Laughlin, McGalla, Salter, and Tritch Advanced as New Candidates for Membership on Pitt’s Board of Trustees

By John Marveth

The Nominating Committee of Pitt’s Board of Trustees at its May 22 meeting advanced four individuals as new candidates for membership on the board:

• Terrence “Terry” P. Laughlin (KGSB ’81) of New York City, senior vice president and head of Strategic Growth Opportunities, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., and chair of Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSBA;
• Susan P. McGalla of Pittsburgh, president and chief merchandising officer of American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.;
• Bryant J. Salter (CAS ’71) of Florida, founder and CEO of Business Diplomacy Consulting, LLC; and
• Stephen R. Tritch (ENGR ’71, KGSB ’77) of Monroeville, president and CEO of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

The full Board of Trustees will act on the nominations at its June 29 annual meeting. Biographical information on the new candidates advanced by the Nominating Committee follows.

Terrence “Terry” P. Laughlin

As senior vice president and head of Strategic Growth Opportunities at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (ML), Laughlin is responsible for advising ML’s Executive Management Team on identifying and executing strategic growth opportunities in its principal business lines—global private clients and global markets and investments. One of the world’s leading wealth management, capital markets, and advisory companies, ML has offices in 27 countries and territories and total client assets of approximately $1.6 trillion.

Prior to assuming his responsibilities at ML and Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSBA, in the fall of 2005, Laughlin managed the ML Global Banking Group’s nonmortgage lending businesses. Laughlin also played a lead role in the development and execution of ML’s U.S. commercial banking acquisition strategy.

Before joining ML in 2005, Laughlin worked at FleetBoston Financial, leading Fleet’s merger, acquisition, and strategic planning activities. During his 15 years at Fleet, he managed more than 30 mergers, acquisitions, strategic investments, and divestitures. In addition, Laughlin had executive management responsibility for Fleet’s international banking activities, including direct responsibility for overseeing Fleet’s Bank/Boston operations in Latin America (the second-largest U.S. bank in Latin America at the time), which encompassed operations in nine countries with $25 billion in assets, 250 branch locations, 10,000 employees, and earnings of $300 million.

During Laughlin’s tenure at Fleet, he was a member of the Executive Management Committee and was a principal member of the team that negotiated the $48 billion sale of FleetBoston to Bank of America in 2003-04. Prior to his employment at Fleet, Laughlin worked at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh in a variety of positions, among them vice president and director of capital markets sales and director of strategic planning.

Laughlin graduated from Pitt’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business in 1981 with the Master of Business Administration degree; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

Susan P. McGalla

As someone whose lifelong love of fashion and business has evolved into a passion for creating and merchandising lifestyle brands, McGalla has made leading retailer American Eagle Outfitters, Inc., her home for the past 13 years. The Warrendale, Pa.-based corporation operates more than 900 stores in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

McGalla joined American Eagle Outfitters in 1994 as a buyer in the women’s division and moved up rapidly within the organization to divisional merchandising management by executive vice president of merchandising. She took on the role of president and chief merchandising officer for the AE Brand in 2005, overseeing the design, sourcing, merchandising, and marketing functions for American Eagle Outfitters’ $2.8 billion business, including aerie, its fast-growing intimates and dormwear brand.

Also responsible for new concept development for the corporation, McGalla was promoted to president and chief merchandising officer of American Eagle Outfitters, Inc., in 2007, expanding her responsibilities to include, among other things, MARTIN + OSA, the company’s new sportswear concept line targeting 25-to-40-year-old women and men.

McGalla is a founding board member of the AE Foundation, an organization committed to funding programs that foster civic engagement, safe environments, and personal development for youth and teens. A Pittsburgh resident, she also serves as a board and executive committee member of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Medical School’s Lunsford, Thomson Appointed as Distinguished Professors

By Morgan Kelly

Pitt has honored two faculty members from the School of Medicine as Distinguished Professors. Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg named L. Dade Lunsford a Distinguished Professor of Surgery, while G. David Thomson was named a Distinguished Professor of Radiation Oncology.

The University of Pittsburgh will celebrate the philanthropic spirit of 20 donors as they are inducted into the Cathedral of Learning Society at 6 p.m. June 29 in the Cathedral’s Commons Room. Established in 1999, the Cathedral of Learning Society recognizes individuals who have given lifetime gifts to the University totaling $1 million or more. The society currently has 53 members, and 14 new members will be added Friday. A complete list of the current membership appears on Page 7.

