



Alumni, Students Come Together For Homecoming 2007

Festivities kick off Wednesday; reunions, fireworks, live performances among highlights

By Patricia Lomando White

Alumni, students, and friends will celebrate Homecoming 2007 this week with a fireworks and laser show, a homecoming extravaganza, a career-networking event, school reunions, theater performances, and Saturday's football game between the Pittsburgh Panthers and the Cincinnati Bearcats.

Homecoming festivities begin with a '50s Reunion for all 1950-59 Pitt graduates at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Twentieth Century Club, 4201 Bigelow Blvd. Highlights will include the Alumni Dance Band, a 1957 class photo, and memories from alumni who attended the Ellsworth Center, a building that served the post-World War II overflow of Pitt students from 1947 to 1951.

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From 6 to 8 p.m., alumni will offer insights into their occupations at "Pathway to Professions: A Career Networking Event," to be held in Alumni Hall's Connolly Ballroom.

The free Pitt Program Council fireworks and laser show welcomes everyone to campus with explosions of color and sound

at 9:30 p.m. Friday from the closed-off Bigelow Boulevard between the Cathedral of Learning and William Pitt Union. The night continues at the Homecoming Extravaganza at 10 in the William Pitt Union with Casino Night, music, and refreshments.

The African American Alumni Council (AAAC) will host a welcome home reception at 8 p.m. Friday in the Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place, Downtown.

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International Stars Gathering for Pitt Jazz Week

By Sharon S. Blake

Jazz enthusiasts from throughout the region will converge on campus Oct. 30 through Nov. 3 for the 37th annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert, the longest-running event of its kind in the United States.

Under the theme "Jazz Meets the World," a stellar group of international jazz musicians will hold free on-campus lectures and demonstrations, visit area schools and community venues, and convene for the annual concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 3 in Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland.



Benny Golson

Guest performers include Monty Alexander, piano; Randy Brecker, trumpet; Jon Faddis, trumpet; Peter King, alto sax; Benny Golson, sax; Abraham Laboriel, bass; Idris Muhammad, drums; Claus Reichstaller, trumpet; and Yotam Silberstein, guitar.

They will perform under the direction of Nathan Davis, saxophonist, professor of music, and head of Pitt's Jazz Studies Program, and founder of the annual event.

The Nov. 3 concert is a one-of-a-kind performance, given the diverse playing

styles and show's impromptu nature. Tickets are \$18; students with a valid ID pay \$8.

Tickets are available at any TicketMaster location, by phone at 412-323-1919, online at ticketmaster.com, and at the Pitt William Pitt Union (WPU) box office. For more information, call 412-624-4187.

William R. Robinson, District 10 representative on the Allegheny County Council and a former state representative, will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies. While in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Robinson helped obtain funding for a state-of-the-art, 32-track digital recording facility in Pitt's Music Building. That

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AAAC to Honor Five During Sankofa Weekend

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The University of Pittsburgh African American Alumni Council (AAAC) will host the annual Sankofa Weekend this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to welcome home alumni and honor five distinguished graduates during the University's Homecoming 2007.

Honorees are Ysaye M. Barnwell (FAS '75), Charlene Mickens Dukes (EDUC '87G, '92G), Henry "Model T" Ford (CBA '55), Margaret D. Garner (CAS '86), and Ludwick Hayden Jr. (CAS '66, EDUC '68G).

The AAAC Sankofa weekend begins at 9 a.m. Friday with the Apple Seed Project, a community service initiative that gives alumni the opportunity to share their time and talents with students in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. A Sankofa Marketplace from 5 to 11 p.m. and the AAAC Welcome reception, "It Ain't Nothin' but a House Party!" from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Downtown.

The AAAC Sankofa Awards Reception and Banquet, "Honoring our Partners in Progress" at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Omni William Penn, will include the AAAC Distinguished Alumni Awards presentation, honoring the five outstanding African American alumni who have achieved recognition in their chosen profession and have demonstrated support for the University and the AAAC.

Other AAAC homecoming festivities include the AAAC board and advisory committee meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Omni prior to the noon Pitt Panthers football game against the Cincinnati Bearcats.

A Sunday worship service, "Rejoice in the Miracle" from 10 to 11 a.m., and fellowship brunch, "Until We Meet Again" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., both at the Omni, bring AAAC's festivities to a close.

The idea for an African American alumni association originated with a small group of Pitt graduates in the early 1980s. The group met in the intervening years and sponsored several events, generating the interest and participation of an increasing number of African American graduates. The increased interest and growth led to the group's recognition as an affinity group of the Pitt Alumni Association.

The AAAC's mission is to support African American alumni, students, faculty, staff, and administrators and to strengthen their connection to the University through its many programs and activities. For more information, call 412-624-8229 or 1-800-258-7488 or visit www.alumni.pitt.edu. For more details about the AAAC events, visit www.alumni.pitt.edu/homecoming/sankofa.html. Biographical information on the AAAC honorees follows.

Ysaye M. Barnwell

Composer, author, singer, and actress, Barnwell was a professor at Howard University's College of Dentistry for more than a decade. She also administered public health programs at Children's Hospital National Medical Center and at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, Barnwell founded the All Souls Jubilee Singers, and in 1979 she was

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Senate Plenary Presents Fitness Forum at WPU

Pitt's fall 2007 Senate Plenary, titled "Embracing Fitness for Life: Taking an Active Role In Improving Your Health," will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Assembly Room of the William Pitt Union.

Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg will deliver the event's welcoming remarks, and Senate President John J. Baker will open the session.

Diane Holder, executive vice president of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and president of UPMC Health Plan and UPMC's Health Insurance Division, will deliver the keynote address, titled "What's Happening to Our Workforce: Why Wellness Matters."

Holder has held numerous leadership positions within Western Pennsylvania's health care community, including CEO of UPMC's Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and founding CEO of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization. She is a professor in Pitt's Department of Psychiatry and an adjunct instructor in the Department of Psychology.

Other speakers include John Kozar, director of Pitt's Benefits Department, and John Jakicic, chair of Pitt's Department of Health and Physical Activity.

In addition, there will be an audience-driven question-and-answer panel discussion focusing on the individual specialties of the panelists. Michael R. Pinsky, professor in Pitt's Department of Critical Care Medicine, will serve as moderator. The panelists will include Holder; Jakicic; Bruce Rabin, Pitt professor of pathology and psychiatry; and Elizabeth Venditti, Pitt assistant professor of psychiatry.

Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher will make closing remarks. For more information, visit www.pitt.edu/univsenate and click on "Plenary Sessions."

—Anthony M. Moore

LPC Hosting National Education Figures at Open House

Pittsburgh's school superintendent and the former governor of Colorado are among the speakers slated to attend an Open House Colloquium sponsored by Pitt's Learning Policy Center.

