Rendell recommends no FY11 hike for Pitt

Pennsylvania’s state-related universities, including Pitt, would see no increase in their appropriation under Gov. Edward G. Rendell’s fiscal year 2010-11 budget plan, although the proposal includes increased spending for public education.

In his Feb. 9 budget message, Rendell expressed support for public education as a key driver of economic development. Still, he held state funding for state-related universities, community colleges and State System of Higher Education schools flat.

Rendell’s proposed $29 billion general fund budget, which includes nearly $2.8 billion in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, includes $12.3 billion for education. PreK-12 education would get a $448 million boost (a 4.9 percent increase) and basic education subsidies would receive an additional $354.8 million (a 6.4 percent increase) under the governor’s plan.

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Despite the sign, there’s no thaw in sight for the snowy Pitt campus.

As the University Times went to press, February 2010 was poised to go down in history as Pittsburgh’s snowiest month on record.

For more on which Pitt campuses got snow — and which surprisingly didn’t — and details on how the University is weathering the record-breaking winter, see pages 5, 8 and 9.

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Faculty still awaiting fall term evaluations

Faculty members will need to wait just a little longer to find out what their students thought of their fall term teaching.

The shift to new student opinion data for teaching evaluations is the result of delaying the new system’s implementation in order to make the new system usable for the fall term.

While accuracy is critical, receiving timely results is important as well. Student evaluations can be a factor in a teacher’s continued employment or promotion. In addition, many faculty members rely on students’ feedback to fine-tune the content of their courses.

Communication department chair Barbara A. Warnick agreed that the OMET teaching evaluations provide important information.

“Her department must make personnel appointments for enough part-time teachers, TAs, lecturers and tenure-stream faculty,” she said. “OMET’s Reilly said the new evaluation software appears to be working properly. “Everything’s lining up,” she said, explaining that a rapid shift from OMET’s old VAX computer system didn’t allow time for any side-by-side testing, prompting the painstaking process of double- and triple-checking in the OMET office.

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Today, everything in the new green—"Joshua" green, products are green—but what is real green innovation, and why worry about it? Chemical and petroleum engineering professor Eric J. Beckman, co-director of Pitt's Masco可持续性倡议和乔治狄肯工程教授Eric Beckman, presented Feb. 11 in Posvar Hall. Beckman received a medal and delivered a Provost's Inaugural Lecture on "Green Design and Radical Innovation: A Marriage Long Overdue."

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There are good reasons to be interested in green innovation. "They are released fairly low, but don't degrade and, once in the environment, the embedded mass is tossed as plasticizers; perfluorinated flame retardants in clothing and terminated diphenyl ethers, used as heat transfer, can be harmful to health."

"Then there are things that we throw away a lot of stuff. We pitch stuff for use and accidental," Beckman said. "One product that comes to mind is carpeting. When 225 tons of water to produce a pound of carpet, electricity, once in the environment, the embedded mass is tossed as plasticizers; perfluorinated flame retardants in clothing and terminated diphenyl ethers, used as heat transfer, can be harmful to health."

"Since we've done away with lead in gasoline, the exposure to lead in gasoline has been reduced.

"Once you remove some things from the product stream, things get better."

"Why can't we have green innovation?" Beckman asked, "It's not a question of have we created something, we've created something, but don't degrade and, once in the environment, the embedded mass is tossed as plasticizers; perfluorinated flame retardants in clothing and terminated diphenyl ethers, used as heat transfer, can be harmful to health."
Interactive Wellness Event

The third annual interactive wellness event called The Healthy Lifestyle Experience3 will be conducted in the William Pitt Union’s Kurtzman Ballroom on March 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free to all faculty and staff of the University of Pittsburgh, this year’s event promotes the Mind-Body Connection for a healthier lifestyle. This annual event brings together information, services, and experiences to help you increase your health and wellness. Many of the sessions are interactive, and offer you a chance to watch a demonstration or even try something out! And many of these programs and resources are available to you at no cost!