“The Cathedral of Learning was built, in part, by the more than 97,000 schoolchildren who, more than 80 years ago, each contributed a dime in exchange for a ‘Builder of the Cathedral’ certificate,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg. “Much like the giving spirit of those school-age philanthropists, the extraordinary generosity of the members of the Cathedral of Learning Society is a genuine source of inspiration to the entire University community. It also represents a wise investment in the future of Pitt and the contributions yet to come. To our most benevolent supporters, then, we extend our deepest gratitude.”

This year’s Cathedral of Learning Society honorees and their biographical sketches follow.

William F. Benter

William F. Benter is the chair and international chief executive officer of the Pittsburgh-based Acusis, which he cofounded in 2001. Benter developed the proprietary software that has allowed Acusis to become a trailblazer in its field, providing today’s most advanced medical imaging and technology services for hospitals, clinics, and physician practices nationwide. In its six years of existence, Acusis has experienced dramatic growth with a rapidly expanding client base, offering health care solutions designed to improve the productivity and effectiveness of medical practitioners.

During the past year alone, Acusis has been honored as a finalist in the Pittsburgh chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals’ Annual Pittsburgh Business Ethics Awards, as a Medical Transcription Industry Association Beacon Award finalist for excellence in billing practices, and in the Pittsburgh Business Times 100, which honors the fastest-growing privately held companies in the region.

Benter, a native of Pittsburgh with a profound interest in international affairs, is board vice chair of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and is active with Pittsburgh Social Ventures Partners and Rotary International, which promotes world understanding and peace. He made an exceptional contribution earlier this year to establish at Pitt’s University Center for International Studies Endowed Visiting Professorship in Contemporary International Issues, which establishes a group of renowned scholars with expertise in international issues affecting key regions of the world. His gift will provide opportunities...
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ford is the director of the UPMC Center for Image-Guided Neurosurgery, which the 1980 Fellowship in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at Pitt’s Thomas E. Starzl Immunology and associate director for the National Institute of Health (NIH) have awarded Thomson numerous research grants for his work on the role and potential therapeutic applications of robotic Gamma Knife.

Lunsford is the Lars Leksell Professor of Neurological Surgery at Pitt. His professorship is named for the pioneering Swedish brain surgeon who invented the Gamma Knife. Lunsford has written more than 400 journal articles and almost 200 book chapters and has served as editor or coeditor of six advanced textbooks, including those on scientific articles and more than 100 reviews. He has also served on the steering committee of the NIH-funded Immune Tolerance Network and on the steering committee of the NIH’s Non-Human Primate Tolerogenic Tolerance Research Cooperative Study Group since 2002.

Thomson is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland’s national academy of science and letters. The approximately 1,400 member society promotes science through grants and education. Fellows are peer-elected. Thomson also is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists.

He has served on the board of directors of the American Society of Transplantation from 2001 to 2003. Thomson has also served on the society’s awards, nominating, basic science, congress planning, and minority affairs committees, and is founding associate editor of the society’s research publication, the American Journal of Transplantation. In 2002, Thomson received the society’s Basic Science Established Investigator Award, which recognizes full professors who have made significant contributions to the transplantation field. He also serves on the basic science and education committees of the Transplantation Society, an international organization promoting research and the advancement and ethical practice of organ transplantation. At Pitt, Thomson sits on the School of Medicine’s executive committee and the selection committee for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award, an award he won in 2004.

Thomson has served on and chaired study sections for the NIH, the American Heart Association, and the Roche Organ Transplantation Research Foundation. He has published more than 330 peer-reviewed scientific articles and more than 100 reviews and book chapters, and edited or coedited 12 advanced textbooks, including those on immune cell biology.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Scotland’s University of Aberdeen in 1970 and his medical degree at the Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, one of Europe’s most renowned medical universities.

Angus W. Thomson

Thomson is the director of transplant immunology and associate director for basic research at Pitt’s Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute. He also is a Pitt professor of immunology and molecular genetics and biochemistry.