The event will be held at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Concordia Club, 4024 O'Hara St., Oakland. Following the speakers' presentations, there will be a reception at 4 p.m. with members of the LPC staff and guests.

This event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required for attendance. More information is available at the LPC Web site, www.learningpolicycenter.org.

Guest speakers are Roy Romer, former Colorado governor and recently retired superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District; Mark Roosevelt, superintendent for Pittsburgh Public Schools; and University Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science Lauren Resnick, director of Pitt's Learning Research and Development Center (LRDC) and Institute for Learning.



Diane Holder

Romer was the governor of Colorado for three terms, from 1986 to 1998, becoming the nation's senior Democratic governor. As governor, he served as chair of the Educational Commission of the States and the National Education Goals Panel. Romer currently chairs the Strong American Schools "ED in '08" campaign.

Before becoming superintendent of the second-largest school district in Pennsylvania, Roosevelt was a state representative in Massachusetts, serving in the state's General Court (legislature) from 1986 to 1994, where helped pass the Education Reform Act of 1993. That law changed the funding mechanism for school districts and raised standards for statewide testing.

Resnick is an internationally known scholar in the cognitive science of learning and instruction. Her research focuses on school reform, assessment, effort-based education, the nature and development of thinking abilities, and the role of talk and discourse in learning.

An advisor to the first chair of the National Education Goals Panel, Resnick served as a member of the National Council on Education Standards and Testing.

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Health Law Job Fair Slated

Pitt's School of Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics (ASLME) will sponsor a conference for law students on Friday titled "Taking the Health Law Career Path: Health Law Student Conference and Job Fair" in the Barco Law Building's Teplitz Memorial Courtroom and various classrooms.

The conference, beginning at 8:45 a.m. and open to law students from across the country, is aimed at those interested in pursuing careers in health law in settings other than large law firms.

Donna Gerson, career consultant and author of *Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: Job Search Strategies for Lawyers in the Small Firm Market* (National Association for Law Placement, 2001), will be the featured speaker.

Director of Career Planning and Placement in Pitt's law school from 1994 to 2001, Gerson now works as a freelance writer and contributing editor to the American Bar Association's (ABA) *Student Lawyer* magazine. A lawyer, Gerson has practiced in both midsize and small law firms. She serves as a pro bono attorney for the Neighborhood Legal Services Association. She is a member of the ABA, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Organizations providing speakers include UPMC, University Hospitals Health System of Cleveland, the Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Health, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Psychological Association, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Respronics Corp., the Pennsylvania Health Law Project, and the Children's National Medical Center.

—Patricia Lomando White



Mark Roosevelt

First in National Series of Forums on Aging to Be Held Here Wednesday

By Jason Togyer

The first in a planned nationwide series of roundtable discussions on designing healthy, "livable" communities for older Americans will be held Wednesday at the University of Pittsburgh, hosted by the Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH).

State and local officials will join Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; Donald S. Burke, dean of GSPH; Neil Resnick, professor of medicine and director of the University of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging; Steven M. Albert, professor of behavioral and community health sciences and associate chair of research and science for Pitt's GSPH; and other community leaders and educators at the *Governing* Summit on Livable Communities.

Events are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Schenley Lounge of the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, with remarks by Nordenberg. During an executive roundtable discussion at 9:45 a.m., participants will discuss the Pittsburgh region's status as one of the nation's most livable communities and examine why so many people have remained here after retirement.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 17 percent of residents of Allegheny County are over the age of 65. The national average is 12.4 percent.

Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, and Pittsburgh City Council President Doug Shields are among those expected to participate.

The new series of forums is sponsored by the AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) and is being organized by *Congressional Quarterly* and its sister publication, *Governing*, a monthly magazine for governors, mayors, legislators, and others involved in municipal and state affairs.

Congressional Quarterly spokesperson Amanda Springmann said the summit series is trying to "identify and understand" the factors

that contribute to making communities more livable for people over age 50. The findings will be compiled into a study that will be published in both *Congressional Quarterly* and *Governing*, she said.

CQ chose Pitt's GSPH to host the first meeting in the belief that the University's traditional leadership role in studying public health issues both regionally and nationally will "enhance and enrich the discussion," Springmann said.

Pitt has made a concerted, interdisciplinary effort to research the problems confronting senior citizens since 1999, when Arthur S. Levine, senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, and James V. Maher, provost and senior vice chancellor, convened a "council on aging" that included representatives from each of the University's 16 schools.

The University's initiatives include the Institute on Aging, which links clinical, educational, and research efforts between Pitt, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and government and community agencies.

Other ongoing projects include GSPH's Center for Aging and Population Health, which connects its host school to other schools within the University to promote demographic and clinical research into ways to maintain or improve the quality of life for people as they age.

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Chronicling

An ongoing series highlighting University of Pittsburgh history



Oct. 13, 1952—Oakland erupted in chaos after students walked out of classrooms, blocking traffic and banging on pots and pans to make noise.

Was it a political demonstration? No. Students were happily (but noisily) celebrating the Pitt Panthers' 22-19 victory over Notre Dame two days earlier. It was the first time the football team had defeated the "Fighting Irish" since 1937.

University officials asked students to limit the Monday-morning celebration to just one hour, but jubilant undergrads had a hard time containing themselves, according to *The New York Times*. "More than 1,000 swarmed over the campus, organizing impromptu bands with trays and cutlery borrowed from the school cafeteria, and snake-danced into the Oakland district," the *Times* reported. "Later the crowds bottled up traffic in Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle."

Though hardly dignified, the crowds behaved themselves, and no injuries or arrests were reported. It would be exactly eight more Octobers before the next impromptu celebration in Pittsburgh, when crowds swarmed the streets after the Pirates defeated the Yankees in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series.

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invited to join the world-renowned a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Barnwell, who trained as a sign-language interpreter, brought about the inclusion of an interpreter as part of the ensemble. A master teacher and choral clinician in African American cultural performance, Barnwell conducts the workshop "Building a Vocal Community: Singing in the African American Tradition," which has been presented across the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Singapore, and Australia.

She has been a commissioned composer on numerous choral, film, video, dance, and theatrical projects and won the Bessie Award for her score *Safe House: Still Looking*, commissioned by Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. As an actress, Barnwell has appeared in Jonathan Demme's *Beloved* and the TV show *A Man Called Hawk*.

She is author of the children's book *No Mirrors in My Nana's House* (Harcourt, 1998) and the forthcoming *We Are One*, to be published by Harcourt in the spring of 2008. Barnwell earned a PhD degree in speech pathology at Pitt.

She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees in speech pathology from SUNY Geneseo and a Master of Science degree in public health from Howard University.

