all-time list in assists and steals. Junior Mike

Vreeswyk was well on his way to becoming the most prolific long-distance shooter in school history. And the squad added a remarkable freshman guard by the name of Mark Macon.

The season started with an 81-76 victory over UCLA at Pauley Pavilion, and that was just the beginning. Thirteen more victories were recorded before the team suffered its lone defeat of the regular season, a one-point loss at UNLV. Temple's stellar starting five led the way to 12 more victories before the A-10 Tournament in early March. All the while, the Owls climbed the national polls, and on February 8, they claimed the number one ranking in the nation. It was a first in school history, and this Temple team was not about to let it go. In their first game after the national polls anointed them number one, the Owls matched up with Big Five rival Villanova at an over-flowing McGonigle Hall. It was a game for the ages, as Evans scored 17 points and handed out a school-record 20 assists in a 98-86 victory.

Following an unblemished run to the A-10 regular season and tournament championship, the Owls gained one of the four top seeds in the NCAA Tournament and set out to return to the Final

*1987-88 Team*

Four in the 30th Anniversary of the banner 1957-58 campaign. But after victories over Lehigh (87-73), Georgetown (74-53), and Richmond (69-47) brought them within one game of destiny, a 63-53 loss to the Duke Blue Devils ended the dream. The Owls concluded the season with a record of 32-2, the best mark in school history. In the aftermath, Macon won various All-America honors, and Chaney was named National Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. The two would return together to the doorstep of the Final Four once again.

NATIONAL PROMINENCE

The Owls advanced to the NIT in 1988-89 before returning to the NAAs in 1989-90, but the amazing Macon saved his best performance for the 1990-91 campaign. The senior superstar had passed Stansbury during the previous season (March 1, 1990 in a McGonigle Hall victory over Rutgers) to become Temple's all-time leading scorer, and his buzzer-beating three point shot in an A-10 Tournament victory over West Virginia in March of '91 practically clinched an NCAA bid. Seeded just 10th in the East Region, the Owls rolled to victories over Purdue, Richmond and Oklahoma State that again brought them to the brink of the Final Four. Macon played at another level in the East Regional championship game against North Carolina, scoring 31 points, grabbing nine rebounds, and committing no turnovers, but it was not quite enough, as the top-seeded Tar Heels escaped with a 75-72 victory. The incredible Macon, who entered and exited the Temple basketball scene with such enormous fanfare, left for a career in the NBA ranked 20th on

the NCAA scoring list with 2,609 points.

Chaney continued to develop outstanding guards upon Macon's departure. And he continued to lead Temple basketball into the NCAA Tournament. A superb trio of players hit the court in 1991—Eddie Jones, Aaron McKie and Rick Brunson. That group led the Owls on another magical march through the NCAA Tournament in the spring of 1993. Battle-tested by facing the toughest schedule in the country, Temple entered the tournament that year with a not-so-incredible record of 17-12. But again the Owls beat the odds, and found themselves one game away from the Final Four following victories over Missouri, Santa Clara and Vanderbilt. This time it was the Michigan Wolverines who stopped them one game short, by a score of 77-72. With three appearances in the Elite Eight over a six-year span and 11 straight post-season appearances, Chaney had indeed guided Temple basketball to new heights.

The Owls were once again near the top of the national polls the following season, as the A-10 moved toward becoming one of the premier basketball conferences in the nation. Along the way, Temple gained a new arch-rival in the University of Massachusetts. The Owls would lose four straight A-10 Championship games to the Minutemen, but earn at-large NCAA bids in each of those seasons. New stars emerged in the likes of Marc Jackson, Pepe Sanchez and Lamont Barnes, and a new home for Temple basketball—The Liacouras Center—opened on December 9, 1997 when the Owls defeated 18th-ranked Fresno State, 76-61. That 1997-98 season broke the four-year run of A-10 finals losses to UMass, but Temple still was denied another conference crown as upstart George Washington defeated the Cherry and White, 78-64, in the tournament semifinals.

The Owls returned to national prominence in 1998-99 with yet another trip to the NCAA Elite Eight. Temple started the year off ranked seventh in the preseason AP poll and moved to sixth followed by a 60-59 win over Michigan State. Temple slipped out of the rankings following a three-game December skid, and had to again receive an at-large



Aaron McKie earned 1993 A-10 Player of the Year honors before moving on to a successful NBA career.



Temple has an all-time Atlantic 10 Conference record of 327-112 (.745) and has won nine tournament championships (1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2000, 2001, 2008, 2009 & 2010).