He specializes in developing means to regulate the response of an individual’s immune system to a transplant so that the body does not reject the new organ. His research focuses on understanding the role of particular immune system cells (called dendritic cells) in the body’s acceptance or rejection of transplanted material. Lunsford, Thomson and his team of investigators are dedicated to elucidating the fundamental causes of heart disease. I am most proud of Dr. Barry London, who was our first trainee. He is now a staff cardiologist at the UPMC Cardiovascular Institute (CVI), and his team of cardiologists and scientists advance our mission at both the laboratory bench and patient’s bedside, ultimately helping patients lead better, healthier lives,” said Arthur S. Levine, Pitt senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of the University’s School of Medicine.

CVI has a strong foundation of both clinical and basic science research. For example, at any one time, the institute’s faculty trains 30 general cardiology fellows (10 per year for three years), as well as subspecialty clinical fellows in interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, congestive heart failure, transplantation, and heart imaging.

Additionally, a variety of specialized research fellowships concentrating in molecular genetics, molecular imaging techniques, and clinical epidemiology are performed by trainees committed to academic and investigative careers.

CVI researchers are principal investigators on more than 20 grants from the AHA and the National Institutes of Health, in addition to dozens of other clinical and translational trials funded by other foundations and industries.

For a complete list of AHA awards to Pitt, visit the AHA Web site at www.americanheart.org and click on the science and professional link and again on the research link. The AHA’s list of awardees is mentioned in alphabetical order.

The complete list of Pitt awardees begins on page 91 and ends on page 97.

Pitt No. 1 in AHA Funding

By Maureen McGlinn

Last year, for the first time, the University of Pittsburgh ranked first among U.S. academic medical centers and hospitals for heart disease and stroke research funding from the American Heart Association (AHA). Pitt’s AHA funding for 2006 totaled $3,049,945.

“The University of Pittsburgh prides itself on recruiting prolific researchers, scientists, and clinicians who are dedicated to elucidating the fundamental causes of heart disease. I am most proud of Dr. Barry London, chief of cardiology and director of the UPMC Cardiovascular Institute (CVI), and his team of cardiologists and scientists who advance our mission at both the laboratory bench and patient’s bedside, ultimately helping patients lead better, healthier lives,” said Arthur S. Levine, Pitt senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of the University’s School of Medicine.

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Same Roar, New Look

The Pitt Panther is getting a makeover. The torch-cut Panther head (pictured at near right) introduced in 1997 has been modified to give it a sleeker look (far right). The new Panther head will be a secondary logo for Pitt athletics.

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An ongoing story highlighting University of Pittsburgh history

Henry and Elsa Hillman

June 20, 2005—A $20 million contribution from the Henry L. Hillman Foundation and Hillman Foundation to the University of Pittsburgh—the largest single gift ever given to Pitt—is announced.

The gift is designated to create The Hillman Fellows Program for Innovative Cancer Research and launches an initiative to raise $20 million for the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute’s pioneering cancer program to recruit new investigators, invest in new facilities, and create scientific and economic advantages for the region and the state.

“We have been known as Pitt for more than a century and that name and logo will continue to be our primary identity,” Pitt Athletic Director Jeff Long said. “After receiving consistent public feedback, we felt the time was right to give our Panther head a more refined, contemporary look and one that is easily reproduced and recognized.” Merchandise featuring the new Panther logo will be available in stores beginning July 2. Pitt fans also can shop online at www.PittsburghPanthers.com.

The new Panther head resulted from the creative efforts of the Pitt athletic department and the Collegiate Licensing Company.
Researchers in Pitt’s School of Medicine presented findings from more than a dozen studies during the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society’s North American Chapter meeting, June 13-16 in Toronto.

Highlights of their findings follow.

Blood-forming stem cells cultured from human fat tissue

Pitt researchers have isolated and cultured human hematopoietic stem cells from fat, or adipose, tissue, suggesting that they have found another important source of cells for reconstructing the bone marrow of patients undergoing intensive radiation therapy for blood cancers. Adipose tissue can rapidly expand or contract in accordance with nutritional constraints. In so doing, it requires rapid adjustment in its blood supply and supporting connective tissue, or stroma.