Experience a chair massage, watch a cooking demonstration, try some healthier food, and more! This year’s event includes:

- Healthy cooking demonstrations
- Chair massages by Massage Envy
- Weight race updates
- Interactive drumming therapy demonstrations
- Come play “Dance Dance Revolution” and see how it can be used as a form of exercise
- Play “The Alcohol Game” as a fun way to learn how alcohol can impair your abilities and wellness
- Play Plinko with a Health Lifestyle twist!
- Take part in a Nutrition Advice session
- Watch or even participate in Exercise Demonstrations
- Take a proactive step toward a healthier lifestyle with Blood Pressure or Body Composition Assessments
- On site PSA testing for men
- Visit with Stacey Harris, author of “The Diabetic Pastry Chef”
- Visit with representatives from Animal Friends
- Spend time with a UPMC Health Coach to understand some of the programs available to you through UPMC Health Plan
- Learn new techniques from the Center for Integrative Medicine
- Try a smoothie from the Red Oak Café
- And much more!!

Sponsored by your employee assistance provider LifeSolutions and MyHealth from UPMC Health Plan, the event is free and designed to be hands-on and fun! So take time out of your day on Wednesday, March 3 to be a part of Healthy Lifestyle Experience3!

Schedule of Events:
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – All tables Open
12 noon to 1:00 p.m. – Food demo in the ballroom

For more information, call LifeSolutions at 1-866-647-3432 or visit www.hr.pitt.edu/benefits

Let UPMC Health Plan Know What You Are Thinking...

UPMC Health Plan is always ready to hear about ways they can make the care and service received by University of Pittsburgh members even better!

They will appreciate your thoughts and comments. How do you let them know?

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- E-mail the Health Plan any time at membersatisfaction@upmc.edu.

In the near future, you may receive a survey asking for comments about their care and service. If you receive this survey, please complete and return it. We can help them improve service with your help!

Health Coaching and Nutritional Counseling

Did you know that health coaching and nutritional counseling are available to all University of Pittsburgh UPMC Health Plan members and covered dependents at no cost?

As part of the University’s UPMC Health Plan benefits program, you have access to that extra help you may need to improve your health (or your loved one’s health!). The UPMC Health Plan health coaches are experts on healthy lifestyles. They start by listening to what your specific health improvement goals are, and then work with you to create a plan to reach them.

Health coaches are available to help with nutritional counseling, physical activity coaching, weight management, stress management, nutrition basics, and even tobacco cessation.

No matter the goal, your health coach supports you from day one and follows you up frequently, focusing on your progress and ways to keep building on your success. The best wellness plan is one that you will consistently follow. Therefore the health coaches place an emphasis on change through small steps, setting realistic goals, and providing positive support to help you make them happen.

University of Pittsburgh Weight Race participants can also reach out to a health coach to help meet their goals and continue health improvement beyond completion of the race! Weight Race participants can speak with a registered dietician who can help with meal planning, offer suggestions for complying with a diet, and provide hints for avoiding unhealthy snacks.

If you are a Weight Race participant, or a UPMC Health Plan member, take the first step and start today by calling a UPMC Health Coach at 1-800-807-0781.

UPMC Health Plan is “Going Green” with electronic Explanation of Benefits Statements

UPMC Health Plan is always looking for ways to use technology to make your health care more efficient as well as to be more environmentally responsible. eEOB, a new option available to you, streamlines communication between you and UPMC Health Plan while saving paper.

An Explanation of Benefits (EOB) shows the status of claims submitted by a provider to UPMC Health Plan for health care services you recently received. It is not a bill, but it does confirm costs you may be responsible for, such as copayments and deductibles. You have been receiving your EOBs through the mail. Now you can stop receiving them by mail and start receiving them online. You will receive an e-mail to alert you when your eEOBs are available at UPMC Health Plan’s secure member portal, MyHealth OnLine.

To sign up for eEOB, log in to MyHealth OnLine at www.upmchealthplan.com, if this is the first time you are logging in to MyHealth OnLine, you will be prompted with a pop-up window to sign up for eEOB. If you have logged in to MyHealth OnLine before, you should click on the “Edit Site Preferences” in the upper right corner. From there you can sign up for eEOB and other electronic communications from UPMC Health Plan.

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Shovel, salt, repeat. That’s been the routine in Pittsburgh this month as Mother Nature continues to batter the region with snow, snow and more snow. This already has gone down as the snowiest Pittsburgh February on record and is fast closing in on the record for the snowiest month ever in Pittsburgh.

Heavy snows forced closings at four of Pitt’s five campuses — with only the typically snowy Bradford campus weathering the month with no disruptions to date.

