

Pitt Seeks "Close to Normal" Operations During G-20 Summit; Media Tours to Showcase Eds-Meds Economy

By Jane-Ellen Robinet

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg said Pitt will maintain operations that are "as close to normal as possible" during the week of the G-20 Pittsburgh Summit, which will take place Downtown Sept. 24-25, 2009.

"Most official Summit activities will take place in the downtown area, some distance from campus, which should make our practical challenges more manageable," the chancellor said in his Sept. 2, 2009, University Update. (See page 3.)

The one exception, he said, is the heads-of-state dinner set for Sept. 24 at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

"The presence of that signature event at a facility that sits literally on the border of our Oakland campus almost certainly will affect our operations here that day. When it becomes more certain what changes will be required, we will begin the processes of notification and implementation. However, even during that particular period, our approach, as noted, will be to maintain campus operations that are as close to normal as possible," he said.

While President Barack Obama and other heads of state will be participating in a working dinner at the Phipps, First Lady Michelle Obama and other spouses will attend a private dinner at Rosemont, the Fox Chapel farm estate of the Heinz family and home of Teresa Heinz Kerry, who is married to U.S. Senator John Kerry.

The summit's plenary sessions will be held Sept. 25 in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown. As the national leaders meet, Mrs. Obama and other spouses will visit the Pittsburgh Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts high school in the Cultural District and then attend a luncheon at the North Shore's Warhol Museum.

Nordenberg said the University will monitor the logistics of the G-20 situation on a continual basis and make announcements promptly should there be any changes in its scheduling during the week of Sept. 21-25.

"The staging of the Summit here in Pittsburgh not only is a generally positive development for the broader community but has particular significance for Pitt—with a mission that includes the preparation of students for lives in a rapidly changing world and with our rich traditions in international education and research," the chancellor said in his Sept. 2 update.

Meanwhile, Pitt has continued its efforts to assist the 3,500 local, national, and international media members expected to cover the summit. The University has created a G-20 Web site and, working with Carnegie Mellon University and UPMC, has created a joint Web site and planned 12 tours to showcase the three institutions and their roles in helping to transform Pittsburgh's regional economy.

Pitt's G-20 Web site (www.g20.pitt.edu) offers story ideas as well as a listing of Pitt faculty who are experts on various topics related to the G-20. The Pitt, CMU, and UPMC joint Web site (www.edsmespittsburgh.org) highlights the academic and research strengths as well as the economic contributions of each of the three institutions and their joint initiatives.

Pitt, CMU, and UPMC will host the 12 science and technology tours Sept. 21. The tours will help explain how and why



Phipps Conservatory with Pitt's Cathedral of Learning in the background



the "eds and meds" sector of Pittsburgh's economy has become a powerful driver of the region's success.

The eds-meds program will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 21 in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium, 4141 Fifth Ave., Oakland, with remarks by Carnegie Mellon President Jared L. Cohon, Nordenberg, and UPMC President and CEO Jeffrey A. Romoff. Tours will take place at noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Tour sites are: Children's Hospital of UPMC, Pitt's Peter M. Winter Insti-

tute for Simulation, Education, and Research (WISER), Pitt's Biomedical Science Tower 3, the Pitt-UPMC McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Pitt's Center for Global Health,

UPMC's Sports Performance Complex, Carnegie Mellon's Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technology Center, a Pitt *Green* Tour, Pitt's Center for Energy, the Pitt-Carnegie Mellon Quality of Life Technology Center, and the Carnegie Mellon Intelligent Workplace.

Tours are for Summit delegates and members of the media. Media representatives interested in attending must have a photo ID from the media outlet they represent. For more information or to register for a tour, visit www.edsmespittsburgh.org.



Jack L. Daniel

Jack L. Daniel Named Pitt Distinguished Service Professor

By Patricia Lomando White

The University of Pittsburgh has named Jack L. Daniel, professor of communication in Pitt's School of Arts and Sciences and former vice provost for undergraduate studies and dean of students, as a Distinguished Service Professor of Communication, effective Sept. 1. Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg made the appointment based on the recommendation of Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher.

The appointment of a faculty member to a Distinguished Professorship constitutes the highest honor that can be accorded a member of the professoriate. The title Distinguished Service Professor is given in recognition of distinctive contributions and outstanding service to the University community in support of its mission, as well as performance excellence in the faculty member's department or school and national stature in his or her field.

Daniel served as Pitt vice provost for undergraduate studies and dean of students from September 2002 to December 2005. In his administrative role, Daniel served as chair of the Enrollment Management Steering Committee, coordinating a number of campuswide activities related to student recruitment, retention, satisfaction, graduation, and placement. He also was responsible for new undergraduate academic programs and worked with the Chancellor's Diversity Task Force and Equipose on issues relating to diversity.

At Pitt since 1968, Daniel has served as chair of the Department of Black Studies, vice provost for academic affairs, and interim dean of the College of General Studies.

An active member of the National Communication Association (NCA), Daniel served as chair of NCA's Finance Committee. He also served as secretary, vice president, and president of NCA's Black Caucus.

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BrieflyNoted



Discussions on Global Cyber Threats and Responses

The University of Pittsburgh will host an illicit-use-of-the-Internet discussion at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 11 in the William Pitt Union Ballroom.

The discussion, titled "Cyber Threats: Challenges and Responses," is sponsored by Pitt's Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Studies and the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The event is a continuation of two years of research by an interdisciplinary group of technical, policy, national security, and regional scholars. What began as a discussion in response to terrorists' use of the Internet to recruit, solicit funds, plan logistics, and operate command and control has broadened to include a strategy for responding to any organization's illicit Internet activities.

The morning discussion will provide detailed assessments of the different classes of organizational (nation-states, criminal, and terrorist) threats and challenges. An afternoon roundtable discussion, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in Room 4130 Posvar Hall, will address further development of the response model.

