Oakland braces for G-20 Summit week

University administrators continue to await word from the Secret Service on security restrictions in Oakland surrounding a Sept. 24 dinner for G-20 dignitaries at Phipps Conservatory.

Until a security zone is announced, the University cannot decide on possible building closings or class cancellations, said Vice Chancellor for Community and Governmental Relations Renny Clark.

Administrators at Pitt and CMU have announced they plan to continue University operations as normally as possible during the G-20 Pittsburgh Summit.

Clark said information would be disseminated via the University's web site at www.pitt.edu and/or through printed announcements distributed on campus.

While much remains uncertain, some security and transportation information is emerging as the Sept. 24 and 25 summit approaches.

Police

Police in Oakland will begin working longer hours prior to the summit.

The police will begin 12-hour shifts on Sunday, Carnegie Mellon police will start 12-hour shifts on Monday and Pitt police will do the same beginning on Tuesday. Pitt Police Commander Francis J. Walsh told a Sept. 15 Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID) meeting that the University's police department would have about 65 officers on duty with an additional 100 city and state police assigned to Oakland Sept. 22-25. He wouldn't specify how many would be in plainclothes or in uniform. “That’s part of the operation,” he said, adding only that there would be a visible police presence.

In addition, Secret Service, FBI and other federal authorities as well as the National Guard will be on hand to provide security for the event and the Oakland community can expect to see helicopters and planes as part of the security presence.

Transit

According to the Port Authority, bus and T service into Downtown will operate on a regular weekday schedule during the summit, but routes will be altered and potentially lengthy delays are expected.

All Downtown T stations except for First Avenue will be closed and buses will be rerouted to avoid the convention center security zone. Most bus routes will use or connect to the Boulevard of the Allies corridor.

The Port Authority plans to implement the G-20 routing the evening of Sept. 23 and keep it in place through the summit's end on Sept. 25.

However, it is possible that detouring could begin earlier or end later,” the transit authority stated in a Sept. 15 release.

In addition, the Port Authority cautioned that sudden events or disruptions could cause additional rerouting. Updates will be disseminated on the Port Authority's G-20 web page, through contacts with schools and major employers, and via Twitter.

To view bus and T route changes, visit the G-20 page at www.portauthority.org.

Pitt gets millions in stimulus research funds

Whether Pitt will receive a portion of Pennsylvania's share of federal stimulus funds for education remains unclear, but the University already is seeing millions of dollars in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money that has been earmarked for research.

Although Gov. Edward G. Rendell caused an uproar by cutting the state's application for ARRA education funding (see July 23 University Times) in his June 26 budget proposal, a state House bill proposed $10.5 billion in stimulus funds for Pitt, while a Senate bill would allocate nearly $6.7 billion.

Given that the state budget remains incomplete, those dollars remain in question.

Better financial news is coming in the form of new research dollars already flowing to the University from the $800 billion ARRA.

As of Sept. 9, Pitt had submitted 1,168 stimulus-related applications, according to Allen DiPalma, director of the Office of Research.

As of Sept. 8, Pitt had received 155 awards worth almost $68.5 million in new or continued funding from sources including the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Education, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the National Science Foundation. Of that total, $61.7 million was in research awards, with another $6.7 million received in the form of Pell grant and student work-study funding.

In choosing how to distribute ARRA research funding, the NIH and NSF took different approaches, DiPalma said. NSF chose to concentrate on applications that already had been submitted, using the stimulus money to fund more projects than it would have been able to otherwise. NIH took a more multifaceted approach, with some funding going toward applications already submitted and some for new solicitations.

The vast majority of Pitt's grants have come through NIH, which listed in its searchable database 126 stimulus-related grants to the University as of Sept. 11.

“We've received a little bit of everything so far,” DiPalma said.

“All this money can be considered new money,” he said, adding, “The majority of these awards would not have been funded any other way.”

Jeremy Somers of the Office of Research, Health Sciences, noted that without the stimulus funding, some researchers with projects that didn't meet the earlier funding cutoffs could have been put out of business. Likewise, some construction on the University's wish list hinges on the ARRA money. He declined to specify those projects.