The extreme weather prompted Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg to issue a Feb. 10 University Update, expressing a tongue-in-check hope that that the groundhog’s proverbial six more weeks of winter in only six days, "has ended the equivalent of the snowiest month ever in Pittsburgh.

The chancellor noted, “We have to be on campus, and those who are UPMC employees have to report in for work. To those employees and those who are regulars who made their way to campus, whatever obstacles might have stood in their way, to maintain essential activities in the service of others. Their commitment to meeting our collective needs has been inspiring.”

SAC President Gwen Watkins said that in her area, Housing and Dining remained open. She struggled to get into work on Monday only to have her office was closed.

Elaine Devlin said that some of the upper management in her department who are UPMC employees were not notified by the University of the closings. “I actually had to let them know that Pitt was closed,” she said.

SAC President Gwen Watkins added that supervisors should take the initiative to alert their staff about closures, especially since some staff do not have Internet access at home.

"I am grateful that the emergency notification system was used on the other days, because staff can choose how they are notified," either by phone or by email message, she said.

Decisions on when to use the notification service rest with a group that includes the police chief, the University’s emergency executive Vice Chancellor Jerome Cochran and the chancellor.

SAC members also expressed confusion at the definition of essential personnel, and in several cases did not know whether they themselves were in that category.

John Fedele, associate director of News, said the costs of the closings still are being tallied.

The University’s reputation for remaining open even under trying conditions led some non-essential staff who hadn’t received word of the closing to fight their way through the storms to get to work.

The University’s emergency notification system, which alerts subscribers by phone or email, was not utilized for the Monday closing. Instead, notification was made through local media.

Dry ice buildup is another problem, given the amount that has already fallen. He cited last week’s snow, which forced Facilities Management to repeat its salting and plowing efforts in areas that had been cleared the day before, rather than allowing workers to make progress on areas that still needed attention.

With more snow predicted over the next several days, Facilities Management employees are preparing as best they can for what might fall from the sky. "There is not much we can do preparing for future snows except to make sure our equipment is up and operating and that we have enough product on hand to take care of the sidewalks and entryways," he said.

Even wishing for the snow to go away comes with a downside. Turbancic said that when the snow begins to melt, his crews’ concern will turn toward ensuring that roof drains and storm sewers are clear so the melting snow can be carried off campus.

"We may even have to assist in cleaning out some of the storm sewers the city normally takes care of. Right now, a lot of them are buried so it’s anyone’s guess as to how the water will go away comes with a downside. "No one wants to think about ice on the roads. Right now, a lot of them are buried so it’s anyone’s guess as to how the water will go away."
Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award

A selection committee, chaired by Patricia Beeson, vice provost for the University Honors College, and consisting of a number of members of the University community, evaluated the applications submitted by the candidates. The committee's recommendation was sent to Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, who made the final decision on the award recipients.

Chancellor Nordenberg congratulated the recipients on their accomplishments and expressed his pride in their dedication to teaching. He noted that the recipients represent the best of the University's faculty and that their contributions to education are a testament to the institution's commitment to excellence in teaching.

The recipients of this year's Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award are:

- Robert Gilbert, clinical associate professor of business administration, received the Award for his excellence in teaching and service to the College of Business Administration, including recognition for his passion for teaching and service to the college and his consistent high ratings on student evaluations.
- Gilbert teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in marketing, advertising, and promotions, and uses current methods and teaching technologies to engage students in the classroom.
- He has been recognized for his innovative approach to teaching and for his ability to connect with students on a personal level.
- His teaching comes naturally, and he feels that teaching is a natural and enjoyable activity.
- His students rate him highly, and he has consistently received high ratings on student evaluations.
- He is known for his enthusiasm and passion for teaching, and for his ability to inspire and motivate his students.
- He is committed to providing his students with a high-quality education and to preparing them for success in their future careers.
- He has been an advocate for the importance of teaching and for the need to prioritize it in the academic community.
- He believes that teaching is a fulfilling and rewarding career, and he is dedicated to providing his students with the best possible education.
- He has received numerous awards for his teaching, and he is widely respected by his colleagues and students.
- He is a role model for other educators, and he is committed to continuing to improve his teaching skills and to providing his students with the best possible education.
- He is an inspiration to his colleagues and students, and he is dedicated to making a positive impact on their lives.
- He is a true scholar and teacher, and he is dedicated to his profession.
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Chancellor’s award winners announced

You are internationally recognized for solving a number of mathematical problems that have stumped mathematicians for decades, if not centuries,” the chancellor wrote. “You solved the oldest and most famous problem known in discrete geometry, Kepler’s Conjecture from 1611, settled the ancient question of how to pack spheres, and supervised the solution to the challenging Dodecahedral Conjecture by your student. You see these three conjectures are considered to be among the most significant breakthroughs in discrete geometry in the 20th century.”