An affiliated lecture by Thomas Longstaff, Johns Hopkins University senior advisor for science and technology, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium. His presentation, titled "Where the Wild Things Are: Analyzing Attack and Defense in Our Modern Global Cyberspace," will address the current cyber threats and challenges, explore possible responses, and serve to guide the Sept. 11 discussions.

For additional information or to register, visit www.ridgway.pitt.edu or call 412-624-7884.

—Amanda Leff



Prosecutor of U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda To Speak

Hassan Bubacar Jallow, chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), will deliver a lecture at noon Sept. 11 in the University of Pittsburgh School of Law's Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, Barco Law Building.

The free public lecture, presented by the School of Law's Center for International Legal Education (CILE), is titled "The Contribution of the Rwanda Tribunal to International Law and the Challenges of Completion: The Prosecutor's Perspective." Jallow will discuss the impact the ICTR has had on international law and the

difficulties facing the tribunal as it pursues its completion mandate.

Born in the Gambia in 1950, Jallow studied law at the University of Dar es Salaam Tanzania, the Nigerian Law School, and University College, London. He worked as state attorney in the Attorney General's Chambers in the Gambia from 1976 until 1982, when he was appointed solicitor general.

Jallow served as the Gambia's attorney general and minister of justice from 1984 to 1994 and as a judge of the Gambian Supreme Court from 1998 to 2002. In 1998, he was appointed by the U.N. Secretary-General as an international legal expert to carry out a judicial evaluation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia.

For more information, call 412-383-6754 or dwrst@pitt.edu.

—Patricia Lomando White

PITT ARTS Plans First Pitt Night For CLO Cabaret

PITT ARTS will launch its 2009-10 season of Pitt Nights in the Cultural District with the Sept. 11 performance of *8-Track, The Sounds of the 70's* at the Theater Square Cabaret.

Pitt Nights offer low-price tickets to Pitt students, faculty, and staff to attend performances, enjoy dessert receptions, and meet the artists after the shows. Optional free transportation is also available through PITT ARTS.

8-TRACK, The Sounds of the 70's is a journey through the greatest hits of the 1970s, starring the music of The Emotions, The Carpenters, The Doobie Brothers, Labelle, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, The Bee Gees, Helen Reddy, and many more. Tickets are \$14 for Pitt students, faculty, and staff. The preshow reception will include cake.

Those wishing to participate in any of the six planned PITT Nights can purchase tickets through PITT ARTS, located at 929 William Pitt Union. Call 412-624-4498 or visit www.pittarts.pitt.edu for more information.

Call for Submissions for 2009 Johnson Award

The Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs is accepting submissions for the 2009-10 Johnson Award for Best Papers in Ethics, Accountability, and Leadership in Public Administration.

At least one winner in the following two categories will be selected through a blind-review process: papers published or accepted for publication in refereed forums between September 2008 and December 2009 and student papers, including work by doctoral students prior to the awarding of their degrees. Cash prizes of \$2,000 and \$1,000 will be awarded. Young scholars and students are especially encouraged to apply.

Papers should have one of the following themes:



international and civil security, human security, international development, public administration, and nonprofit/non-governmental organization management and governance. Themes are broadly interpreted. Generally, most papers with significant implications for public policy, public management, or nonprofit sector management will be acceptable.

This year, papers addressing the broad theme of accountability and leadership in contexts where power and authority are diffused are strongly encouraged. For example, this theme could include how to exercise leadership and monitor performance in networked delivery systems or how globalization is affecting leadership and ethics.

All entries must be received by April 2, 2010.

For specifics on the application and additional information, visit www.johnsoninstitute-gspia.org, e-mail ethics@gspia.pitt.edu, or call 412-648-1336.

—Amanda Leff

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UniversityUpdate

To: The University Community
From: Mark A. Nordenberg
Date: Sept. 2, 2009
Re: A Year of Challenge and of Opportunity



Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg

The cycles of the school year are so much a part of our early years that their rhythms can take on a force that almost seems to be biological. For those of us who are lucky enough to call a university campus their “second home,” the patterns of the academic year come to influence in even more pronounced ways how we work and even how we feel.

Once annual commencement ceremonies have been completed, a generally welcome period of comparative quiet begins. Graduates move on to open the next chapter of their lives, and most other students take a more temporary leave, typically working to earn at least some of the funds that will be needed when the next term begins. As the teaching responsibilities of most faculty

members decrease, even higher levels of energy are invested in research and scholarly projects. Staff often focus on initiatives that cannot be undertaken effectively when campus population is at its peak and work to prepare for the demands of the coming academic year.

Then, suddenly, that quiet time is over. Our students and the special energy that they carry with them return to launch a new year. Their presence transforms our campuses and the neighborhoods that adjoin them. It is an exciting time—marked by new faces, new hopes, and new opportunities.

A New Year Is Launched. We began moving through that period of transformation, on all five of our campuses, last week. In Oakland, the challenge of moving thousands of students and their many possessions into a relatively compressed urban space known for its inhospitable topography was effectively met through our “Arrival Survival” program. Once moved in, more than 4,600 new students and family members attended our freshman convocation.

For me, two highlights of that event were especially worthy of note. The first

was the spontaneous applause that greeted my report that Pitt had become one of the top-five American universities in terms of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding competitively attracted by members of our faculty. I took that reaction as one clear sign of our students’ enthusiasm for high academic achievement in whatever form it takes. The second particularly meaningful moment came when our new students, led by the President of the Student Government Board, rose to take the Pitt Promise. Their public commitment to civility is an important reminder of the type of community that we expect to nurture and sustain.

In so many ways, this is a very exciting time. Even if we cannot predict them all, we know that the new year will bring a wide range of important opportunities, and we will pursue them from a position of ever-growing strength. We are providing higher education programs of the highest quality, and our students are performing in ways that are a source of widely shared pride. The respect that we have earned as a center of pioneering research continues to grow, and the quality and impact of the work being done by our faculty members are the envy of universities around the world. We also sit at the center of the “eds and meds” sector that now is the single most significant force in this region’s economic development. Consider just the following signs of impact and momentum.