Based on previous reports that the “stromal vascular” fraction of adipose tissue contains stem cells that give rise to pericytes—cells surrounding small blood vessels—Pitt researchers, led by Albert D. Donnenberg, professor and director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute’s Hematopoietic Stem Cell Laboratory, isolated the stromal vascular fraction from human adipose tissue and expanded these cells by growing them in a specialized blood-culturing medium for 21 to 42 days. Using a cell-sorting method known as flow cytometry, the researchers detected a broad spectrum of blood-forming, or hematopoietic, cells among the cultured cells at varying stages of differentiation. In particular, they observed both early and mature red blood cells. Moreover, they detected CD34+ cells at approximately the same frequency as is present in freshly isolated bone marrow. In bone marrow, CD34+ expression indicates the presence of progenitor cells, which give rise to all of the different types of blood cells.

These data indicate that hematopoietic stem cells, or cells that give rise to them, are an integral part of normal adipose tissue, according to Donnenberg. “We took cells from the stromal vascular fraction of normal adipose tissue and basically gave them bone marrow food to see what would happen,” he said. “We were able to culture a variety of hematopoietic cells, including blood progenitor cells.”

Donnenberg said that using a patient’s own bone marrow or blood-derived stem cells for bone marrow reconstruction carries some risk that these cells are contaminated with the patient’s own tumor cells. “Since it has been shown in some cases that tumor cells contaminating bone marrow grafts are the source of recurrent malignancies after autologous transplantation,” he explained, “this might be a way of giving patients who need bone marrow reconstitution their own hematopoietic cells derived from a source other than their defective bone marrow.”

“Off-the-shelf” vascular grafts developed by Pitt investigators

Investigators at Pitt have engineered artificial blood vessels from muscle-derived stem cells (MDSCs) and a biodegradable polymer that exhibit extensive remodeling and remain free of blockages when grafted into rats.

The results of their study have potentially significant implications for the treatment of heart and kidney diseases, in which there is a critical need for new sources of blood vessels for vascular grafts.

The saphenous vein taken from a patient’s leg continues to be the most commonly used graft for coronary artery bypass grafting even though a significant percent of vein grafts eventually fail. Arterial grafts are the preferred conduits because they are less prone to becoming obstructed. However, they are in very limited supply, since many patients require multiple grafts. Now, research by Pitt scientists suggests that for chemotherapy to be truly effective in treating lung cancers, for example, it must be able to target a small subset of cancer stem cells, which they have shown have protective mechanisms as normal lung stem cells. The Pitt researchers, led by Vera Donnenberg, an assistant professor of surgery and pharmaceutical sciences, Donnenberg, an assistant professor of surgery and pharmaceutical sciences, have shown share the same protective mechanisms as normal lung stem cells. This is consistent with a mature artery.

According to Vorp, these findings in a rat demonstrate the feasibility of developing MDSC-seeded tissue-engineered vascular grafts for human application. “The next step is to demonstrate the use of the tissue-engineered blood vessel in a larger animal model, such as a pig, which has a coagulation system more similar to that in humans,” he said. “The advantage of our approach is that the graft could utilize the patient’s own stem cells and be ready for implantation almost immediately or, at most, after a relatively short culture period. This suggests that we could make these available ‘off-the-shelf,’ which is an essential element for clinical translation.”

Cancer stem cells similar to normal stem cells can thwart anticancer therapies

Current cancer therapies often succeed at initially eliminating most of the disease, but do not eradicate the remaining cells, are eventually thwarted because they cannot eliminate a small reservoir of multiple-drug-resistant tumor cells, called cancer stem cells, which ultimately become the source of disease recurrence and eventual metastasis.

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According to Donnenberg, the very fact that cancers can and do relapse after apparently successful therapy indicates the survival of a drug-resistant, tumor-initiating population of cells in many types of refractory cancers. “Because of the similarities between the way that normal stem cells and cancer stem cells protect themselves, cancer therapies have to be designed specifically to target cancer stem cells while sparing normal stem cells,” she explained.
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Development of a private sector leadership team charged with stimulating economic growth and enhancing the quality of life in Southwestern Pennsylvania. With more than 25 years of retail career at Pittsburgh-based department store Joseph Horne Company, where she was a buyer and department manager, Emil M. Spadafore received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and marketing from Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio.

Bryant J. Salter

Salter founded Business Diplomacy Corporation in 1988 to represent companies in expanding their market share in the international marketplace. Among his clients is the lead economic development organization for the State of Florida, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

In October 2000, Salter created Enterprise Florida’s expansion programs and has managed it ever since, promoting Florida as a gateway for business between the Western Hemisphere by organizing and leading Florida trade missions to South Africa, Morocco, Ghana, Botswana, South Africa, Uganda, and Nigeria and hosting visits to Florida from twice as many African countries.