Nordenberg cited Hales as a central role in interdisciplinary initiatives, including the development of the cultural studies program at Pitt, and his teaching of both traditional and intellectualists to campus, the chancellor wrote. “You continue to publish frequently, with both books, editing 14 collections and publishing more than 100 essays, articles and research papers. The selection committee was particularly impressed by the breadth of your research and impact of your scholarly work.”

Hales told the University Times, “This award is particularly significant for me because it comes from the University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is home to me, and this is an honor that is much more deeply felt than an award from the outside.”

In a letter congratulating Linda Rose Frank, associate professor in the Department of Congenital Heart and Vascular Disease, Nordenberg wrote that the selection committee was particularly impressed by her work in public service contributions that have increased general knowledge among the public in relation to cardiovascular health, “as an exceptional scientist with a strong interest in learning how the science and policy intersect. Your work has demonstrated great potential to yield definitive experimental results that is of increasing importance to our society dates to his undergradu-

As faculty members in a profession, we are often concerned that diverse age-related diseases may be caused by a common mechanism,” Nordenberg wrote. “Moreover, you have applied your insights to the human condition and discovered a new form of progeria — the rare, fatal genetic condition characterized by an appearance of accelerated aging called Hutchinson–Gilford progeria syndrome. Nordenberg noted that the law is of increasing importance to our society dates to his undergradu-

date of an event that you were described as ‘an emerging superstar in the field of public health advocacy.’

Frank said most of her current work is field work outside the public health school. “I had to learn how government work and learn advocacy skills for HIV and AIDS, in part as a natural fit for my interests and training, but I had no idea that 20 years from now I would be doing that — although we’re nowhere near where we need to be. My public health advocacy skills, as well as aspects of HIV and the manage-

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Frank said his letters to Larry Frolik, National Academy of Elder Law Professor, is known as one of the founders of the field of elder law.

Frolik’s scholarly work in the areas of establishing trusts by elders, elder rights in long-term care, and disabilities and treating aspects of guardianship has resulted in improving the lives of elders, Frolik noted, including an academic membership on the Special Needs Trust Program Board. Frolik is a special member of the Pennsylvania State Government Board of the Special Needs Trust Program Board. Frolik is a special member of the Pennsylvania State Government Board of the Special Needs Trust Program Board. Frolik is a special member of the Pennsylvania State Government Board of the Special Needs Trust Program Board.

Fronk told the University Times that the center builds clini-

care to elderly or disabled persons, including physicians, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, and other members of the HIV treatment team, she said.

I felt that it was time to get into the profession to teach them in the intersection of law and public health advocacy.” Frolik said. “You were described as ‘an exceptional scientist with a strong interest in learning how the science and policy intersect.”

Frank noted that the community and behavioral interventions for infectious diseases, has served on numerous committees, organizations, and regional boards, the chancellor noted, including the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PittAIDS), the D.C.-based advocacy group that engages legislators, government officials and public health leaders to ensure that HIV/AIDS preven-
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Weathering the snowstorms

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snow removal on campus easier.

The biggest problem, Delaney noted, was fielding phone calls from employees inquiring whether they were essential. Those callers were advised to contact their supervisors for the information.

Jinx P. Walton, director of Computing Services and Systems Development, noted that the CSSD help desk’s 24/7 schedule was maintained even during the storms. Although several brief power interruptions occurred at the RIDPC, computing facility, backup systems kept the outages from impacting users.

However, staff who worked the Feb. 5 daytime shifts at the Network Operations Center and help desk remained at work for up to 21 hours to cover shifts until roads were passable enough for other staffers to relieve them.

Walton noted that the help desk experienced a 43 percent decrease in calls from Saturday, Feb. 6, until the University reopened on Feb. 11, compared to the same period the prior week. During the same period, however, contacts through the online problem report form doubled.

Athletics spokesperson F. J. Borghetti said some slight alterations to Pitt’s competition schedule were necessary, but three basketball games — one women’s, two men’s — went on, albeit with fewer fans.