- In 1995, we attracted 7,825 applications for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Oakland campus. This year, that number topped 21,700. Though we cannot finalize current-year numbers until withdrawal deadlines have passed, average SAT scores appear to have risen from 1110 to 1264 in that same period, and the percentage of enrolled freshmen ranking in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes grew from 19 percent to 48 percent. Among the high honors claimed by enrolled students last year were our first Gates Cambridge Scholarship, two Goldwater Scholarships, and three Humanity in Action Fellowships.

- We did move from sixth to fifth place in NIH funding this past year—joining Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, and UCSF. We also moved from 11th to 10th in total federal science and engineering research and development support. That National Science Foundation (NSF)-compiled top 10 consists of Johns Hopkins, Washington, Michigan, Penn, UCLA, Duke, Columbia, Stanford, UCSF, and Pitt. Among the many high honors earned by faculty members last year were election to such prestigious groups as the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Educational Research Association, the American Academy of Nursing, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the receipt of such special forms of recognition as the National Institutes of Health Director’s Pioneer Award, American Cancer Society Research Professorships, the American Society of Clinical Oncology Translational Research Professorship, the Rawley Prize in Atlantic

History, Sloan Research Fellowships, Pew Biomedical Sciences Scholar designations, and the CINP-Lilly Neuroscience Basic Research Award.

- From 1995 to the past year, our annual research expenditures rose from some \$230 million to more than \$653 million. By nationally developed conventions, those expenditures support, directly and indirectly, some 23,500 local jobs. Education and health services now comprise the region’s largest employment sector, the only one that has added jobs each and every year since 1995. The role played by university-based research in transforming the economy of the Pittsburgh region, and in more broadly enhancing the vitality of our home communities, drew national attention during the past year. One of my favorite commentaries appeared in a *New York Times* column that stated, “Brainy cities have low

divorce rates, low crime, high job creation, ethnic diversity, and creative capitalism. They are places like Pittsburgh, with its top-notch universities ...”

Daunting Challenges Persist. Even as we celebrate past accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities, we continue to move through a time of historic economic challenge. In the past year, we saw our endowment decline in the face of the stock market collapse. Even committed supporters became more cautious as they assessed losses in their own portfolios. And as the ranks of the unemployed grew dramatically, we naturally worried about the economy’s impact on the financial health of our students and their families.

While contending with this deep economic downturn, Pitt and Pennsylvania’s other state-related universities also have faced unique challenges tied to state funding. By now, the basic source of those concerns—comparatively low levels of Commonwealth funding over an extended period of time—is well known to most of you. As we entered this past year, for example, the approved state budget for the fiscal year had grown by 4.8 percent overall, but it included only a 1.4 percent increase to our appropriation. This extended an all-too-familiar pattern. From Fiscal Year 2001 to Fiscal Year 2009, our appropriation was virtually flat, while the CPI rose by nearly 25 percent, and the Commonwealth’s budget increased by some 40 percent.

Early last fall, as the recession more clearly emerged, the Commonwealth further reduced its support, advising us to prepare for the withholding of \$11.4 million, or a total of 6 percent of our appropriation. We quickly responded, not only to that anticipated loss but also to the general economic decline, in a range of ways. In October, budget cuts were imposed on both academic and support units; a process requiring central approval of all hiring authorizations was instituted; and the pace of capital projects was slowed. In December, officer compensation was frozen at FY 2008 levels, and in March, other salaries were frozen at FY 2009 levels. We also

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took steps to increase our liquidity and to protect against the higher interest rates that likely lie ahead.

From the time of our transformation to the status of public university in the mid-1960's, the basic agreement between Pitt and the Commonwealth has been straightforward—in return for annual support from the state, the University would maintain lower tuition levels, for in-state students, than those charged by private universities. Clearly, the University has met its part of that bargain. Though there are some small program variations, tuition and fees for a Pitt undergraduate for the current fiscal year total about \$14,000. Tuition and fees at Pennsylvania's two private AAU universities, in sharp contrast, are at or above \$40,000.

At the same time, declining Commonwealth support necessarily generates pressure for higher tuition. This relationship was explicitly noted by Peter Orszag, now the director of the federal Office of Management and Budget, and his coauthors Thomas Kane and Emil Apostolov in their 2005 Brookings Institution report, "Higher Education Appropriations and Public University Quality." In that report, they stated:

Over the past twenty years, state government support for public higher education has gradually waned, and the share of higher education expenditure subsidized by state appropriations has declined. One result of declining state support has been the widely publicized rise in tuition at public institutions . . .

The unmistakable relationship between decreasing levels of state support and increasing in-state tuition rates also can be seen in direct comparisons of Pitt to peer universities. Those institutions, too, often have been affected by declining state support, but almost always to a far lesser degree. Consider the following chart, which was prepared by our Office of Finance from public financial statements and which compares Pitt to six peer public universities.

University	FY 2008 - Percentage of Budget Provided by Appropriation	FY 2009 In-state Tuition Rate
Maryland	26.93 percent	\$ 6,566
Wisconsin	24.55 percent	\$ 7,569
Ohio State	21.48 percent	\$ 7,983
Illinois	20.18 percent	\$ 9,242
Rutgers	19.16 percent	\$ 9,268
Michigan	15.08 percent	\$10,140
Pitt	11.01 percent	\$12,832

New Issues Emerge. Despite this unenviable position, we were buoyed by budgetary programs designed by the new administration in Washington that reaffirmed public higher education's place as a high national priority. That priority reflected a belief that higher education remains essential to the successful pursuit of the American dream. It also was grounded in the knowledge that university-based research can produce both short-term economic growth and longer-term social gains. The package of stimulus assistance enacted by Congress, at the urging of the President, included: enhanced financial aid funding, which typically goes to individual students; increased research funding, which typically supports particular projects; and funding designed to sustain the overall strength of public colleges and universities that otherwise might be hurt, to our collective disadvantage, by reductions in state support caused by the recession.