In addition to the millions of research dollars the University already has tallied through ARRA funding, the potential remains for millions more. Pitt is awaiting word on additional applications that have been submitted, and although the application pace has slowed from earlier in the year, deadlines still loom for additional ARRA funding.

Somers estimated his office has some $10 million in ARRA funding pending, and is about to submit applications for some $10 million more.

Submissions for funding earmarked for research-related construction and renovation projects were due today, Sept. 17.

DiPalma said the University expects to hear within a month the results of approximately $92 million in NIH challenge grants it submitted for an April 27 deadline.

“That was the first really big open solicitation,” DiPalma said.

“Everyone jumped on board thinking they had to submit something.”

The influx stretched the capacity of the Office of Research staff, which includes 33 full-time employees and four temps. Between the challenge grant deadline and another for NIH RC 2 funding that followed a month later, DiPalma's staff handled more than 425 applications.

“We've swamped it at vari- ous times,” he said, noting that the short turnaround time and tight University budget precluded hiring additional people.

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In remembrance

Flags were placed on the Cathedral of Learning lawn as part of the Young America’s Foundation 9/11: Never Forget Project. More than 200 college campuses across the nation participated in the project to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Correction

Ivona Pandera is among new faculty at the Center for Vaccine Research. The pathology professor came to Pitt in July from Tulane University. A University of Pittsburgh mistake in an earlier issue of the Times was incorrectly identified from the list of new CVR faculty that we reported to the Times.

Addendum

The Office of Freshman Programs is part of the Undergraduate Studies Office in the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Arts and Sciences. Its affiliation was incorrectly identified in the Sept. 3 issue of University Times.

Seasonal flu clinics scheduled

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eachunal flu shots will be provided on various dates from Sept. 21 through Nov. 16 at select Pittsburgh campus locations.

In addition, Falk Pharmacy will provide seasonal flu shots 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 280 on the second floor of the Falk Medical Building.

Pitt health officials note that seasonal flu shots do not protect against the H1N1 influenza. H1N1 flu vaccine is expected to be available beginning in mid-Octo-

ber, but federal guidelines will dictate its distribution priorities based on risk factors.

Ron Fleisch, associate vice chancellor of Human Resources, said that on-campus H1N1 clinics will be scheduled once federal guidelines are announced and Pitt obtains the vaccine.

At all the seasonal flu clinics, Pitt faculty and staff with UPMC Health Plan coverage can receive a flu shot at no out-of-pocket cost; however, they must show their valid UPMC and UPMC Health Plan ID cards. The claim for the flu shot will be forwarded directly to the insurance carrier.

Those who have other insurance must bring their valid Uni-

versity ID card and $25 cash or check payable to UPMC Falk Pharmacy. Cashes and checks pay-

able to Student Health Services will be accepted at the Student Health Service for their seasonal flu clinics on Oct. 21 and 27. However, cash will not be accepted at the other campus locations. Credit cards will not be accepted at any of the campus flu clinics.

Flu clinics will be held:

• Sept. 21: William Pitt Union Dining Room B, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Sept. 28: Posvar Hall Gallery, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Oct. 1: 402 Salk Hall, 1-6 p.m.
• Oct. 2: 1228 Cathedral of Learning, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Oct. 12: 1175 Benedum Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Oct. 14: Chambers Hall, 1-6 p.m.
• Oct. 21: William Pitt Union Dining Room B, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Oct. 27: Posvar Hall Gallery, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Nov. 16: William Pitt Union Dining Room B, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pitt-Greensburg has a clinic scheduled for Sept. 24 at the Cam-

bria Room in the student union, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Pitt-Bridgeville is offering flu shots by appointment in 219 Student Union.

Pitt-Titusville is offering flu shots at the Bradford campus.

Traditional flu season typically runs from December through March but can start as early as September. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, protection against influenza virus infection takes about two weeks after vaccination to develop fully in the body.

In a typical year, seasonal influenza causes 16,000 deaths in the United States and more than 100,000 hospitalizations, CDC officials say.