Charlene Mickens Dukes

President of Prince George's Community College in Largo, Md., Dukes has 26 years of leadership experience and administrative responsibility in higher education. She is a member of several professional

organizations, including service as a founder and lead faculty member for the Community College Student Development Leadership Institute under the auspices of the National Council on Student Development, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dukes also is a member of the National Academy Board of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators; the Council of Law in Higher Education; and the Maryland Network, an affiliate of the Office of Women in Higher Education/American Council on Education.

From 2002 through 2006, Dukes served on the Appointed Board of Education of Prince George's County and chaired the Student Support, Student Appeals, and Personnel committees. In May 2007, she accepted an appointment from Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to serve a three-year term on the State Board of Education. Dukes has been an adjunct faculty member at the Community College of Allegheny County, Prince George's Community College, and Morgan State University.

A graduate of Pitt with a master's degree and a doctorate in administrative and policy studies, Dukes also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education with a concentration in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Henry "Model T" Ford

Ford, the first Black quarterback at the University of Pittsburgh, was one of several Panther players competing for that position in 1953, a position that few Blacks held at



Ysaye M. Barnwell



Charlene Mickens Dukes



Henry Ford



Margaret D. Garner



Ludwick Hayden

the college level at that time. After leading Pitt to its only score in the opening game against West Virginia, the head coach gave Ford the starting position for the next game and he remained the regular quarterback for the rest of the season.

He moved to the position of tailback in his senior year at Pitt. Ford grew up in Pittsburgh's Hill District and starred in football at Schenley High School. After college, he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 1954 and was a member of the club's 1955 NFL championship team. He played for the Pittsburgh Steelers the following season.

A business major at Pitt, Ford has owned and operated several businesses, including a food service corporation, a Coca-Cola bottling company, sporting goods and specialty products stores, and shopping malls. He earned the Bachelor of Business Administration degree at the University.

Margaret D. Garner

Owner of Broadway Consolidated Companies Inc. (BCCI), Garner pledges not just to build buildings, but to build a better quality of life for the people affected by her work. Garner began her career in Pittsburgh, working for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

She was recruited by the assistant secretary of HUD for an internship in Washington, D.C., and joined the HUD team with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). Founded in 1999, BCCI has grossed nearly \$50 million. Garner contracted with the University of Chicago to build Corner Children's Hospital and partnered with that university and the community to provide jobs for local residents. In 2004, Garner became the president of the Federation of Women Contractors.

In February 2005, BCCI was the first woman-owned general contracting company awarded a construction contract for the first Wal-Mart store in a major urban city. Garner's honors include appointment to the

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the Black Contractors United Mentor/Protégé 2002 Award for outstanding achievements in developing sustained support systems for African American contractors. In 2003, Garner received the Minority Small Business Person of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding business and community leadership.

Garner earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics at Pitt.

Ludwick Hayden

As international government affairs manager in Chevron Corporation's Federal and International Government Relations Office, Hayden represents Chevron's Africa strategic business interests and related internal clients. Prior to his current position, he was a federal relations manager at Chevron responsible for legislative advocacy and issue management as well as political and national constituency relations.

Hayden's advocacy and management led to the successful passage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act and participation in the Leon H. Sullivan Summits, formerly the African American Summits in Gabon, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Ghana, and Nigeria. Hayden is honorary director of the Ralph Bunche Societies Program of the Phelps Stokes Fund and serves on the boards of directors for AFRICARE, the Africa Society, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, and Constituency for Africa.

Hayden also is on the advisory committees of the African Presidents Archives and Research Center at Boston University, Opportunities Industrialization Centers International, Education Africa USA, and African Ancestry, Inc. A native of Baltimore, Hayden received the Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature and the Master of Arts degree in education from Pitt and a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola College.

Symposium to Honor Life of Nobel-Winning Physicist

By Morgan Kelly

After winning the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1991, Pierre-Gilles de Gennes spent two years touring high schools in his native France speaking about science and the benefits of thinking.

The late physicist's commitment to making science publicly accessible served as inspiration for the Pierre-Gilles de Gennes Memorial Symposium hosted by the physics and astronomy department of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Arts and Sciences. It will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Friday in 343 Alumni Hall.

De Gennes, who died in May, earned the Nobel Prize for exploring the behavior and formation of complex materials as they transition from order to disorder and applying his findings to explain the behavior of a wide range of the basic matter in nature and technology. His work focused on liquid crystals and polymers, which are long chains of molecules.

Specifically, de Gennes advanced our understanding of polymer movement, enabling better control of polymers such as plastic, rubber, and even DNA. He also disclosed how liquid crystals transform from a transparent to an opaque state, the principle enabling the use of liquid-crystal displays (LCDs) common in computer screens and flat-screen televisions.

On a larger scale, de Gennes showed that equations pertaining to one form of matter could be applied to another even if the physical properties were completely different. "His theory had an extremely broad impact," said Steven Dytman, Pitt physics professor, who co-organized the symposium with Pitt Emeritus Professor

of Physics Walter Goldburg. "He made the idea of 'what-the-heck's-going-on-in-there' understandable so that an important piece of today's technology could be developed. He was a remarkable guy, and we're trying to honor his spirit with a conference of general interest."

To honor his life and work, Dytman and Goldburg invited de Gennes' colleagues to discuss his lasting influence on science. Among those scheduled to speak at the symposium is the mother of de Gennes' children, physicist Francoise Brochard-Wyart of the Laboratoire de Physico Chimie Curie in Paris, who will show a video of de Gennes.



Pierre-Gilles de Gennes

The symposium schedule follows.

1 p.m.—Introduction
1:10 p.m.—Francoise Brochard-Wyart of Laboratoire de Physico Chimie Curie will present "Reflections on Pierre-Gilles de Gennes."

2:10 p.m.—Tom Lubensky of the University of Pennsylvania will discuss de Gennes' work with liquid crystal.

3:10 p.m.—Refreshments

3:30 p.m.—Fyl Pincus of the University of California at Santa Barbara will deliver a presentation titled "The Role of de Gennes in the Polymer Revolution."

4 p.m.—Yadin Goldschmidt of Pitt's Department of Physics and Astronomy will present "A Taste of de Gennes' Contributions to Superconductivity and Polymer Physics."

4:30 p.m.—Pitt Physics Professor David Jasnow will discuss coming of age and working in the de Gennes era.

5:30 p.m.—Reception

University Updates Writing Style Guidelines

By Anthony M. Moore

The use of a clear and unified writing style for all printed materials and Web sites is essential to an organization's ongoing success. In recognition of this fact, Pitt's Office of Public Affairs has published the second edition of the *University of Pittsburgh Writing Style Manual*.

"Pitt's Writing Style Manual unites the University's schools, colleges, departments, and other units under one consistent and comprehensive writing style that is specially tailored to meet our needs," said Robert Hill, vice chancellor for public affairs. "The manual is a compilation of editorial clarifications based on Pitt's current stylebook that was initially introduced to the Pitt community in 2003."