However, in late June, we suddenly

faced what I described as a serious and surprising threat when the Governor declared that Pitt, Penn State, Temple, and Lincoln were not "public universities" and, therefore, would not be eligible for stimulus support. By taking that position and imposing additional state reductions, the Governor targeted Pitt for more than \$30 million in budget reductions for the current fiscal year. That level of reduction, as I noted at the time, "would take

In the meantime, as the arrival of our students has signaled so clearly, there is important work to be done, and we need to push forward. Doing what we can to provide necessary relief in a difficult situation, we have permitted students whose support from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency has been delayed to move forward for the fall term, sharing their expectation that these funds ultimately will be received. In other respects, too, we will attempt to manage our finances in ways that minimize disruptions.

our appropriation to a point several million dollars beneath its 1995 level, when our enrollment was well over 2,000 students smaller, when our research enterprise was not much more than one-third its current size, and when costs generally were lower." It also would have had a devastating financial impact on students enrolled in the four state-related universities, the single largest group of public university students in the Commonwealth.

In the face of strong Congressional opposition, the language of the act itself, and a long history of these universities being treated as public, and not private, under both federal and state law, the U.S. Secretary of Education refused to accept this position. Instead, he found that "Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, and Lincoln University must be considered public institutions of higher education (IHEs) under the SFSF [State Fiscal Stabilization Fund]

program." The state was instructed "to revise its application to include State support for these State-related institutions in its maintenance-of-effort and restoration calculations."

The Secretary went on to note that "[i]n determining the amount of support to provide each public IHE, the Governor may take into consideration the extent to which the institution agrees to limit tuition increases for in-State students." Since we already had made the decision, in this period of financial challenge for our students, to do everything that we could to limit our tuition increases, this should not be a problem for Pitt. We had announced our intention to freeze regional campus tuition in April and imposed overall in-state tuition increases lower than those assessed by the State System of Higher Education, to provide two relevant points of reference.

The State Budget Impasse. Since then, of course, serious problems of a different sort have emerged in Harrisburg. For the seventh consecutive year, the Commonwealth has failed to approve a budget by the constitutionally mandated June 30 deadline. Two months after the passage of that deadline, in fact, this year's stalemate continues, and there have been few tangible signs of progress. At this point, it could not be viewed as surprising if the state was without a budget, and the University was without an appropriation, for a prolonged additional period.

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Even as we attempt to "make the best" of our circumstances, though, it is important to recognize that we still are moving through particularly problematic times. The general condition of the economy remains weak, and the pace of any recovery is uncertain. Neither the terms upon which the ongoing budget impasse in Harrisburg ultimately will be resolved nor the impact of those terms on public higher education can be confidently predicted. We believe that the merits are with us, we enjoy strong legislative support, and we are being very attentive. However, this clearly is one case in which "it isn't over until it's over."

A Distinctive September. Much of what we do this month will be typical of the start of any new year—including the

work done in our classrooms and libraries and labs, the excitement that we anticipate on the football field and in other athletics venues, and the range of professional social activities that enable community members to connect with each other. In two respects, though, this September will be unique. We already are beginning to confront the problems posed by the H1N1 influenza, and we are looking forward to the special opportunities that will be presented when President Obama brings the G-20 Summit to Pittsburgh while also recognizing that some special efforts will be required to meet its accompanying challenges.

There is, of course, absolutely nothing positive to say about the onset of H1N1. However, we do hope that we are as well prepared as possible to deal with it. For the past several months, an interdepartmental task force, building on earlier efforts directed toward the avian flu, has been preparing for the arrival of H1N1, and even before the first classes of the new term had been taught, the virus appeared among us. By the end of last week, six students with an "influenza-like illness" had been identified, and a small number of additional cases emerged this week. To date, each of the flu-afflicted students has presented relatively mild symptoms.

The University is following the "Guidance for Responses to Influenza for Institutions of Higher Education" that was released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We also have been in regular contact with the Allegheny County Health Department and have consulted with our colleagues at UPMC.

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Posters designed to facilitate prevention efforts have been placed around our campuses, information has been posted on our Web site, and letters have been sent to all students, parents, faculty, and staff. Hand-sanitizer stations have been placed in dining areas, residence halls, and other high-traffic locations, and two separate hotlines have been established—one for students and the other for parents.

Students with flu-like symptoms—which include fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, body aches, diarrhea, cough, or sore throat—have been directed to contact their resident advisor or the Student Health Services. Residence hall students who experience flu-like symptoms and whose permanent home is within reasonable traveling distance are being asked to return home. Students experiencing such symptoms who

are not able to return home are being advised to remain in self-isolation—a status that includes not attending class or participating

Like every other institution in the world of 2009, we face an array of very real challenges, and we must find ways to meet them. However, returning to a principal theme from the opening passages of this update, as well as from a succession of other presentations, we are poised to push forward from a position of unusual strength—in terms of our dramatically improved financial condition, in terms of our rich reservoir of human talent, and in terms of our clearly demonstrated commitment to advance our important work.

in social activities—until their symptoms resolve. Residence hall students in self-isolation will be monitored by University personnel and provided with meals in disposable containers. Members of the faculty or staff experiencing such symptoms should contact their primary health care provider but also should self-isolate to help limit the spread of the virus.

We obviously must be prepared to make appropriate adjustments to this response plan if the spread of this illness requires other steps. To this end, our task force is constantly assessing the situation as it unfolds and considering what, if any changes, should be made. At the present time, though, that team feels comfortable with the actions that have been implemented.