NCAA bid following a tough, 62-59 loss at the buzzer to Rhode Island in the A-10 Championship. The Owls ran off wins over Kent State, third-ranked Cincinnati and Purdue to advance to the Regional Final. There they again met their nemesis, Duke. The Blue Devils prevailed, 84-65, denying Chaney yet another chance at a trip to the Final Four.

The Owls ended one of the most successful decades in their illustrious history with another tremendous campaign. The 1999-00 team opened the year in the Top 10, and remained in the poll through-

out, ending the regular season ranked fifth in the nation. The Owls reeled off 13 straight wins midway through the season, including a 77-69 road win over #1

Cincinnati. Saint Joseph's ended Temple's run with a 62-59 upset at The Palestra on Feb. 29. The Owls used that as a wakeup call, winning the next four games to capture their fifth Atlantic 10 Championship, and first since the decade began (1990). Sanchez was named the 2000 A-10 Player of the Year while Quincy Wadley earned Tournament MVP honors.

Temple opened the 2000 NCAA Tournament as a #2-seed, and quickly dispatched of Lafayette, 73-47. The Owls' run ended when unranked Seton Hall pulled off an improbable 67-65 overtime win in the second round.

The 2000-01 season will truly go down as a season to remember. Faced with the reality of seeing their 11-straight years of appearing in the NCAA Tournament snapped, the Owls put on an incredible run, highlighted by an improbable come-from-behind victory in the 2001 Atlantic 10 Championship semifinals which catapulted them to their second consecutive Atlantic 10 championship and miracle run in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Elite Eight.

Although the 2001-02 season saw the Owls' 12-year consecutive NCAA streak broken, the Owls stretched their consecutive post-season streak to 19 by finishing in third place in the 2002 Owens Corning NIT. In a season of ups and downs, the Owls turned a 6-12 record into a highlight reel. Senior Lynn Greer finished a stellar career second on the all-time Temple scoring list, while Kevin Lyde became only the third Owl in history to record 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds.

The Owls opened the 2002-03 season with three true freshmen in the starting lineup and that, along with an early NBA-like schedule and the absence of Brian Polk, saw the Owls get off to an 0-5 start, marking the worst beginning of any Temple team in history.

The Owls would finally put together back-to-back wins for the first time in the middle of January and that seemed to catapult Chaney's club into its late season run. The Owls would go on to win 10 of

ATLANTIC 10 HONORS

Players of the Year

Pepe Sanchez.....	2000
Marc Jackson.....	1997
Eddie Jones.....	1994
Aaron McKie.....	1993
Mark Macon.....	1989
Tim Perry.....	1988
Nate Blackwell.....	1987
Granger Hall.....	1985
Terence Stansbury.....	1984

First Team

Lavoy Allen.....	2010, 2011
Dionte Christmas.....	2008, 2009
Mardy Collins.....	2005, 2006
David Hawkins.....	2004
Lynn Greer.....	2001, 2002
Pepe Sanchez.....	1999, 2000
Lamont Barnes.....	1998
Marc Jackson.....	1996, 1997
Rick Brunson.....	1995
Eddie Jones.....	1994
Aaron McKie.....	1993, 1994
Mark Macon.....	1988-1991
Howard Evans.....	1988
Tim Perry.....	1987, 1988
Nate Blackwell.....	1987
Granger Hall.....	1984, 1985
Charles Rayne.....	1985
Terence Stansbury.....	1984

Defensive Player of the Year

Pepe Sanchez.....	1998, 2000
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Sixth Man of the Year

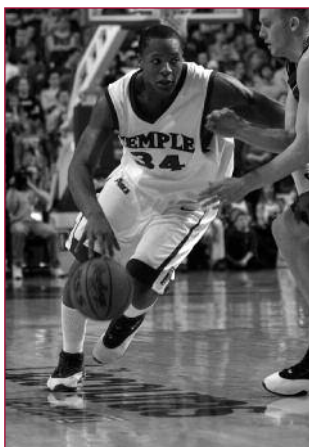
Khalif Wyatt.....	2011
Ramone Moore.....	2010
Brian Polk.....	2002
Lynn Greer.....	2000
Quincy Wadley.....	1999

Most Improved Player

Scottie Randall.....	2011
Dionte Christmas.....	2007

Student-Athlete of the Year

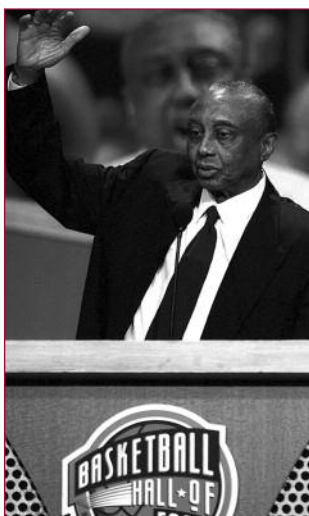
Pepe Sanchez.....	2000
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David Hawkins ranks in the top five in eight different career statistical categories.