Sources in the preparation of the second edition include the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th Edition, and the *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th Edition. Entries address official names of schools, departments, offices, and programs at the University.

The reference booklet has been created especially for those involved in mass communications on behalf of the University, including those responsible for Pitt brochures, newsletters, magazines, post-

ers, articles, flyers, Web sites, and other publications.

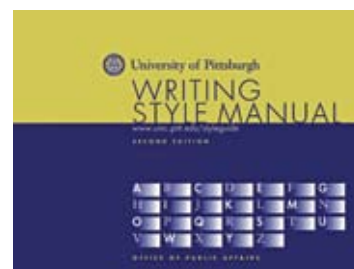
Pitt's Office of Human Resources, through the Faculty and Staff Development Program, is offering workshops on Pitt's writing style guidelines for faculty and staff members. "Writing With Style—Official University Style, That Is!" will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 4 in Room 342 Craig Hall.

The session is designed for those who are responsible for writing for their departments and who have not previously attended this workshop.

A second workshop, "Refresher on Writing With University Style," is designed for those who previously attended "Writing With Style" and will provide an update on manual changes. It

will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 31 in Room 342 Craig Hall. Those attending the workshops will receive a copy of the new manual. Online registration is available at www.hr.pitt.edu/orgdev. The second edition of the manual is also available online at www.umc.pitt.edu/styleguide.

For more information about the manual, University style, or the workshops, contact Sarah Jordan Rosenson, sjd10@pitt.edu, 412-624-6640, or Shannon Proud, srp16@pitt.edu, 412-624-0139.



Evans Rose Jr. Nominated for Election as Emeritus Pitt Trustee

By John Harvith

The Nominating Committee of the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees has nominated Pitt alumnus Evans Rose Jr., a director of the Pittsburgh-based law firm Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., for election as an emeritus trustee of the board. The full board is scheduled to act on the nomination at its Oct. 26 meeting.

With more than 40 years of legal experience, Rose is a business and personal attorney focusing his practice on corporate, estate planning, and municipal finance law. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

A life member of the American Law Institute, he is a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence and formerly was secretary and a member of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission of Pennsylvania, chair of the Appellate Court Nominating Commission of Pennsylvania, chair of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security, and a member of the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania.

Rose's service on the Pitt Board of Trustees has spanned 26 years. When he was governor of Pennsylvania, Dick Thornburgh (LAW '57 and a Pitt trustee since 2000) initially named Rose a Commonwealth Trustee in 1980 for an appointment that ended in November 1988. Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer then appointed Rose to a Commonwealth Trustee term that extended from November 1988 to February 1993.



Evans Rose Jr.

After a short hiatus, Jubelirer reappointed Rose a Commonwealth Trustee in November 1994 and again for three subsequent successive terms until Rose's decision to retire from the board this past June 30.

During his tenure on the Pitt Board of Trustees, Rose served on the Executive, Audit, Budget, Compensation, Health Sciences, Institutional Advancement, and Nominating committees. He served as chair of the Nominating Committee, was a member of the Chancellor Search Committee, and co-chaired an ad hoc committee that reviewed the structure and operation of the board.

Following the conclusion of his board service, Rose was appointed by Pitt Board of Trustees Chair Ralph J. Cappy (CAS '65, LAW '68) to be a community representative to the Budget and Institutional Advancement committees. Rose has been a member of the Pitt School of Law Board of Visitors since 1980 and also has served on the visiting boards for Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and Learning Research and Development Center.

Rose earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1959 at the Pitt School of Law, where he served as articles editor of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*; he had received his AB degree in history and political science from Yale University in 1954. In addition to receiving the Trustee Medallion for his service on the Pitt board, Rose was awarded the University of Pittsburgh Bicentennial Medallion of Distinction.

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Other AAAC events include the Apple Seed Project in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, a board and advisory committee meeting, and a worship service and jazz fellowship brunch. For more details about the AAAC events, visit www.alumni.pitt.edu/homecoming/sankofa.html.

The Homecoming football game festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Pitt Alumni Association pregame tent near Heinz Field along with a pregame fan fest at 10 a.m. on Art Rooney Avenue between Gates A and B, featuring a pregame live radio broadcast, games for children, and activities for families.

Starting at PNC Park at 11 a.m. the Pitt Marching Band will lead the "March to Victory" parade, following Art Rooney Avenue into Heinz Field. The Homecoming Court will ride in the parade, and the king and queen will be crowned during halftime activities.

Additional homecoming events include: the Department of Bioengineering 10th anniversary event, School of Engineering Homecoming reception, College of Business Administration/Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business "51+ Luncheon," Pitt School of Dental Medicine Dental Dash, School of Education lecture, School of Information Sciences Distinguished Alumni Awards, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and College of General Studies receptions, and an event to honor Pitt Alumni Association scholarship recipients.

Throughout homecoming, Pitt Repertory Theatre will present *The Recruiting Officer*, a revival of George Farquhar's classic Restoration comedy, and the Kuntu Repertory Theatre will perform *Good Black Don't Crack*, a classic play by Rob Penny. In addition, *Emily Dickinson: The Poet Lights the Lamp* will be performed by alumnus Yvonne Hudson (FAS '89).

For general information about Homecoming or the Emily Dickinson performance, call the Pitt Alumni Association at 412-624-8229 or 1-800-258-7488 or visit www.alumni.pitt.edu.

For tickets to *The Recruiting Officer*, call 412-624-7529 or visit www.play.pitt.edu. For tickets to *Good Black Don't Crack*, call 412-624-7298. For ticket information for the football game, call 1-800-643-7488 or visit www.pittsburghpanthers.com.



Jazz musicians Nestor Torres on flute (left) and Jimmy Owens on trumpet perform in the 2006 Pitt Jazz Concert before a sold-out crowd at Carnegie Music Hall.

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studio and classroom, which offer students hands-on experience in the latest recording techniques and technology, is now known as the William Russell Robinson Recording Studio.

At intermission, Brecker and Golson will be presented with awards and two other musicians (one living and one deceased) will be announced and inducted into the University of Pittsburgh International Academy of Jazz Hall of Fame.

As a preview to Jazz Week and to set the mood on campus, free performances will be held throughout October in the WPU. The public is invited to bring brown bag lunches and listen to members of the Pitt Jazz Ensemble at the following times:

Today: 3 p.m., WPU lower level
Wednesday: Noon, WPU lobby
Wednesday, Oct. 24: Noon, WPU lobby

Evening Jazz Film/Lectures (Free)

Tuesday, Oct. 30

7 p.m.
Screening: *Straight, No Chaser*
WPU Assembly Room

A documentary film about the life of pianist and jazz great Thelonious Monk. Produced by Clint Eastwood, it features live performances by Monk and his band and interviews with friends and family about the offbeat genius, considered one of the founders of bebop.