Looking ahead to the G-20 Summit, our general approach will be to maintain operations that are as close to normal as possible, but that event, too, almost certainly will require some modifications, institutionally and individually, to customary routines. In fact, much of the public attention to date has focused on security and transportation issues that will affect the city when the summit is held here near the end of this month. However, any inconveniences that may result from Pittsburgh's selection as the summit's host surely are not the most significant feature of this event. Instead, the fact that the leaders of many of the world's most important countries will be traveling here to discuss issues of global importance should provide special learning opportunities for us while also making our home region a center of world attention.

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The timing of the session also is unique. As you will have noted, much of this update has been devoted to the particular problems that we are facing as we work to cope effectively with what has been called the "Great Recession." Now, in just three weeks, the leaders of the world's greatest economic powers will be gathering in our midst to discuss that economic crisis, to debate steps that might be taken to speed our escape from its clutches, and to consider measures that could help protect us from such massive declines

in the future.

Many academic units have planned programming tied to the fact that the G-20 Summit is coming to Pittsburgh. In fact, some of those efforts already are under way. It is our hope that we also may be able to take advantage of the presence of such an impressive array of world leaders through other events. However, the implementation of such programming remains highly dependent upon the final schedule for the summit itself.

We are told that final plans for the summit and accompanying events will not be confirmed by officials in Washington any earlier than the week of Sept. 14. Members of our own administrative team have been in regular contact with the G-20 host committee, as well as with local officials, and are working with those groups to understand and assist with their planning. Our Office of Public Safety, among others, has been actively involved.

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certain what changes will be required, we will begin the processes of notification and implementation. However, even during that particular period, our approach, as noted, will be to maintain campus operations that are as close to normal as possible.

As we all have been reading for weeks, soe transportation routes, particularly those passing through the downtown area, will be affected at various times during the summit. Airport operations also likely will be affected. Once more specific information regarding road closures, changed public transportation

routes, and altered airport operations is received, we will do our best to share it, as will local officials and members of the media. In the main, however, we anticipate that experienced commuters, armed with the right information, will be able to adjust to whatever short-term challenges are presented.

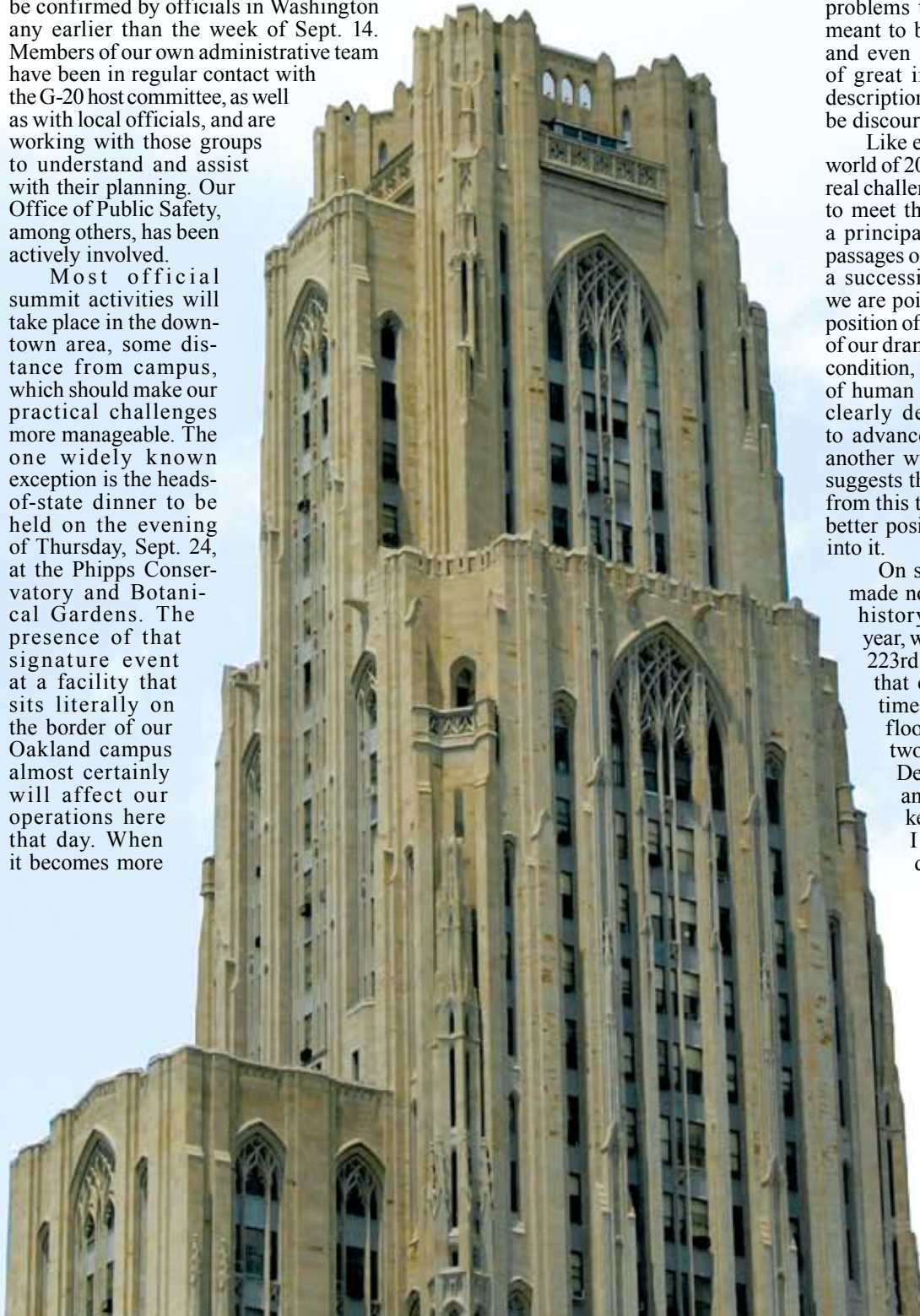
Maintaining Our Momentum. In that respect, the G-20 is not unlike most of what comes our way in life. Even good things typically arrive in packages that include complications and qualifications and challenges. Meaningful progress would not be possible if we permitted those limiting factors to prevent us from moving forward. In a very focused way, that can be said of the approaches we choose to take to the two days of the G-20 Summit. It is equally true of the broader opportunities that await us and that are ours for the taking, if we continue working, collectively and effectively, to do what is necessary to seize them.