As director of international career services for the U.S. State Department in 1977. Between 1977 and 1982, he made several official visits to Africa, including a five-country tour with Muhammad Ali in support of the U.S.-led boycott of the Moscow Olympics. After 1982, Salter served as the U.S. consul in Accra, taking there in 1990 as the permanent chargé d'affaires and chief of mission. He also served as consul and commercial officer for the U.S. embassies in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, and then as consul general in Buenos Aires.

Salter received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Pitt in 1971 and a Master in Public Administration degree from Harvard University and the Kennedy School of Government in 1986.

During his years at Pitt, Salter was a four-year member of the varsity and field team, established Panther records in the high jump and triple jump, served as team captain, and lettered three times in Pitt football, holding the 1970 record for interceptions.

From 1971 to 1976, Salter played professional football in Canada and the United States and later returned to Canada as a graduate assistant. He and his wife, Martha, reside in Pittsburgh and have three children: Bryant J. Jr., Emil M. Jr., and Kate.

Salter serves on the Pitt Alumni Association board. He teaches international business courses and coordinates executive training seminars on international trade at the University of Miami and devoted time to several South Florida youth programs.

Stephen B. Trich

When he was named president and CEO of Westinghouse Electric Company on April 1, 1982, Trich could look back 31 years of service to Westinghouse, where he began in 1951—the year he earned his Bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering at Pitt—as a product engineer in Westinghouse’s Power Circuit Breaker Division.

Immediately before his 2002 appointment, Trich had served as senior vice president for nuclear fuel, providing nuclear fuel products and technologies worldwide. And before that, he had successfully managed the integration of the former ABB nuclear business into Westinghouse Electric Company and was senior vice president of nuclear services. Headquartered in Monroeville, Westinghouse has operations in 12 states and 14 countries, with annual sales of approximately $1.8 billion.

In the midst of holding his numerous managerial positions at Westinghouse, Trich received his Master of Business Administration degree from Pitt’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business in 1977. By 1983, Trich had joined the Westinghouse Research and Development Center as manager of naval ship programs. Later, he served as manager of training and recruiting for the Westinghouse International Power Systems organization, managing the company’s Nuclear and Advanced Technology Division, and manager of government systems in the Westinghouse Advanced Energy Systems Division. In 1991, he became manager of the nuclear safety department, and in 1992, he was appointed general manager of engineering technology.

A member of the American Nuclear Society who sits on the board of the Nuclear Energy Institute, Trich serves on Pitt’s School of Engineering Board of Visitors and the board of the University of Allegheny County and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He was selected as the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus for Pitt’s Department of Mechanical Engineering and was honored by the University in 2006 with its Distinguished Alumni Fellows Award.

Fred C. and E. Maxine Bruhns

After graduating from Ohio State University (OSU) in 1946, E. Maxine Bruhns married fellow OSU graduate Fred C. Bruhns. They then began a 15-year joint odyssey traveling and living in Austria, Jordan, Lebanon, Vietnam, Cambodia, Iran, Germany, Greece, and Gabon. In 1965, the couple made their way to Pitt, where the late Fred Bruhns earned a PhD and spent the rest of his career as Graduate Program Director for International Affairs and International Affairs professor and Maxine Bruhns has since been the permanent chargé d'affaires of overseeing Pitt’s storied Nationality Rooms. Wanting others to have the opportunity for similar international adventure, the Bruhns have donated generously to create and sustain international programs at Pitt.

Mr. Bruhns’ journey began when he fled Nazi-occupied Switzerland and France after spending two years in a Berlin prison as an anti-Nazi activist. He spent another two years in political camps in France before getting a U.S. visa in 1941. He not only attended OSU, but also joined the U.S. Army, making the Anzio Beach landing and earning a battlefield commission in military intelligence. After the war, with Mrs. Bruhns accompanying him, Mr. Bruhns conducted refugee resettlement work for four years in France, later for numerous U.S. refugee agencies.

In 1956, he met his wife at a Titanic Symposium, he was a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh and the Department of the Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Association. He also served as a professor of pediatrics at the Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. A lifetime member of the Pitt Alumni Association, Cadman gave generously to the University, by which he was a member from 1950 to 1952, and the School of Medicine. He also established the Jane Benter Fund, Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides four-year scholarships to some of Pitt’s neediest medical students at Pitt, Geisinger Medical Center honored him in 2004 for his continued generosity.