Thursday, Nov. 1

7 p.m.
Heinz Memorial Chapel
"Inside the Music/Television Business"
Paul Silverthorn, associate producer/director for New Jersey Public Television and former personal manager for Grover Washington Jr.

Morning and Afternoon Lecture/Demonstrations (Free)

Friday, Nov. 2

10-11:30 a.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"A Salute to Charlie 'Bird' Parker"
Peter King (alto sax)

1-2:30 p.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"Accent on Strings"

Yotam Silberstein (guitar) and
Abraham Laboriel (bass)

3-4 p.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"The Caribbean/Latin Explosion"
Monty Alexander (piano)

Saturday, Nov. 3

10-11:30 a.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"The Jazz Composer in Film"
Benny Golson (tenor sax)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"The Master of New Orleans Rhythm"
Idris Muhammad (drums)

1-2:30 p.m.
WPU Assembly Room
"A Salute to Dizzy, Clifford, and Miles"
Randy Brecker (trumpet) and Claus Reichstaller (trumpet)

Community Outreach Appearances

Friday, Nov. 2

1 p.m.
Falk Laboratory School
Monty Alexander (piano)

1 p.m.
Pittsburgh High School for the
Creative and Performing Arts
111 Ninth St., Downtown
Peter King (alto sax)

1 p.m.
Ronald McDonald House
500-512 Shady Ave., Shadyside
Benny Golson (tenor sax)

Saturday, Nov. 3

11 a.m.
The Hill House
1835 Centre Ave., Hill District
Abraham Laboriel (bass)

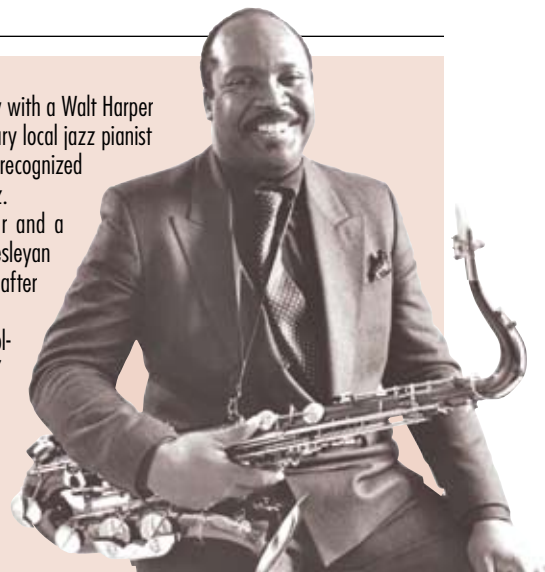
11 a.m.
Asbury Heights Continuing Care
Community
700 Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon
Randy Brecker (trumpet)

Pitt Jazz Studies Director Nathan Davis was honored recently with a Walt Harper "All That Jazz Award" by *Talk* magazine. Named for legendary local jazz pianist and club owner Walt Harper, who died in 2006, the award recognized Davis for his personal achievements and contributions to jazz.

Founder and director of Pitt's annual Jazz Seminar and a professor of music at the University, Davis has a PhD from Wesleyan University in Connecticut. He joined the Pitt faculty in 1969 after performing and recording in Europe for 10 years.

The awards were presented Aug. 25 at The Hill House, following a performance by Roger Humphries' "RH Factor Band" and before a concert by The Tim Stevens Project. WTAE-TV reporter Sheldon Ingram served as master of ceremonies.

Also honored with "All That Jazz" awards were Humphries, a renowned Pittsburgh drummer, and Pittsburgh Jazz Society founder and WDUQ jazz host Tony Mowad.



Pitt People Pitch in During Day of Caring



By Jason Togyer

More than 400 Pitt faculty and staff members worked on community service projects Sept. 28 as the University marked its 17th annual United Way Day of Caring.

Fifteen events took Pitt people to neighborhoods throughout the city, including Point Breeze, Lemington, East Liberty, and Highland Park, as well as Oakland.

In addition to providing valuable public services each year, the Day of Caring helps promote the University's United Way Campaign. This year's campaign began on Oct. 11 and continues through Nov. 30.

According to Pitt's Office of Institutional Advancement, the University's United Way collection is among the largest workplace campaigns in Allegheny County. Last year, 2,300 Pitt faculty, staff, and retirees pledged more than \$553,000 to United Way.

This year's Day of Caring borrowed the slogan "For The Greater Good" from TIAA-CREF, a nonprofit retirement planning and investment manager for University faculty and staff that oversees Pitt's defined contribution retirement plan.

Steve Zupcic, assistant director of Pitt's Office of Community Relations, said TIAA-CREF sponsored two Day of Caring projects: the upgrade of a computer system at Lemington Community Services (LCS) Senior Center and the transformation of a vacant lot in South Oakland into a parklet. The latter project was completed in cooperation with Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC).

Also with assistance from OPDC, Pitt volunteers worked on beautification projects in Oak Hill and Oakland Square.

In addition, Pitt's Equipoise, an association of Black faculty, staff, administrators, and students, helped with four of the projects, including the transfer of furniture, cubicle dividers, and other donated office equipment into the LCS building.

Founded in 1882, LCS provides home care, meals, education, health information and referrals, and other programs to elderly residents in Pittsburgh's East End.

In addition, Pitt Day of Caring volunteers rolled up their sleeves to clean and landscape the former Union Baptist Church near the corner of Stanton and Negley avenues in East Liberty.

Once abandoned, the sanctuary and grounds of the circa-1903 church are being transformed into a community center serving East Liberty, Highland Park, and neighboring areas with space for artists, entrepreneurs, and cultural and educational events. The Union Project also houses "Glass Action," which offers classes in stained-glass restoration while repairing and restoring stained-glass windows for churches, homes, and other customers.



Volunteers and others assemble photos at Lemington Community Services. From left, LCS Executive Director Joy Starzl; Brenda Vaughn of Equipoise and Pitt's Office of Facilities Management; Lincoln-Larimer resident Almyra McFadden; Scott Evans, TIAA-CREF executive vice president for asset management; and Pinkie Fox, Lincoln-Larimer resident.



Above, Steve Zupcic, assistant director of Pitt's Office of Community Relations, LCS Executive Director Joy Starzl, and John Wilds, Pitt's associate vice chancellor for community and governmental relations, with a new sign created for LCS.

Other Day of Caring events included a "fix-it day" at Family House, which provides lodging in Oakland for the families of patients at local hospitals; and cleaning and maintenance at Roselia Center, which offers counseling and education for pregnant women in Oakland, and at Gwen's Girls, an educational and mentoring program for girls in Point Breeze.