To be clear, then, my somewhat lengthy description of the economic problems that we currently face was meant to be informative and realistic and even sobering. These issues are of great importance to us all. That description, though, was not meant to be discouraging.

Like every other institution in the world of 2009, we face an array of very real challenges, and we must find ways to meet them. However, returning to a principal theme from the opening passages of this update, as well as from a succession of other presentations, we are poised to push forward from a position of unusual strength—in terms of our dramatically improved financial condition, in terms of our rich reservoir of human talent, and in terms of our clearly demonstrated commitment to advance our important work. Put another way, our own recent history suggests that we are poised to emerge from this trying period comparatively better positioned than we were going into it.

On some past occasions, I have made note of Pitt's long and proud history. Later in this academic year, we will mark our University's 223rd birthday. Over the course of that extended institutional lifetime, our predecessors endured floods and fires, the Civil War, two World Wars, and the Great Depression. In the face of these and many other obstacles, they kept Pitt moving forward, and I have no doubt that we will do the same.

Welcome to the new academic year—a year that will be characterized by wonderful opportunities, even if it also brings more than its share of challenges. I wish all of you the best of everything, appreciate what each of you will do to help fuel Pitt's continuing progress, and look forward to traveling through the 2009-2010 academic year in your distinguished company.



Pitt Makes Strong Showing in *Chronicle of Higher Education's Almanac Issue 2009-10*

By John Harvith

The University of Pittsburgh has made a strong showing in a number of key institutional quality indicators reported in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* recently published Almanac Issue 2009-10, which ranks leading American colleges and universities in a range of categories.

In the category Top Institutions in Federal Research-and-Development Expenditures for Science and Engineering, Pitt maintained its ranking of 8th among public universities in this year's Almanac. Pitt continues to outrank Arizona, Berkeley, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio State, Penn State, and Texas, among many others, in this category, based upon information supplied by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

In the category College and University Endowments Over \$250 Million, based on information supplied by the National Association of College and University Business Officers [NACUBO], Pitt maintained its ranking of 8th among all U.S. public universities in this year's Almanac, placing ahead of Berkeley, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Ohio State, Purdue, UCLA, Washington, and Wisconsin, among many others. A

most telling aspect of this category is a column that shows how much market values of endowments changed during the 2008 fiscal year; in it, Pitt's one-year change was

+3.5 percent, a better performance than more than 80 percent of the 221 institutions in this category were able to achieve; indeed, nearly 60 percent of them had negative percentages in this column.

In the category Largest Endowments per Student, based on information supplied by NACUBO, Pitt is ranked 11th in this year's Almanac among public institutions, up from 12th last year, outpacing such other institutions as Georgia Tech, Minnesota, Ohio State, Washington, and Wisconsin.

In the category Top Institutions in Total Research-and-Development Expenditures for Science and Engineering, Pitt is ranked 12th among all U.S. public universities in this year's Almanac, up from 14th last year, and 19th among all U.S. universities, up from 21st last year, ahead of Berkeley, Colorado, Columbia, Emory, Harvard, Illinois, Maryland, Northwestern, Texas, USC, Vanderbilt, and Yale. This ranking was based upon information supplied by the NSF.

In the category Library Investment Index at University Research Libraries, based on information drawn from the Association of Research Libraries, Pitt is ranked No. 15 among public universities, up from No. 16 last year, and No. 26 among all U.S. universities, public and private, up from No. 28 last year, and ahead of Arizona, Johns Hopkins, MIT, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Rutgers, Vanderbilt, and Washington University in St. Louis, among many others.

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Jack L. Daniel Named Pitt Distinguished Service Professor

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Among Daniel's honors and recognitions are NCA's Spotlight Program on the Contributions of Jack L. Daniel in 1995, NCA's Presidential Award for Contribution to the Black Caucus in 1997, and the Eastern Communication Association Special Focus Program on the Scholarship of Jack L. Daniel in 2006. *Black Pioneers in Communication Research* (Sage Publications, 2006) by Ronald Jackson includes a chapter on Daniel as cofounder of NCA's Black Caucus and his pioneering work in communication research. In 2001, Daniel was the commencement speaker at the University of Durban-Westville, South Africa.

A teacher in the area of African American communication, Daniel has research and writing interests that include African American family communication and the African cultural continuities that impact African American discourse.

Daniel is a Pitt alumnus who began at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and then earned his BS degree in psychology at the Pittsburgh campus in 1963 and the MA and PhD degrees in communication at the Pittsburgh campus in 1965 and 1968, respectively. He was an American Council on Education Fellow at Stanford University in 1973-74 and is a 1986 alumnus of Harvard University's Institute for Educational

Management.

Since the publication of *We Fish, the Journey to Fatherhood* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003), a memoir he coauthored with his son, Omari, Daniel has gained national acclaim and media attention as a writer. Currently, he is working on a book-length manuscript tentatively titled *The Pursuit of Diversity: A Black Soul's Wandering in an Ivory Tower*; it is a critical analysis of his life's work at Pitt.

Daniel's wife, Jerlean E. Daniel (A&S '64, SHRS '72G, EDUC '75G), is a former professor and chair in the School of Education's Department of Psychology in Education. She currently is executive deputy director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C.

Omari Daniel received his bachelor's degree from Pitt and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland. He is a public school teacher in Maryland's Blake High School. The Daniels' daughter, Marijata, earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees at the University of Michigan and a master's degree at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is the research director for the HighScope Educational Foundation in Ypsilanti, Mich.

LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR A KOREAN HERITAGE ROOM



SANG C. PARK

A delegation from Seoul's Arumjigi, or Culture Keepers, came July 6 to view the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms before creating a concept design for the Korean Heritage Room. From left, Kenneth K. Lee, a Pittsburgh architect; Hyo Eun Kim, Arumjigi project manager; Wook Choi, a Korean architect; Injoon Chung, a Pittsburgh architect; Minah Lee, a Korean architect; G. Reynolds ("Renny") Clark, Pitt's vice chancellor for community initiatives and chief of staff for Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; E. Maxine Bruhns, director of the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Program; Kwan Il Lee, chair of the Korean Heritage Room Committee; and Young Suk Jang, CEO of the Korean Culture Keepers.

GOOGLE GADGETS



JOE KAPLEWSKI/CODE

Pitt's Technology Leadership Institute held its annual student recognition dinner on July 17 in the William Pitt Union. The institute, which was created by Tonya Groover (A&S '07), encourages high school students from underrepresented groups to pursue careers in computer science and technology. Students shown participated in the TLI/Google Summer Challenge, which required them to create a Google gadget or solution to a problem. Seated, from left, are Briona Coates, a Penn Hills High School senior, and Taylor Doaty, an Oakland Catholic High School senior. Standing, from left, are Samuel Dickerson, a doctoral student in the Swanson School of Engineering; Philemon Norris, a California State University-Bakersfield sophomore; Hannibal Hopson, a Loomis Chaffe School (Windsor, Conn.) junior; Isaac Taylor, a Schenley High School senior; and Groover.

Happenings



Frick Art and Historical Center, *The Dutch Italianates: Seventeenth-Century Masterpieces* From Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, through September 20

Concerts

Roger Humphries, outdoor jazz music, 5 p.m. **Sept. 8**, Katz Plaza, Penn Avenue and Seventh Street, Downtown, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

ABBA, The Music, recreation of famous musical group's story, 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 9**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

An Enchanted Evening, Manfred Honeck, conductor, and Itzhak Perlman, violin, 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 9**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

Lalah Hathaway, jazz music, 8 p.m. **Sept. 10-11**, August Wilson Center, 980 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-258-2700, www.augustwilsoncenter.org.

Snoop Dogg, hip-hop music, 9 p.m. **Sept. 11**, Mister Small's Fun House and Theater, 400 Lincoln Ave., Millvale, 412-821-4447, www.mrsmalls.com.

Ernie Smith and the Resolvers, Jamaican music, 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 12**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

Sweet Honey in the Rock, benefit concert for Mon Valley Unemployed Committee, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and furloughed workers in Jamaica, 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 13**, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

Jacob Yoffee, tenor saxophonist, 5 p.m. **Sept. 15**, Backstage Bar at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-325-6769, www.pgharts.org.

Salsamba, Latin Jazz, 8 p.m. **Sept. 15**, Backstage Bar at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-325-6769, www.pgharts.org.

Exhibitions

Space, *Smoke and Mirrors*, through **Sept. 12**, 812 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-325-7723, www.spacepittsburgh.org.

Andy Warhol Museum, *Conrad Ventur: Fragments of Time*, through **Sept. 13**, 117 Sandusky St., North Side, 412-237-8300, www.warhol.org.

Frick Art and Historical Center, *The Dutch Italianates: Seventeenth-Century Masterpieces From Dulwich Picture Gallery, London*, through **Sept. 20**, 7227 Reynolds St., Point Breeze, 412-371-0600, www.frickart.org.

Pittsburgh Glass Center, *Seventh Inning Stretch*, through **Sept. 27**, 5472 Penn Ave., Garfield, 412-365-2145, www.pittsburghglasscenter.org.

Wood Street Galleries, *Physical Conditions*, through **Sept. 25**, 601 Wood St., Downtown, 412-471-5605, www.woodstreetgalleries.org.

Senator John Heinz History Center, *Forbes Field: Celebrating 100 Years*, through **Nov. 8**; and *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, through **Jan. 15, 2010**, 1212 Smallman St., Strip District, 412-454-6000, www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Carnegie Museum of Art, *Documenting Our Past: The Teenie Harris Archive Project, Part Three*, through **Nov. 1**; *Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Annual Member Exhibit*, through **Nov. 8**; *Digital to Daguerreotype: Photographs of People*, through **Jan. 31, 2010**, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3309, www.cmoa.org.

Mattress Factory Museum, *Gestures: An Exhibition of Small Site-Specific Works*, through **Jan. 10, 2010**, 500 Sampsonia Way, North Side, 412-231-3169, www.mattress.org.

Sirani Gallery, *What's New in New York*, through **29**, 5218 Fifth Ave., Shadyside, 412-422-2121, www.siranigallery.com.

"Cyber Threats Challenges and Responses," conference on national security, 8 a.m. **Sept. 11**, William Pitt Union Ballroom, Pitt's Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Studies, John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, 412-624-7884, www.ridgway.pitt.edu. (See page 2)

Hassan Bubacar Jallow, chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, noon **Sept. 11**, Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh School of Law's Center for International Legal Education, 412-383-6754. (See page 2)

"The Problem of Progress," Nicholas Rescher, Pitt University Professor of Philosophy, 12:05 p.m. **Sept. 11**, 817R Cathedral of Learning, Department of Philosophy Lunchtime Talks, 412-624-1052, pittctr@pitt.edu.

Miscellaneous

"Pittsburgh Irish Festival," 19th annual celebration of Irish culture in Western Pennsylvania, **Sept. 11-13**, Sandcastle Waterpark, 1000 Sandcastle Dr., Homestead, 412-462-6666, www.sandcastlewaterpark.com.

Jazz Poetry Concert 2009, poets and writers from many countries perform with world-class jazz musicians, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. **Sept. 12**, Sampsonia Way, North Side, City of Asylum/Pittsburgh, www.cityofasylumpittsburgh.org.