Over the past four decades, Extrude Hone Corporation has grown to become a leading international developer and supplier of advanced manufacturing processes, machine tools, and contract machining services for deburring, polishing, and surface finishing. Pitt’s Cathedral of Learning Society Inductees

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Tilstone, who earned his BS in chemical engineering at the University of Connecticut in 1976 and a MS in chemical engineering at Case Western Reserve University in 1977, directs Pitt’s Intercultural Exchange Center and the University’s Intercultural Studies Institute and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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A native of FG Heights, Pa., and a graduate of McKeesport Area High School, Cadman was an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Board of Pediatrics, and the Pennsylvania Association for Maternal Welfare. At the time of his death in March 2006, he was serving as vice president of the Board of Trustees for the Torch Club, an organization that promotes the sharing of knowledge among professionals.

Allen L. Cook

Wyoming rancher Allen L. Cook has forged a unique connection with both his family and the University, as the share an intense respect for the ecos-compatible natural resources embedded on the 8,000-acre ranch and are committed to maintaining the integrity of such land, believing fervently that national heritage is a public trust, to be left in its preserved condition for educational purpurses. In December 2005, Cook donated to the Pitt Spring Creek portion of the property, comprising nearly 4,700 acres rich in dinosaur fossils and bones—a true Jurassic Park that now will be a living laboratory.

During his early years in Wyoming, Cook ran an outfitting business, taking visitors on hunting trips. He developed a great appreciation for the area and calls himself a "steward of the land." Over the years, he has bought and sold pieces of property, now owning and managing the property as an educational, research, and historical entity.

Kathleen DuRoss Ford and L. Frank Chopin

Kathleen DuRoss Ford and L. Frank Chopin created the Kathleen DuRoss Ford Chair in Cardiovascular Transplantation in recognition of the expertise and accomplishments of Frank E. Jeffreys. The couple is responsible for writing a dental instructional manual, which was used by the Navy in dental treatment.

Training Center, he married the late Dorothy Thurston Jeffreys. The couple was assigned to various military stations throughout the country, including the Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, where he was a commanding officer of the dental department.

While on staff at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Jeffreys developed a groundbreaking method of record-keeping on dental plates as a means of identifying those in service to their country. He also was co-recipient of the Towne Award for writing a dental instructional manual, which was used by the Navy in dental treatment.

Jeffreys was a lifelong member of the American Dental Association and a fellow of the American Board of Prosthodontics. He was the president of the Jeffreys Scholarship Fund in Dental Medicine, which helps support students in the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine who demonstrate financial need.

Katherine Mabis McKenna

Education was just one interest the late Katherine Mabis McKenna had throughout her lifetime. A 1918 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, McKenna championed the arts, conservation, economic and community development, and other causes in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

She was the wife of late entrepreneur and metallurgist-inventor Philip McKenna, who founded Kennametal Inc., and was McKenna's personal assistant, confidante and friend for most of her life. Upon her death in 1983, McKenna and additional 10.5 million dollar gift were used to establish the Anthony E. Gill Chair in Civil and Environmental Engineering to support outstanding graduate faculty.

Anthony E. Gill

Throughout his life, Anthony E. Gill demonstrated his support for the alma mater through gifts to Pitt’s School of Engineering. A 1949 graduate of the school with a degree in civil engineering, Gill enrolled at Pitt following community development, environmental programs, history preservation, and other causes in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

In 1988, he acquired the predecessor company, Pitts Mountain Products, and then Gill is a member of the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Marlin H. Mickle

Pitt alumni and professor Marlin H. Mickle has pioneered the application of radio frequency (RF) energy waves during his decades-long career in the University. His ongoing research has yielded a variety of wireless devices, including mobile communications, network scanners, used for radiographic imaging, and wireless identification devices, as well as the most significant innovation in retail technology since the bar code. The RF tag stores information about a product and then communicates it to a central computer through a small RF antenna. The system would reduce the need for bar codes and laser scanners.