Most dicey was the George-town game, but the opposing team managed to make it to Pittsburgh.

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At the University administration, the offices of Residence Life and Student Life sprang into action to keep the Pittsburgh campus’s 7,000 resident students occupied.

“We had snowmen and Cathedral building contests, bowling at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, fitness classes and lots of games, including Twister and a pie-the-RA contest. It ended up being a lot of fun,” snapshot.

Pitt students, including 24 RAs, also took time to serve the community. In conjunction with the University closure and reduced staffing, “We’re like the post office — We’ve got to get through. The balls got to bounce,” he said.

Great cooperative efforts help everyone get through unique situations like this.

A number of non-essential employees were able to work from home during the closings, even though the University’s policy does not require it.

For instance, Linda Howard of the College of General Studies said staffers took it upon themselves to spread the word to colleagues about the initial Pittsburgh campus closing.

“We learned that several staff members were without power but had cell service. We kept in contact with each other,” she said.

Howard noted that CGS staffers monitor their emails from home. “We were able to keep everyone in the loop and continue to keep the essentials running. Staff members within units spoke daily, all checking email and voice messages, responding to faculty and students as necessary.”

With classes canceled, the offices of Residence Life and Student Life sprang into action to keep the Pittsburgh campus’s 7,000 resident students occupied.

“Our RAs quickly pulled together as many fun activities as they could for our residents,” said Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life Shawn Brooks.

“We had snowman and Cathedral building contests, bowling at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, fitness classes and lots of games, including Twister and a pie-the-RA contest. It ended up being a lot of fun.”

Pitt students, including 24 RAs, also took time to serve the community. In conjunction with the Pittsburgh City Council, the students gathered in the WJED studios to check on the well-being of senior citizens. The students called approximately 1,400 people to make sure they were okay. Some of the seniors needed medicine and other essentials.

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(Almost) snowless Bradford sees weather tables turned

For once, Pitt’s northernmost campuses in Bradford and Titusville aren’t snow-covered as the rest of the University.

The Feb. 5 storm that dumped nearly two feet of snow on Pittsburgh bypassed UPB. While the other Pitt campuses closed at various times, UPB remained open.

However, the notice on the my.pitt.edu portal announcing the Pittsburgh campus closure last week caused some confusion.

On each of the three days the Pittsburgh campus was closed, the UPB switchboard fielded 15-20 calls asking whether Pitt-Bradford was closed as well.

To assure the UPB community that their campus indeed was open and running on schedule, campus administrators emailed students and posted a notice on Facebook and the UPB home page.

Only about four inches of snow was on the ground in Bradford this week, according to campus spokespersons.

The Titusville campus wasn’t hit by the initial storm, receiving only about three inches the night of Feb. 5, but got nearly a foot of snow on Feb. 11, setting maintenance crews into nonstop mode and prompting administrators there to close the campus at 2 p.m.

By the following day, it was back to business as usual, said campus spokesperson Tammy Knupp. UPT received about two inches of snow last night, but maintenance crews quickly cleared the campus.

Since the beginning of February, south of Route 80 uncharacteristically has been Pennsylvania’s winter wonderland this year.

During the past two weeks, Pitt-Greensburg received two-three feet of snow. Back-to-back storms, which resulted in record-setting snowfalls and a state of emergency issued by the state of Pennsylvania, forced the campus to close Feb. 9-11. Campus spokesperson Susan Isola commended UPG’s plant maintenance department, safety and security staff, residence life and Chartwells Dining Service staff for keeping resident students safe, warm and fed. Normal operations were resumed Friday, Feb. 12.

Pitt-Johnstown received about 10 inches of snow during the Feb. 5 storm, then got another 10 inches last week, said campus spokesperson Bob Knipple. The campus was closed Feb. 10 and had a two-hour delay for students Feb. 11, he said.

“We’re used to getting snow; we’re used to getting 6 inches in 8-12 hours,” he said, commanding the campus grounds crew for their efforts to keep the campus lots and walkways clear.

Knipple said UJP’s trucks equipped with snow blades wasn’t up to the challenge of removing the heavy snow from parking lots, so contractors with loaders were called in to assist.

Blizzard conditions with four-foot high drifts and equipment breakdowns attributed to constant use over the past two weeks complicated matters, he said.