Pitt volunteers also helped package medical supplies for shipment to local and international clinics at Global Links in Point Breeze; taught job interviewing skills to youth at Shuman Juvenile Detention Center in East Liberty; helped clients at United Cerebral Palsy in North Oakland practice life skills; and read to students at the Urban League Charter School in East Liberty.

In addition, volunteers worked with the Oakland Business Improvement District to train local business owners for a new United Way campaign and provided interior maintenance and cleaning help at People's Oakland.



Above left, unidentified volunteers help clean an empty area of the former Union Baptist church building; above, a volunteer cleans a stained-glass window while (right) another spruces up the landscaping outside the Union Project.



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ENTREPRENEURS' SOCIETY

The University of Pittsburgh Entrepreneurs' Society hosted Gerald Driggs (below left) and Al Mercer of Social Innovation Accelerator (SIA) on Sept. 12 for a discussion of "social enterprise ventures"—businesses that nonprofit organizations run to generate revenue and provide community services. A private foundation based on Pittsburgh's South Side, SIA provides educational support to nonprofit organizations to launch "social enterprise ventures" of their own. Driggs, an information technology specialist with more than 25 years' experience in business, serves as chief executive officer of SIA, while Mercer, who has managed start-up companies in health care and high technology, serves as senior adviser. Students, faculty, and staff attended the discussion, held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association in Oakland. Underwriting was provided by the CL Fund, the Heinz Endowments, PNC Bank, and the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers.



JIM BURKE/CODE

Pitt's GSPH Takes Key Role in National Child Health Survey

By Michele Baum

Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH) has been selected to be part of a national study assessing the effects of environmental and genetic factors on child and human health in the United States.

The University of Pittsburgh is one of 22 new study centers of the National Children's Study, a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Each study center will manage local participant recruitment and data collection in the largest study of child and human health ever conducted in the United States.

The Pittsburgh study locations will focus on communities in Westmoreland County, Pa., and Marion County, W.Va. In those counties, selected women of reproductive age will be invited to participate in this long-term assessment of their environment, their health, and the health of their future children.

"What we learn will help not only children and families in Pennsylvania, but will help children across the United States and shape child health guidance, interventions, and policy for generations to come," said Roberta B. Ness, chair of the Department of Epidemiology in GSPH and principal investigator of the Pittsburgh



study center.

The National Children's Study eventually will follow a representative sample of 100,000 children from before birth to age 21, seeking information to prevent and treat some of the nation's most pressing health problems, including autism, birth defects, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.

Pitt's schools of the health sciences are considered national leaders in maternal child health research. Previous contributions have included studies enhancing understanding of the determinants of preeclampsia and preterm delivery in pregnancy; diabetes and delinquency in children and adolescents; and best treatments for otitis media and other childhood conditions.

The National Children's Study began in response to the Children's Health Act of 2000, when Congress directed the NICHD and other federal agencies to undertake a national, long-term study of children's health and development in relation to environmental exposures.

In total, the study will be conducted in 105 previously designated study locations across the United States that together are representative of the entire U.S. population. A national probability sample was used to select the counties in the study, which took into account factors including race and ethnicity, income, education level, number of births, and number of babies born with low birth weights.



Family Practice System Will Get a Checkup

University to host medical students, faculty for four-day regional conference

By Megan Grote Quatrini

With health care reform in the national spotlight, family medicine specialists from throughout the Northeast will gather here Thursday through Sunday to discuss ideas for redesigning the nation's health care system.

Pitt's Department of Family Medicine will cohost a four-day interactive conference for medical students, residents, family practice faculty, and physicians.

The 2007 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Northeast Regional Conference, titled "Intelligent Re-Design: Changing Health Care for a Changing World," will serve a 13-state region that stretches from Ohio to Maine and through Washington, D.C., Maryland, and West Virginia.

The meeting provides a forum for participants to share information about educational, clinical, policy, and research issues affecting primary health care.

More than 200 presentations will address an array of issues, including health care reform, end-of-life and palliative care,

integrating mental health and primary care services, creating a culture of quality improvement in family medicine residency programs, medical homes for people with intellectual and other cognitive disabilities, and primary care and global health in the developing world.

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Charles W. Mackett III, executive vice chair of Pitt's Department of Family Medicine, is chairing the 2007 host committee for the STFM conference. Conference attendees, Mackett said, "will see how family physicians are exerting leadership roles in health care reform, the integration of mental and behavioral health into primary care, and the promotion of medical student interest in the patient-centered delivery of

primary care health services." The conference is supported by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and other members of the Family Medicine Education Consortium, a nonprofit corporation that encourages and supports the collaboration between family medicine residency programs and departments of family medicine.

Happenings



The Roaches
Carnegie Lecture Hall
Oct. 20

Filmmakers Galleries, *Purple Hearts* by Nina Berman and *Grave and Deteriorating: Images of the Iraq War* by Chris Hondros, both exhibitions through **Oct. 25**, 477 Melwood Ave., 412-681-5449, www.pghfilm-makers.org.

Digging Pitt Gallery, *Conceived Bully*, featuring works by urban art designers Evil Design, ExperiBreed, and Magmo; *Same Frequency*, works by Jon Anderson, Jean McClung, and Sherry Rusinack; both exhibitions through **Oct. 27**; 4417 Butler St., Lawrenceville, 412-605-0450, www.diggingpitt.com.

Tom Museum, *Peace in 2008*, photography exhibition, through **Oct. 28**, 410 Sampsonia Way, North Side, tommuseum.com.

Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, *Nakashima Revealed: The Carnegie Mellon Collection and Dee Briggs*, through **Oct. 28**, Purnell Center for the Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Ave., 412-268-3618, www.cmu.edu/millergallery.

Carnegie Museum of Art, *Forum 60: Rivane Neuenschwander*, through **Oct. 28**; *Design to Be Lit*, through **Feb. 10**; 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-441-9786 ext. 224, www.cmoa.org.

Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, *Soul Soldiers: African Americans and the Vietnam Era*, through **Oct. 31**; *Points in Time*, through **Dec. 31**; *Glass: Shattering Notions*, through **Dec. 31**; and *Discovery Place*, through **Dec. 31**; 1212 Smallman St., Strip District, 412-454-6000, www.pghhistory.org.

Hillman Library, *Rare Book Exhibition*, through **Oct. 31**, 412-648-8191.

KOA Art Gallery, *Rocket Science: An Exhibition of Paintings by Heather Levy*, through **Nov. 16**, Blaisdell Hall, Pitt-Bradford, www.upb.pitt.edu.

Lectures/Seminars/Readings

"Newton and the Concept of Force," Koffi Maglo, professor of history and philosophy of science at the University of Cincinnati, noon **Oct. 16**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for Philosophy of Science, www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr.