John Chaney and the A-10

Most Atlantic 10 wins.....	296
Most A-10 Championship wins..	43
Most A-10 regular season titles	7
Most A-10 Championship titles..	6
Most A-10 Championship games..	14
Most postseason appearances .	23
Most NCAA appearances.....	17
Most A-10 Players of the Year ..	9
Most players in the NBA.....	16



On October 5, 2001 John Chaney became the second Temple coach to be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, joining Harry Litwick. Temple is one of only nine schools to hold that distinction.

their next 13 regular season games, including the 1,600th in their history—a 99-77 win at Fordham on February 23, 2003. Temple became just the sixth program in collegiate history to win 1,600 games, joining the likes of Kentucky, North Carolina, Duke and St. John's.

In the Atlantic 10 Tournament, the Owls won revenge games against Richmond and No. 10 Xavier to propel themselves into the championship game for the 14th time. With the conference tournament in Dayton for the first time, the Owls faced the host school in the title game, but the Flyers and their fans proved too much, ending the Owls' dreams of heading back to a place they have been accustomed to, the NCAA Tournament. A second consecutive postseason NIT bid gave the young and upstart Owls a chance to continue and that they did.

Chaney's troops won back-to-back home games against Drexel and Boston College. Following a win at Rhode Island before a hostile crowd, the Owls lost a heart-breaking overtime contest to Minnesota, ending the season one game short of a second consecutive trip to the NIT Final Four.

The 2003-04 campaign featured two prominent milestones in the Temple men's basketball annals. Head coach John Chaney became just the 16th coach in Division I history to reach the 700 victory plateau while his senior guard, David Hawkins reached the 2,000-point plateau.

Temple easily defeated St. Bonaventure, 76-57, on January 24 for Chaney's milestone win. Following a commemorative ball presentation, the outspoken coach addressed the fans. "I thought I would be a very old man when I reached (this milestone)," said Chaney to the appreciative home crowd on the public address microphone as 700 hundred Cherry & White balloons covered the floor after the game. "Tonight, you make me feel like a very young man. After all these years, I only see faces and I only see memories of the people that gave the energy and effort responsible for bringing me here. Thank you."

Hawkins, a Second Team All-America selection by *CBS Sportsline.com*, ended the season ranked fourth nationally in scoring with a 24.4 average while accumulating 709 total points. Only three other Temple players have bested that number for a season. He topped the 2,000-point mark with a career best 41 points in a memorable 98-92 double overtime win over Massachusetts at the Liacouras Center on March 3. His incredible night included scoring 17 of the team's 19 points in the second extra frame. It is believed to be a NCAA record for most points by a player in an overtime period. He would finish his brilliant career with 2,077 points, third most in Temple history.

Chaney would finish the season by guiding his charges to a second place finish in the Atlantic 10 Conference East Division. The Owls finished with a 15-14 overall mark. Chaney also extended his postseason streak to 21 consecutive seasons with a NIT berth.

The 2004-05 season was an exciting one for Temple men's basketball fans. It saw a rising star in junior point guard Mardy Collins, the emergence of a future star in freshman Mark Tyndale and the extension of the program's postseason streak to 22 seasons with a berth in the NIT.

Chaney guided the Owls to their 22nd straight postseason trip. He however was denied his 500th coaching win at Temple when Virginia Tech ousted his team, 60-50, in the first round of the NIT at Cassell Coliseum.

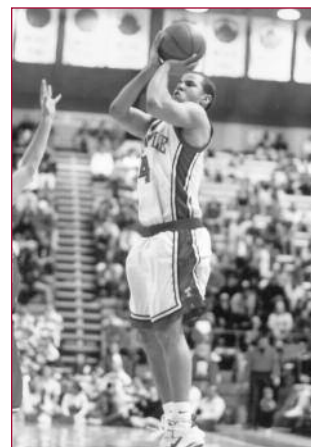
Besides his first team all-conference honor, Collins was named first team all-District by both the USBWA and the NABC. He also earned a spot on the A-10 all-Defensive Team and was named first team all-Big 5.

The 2005-06 season will forever be remembered as the last under Hall of Fame head coach John Chaney. The Owl mentor ended a legendary coaching career by announcing his retirement on March 12, two days prior to his team's home NIT game against Akron.