Ice also is a factor at UJP. “We have some gargantuan icicles,” he said, but fortunately not in locations where they pose a danger, Knipple said.

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In response to rumors that staff might lose their March 12 spring holiday to make up for last week’s campus closures, Ronald Frisch, associate vice chancellor for Human Resources, told the University Times, “There has been no University-wide directive issued that requires staff to make up the weather-related closures. Individual departments, as always, may have specific requirements that request staff utilization beyond the standard workweek.”

The campus closings put extreme weather policies into effect. Essential personnel — those who need to be physically present and on the job — were required to work. No comprehensive list of such personnel exists, said John Fedele, associate director of News, but examples include police, maintenance personnel, groundskeepers, food service employees and lab staff.

The chancellor, in consultation with other senior administrators, designates essential personnel on the Pittsburgh campus; presidents of the regional campuses name who is essential on their campuses.

According to Pitt’s extreme weather policy, when a full-day or partial-day closing is authorized, non-exempt employees who are in nonessential operations may be absent and will be paid for the hours they were scheduled to work. The hours will not be counted as hours worked for overtime purposes.

Essential non-exempt employees who are required to work during a closing will be paid 1.5 times their regular pay rate during the closing.

If they do not work, they will not be paid for the hours they normally would have worked, “unless there is a valid and compelling reason for their absence,” the policy states.

Exempt employees who are required to work during a partial- or full-day closing will be eligible for compensatory time.

Employees — both exempt and non-exempt — who are on vacation, personal or sick leave on a day during a University closing still are charged with the day off.

Pitt’s extreme weather policy can be found at www.bc.pitt.edu/policies/policy/07-07-04-02.html.

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Barbara K. Shore, professor emerita in the School of Social Work, is one of seven finalists selected for the 2009 Jefferson Award for Public Service. The award is given annually by the San Francisco-based Jefferson Awards Foundation, which honors public servants who make significant contributions to their community.

Shore co-founded the Children's Lobby of Western Pennsylvania (the iSchool) Center for Graduate Information and Technology, which provides information services and resources to the community. She also helped found what is now the Center for Jewish Culture.

Shore is the immediate past president of the American Library Association. Her areas of expertise are decision analyses and the mathematical modeling of diseases and their treatments. She also has been influential in advocating for women's rights, the aging, Jewish culture, crime victims, the gay and lesbian community and those with special needs. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has provided Shore with $1.2 million to establish the Mellon Institute of Public Policy at Pitt.

Shore has won numerous professional honors. In 2006, the University Senate awarded her a Jefferson Award. She was named chair of the Department of Health and Policy of the Division of General Internal Medicine. In 2005, she was named chair of the Division of General Internal Medicine. In 2003, she was named chair of the Division of Internal Medicine.

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**Tuesday 2**

**Bradford Campus Reading**
Kate Northrup, West Chester U., Mookiyama U. Rm., Frame-Westenberg, UB P, noon (814/562-0248)

**Health Services Research Seminar**
"Homelifelessness: Health & Access to Care: Evidence From a National Survey of Homeless Adults," Travis Baggett; 303 Parkride, noon

**Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar**
"Integrally Analyzed/Placental mRNA & microRNA," Yol Sadowsky; 456 Salk, noon

**CFA Institute**
CFA Institute: CFA Institute Research Challenge 2010, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday 3**

**Collection for Haiti**
"Have a Heart for Haiti. Put Your Unused Clutches, Canes, Wheelchairs & Wheelchairs to Work Today!", drop off at GSPH 5th Ave., entrance, 9 am-7 pm (also March 4)

**OCMD—NIH Career Development Workshop**
General K Award Workshop, Mark Roberts, S216 Sturl BMT; 8:30-10:30 am

**History Lecture**
"Talking With Fidel: The Secret History of US-Cuba Relations," Peter Kornbluh, Natl Security Archives; 1701 Posvar, noon-1:30 pm

**Religious Studies Lecture**
"Medieval Hebrew-French Wedding Songs: Expressions of Identity," Kristen Fuadman; 2628 CL, noon

**HSLS Workshop**
"Microarray Data Analysis," Umit Chandran, Fell. Library conf. rm. B, 1:3-3 pm

**Senate Council Mtg.**
2700 Po充足or, 1 pm

**Thursday 4**

**Alzheimer Disease Lecture**
"Measuring Suffering in Persons With Alzheimer's Disease," Richard Schulz, psychiatry, S419 Montefiore, noon