Mickle has honored his parents— Ruth E. Mickle and Howard T. Mickle—by creating two endowed faculty chairs in their names in the School of Engineering's Department of Electrical Engineering. He has been honored himself by being recognized as the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Carnegie Science Center Awards for Excellence, and was named a Pitt Alumni Association Outstanding Life Member in 2005. Mickle's connection to Pitt started nearly 50 years ago and he was appointed as Pitt's Johnstown campus in 1958 before transferring to the Pittsburgh campus and earning his bachelor's degree in 1961. He joined the Pitt faculty in 1965, then earned his master's and PhD degrees at Pitt in 1963 and 1967, respectively.

Mickle's dedication to Pitt began when he was a business administration student, and he received his Ph.D. in the University of Pittsburgh, where he began his almost two-decade-long career as an associate professor.

Tom W. and Jeanne H. Olofson


Marlin H. Mickle's story is one of a Pitt graduate who began his career as a research faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh in 1958. After earning his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh in 1961, he joined the Pitt faculty in 1965, then earned his master's and PhD degrees at Pitt in 1963 and 1967, respectively.

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The University recognized Olofson’s stature and named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1997 and a Legacy Laureate in 2004. Arnold Palmer demonstrated his continued devotion to the University’s mission by serving on the Tom W. and Jeanne H. Olofson Foundation, a philanthropic organization jointly established by the Olofsons in 2001.

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The Olofsons have also generously supported the University Library System, and the H.J. Zoffer Chair in Business Administration.

Arnold D. Palmer

Arnold D. Palmer took his first golf swing at age 4, using a set of clubs cut to size by his father, a course superintendent at Latrobe Country Club in Latrobe, Pa. Soon, Palmer would become one of the leading collegiate players at Wake Forest University and be winning national championships.

In a career that spans six decades, Palmer has won 25 major golf victories—including four Masters, six U.S. Opens, six British Opens, six PGA Championships, and ten Tour Championships. In 1992, Palmer was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame. He has been named a PGA Player of the Year three times and holds the record for consecutive years earning PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award.

Palmer’s highly successful business enterprises range from the Bay Hill Club & Lodge, in Orlando, Fla., which hosts his Arnold Palmer Invitational, to the Palmer Course Design Co., which has put its stamp on more than 300 golf courses in more than 20 countries.

Among many gifts to Pitt have supported the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, established the Arnold Palmer Endowed Chair in Cancer Prevention at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI), and helped fund the Arnold Palmer Pavilion, a UPCI Cancer Center in Greensburg, Pa. Palmer is a past chairman of the UPCI Council and a recipient of the 1998 UPCI Spirit of Hope Award.

Henry and Helen Posner

In the midst of a distinguished career in science as a research chemist and instructor at Pitt, Henry Posner Jr. launched his career in business, eventually becoming President of Advanced Polymer Corporation, a position he held for 23 years. In 1987, he became chairman of the Armstrong Group, an investment and management company.

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the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute 2006 Gala. The donors have bolstered the mission of the University through their support of the School of Engineering’s Industrial Engineering Learning Center, the endowed position of the Steel Dean of Engineering, as well as other programs, both academic and athletic.

Recently, the Ushers have directed their philanthropic efforts to the battle against cancer through the John Kirkwood Research Fellowship, the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and by a generous gift creating the Usher Endowed Chair in Melanoma.

Throughout his career, Gordon J. Vanscoy has dedicated himself to the advancement of health sciences and higher education as a teacher, administrator, businessman, and philanthropist.

Vanscoy is the associate dean for business innovation and professor of pharmacy and therapeutics at his alma mater, Pitt’s School of Pharmacy. A resident of Irwin, Pa., he earned two degrees at Pitt: a Bachelor of Science degree from the pharmacy school and a Master of Business Administration from KGSB. He also earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Duquesne University.

Together, Vanscoy and his wife, Bethann Vanscoy, established the Gordon J. Vanscoy Endowed Chair and the Dr. Robert J. and Mary B. Vanscoy Pharmacoeconomics Endowment in the School of Pharmacy. The couple also created the Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy Fund for the White Coat Ceremony, one of the school’s most cherished traditions. Each year, pharmacy graduates receive their white clinicians’ coats and publicly declare their commitment to integrity, ethical behavior, and honor by reciting the Pledge of Professionalism.

In addition to his academic duties, Gordon Vanscoy is the chair and chief executive officer of University Pharmacy Corporation, a consulting company specializing in national pharmacist education systems, clinical advisory panels, strategic consulting, disease management, and expert pharmaceutical literature evaluation.