The final season opened in the NIT Season Tip-Off with a home win over Army, the 500th win for Chaney at Temple. Senior All-America Mardy Collins, who finished his brilliant career fourth on the Owls' all-time scoring list (1,919 points), led TU against #18 Maryland with 25 points and a career-best 12 assists.

Chaney proved he still had some magic left when he guided his Owls to a stunning 68-53 upset of #6 George Washington in the A-10 Quarterfinals, ending the nation's longest win streak at 18 games. Saint Joseph's stopped Temple's A-10 run in the semifinal round with a 73-59 win.

Temple ended its season with an 80-73 overtime loss to Akron in the opening round of the NIT, just two days following Chaney's announcement. Collins became Temple's eighth NBA First Round draft pick in June.



Rick Brunson is fifth all-time at Temple in career assists (470) and steals (253).



Mardy Collins

THE DUNPHY ERA

A New Era of Temple Basketball dawned in 2006-07 as Fran Dunphy took over the reins of the program from his close friend and colleague John Chaney. Dunphy, the all-time winningest coach in Penn history with 310 victories, succeeded Chaney, a Hall of Famer with a school-record 516 wins in his 24 seasons at Temple, in arguably the biggest coaching switch in Philadelphia Big 5 history.

Dunphy brought with him a new style of basketball to North Broad Street, forgoing the match-up zone for the more traditional man-to-man defense. He also instilled a high-octane motion offense, replacing the Owls' deliberate attack.

The results were mixed. Temple averaged 75.0 points per game as a team, and set a new school record for points in consecutive games (207) and a three-game stretch (296). Defensively, the team struggled, allowing 74.1 points per game.

The season featured the emergence of sophomore Dionte Christmas. The 6-6 guard scored in double figures 27 times, tallying 20 points or more on 18 occasions and reaching 30 points in a game five times. The second team all-Atlantic 10 selection ended up leading the conference in scoring with a 20.0 average while becoming just the 10th player in Temple history to score 600 points in a season.

Christmas' backcourt mate, junior Mark Tyndale, also turned in a stellar campaign. After missing the first six games due to eligibility issues, the 6-5 guard returned to the lineup and worked his way into becoming an integral part of the Temple offense. An honorable mention all-league performer, Tyndale led the Atlantic 10 in scoring for conference games only, averaging 21.3 points



Mark Tyndale

per game. Overall, he averaged 19.4 points and in the process became the 43rd Owl to score 1,000 career points.

Dunphy's new system paid dividends in his second season. The Cherry and White started slowly, but following a strong second half against nationally-ranked Duke, finally came together as a unit. Led by their "one-two" punch of Christmas and Tyndale, the Owls, picked ninth in the A-10 preseason poll, went 11-5 in conference play to place second in the regular season standings.

The Owls marched through the A-10 Tournament, defeating rival Saint Joseph's, 69-64, in the final to capture their record seventh A-10 title, and first since 2001. It was also the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2001. The 12th-seeded Cherry and White faced fifth-seed Michigan State and the 18th-ranked Spartans defeated the Owls, 72-61 at the Pepsi Center in Denver in a first round game of the South Region.

Christmas, the A-10 Tournament Most Outstanding Player, finished with 670 points, 12th best single season total in school history, and a school-record 104 three-pointers. He also became just the third player to lead the league in scoring in consecutive seasons. Tyndale ended his brilliant career as the only player to rank among Temple's Top 20 in points and rebounds and Top 10 in assists and steals.

In 2008-09, Dunphy's third year at the helm, Temple became the first Atlantic 10 Conference team to repeat as champions since the 2000-01 accomplished the feat.

The Owls finished the season with a 22-12 overall record and tied for second in the conference standings with an 11-5 mark. Again it was Christmas who led the way for the Cherry and White. The 6-5 guard, who became the first Temple player immortalized with a bobblehead doll, led the Cherry and White throughout the season, including a season-high 36-point effort in the Owls' 88-72 win over #8/8 Tennessee at the Liacouras Center, the team's signature win.

Temple opened its defense of its A-10 title as the fourth-seed and had to face St. Joe's, the fifth-seed, in its first game. Ryan Brooks scored 19 points as the Owls defeated the Hawks, 79-65, marking the first time since 1998 that Temple won three games over its city-rival. The Cherry and White defeated top-seed #19/19 Xavier, 55-53, in the semifinals riding the hot-hand of Christmas. The Owl co-captain had a game-high 20 points, and his three-pointer with just under two minutes to play gave Temple its first two-possession lead (51-47) and made him the all-time three-point leader in school history.