**Epidemiology Seminar**
"Diabetes Prevention Practice: What's Happening in the Real World?," Andrea Kriso, Kaye Kramer, Beth Venditti & Marquais Hawkins, AIU11 Crabtree, noon

**UCSC Asia Lecture**
"Secrets of State: Brazil, Human Rights & the Regional Role of a Latin American World Power," Peter Kornbluh, Natl Security Archives; Campus Chapel, UPG, 7 pm
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Thursday 18

EOH Seminar

EOH Postdoc Professional- ism Lecture
“Advancing your Academic Position: Being Prepared for the Job Market,” Christopher Martin, S101 Searl BST, 1-5 pm

Sara Fine Inst. Lecture
“Minds for Sale,” Jonathan Zittrain, Ctr. Cooper classrm. D, noon

Geology & Planetary Science Colloquium
“Crustal Sedimentary Proces- ses,” Katie Farnworth, IUP, 11 Thu., 4 pm (4-8780)

UCIS Lecture
“Where Neoplantonism Meets Ethnology: Garcialo & the Gods of Ha Hourhin,” Frank Salomon, U of WV-Madison; 232 CL, 4 pm

Latin American Film “Princesas”; FFA aud., 6-10 pm

Friday 19

Endocrine Conference
“Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease Among Type II Dia- betes: Sweet & Low?” Lewis Kuller, 1195 Starl BST, 8:30 am

Pharmacology & Chemical Biology Seminar
“The Role of Intestinal Cells of Caja in the Urinary Bladder Wall,” Christopher Ely, U of Syracuse; 1195 Starl BST; 11 am

WPIC Clinical Grand Rounds
“Services & Research for Recov- ery in Serious Mental Illness,” Charles Kahn & Emil Ivanov, 2nd fl. aud. Dette, 11 am

East Asian Colloquium
“Remembering World War II & Narrating the Nation: Study of Tenksa Oshiro’s War Manga,” Renzi Feuillais, 4209 Posvar, noon

EOH/SCRR Joint Seminar
“Public Health of Brain Trauma: From Mechanisms & Treatment to Legislation/Regulations,” Wen-Tsii Chi, Taipei Medical, 540 Bridgeside Pl., noon

Genetics Seminar
“On the Confluence of Art & Genetic Science,” Lynn Fellman, A115 Crabtree, noon (4-1066)

Pulmonary Grand Rounds
“Caring While Searching for the Cure for IPF: The Simmons Center Experience,” Kathleen Oure Lindell, NW26 Mont- fore, noon

Se. V’s Research Seminar
“Learning From Gastrointesti- nal Stromal Tumors Getting the GIST of Targeted Therapies,” Anette Duensing; aud. 6 Scaife, noon

Computer Science Collo- quium
“Copyright vs. Community in the Age of Computer Networks,” Richard Stallman, WPU lower lounge, 12:10 pm

Saturday 20

UCIS Lecture
“Ideas Against Ideocracy: The Platonian Drama of Russian Thought & Possible Strategies for the Future,” Mikhail Epstein, 1913 Posvar, 1 pm

Bollywood & Indian Film “Akler Sandhani,” FFA aud., 7 pm (4-5578)

Sunday 21

Women’s Basketball
Vs. Seton Hall; Petersen, 2 pm

Bollywood & Indian Film “Runnagaa”; FFA aud., 7 pm (4-5578)

Monday 22

• Summer term registration & add/drop begin.

Tuesday 23

Health Services Research Seminar
“Racial Differences in Access to High Quality Care for Coronary Heart Disease,” Ioana Popescu, 105 Parkvale, noon

Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar
“Libraries Inspired by Natural Products & Peptides,” Jeffery Sade, 456 Salk, noon

UPCL Basic & Translational Research Seminar
“Role of Autophagy in Cancer & Therapy,” Eileen White, Rutgers; Hillman Cancer Ctr. Cooper clas. d., noon (412/623-7771)

Wednesday 24

Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds
Venkat Seshadri, LHAS Aud. Mon- tofore, 7 am

Clinical Oncology & Hematol- ogy Grand Rounds

OED 3rd Annual Innovation Speed Dating
WPU Ballrm., 11 am-1 pm

Pathology Research Seminar (HNFP: New Functions for an Old Receptor,” Frances Sladek, U of CA, 1105AB Scaife, noon