He developed one of the country’s first anticoagulation clinic services and founded the Drug Information and Pharmacoeconomics Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, as well as the National Certified Anticoagulation Care Program, a credentialing entity. He is the author of more than 200 scientific papers and abstracts, is the recipient of dozens of research and excellence awards and grants, and has delivered more than 700 invitational lectures.

Robert J. and Mary B. Weiss

Robert and Mary Weiss have demonstrated their commitment to the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford through their generous support of the Seneca Building in downtown Bradford, Pa.—the most valuable gift of real estate made to the campus since its founding in 1963 and among the five largest outright donations that Pitt-Bradford has received. Robert Weiss is an ophthalmologist, co-founder and president of Seneca Eye Surgeons, Inc., and chair of the Department of Surgery for the medical staff at Warren General Hospital. A specialist in retinal-vitreous diseases, he received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and did his residency at Emory University.

Weiss and his wife, Mary, donated the Seneca Building in 2006 in memory of Dr. Paul Orville Keverline, a 1969 graduate of Pitt’s medical school and 1965 graduate of Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences. Keverline had treated hundreds of patients in his clinics in Pennsylvania and New York for 25 years, with all four of his sons earning degrees at Pitt, three of them in medicine and the fourth in business. Keverline, who was known for his flights in a self-propelled parachute, died in a 2002 plane crash while piloting his twin-engine plane. Weiss and Keverline were partners in Seneca Eye Surgeons, Inc., which Keverline cofounded, and had owned the six-story Seneca Building jointly.

Today, the Seneca Building houses Pitt-Bradford’s Office of Outreach Services, Business Resource Center, Center for Rural Health Practice, and a component of the entrepreneurship program. In addition to providing office space for Pitt staff, the Seneca Building has high-tech classrooms for continuing education programs and workspace for entrepreneurs.

Margaret E. and James E. Wilkes

The geography degree that James E. Wilkes earned at Pitt provided him with the foundation upon which he built his successful career as founder and chief executive officer of several oil and gas well drilling companies, notably Wilkes Venture, of which he was president, owner, and CEO at the time of his retirement.

Earlier in his career, he established Universal Well Services, which he sold to UGI Corp. before creating Clearwater Inc.—an international specialty chemical firm—as well as Wilkes Energy Services, a drilling company based in Houston, Tex.

A native of Windsor, Pa., Wilkes attended the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) with the help of a state scholarship. While attending Pitt, he worked part-time at the Zamias Aquatic Center dedication * Century Medallion, which he was awarded at the Zamias Aquatic Center dedication in 1990.

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George D. and Marianna Zamias

One of the nation’s first shopping mall developers, Johnstown, Pa., native George D. Zamias has been ranked as one of the top 100 developers in the nation. At Pitt, Zamias earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1953 and his Master of Letters degree in real estate and insurance in 1954. While at the University, he was named a member of Theta Sigma Gamma, the honor society for business students and scholars.

In 1957, he founded George D. Zamias Developer, a firm that develops and manages retail shopping centers in seven states. In 1996, he formed Zamias Services Inc. to service the portfolio of assets held by George D. Zamias Developer and to capitalize on other third-party leasing and management opportunities. Together, these two companies are involved in nearly 4.9 million square feet of new development. Through his thriving business ventures, Zamias has helped to keep commerce humming in Southwestern Pennsylvania by developing retail centers such as The Village at Pittsburgh Mills and The Gallery in Johnstown.

Throughout his career, Zamias has been a generous supporter of UPJ. With his wife, Marianna, he has enhanced student life at the campus by establishing the Zamias Aquatic Center. The Zamiases also expressed their support for the University with the establishment of the Domen Zamias Memorial Scholarship, which has provided financial aid to deserving UPJ student-athletes since 1984.

The Zamiases are residents of Johnstown. George Zamias, who has played a leadership role at UPJ, is an emeritus member of the UPJ Advisory Board and a former member of its Board of Visitors; he also has taught real estate and related subjects at UPJ. He is a recipient of the Third Century Citation, for which he was awarded the Johnstown Athletic Hall of Fame’s Margaret E. and James E. Wilkes Athletic Scholarship, and the James E. and Margaret Wilkes Windber Scholarship.

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A row of framed citations in the Cathedral of Learning’s Commons Room in June 2005, honoring the last group of Cathedral of Learning Society inductees:

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