Christmas followed that performance with a 29-point effort in Temple's 69-64 win over seventh-seed Duquesne to lead the Owls to their second straight A-10 title. Christmas was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Championship for the second straight year, the first repeat winner since UMass' Harper Williams in 1993. Brooks and Sergio Olmos joined him on the all-Championship team.



Dionte Christmas

Christmas, who earned numerous post-season honors, including honorable mention All-America, followed up his A-10 Championship performance with another 29-point effort in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. His heroics, however, were not enough for the Owls, the 11th-seed in the South Region, to defeat the sixth-seeded Arizona State as the Wildcats pulled out a 66-57 victory.

Christmas, who averaged 19.5 points per game to become the first A-10 player to win three consecutive scoring titles, broke his single season three-point record (107 made) in the contest. He finished his illustrious career as the fourth-leading scorer in Temple history with 2,043 points.

The Owls headed into what would become one of the most memorable seasons (2009-10) in its rich tradition without an identity. Head coach Fran Dunphy needed to replace three starters that had helped Temple win its second straight Atlantic 10 Tournament, with one of those being the bulk of the team's offense the last three seasons.

Picked to finish tied for fifth in the A-10, Temple would buckle down on defense in the preseason, creating a tough, switching man-to-man style. This defensive intensity, spearheaded by senior co-captains, Brooks and Luis Guzman, would transcend the Owls into one of the toughest teams to score on throughout the season.

Offensively, the Cherry and White played unselfishly, averaging nearly 15 assists per game, while taking great care of the ball, leading the A-10 and ranking among the Top 10 na-

tionally in fewest turnovers per contest (10.5 tpg.).

Temple rebounded from that to roll off seven straight wins in December, among those was a signature victory over Big 5 rival #3/3 Villanova (71-65), to vault into the Top 25 for the first time since 2001. Sophomore guard Juan Fernandez scored a career-high 33 points in the upset to lead Temple to its first win over a Top 5 team in a decade. It was not a solo effort as Brooks added 20 points and junior forward Lavoy Allen had a game-high 17 rebounds.

The Owls ended 2009 with one of their nation's best 12 road wins at Northern Illinois. The New Year, however, did not start off as well. Playing against top-ranked Kansas, Temple turned in its worst performance of the season while the JayHawks were at the top of their game in an 84-52 loss.

Temple recovered quickly, opening Conference play with six straight wins, starting with a 73-46 victory over city-rival St. Joe's. Next was an overtime win at Rhode Island, which entered the game with the nation's fourth-best RPI. Fernandez, who led the Owls with 18 points, hit a deep three late in the extra frame to help pull out the victory.

In a showdown of the top two teams in the conference, Temple led for nearly the entire game and used 59.2 percent shooting to post a 77-72 win over Xavier. Brooks led four double figure scorers for Temple with a game-high 22 points as the Owls reaffirmed that the A-10 stills runs through Philly.

Temple won at Fordham to cap its six-game streak, but the win proved costly as Fernandez took a shot to the head while driving the baseline. He missed only one game while working through concussion-like symptoms, but his play was affected by the injury for nearly a month.

Temple dropped two of its next four games before rebounding to close the regular season on an seven-game win streak to capture its' A-10 record ninth league title.

In that stretch Fernandez returned to the starting lineup in time to help Temple clinch just its fifth perfect Big 5 season. The 6-4 sharpshooter scored 12 of his game-high 23 points in a decisive 18-0 run to open the second half. Allen became the first Temple player to grab 20 rebounds in a game since 1973 by pulling down 21 in the game.

Temple next set its sights on Atlantic City and the A-10 Tournament. The top-seeded Owls got 17 points and a career-high seven assists from Fernandez and Allen notched his 13th double-double of the season in leading Temple past St. Bonnies, 69-51, in the quarterfinals.

A third meeting with Rhode Island awaited, and, for the second straight game the Owls led wire-to-wire, dispatching the Rams 57-44 behind 16 points from Brooks. Fernandez matched his career-high in assists for the second straight game while contributing 14 points.

A rematch with Richmond was now all that stood



Ryan Brooks

in the way of Temple joining UMass as the only A-10 programs to win three consecutive A-10 titles. The Owls led at the break, 29-25, and would build a 12-point lead with 12 minutes remaining on a Brooks three-pointer.

The Spiders would claw back into the game, holding the Owls to just two field goals the remainder of the contest, and none over the final six-and-a-half minutes.

Temple's defense, however, limited Richmond's attack and the Owls converted seven straight free throws, four by Brooks, a second team all-conference pick, and three by A-10 Sixth Man of the Year Ramone Moore, to clinch their threepeat with a 56-52 win. Fernandez, whose family flew over to watch the games, was the unanimous choice for Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament while Allen, a first team all-conference selection, joined him on the all-tournament team.