Women’s Studies Lecture
“Queering Terror: Visualizing Sexuality & Nationalism in Israeli & Palestinian Cinema,” Colleen Jankovic; 2201 Posvar, 4 pm

Survival & Ethics Grants Over Lunch Lecture
“Grants from the National Science Foundation,” Diane Witt, S110 BST2, noon-1:30 pm (412/578-3716)

HSLS Workshop
“EndNote Basics,” Abhnam Salah, Falk Library classrm. 2, 1-3 pm

HSLS Workshop
“Laugher,” Carmi Boren, Falk Library conf. rm. 1, 3-5 pm

Japanese Theatre Workshop
“Walk the Walk & Talk the Talk” Kenstre & Bertram Productions, 7 pm

UCIS Africa Film
“Leteke,” Ayanna Thompson; G8 CL, 4:30 pm

WPIC Clinical Grand Rounds
“Advanced to an Academic Posi- tion,” Angela Gronenborn; 540 Bridgeside Pl., noon

Wednesday 25

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Bradford Campus Jazz Piano Performance
Ed Epstein, KOA Speer Elec- tronics Lobby, Blaisdell, UPB, 11:30 am (814/562-0248)

Faculty Development Lec- ture
“Conflict or Cooperation? Teaching a New Generation,” Mary Kerr, 4:57 Scaife, 12:10 pm Faculty Assembly Mtg. Bal- lroom, A University Club, 3 pm

Bradford Campus Reading Sherriff Flick; Bromley Family Theater, Blaisdell, UPR, 7:30 pm

Global Studies Lecture
“Colonial, Post-Colonial & Lesotho Today: Khotsa Pula Nala: Peace & Prosperity,” Mphiwe-Lesina, Malahong fellow, fl. 1 lounge, Sutherland, 8 pm (5-8058)

Novelist Sherriff Flick will read from her work, 7:15 pm on the Bradford campus.

Endocrine Research Confer- ence
“Neurotrophic Growth Factors in the Pancreas: An Overview & Perspective,” Kathryn Allers; 1195 Starl BST, noon

EOH Seminar
“roles & Regulation of Aginages in Health & Disease,” Sidney Meltzer, neurology & molecu- lar genetics, 540 Bridgeside Pl., noon

EOH Seminars
“Vitamin D, Vitamin D Bind- ing Protein, PTH & Fracture in Mutagenic Anemia,” June Cauley, A115 Crabtree, noon

UCIS Asia Conference
“Children’s Birth Registration in China: Practice, Problems & Policies,” Yeesa Zhang, Heinz Ctr. Posvar, 4 pm (8- 7370)

Survival & Ethics Careers Over Lunch Lecture
“Careers in Research Admin- istration,” Diane Witt; S100 BST2, noon-1:30 pm (412/578- 3716)

Chemistry Lecture
“Manipulating MOFs by Post- synthetic Modification,” Seth Cohen, U of San Diego; 102 Thu., 2-3:30 pm

French & Italian Colloquium
“Readings on Older’s Supplemen- tation in Voyage de Bourgundie,” Lynn Festa; Rutgers; 602 CL, 2-3 pm

Chemistry Lecture
“Activity-Based Proteomics: Applications for Enzyme & Inhibitor Discoverers,” Ben Graz- ssc, Scripps Research Inst.; 157 Benedum, 4 pm

Geology & Planetary Science Colloquium
“Mars Exploration: 6 Years of Roving With Spirit & Opportu- nity,” Wendy Calvin, U of NV- Reno; 11 Thu., 4 pm (8-6706)

Medieval & Renaissance Stud- ies Lecture
“Othello in the 21st Century,” Ayahna Thompson, G8CL, 4:30 pm (4-5220)

UCIS Africa Studies
“The Bible & the Gun”, 4130 Posvar, 5-7 pm (4-2038)

Greenburg Campus Film
“The Rape of Europa”, Campus Chapel, UPR, 5:30 pm

History Lecture
“Race & the Management of US Labor,” David Roediger; FFA and MUP, 3 pm

Bradford Campus Improv Show
Pit Improvers, Makayama U RM., France-Westergen Com- mons, UPR, 8-10 pm

Friday 26

Board of Trustees Mtg.
Assembly Rm. WPU, 10:15 am

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