"Unconventional Ways of Lithographically Generating and Studying Nanostructures,"

Chad Mirkin, professor of chemistry at Northwestern University, 4 p.m. **Oct. 16**, Chevron Science Center 12, Pitt Department of Chemistry, www.chem.pitt.edu.


"The Oligonucleotide Gold Nanoparticle Conjugate and the 'Antisense Nanoparticle,'" Chad Mirkin, professor of chemistry at Northwestern University, 2:30 p.m. **Oct. 17**, Chevron Science Center 12, Pitt Department of Chemistry, www.chem.pitt.edu.

"Global Studies Fall Colloquium: An Overview of the Global AIDS Pandemic," Ronald Stall, professor and chair of Pitt's Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, 6 p.m. **Oct. 17**, 352 Cathedral of Learning, www.ucis.pitt.edu/global.

"New Markers of Brain Aging," Cristian Achim, associate professor of pathology and psychiatry at the University of California, noon **Oct. 17**, 1104 Scaife Hall, Pitt Department of Pathology Seminar Series, www.path.upmc.edu.

Good Black Don't Crack

By Rob Penny
Directed by Vernell A. Lillie
October 18–November 3, 2007



University of Pittsburgh
Alumni Hall
4227 Fifth Avenue
(Between Lytton and Tennyson avenues)
Seventh Floor
Auditorium
412-624-7298
www.kuntu.org

"Reviewing Manuscripts: Why, When, and How?" Gerald F. Gebhart, Pitt professor of anesthesiology, 3-5 p.m. **Oct. 17**, S120 Thomas E. Starzl Biomedical Science Tower, Fall 2007 Professional Development Series, Pitt Office of Academic Career Development, www.oacd.health.pitt.edu.

"How Did They DO That? And WHY?: Exploring the Construction and Function of the Pyramids at Gizeh," Amber A. McAlister, UPG assistant professor of art and architecture, 7 p.m. **Oct. 18**, Village Hall, Pitt-Greensburg, La Cultura Series, www.upg.pitt.edu.

"Shear Dependent Shedding of the Endothelial Glycocalyx and the Mechanics of Leukocyte-Endothelium Adhesion," Herbert Lipowsky, professor and chair of bioengineering at Penn State University, 4-5 p.m. **Oct. 18**, Auditorium 5, Scaife Hall, Pitt Department of Bioengineering, www.mirm.pitt.edu.

"Literary Traditions of Protest for the Girl Child: Brajba in Meera's Medieval Poetry, Mahadevi Verma's Prose Sketches, and Mrinal Pande's Novel Daughter's Daughter," Rashmi D. Bhatnagar, Pitt assistant professor of English, noon **Oct. 18**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Asia Over Lunch Lecture Series, www.ucis.pitt.edu.

"Maintaining Good Health With Self-Shiatsu," Stephanie Ulmer, shiatsu practitioner, 5:30 p.m. **Oct. 18**, Suite 310, Center for Integrative Medicine, 580 Aiken Ave., Shadyside, 412-623-3023.

"A Maiden, a Shepherdess, and a Queen: The Parisian Assumption Vespers Services and Two Thirteenth-Century Motets," David Rothenberg, assistant professor of music at Case Western Reserve University, 4 p.m. **Oct. 18**, 132 Music Building, Pitt Department of Music and Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, www.music.pitt.edu.

"Forensic Investigations of Early Hominid and Bronze Age Human Remains From Mongolia," Bruno Frohlich, forensic anthropologist at the Smithsonian Institution, 4-5 p.m. **Oct. 18**, 11 Thaw Hall, Pitt Department of Geology and Planetary Science, www.geology.pitt.edu.

"How to Get an Internship: The Key to Jobs in Journalism and PR," panel discussion moderated by David Shribman, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* executive editor, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Oct. 18**, Kurtzman Room, William Pitt Union, Pitt Depart-

ment of English, www.english.pitt.edu.

"Planning for Profits: Defining and Capturing Your Customers," 8-10 a.m. **Oct. 18**, Monroeville Chamber of Commerce, 4268 Northern Pike, Monroeville, 412-856-0622; **"The First Step: Mechanics of Starting a Small Business,"** 8-10 a.m. **Oct. 18**, Ft. Jackson Building, 19 S. Washington St., 724-627-9054, Pitt's Small Business Development Center, www.pitt.edu/~sbdc.

"Intentional Truth Functions," Dale Jacquette, professor of philosophy at Penn State University, noon **Oct. 19**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Center for Philosophy of Science, www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr.

"Globalization and the Changing Social Contract Between Science and Society: Some Implications—Covering the Issue of Capitalizing Knowledge via University-Industry Relations," V. V. Krishna, professor of science policy at Jawaharlal Nehru University, noon **Oct. 22**, 4130 Posvar Hall, Pitt Asian Studies Center, www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc.

"Liquid Opals, Photonic Crystals, and Light-Scattering Studies of Protein Folding: Never Met a Boring Photon," Sanford A. Asher, Pitt professor of chemistry, 4 p.m. **Oct. 23**, 2500 Posvar Hall, Pitt Department of Chemistry, www.chem.pitt.edu.

"Gender, History, and Popular Culture in Indian Film," Neepa Majumdar, Pitt associate professor of English, 7 p.m. **Oct. 24**, Mattress Factory, 500 Sampsonia Way, 412-231-3169, www.mattress.org.

"The Second Step: Developing a Business Plan," 8-10 a.m. **Oct. 26**, 104 Mervis Hall, Pitt's Small Business Development Center, 412-648-1542, www.pitt.edu/~sbdc.

Miscellaneous

Americans for the Arts Creative Conversations, annual forum of emerging arts leaders, 5:30-7 p.m. **today**, Cabaret at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-471-6079.

Women for Film and Media, awards ceremony, 6 p.m. **Oct. 16**, Cabaret at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, 412-325-6769, www.clocabaret.com.

Steven Wright, comedian, 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 17**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St.,

Downtown, 412-456-1350, www.steven-wright.com.

Drue Heinz Literature Prize Reading and Award Ceremony, featuring prize winner Kirk Nessel and judge Hilary Masters, 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 17**, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series, 412-624-6506, www.english.pitt.edu.

Mother of Mine, film directed by Klaus Haro, 8 p.m. **Oct. 18**, first floor, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3105, www.carnegielibrary.org.

Eighth Annual Young Playwrights Festival, various times and plays through **Oct. 28**, 1300 Bingham St., South Side, City Theatre Company, 412-431-2489, www.citytheatrecompany.org.

Farmers' Market, 3:30-6:30 p.m. every Friday through **Nov. 16**, Senott Street between Atwood Street and Meyran Avenue, Oakland Business Improvement District, 412-683-6243, www.onlyinoakland.org.

Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

Diane F. Hunker, School of Nursing, "Effects of Adverse Birth Events on Maternal Mood, Maternal Functional Status and Infant Care," 10 a.m. **today**, 446 Victoria Building.