A fifth-seed in the NCAA Tournament, Temple ran into a 27-4 Cornell team that was hardly your typical 12-seed. The Ivy League champions, who entered play as the nation's top three-point shooting team, made 11 of its 12 shots from inside the arc to lead by as many as 11 points in the first half.

Temple, which made 50 percent of its shots in the opening stanza, scored on eight of its first nine possessions of the second half. The Owls, however, could only cut one-point off of its eight-point halftime deficit as Ivy League Player of the Year Randy Wittman drained three long three-pointers during that stretch.

The Big Red then went on a 15-4 run to take control of the game and put an abrupt end to the Owls' amazing season with a 78-65 win. Temple's final ranking in the Associated Press poll was 12th and the Owls' (29-6) win total was third on the program's all-time list.

The 2010-11 season started off with tremendous hype as the Owls were ranked in both polls (#22) for the first time since 2001.

Moore moved into the starting rotation and led a balanced scoring attack as Temple defeated visiting Seton Hall in its opener. Balance would be a theme throughout the season as for the first time in a decade five players would end the season with double-figure scoring averages.

Temple fell out of the Top 25 with the two losses at the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, but six straight wins would put the program back into the polls.

Notable wins in that stretch included a 64-61 win over Maryland in the BB&T Classic and a home victory over #9/10 Georgetown. It marked the third straight year the Owls would knock off a Top 10 team at the Liacouras Center. Moore scored a career-high 30 points against the Hoyas while Rahlir Jefferson added 10 points and sealed the win with two free throws. It was a milestone victory for Fran Dunphy as he recorded career win #400.

Temple fell out of the polls with a 78-74 loss at

1,766 VICTORIES

6th All-Time in Wins

Temple's 80-53 victory over Charlotte on Jan. 24, 2009 put the Owls in elite company...The Owls joined Kentucky, North Carolina, Kansas, Duke and Syracuse with 1,700 wins. Temple Basketball owns a 115-year won-loss record of 1,766-974. The Owls history also includes:

- 46 post-season tournament appearances (29 NAAs, 17 NITs)
- Two Final Four appearances (1956 and 1958) under Harry "The Chief" Litwack
- Five regional finals in 22 years under John Chaney (1988, 1991, 1993, 1999 and 2001)
- NIT championships in 1938 and 1969.
- Two Naismith Basketball Association Hall of Fame Coaches in Litwack and Chaney.

Top 10 Division I Schools in Total Victories

Kentucky	2,052
Kansas	2,038
North Carolina	2,033
Duke	1,944
Syracuse	1,810
TEMPLE	1,766
St. John's	1,724
UCLA	1,709
Notre Dame	1,701
Penn	1,677

*as of 11/10/11
Source: NCAA



Khalif Wyatt

#8/8 Villanova in the final game of 2010.

The Owls opened their A-10 schedule with three straight wins, which propelled the team back into the Top 25. It was again a short-lived stay as Duquesne jumped all over Temple in 78-66 win in Pittsburgh.

Khalif Wyatt lit up Penn in the next game, scoring 27 points – the most by a Temple reserve in over a quarter-century, to lead the Owls to victory. Lavoy Allen, who would end his career third on Temple's all-time blocked shots list, added 10 points and a career-high six rejections.

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Scottie Randall then scored a career-high 28 points at Xavier, but the Musketeers proved to be too much in a battle of the A-10s premier programs.

The Temple players did not hang their heads, but used the Xavier loss to fuel them to an eight-game winning streak. Along the way was Dunphy's 100th win at Temple, which came against his alma mater, a 71-67 win at La Salle. Allen, a first team all-A-10 honoree, would be absent for a key road win at Dayton. Moore, who earned second team all-Atlantic 10 honors, scored 26 points in the win over the Flyers.

Playing without Micheal Eric, who suffered a fractured patella in practice, the Owls dismantled Richmond, 73-53, in a rematch of the 2010 A-10 Championship game. Moore led the way with 24 points while Fernandez added 20. The win proved costly as Scottie Randall injured his right foot in the game and would miss the remainder of the season.

Allen became Temple's all-time leading rebounder in the team's 66-52 win over Saint Joseph's, passing John Baum with his 1,043rd rebound. In true form, Allen pulled down one of his 41 career double-doubles in the game.

Top-ranked Duke would end Temple's win streak as All-American Kyle Singler scored a game-high 28 points in a 78-61 win at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Allen had 17 points and 13 rebounds against the Blue Devils.