All Day Gospel Sing, 9th annual event featuring numerous Christian-themed bands, noon **Sept. 12**, Renziehausen Park, Eden Park Boulevard, McKeesport, 412-675-5068, www.mckeesport.org.

2009 India Cultural Festival, live music and performances, 2 p.m. **Sept. 12**, Schenley Plaza, FOLK Pittsburgh, 412-725-3442, www.folkpgh.com.

Training for Success, workshop, 10 a.m. **Sept. 12**, Lecture Room 2 Scaife Hall, Pitt Survival Skills & Ethics Workshop 412-578-3716, www.survival.pitt.edu.

"Picnic at the Plaza," annual event for Pitt postdoctoral students and their families, 5 p.m. **Sept. 15**, Schenley Plaza, University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association, www.oacd.health.pitt.edu.

Opera/Theater/Dance

8-Track: The Sounds of the 70's, by Rick Seiber, through **Sept. 27**, Theater Square Cabaret, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh CLO, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

Faustus, raucous reenactment of myth of Faust, **Sept. 8-12**, Kelly-Strayhorn Performing Arts Center, 5941 Penn Ave., East Liberty, 412-363-3000, www.kelly-strayhorn.org.

Lectures/Seminars/Readings

"Maximizing Your Postdoctoral Success: An Orientation to a Full Academic and Social Life in Pittsburgh," Arthur S. Levine, Pitt senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of School of Medicine, 3 to 5 p.m. **Sept. 9**, Postdoctoral Professionalism Series, Pitt Office of Academic Career Development, S100 Thomas E. Starzl Biomedical Science Tower, www.oacd.health.pitt.edu.

Thomas Longstaff, cyber expert discusses current threats and challenges to American homeland security, 7 p.m. **Sept. 10**, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, Matthew B. Ridgway Center For International Studies, www.ridgway.pitt.edu. (See page 2)

8-Track: The Sound of the 70's, Theater Square Cabaret, through **September 27**



STOMP, Benedum Center, September 15-20

That Championship Season, by Jason Miller, **Sept. 10-27**, Pittsburgh Playhouse, 222 Craft Avenue, Oakland, Point Park University, 412-621-4445, www.pittsburghplayhouse.com.

The Wizard of Oz, by L. Frank Baum, **Sept. 11-27**, McKeesport Little Theater, 1614 Coursin St., McKeesport, 412-673-1100, www.mckeesportlittletheater.com.

STOMP, international percussion performance, **Sept. 15-20**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.pgharts.org.

Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

Sarah Tarbox, School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Psychology, "The Nature of Schizotypy Among Multigenerational Multiplex Schizophrenia Families," 10 a.m. **Sept. 8**, 4127 Sennott Square.

Kirsten A. Strayer, School of Arts and Sciences' Department of English, "Ruins and Riots: Transnational Currents in Mexican Cinema," noon **Sept. 11**, 526 Cathedral of Learning.

John M. O'Donnell, Graduate School of Public Health, "Development of an Optimal Patient Transfer Task Set and Simulation-Based Intervention to Reduce Musculoskeletal Injury in Healthcare Workers," noon **Sept. 14**, Conference Room 109 Parran Hall.

Catherine Eberbach, School of Education, Department of Instruction and Learning, "The Effect of Parent Disciplinary Knowledge and Parent Conversational Style on Children's Observations of Biological Phenomenon," 10 a.m. **Sept. 15**, 1st-floor Conference Room, LRDC.





Making the Disposable Reusable

Pitt's Mascaro Center challenges students to make one-off products reusable in "green" design contest

By Morgan Kelly

Despite the fashionable chatter about sustainability and all things "green," countless products—from plastic bottles and carpeting to cleaning products and packaging—remain single-use and are frequently discarded in landfills and the environment.

To spark ideas for rendering the disposable reusable, the University of Pittsburgh's Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation has challenged undergraduate students in Southwestern Pennsylvania to create multi-use replacements for one-off products, processes, or services. The cash-prize 2009-10 Undergraduate Design Challenge seeks enhanced versions of everyday items that diminish waste and consumption, be it through longer lifetimes, potential for reuse, or decreased energy and water use during manufacturing.

The students' inventions will be judged for originality and the possibility of successful implementation. The winning team receives \$5,000; second-place receives \$2,500; and third-place, \$1,000. Teams of two-to-five students from any university or college in Allegheny, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland counties are eligible to participate. Students are encouraged to form multidisciplinary and cross-institutional teams. Project concepts are due Oct. 21. Five finalist teams will be announced Nov. 4, and each will receive a \$1,500 grant for supplies, equipment, travel, and other project expenses. The winning team will be announced April 30, 2010. Complete rules and deadlines are available on the Mascaro Center's Web site at www.mascarocenter.pitt.edu

This latest challenge follows the Mascaro Center's inaugural 2008 design competition, which prompted students in the region to create a technique for "greening" old buildings that would reduce electricity consumption and pay for itself within one year. Juniors Micah Toll, a mechanical engineering student in Pitt's Swanson School



of Engineering, and Shaun Espenshade, a rhetoric and classics student at Duquesne University, netted the \$5,000 first-place prize for constructing a lightweight plastic wind turbine and augmenting it with a run-down of useful—and often obscure—tips for reducing home-power consumption. Older buildings commonly hemorrhage energy because of poor insulation, old wiring, and

outdated lighting. Outfitting them with energy-conserving features is a considerable issue in such areas as Pittsburgh, where many buildings and homes were built before 1940. More information on the 2008 winners is available on Pitt's Web site at www.chronicle.pitt.edu/?p=3098

Based in Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering, the Mascaro Center specializes

in sustainable design and engineering, particularly the development of sustainable neighborhoods. The center encourages and nurtures collaborative projects that translate the fundamental science of sustainability into real products and processes that positively impact the environment and improve the quality of life. Projects include greening the built environment, developing more sustainable water use, and designing distributed power systems.

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