Tara Tagmyer, School of Medicine's Molecular Virology and Microbiology Graduate Program, "Envelope Determinants of EIAV Vaccine Protection and the Effects of Sequence Variation on Immune Recognition," 10 a.m. **today**, 1295 Biomedical Science Tower.

Arnon Tonmakayakul, School of Information Sciences, "An Agent-based Model for Secondary Use of Radio Spectrum," 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **today**, 522 Information Sciences Building.

John G. Lunz III, School of Medicine's Cellular and Molecular Pathology Graduate Program, "Inhibition of Liver and Bone Marrow Derived Dendritic Cell Maturation and Function by Interleukin 6 Activation of Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription-3," 1 p.m. **Oct. 16**, 1595 Biomedical Science Tower.

Marian Dolan, Department of the History of Art and Architecture, "The Role of Illustrated Arateca Manuscripts in the Transmission of Astronomical Knowledge in the Middle Ages," 1 p.m. **Oct. 17**, 104 Frick Fine Arts.

Theater/Opera/Dance

The Recruiting Officer by George Farquhar, through **Oct. 21**, Stephen Foster Memorial's Henry Heymann Theatre, Pitt Repertory Theatre, 412-624-PLAY, www.play.pitt.edu.

Madama Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini, 8 p.m. through **Oct. 21**, Benedum Center, 801 Liberty Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Opera, 412-281-0912, www.pittsburghopera.org.

Mother Teresa Is Dead by Helen Edmundson, 8 p.m. through **Oct. 28**, City Theatre Company, 1300 Bingham St., South Side, 412-431-2489, www.citytheatrecompany.org.

You Can't Take It With You, Pitt-Johnstown's Studio Theatre, **Oct. 18-28**, Pitt-Johnstown Theatre department, www.upj.pitt.edu/ArtsCenter.

Good Black Don't Crack by Rob Penny, **Oct. 18-Nov. 3**, 7th-floor Auditorium, Alumni Hall, Pitt Kuntu Repertory Theatre, 412-624-7298.

Trifles by Susan Glaspell and **Cowboy Mouth** by Sam Shepard and Patti Smith, **Oct. 24-28**, Cathedral of Learning Studio Theatre, B-72, Pitt Repertory Theatre, 412-624-PLAY (7529), www.play.pitt.edu.

Always...Patsy Cline, by Ted Swindley, through **Oct. 31**, Theater Square 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, 412-456-6666, www.cloppittsburgh.org.

The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare, through **Nov. 4**, O'Reilly Theater, 621 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Public Theater, 412-316-1600, www.ppt.org.

Exhibitions

Mattress Factory, India: New Installations Part 1, through **Oct. 25**, 500 Sampsonia Way, North Side, 412-231-3169, www.mattress.org.



A special street sign will be unveiled at 10:15 a.m. today to honor Thomas E. Starzl, Pitt Distinguished Professor of Surgery and director emeritus of the Pitt-UPMC Starzl Transplantation Institute. The sign marking "Thomas E. Starzl Way" is being added at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Lothrop Street. Formal remarks will follow at 11 a.m. in Room S-100 of the Thomas E. Starzl Biomedical Science Tower. The honor is a collaborative effort between the City of Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Liver Foundation (ALF). In addition to Starzl, dignitaries will include Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; Suzanna Masartis, executive director, and Joanne Grieme and Naomi Herman, co-founders, of the ALF Western Pennsylvania Chapter; Doug Shields, president, Pittsburgh City Council; and Susan Stuart, president and executive director, Center for Organ Recovery and Education.



SHRS-led Initiative Will Research Spinal Cord Injuries

\$4.75M federal grant launches new center here

By Megan Grote Quatrini

A new center at the University of Pittsburgh will be dedicated to researching innovative technologies designed to help people with spinal cord injuries.

The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Spinal Cord Injury will be launched with a \$4.75 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The grant was announced Friday.

David M. Brienza, professor of rehabilitation science and technology at the University of Pittsburgh, will serve as the director of the RERC, which was designed by Pitt's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) to address significant issues for people with spinal cord injury.

The RERC team and its collaborators will include Pitt's Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh.

Other partners will include Case Western Reserve University, Northwestern University, Baylor College of Medicine, IBM, and Immunetrics Inc.,



a company based on Pittsburgh's South Side that creates computer models of human responses to inflammatory diseases.

Several University of Pittsburgh faculty members serve as advisors to Immunetrics, which was founded by Timothy R. Billiar, George Vance Foster Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery in Pitt's School of Medicine; Gilles Clermont, assistant professor of critical care medicine at Pitt; Mitchell Fink, chair of the Department of Critical Care Medicine; and Yoram Vodovotz, professor of surgery.

Spinal cord injuries result in a particularly debilitating array of conditions that compromise mobility, accessibility, social interactions, employment, and other important dimensions of life. One critical focus of the RERC's research will be to create mathematical models of inflammation and healing, which can vary extensively among individuals, Brienza said.

These mathematical models may be used to develop novel technologies for detecting pressure ulcers and preventing shoulder injuries among wheelchair users, to improve evaluation of bladder function and musculoskeletal injuries, and to assess therapies for individual patients, he said.

"We believe that the occurrence of pressure ulcers,

urinary tract infection, and musculoskeletal injuries that stem from spinal cord injury can be attributed to systemic inflammation," Brienza said. "We also believe that it is necessary to understand and be able to predict responses to inflammation in order to develop novel, patient-specific therapies for spinal cord injury."

In addition, the RERC will disseminate information, train future researchers, and transfer technology concepts to manufacturers.

Faculty from the Departments of Surgery and Critical Care Medicine at the University, collaborating with SHRS researchers, have pioneered the computational approaches to develop and calibrate models of the inflammatory process.

"We now have four substantial grants that are based on computational simulation and modeling inflammation," said Clifford E. Brubaker, dean of the SHRS. "I believe that this research will have important and pervasive influences on the formulation of new therapeutic procedures and the practice

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—David M. Brienza

of rehabilitation."

The Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology (RST) was established within SHRS in 1994. RST was created to provide leadership in research, education, and clinical practice related to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

The department currently houses a clinical center for assistive technology as well as several national research centers focused on improving critical technology that

enables people with disabilities to go about their daily lives.



David M. Brienza

PUBLICATION NOTICE The next edition of *Pitt Chronicle* will be published Oct. 22. The deadline for submitting information is 5 p.m. Oct. 17. Items for publication in the newspaper's *Happenings* events calendar (see page 7) should be submitted to chron@pitt.edu. *Happenings* items should include the following information: title of the event, name and title of speaker(s), date, time, location, sponsor(s), and a phone number and Web site for additional information. Items may be faxed to 412-624-4895 or sent by campus mail to 422 Craig Hall. For more information, call 412-624-1033.