Temple won its 10th straight A-10 game, the first such streak since 1999-2000, in spoiling UMass's Senior Day with a 73-67 overtime win. Allen grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds and Fernandez scored 13 of his team-high 19 points in the second half.

Lavoy Allen made his final game at the Liacouras Center a memorable one. He scored a career-high 24 points and helped Temple tie the building record with its 22nd consecutive home win in defeating La Salle, 90-82.

The Owls' Boardwalk Empire came to an end in the A10 semifinals as Richmond snapped Temple's 10-game A-10 Tournament win streak with a 58-54 victory.

Selection Sunday saw Temple awarded its first at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1999. The Owls were made the seventh-seed in the West Region with their opponent 10th-seeded Penn State. The Pennsylvania schools would have to travel 2500 miles to play at the McKale Center in Tuscon.

The trip was well worth it as the game would go down as one of the most memorable of the tournament. There were eight ties and 20 lead changes in the tightly contested game. In the final six minutes, there were just three missed shots and two empty possessions. As each team kept counterpunching and the lead kept alternating, it was becoming clear that the last team with the ball was going to win. After Penn State's 2000-point scorer Talor Battle drained a 25-footer with 16 seconds to play to tie the game at 64. The Owls called timeout. It was then that Wyatt urged Dunphy to put the ball in Fernandez's hands. And Fernandez de-

livered one shining moment for Temple, connecting on a leaning 12-footer to lift the Owls to their first NCAA win since 2001.

Fifth-ranked and second-seed San Diego State was up next and the Owls were up for the challenge. The Aztecs looked like they were going to pull away at times, but the Owls would keep the game within striking distance. Trailing by five with two minutes to play, Wyatt drained a three-pointer and Allen followed with a basket to tie the game. In the first overtime, Fernandez made a three to give the Owls the lead, which they would hold until Malcolm Thomas tied it at 61 on a three-point play. In the second overtime, the Aztecs finally pulled away to end the Owls season.



Lavoy Allen

TEMPLE TRADITIONS

The traditional symbol of the University is the Temple T. Early in the administration of former president Peter J. Liacouras, he chose this particular version of a representational T which was created by students at the Tyler School of Art.



The T is stylized, geometric and logo-like and yet maintains a basic, identifiable form—a simple T, but one which is at the same time both simple and complex. It is really a kind of optical illusion.

The Owl

The owl is the symbol and mascot for Temple University and has been since its founding in the 1880s. Temple was the first school in the United States to adopt the owl as its symbol. Not as popular a mascot as the eagle or hawk, the owl nevertheless has special meaning for students at a dozen other four-year colleges and seven two-year colleges as well. However, only Rice and Florida Atlantic play football at the Division I-A level.

Story has it that the owl, a nocturnal hunter, was initially adopted as a symbol, because Temple University began as a night school for ambitious young people of limited means. Russell Conwell, Temple's founder, encouraged these students with the remark: "The owl of the night makes the eagle of the day."

Cherry & White

Well known is the fact that the official colors of Temple University are cherry and white. Temple University was the first school in the nation officially to use cherry as one of its colors, certainly by the year 1888. The combination of red with white is quite common, but cherry with white is almost unique. Only one other school now uses cherry and white: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Alma Mater

Onward with Temple,
Banners all unfurled;
Wide flung out standards,
To the winds they're hurled.
Following our Founder
To immortal Fame;
Making true his vision,
Of a deathless name.

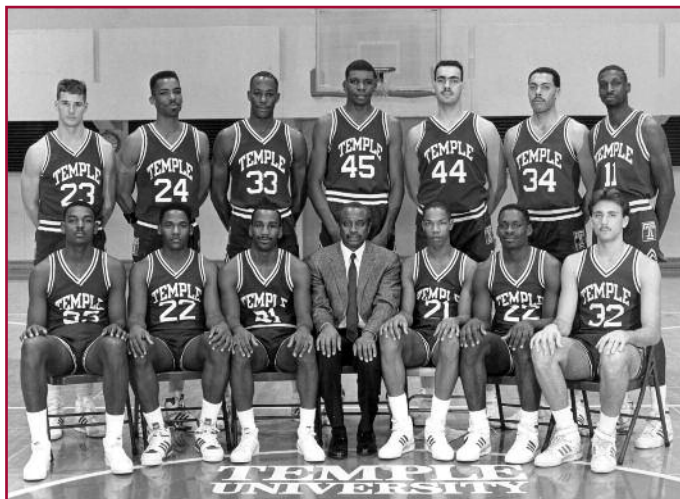
Hail! Alma Mater,
Honor, praise to Thee;
We pledge our lives,
Our hearts in loyalty.
Wisdom, Truth and Virtue
Built our Tempke great;
Perseverance conquers;
Higher to create.

Fight Song

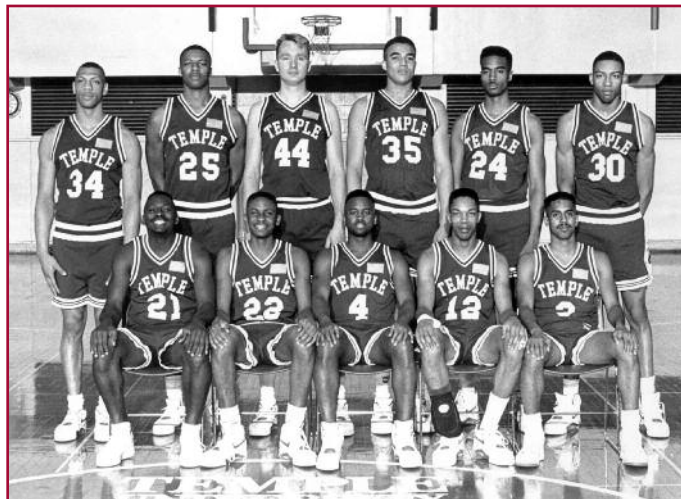
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U-ni-versity!
Fight, fight, fight!
For the Cherry and the White,
For the Cherry and the White,
We'll fight, fight, fight!



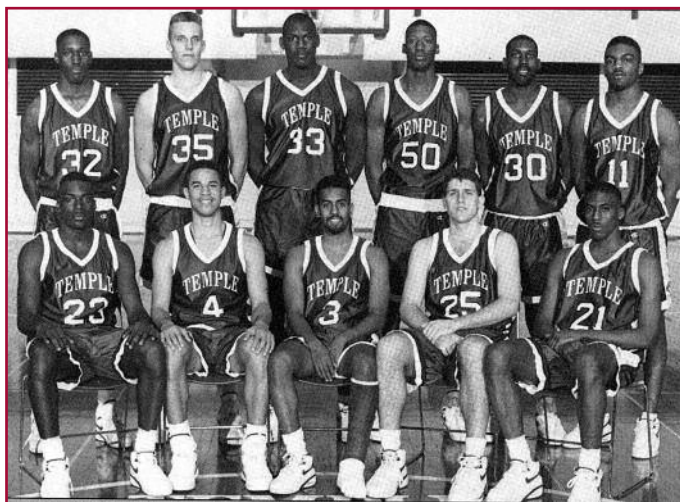
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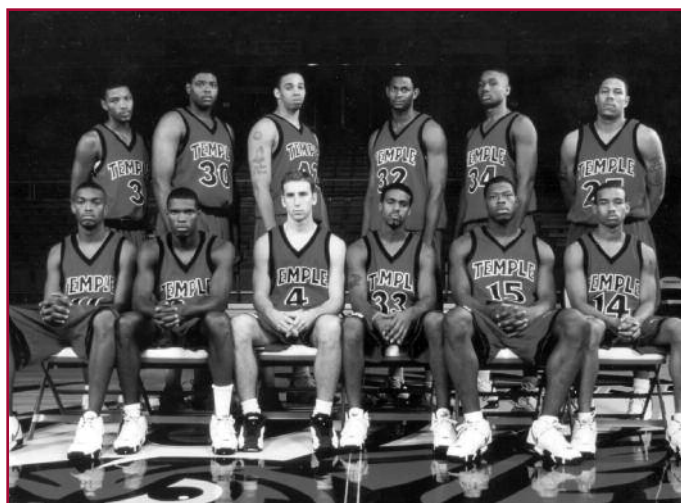
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1990-91: Sitting (L to R): Shoun Randolph, Johnnie Conic, Michael Harden, Mark Macon, Vic Carstarphen. Standing (L to R): James Spears, Chris Lovelace, Jan Post, Donald Hodge, Mik Kilgore, Mark Strickland.



1992-93: Sitting (L to R): Aaron McKie, Rick Brunson, Vic Carstarphen, Chris Ozment, Eddie Jones. Standing (L to R): William Rice, Marco Van Velsen, William Cunningham, Derrick Battie, Jason Ivey, Julian King.



1998-99: Sitting (L to R): Damien Reid, Rasheed Brokenborough, Pepe Sanchez, Quincy Wadley, Keaton Sanders, Lynn Greer. Standing (L to R): Alex Wesby, Ron Rollerson, Kevin Lyde, Lamont Barnes, Mamadou Cellou Barry, Mark Karcher.

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