Shared governance requires an educated electorate. This outreach program has three goals:

• To help create an electorate cognizant of the issues facing the University, so that they may place their personal experiences in context.

• To encourage greater involvement by the faculty in this important shared-governance exercise called the University Senate.

We are living through an extremely difficult time but we have an extraordinary University, a solid, longstanding tradition of excellence, a dedicated and hard-working senior administration and a world-class faculty committed to their students and their professions. How we emerge from this financial crisis, and what our academic lives will be once we recover, remain to be defined. But I offer you an opportunity to accompany us on that journey.

Michael R. Pinsky is the new president of the University Senate.
The current upsurge in social movements is of interest to sociologists who study social change. Since the G-20 Summit will bring a wide range of dignitaries and protesters to one of its largest host cities, Pittsburgh is being monitored as a site of protest. Pittsburgh sociologist Kathleen Blee, who has dedicated her research toward social movement research, says, "I've never had anything quite like this come down before." Blee elaborates that this is an indicator, thousands of protesters will be here for the G-20 Summit, championing a variety of causes. The protesters span a wide range of ideas, tactics, and politics, said Blee. "It's a complex scene to watch unfold." In addition to researching Pittsburgh sociologists will conduct surveys regarding the G-20 events, the department will present a panel discussion on noon at Sept. 23 in 2432 Pownall Hall featuring faculty member Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum and Mohammed Banehy, as well as graduate students and their families. "A lot of people are not knowledgeable about protests," Blee said, noting that such events can appear crazy and wild from a distance. "But if you can help people contextualize what they're likely to be seeing," she said. The study of grassroots protests and movements for social change encompasses a broad range of political and social protests in Pittsburgh and beyond. "The agendas of protesters clearly get out onto the agendas of the decision-makers," said Blee, pointing out that the issue of climate change has surfaced on international agendas thanks to social movements. Staggenborg and Kutz-Flamenbaum, who conduct research on social movements, joined the department's grassroots research initiatives and Blee noted that the announcement in May that Pittsburgh would host the summit sent researchers scrambling to plan to make use of the opportunity. "When something like this comes to town, you should take advantage of it," Staggenborg said. Kutz-Flamenbaum said the choice to hold the summit in Pittsburgh "was a fascinating decision with a fascinating series of possibilities. It's wonderful: the world gets to think about the U.S. beyond cities like New York." Many of the people in the street do so to communicate with the people who have power over their lives but who also have responsibilities toward them, she said. And it can be effective. "The agendas of protesters clearly get out onto the agendas of the decision-makers," said Blee, pointing out that the issue of climate change has surfaced on international agendas thanks to social movements. Staggenborg said the G-20 Summit is fostering cooperation among activist groups in Pittsburgh and beyond. "There is a lot of concern that the protest needs to take place," she said, as activists plan to bring the interests of groups such as the unemployed, refugees of war and the poor before the financial ministers and heads of state from countries who are the "haves" of the world. 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The Staff Association Council (SAC) is urging the Pitt community to support efforts of the Central Blood Bank, which holds five on-campus blood drives during the academic year.

Central Blood Bank spokesperson Dale Ellgass told SAC members Sept. 9 that last year’s campus blood drives netted 305 units of blood, the equivalent of aiding 900 hospital patients.

“This year our goal is to get up to 400 units, which would help about 1,200 hospital patients,” Ellgass said.

While the September drive is over, donors can sign up for the Nov. 17 and Jan. 26 drives; dates for the April and June blood drives have not been announced.

The drives are held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the William Pitt Union lower lounge, and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the first floor lobby of Victoria Hall. Donors now can schedule appointments online for the blood drives by logging onto www.centralbloodbank.org and entering sponsor code CU190020 for the WPU location or CU190002 for Victoria Hall.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins also are accepted.

Questions should be directed to Pitt blood drive coordinator and SAC President Gwen Watkins at 4-7702, or gwatkins@pitt.edu.

Ellgass said that under the blood bank’s Brighten Life program, donors who make quarterly blood donations are rewarded for their loyalty. “The Brighten Life program works something like the Giant Eagle program where you get credits toward buying gas. Here you accumulate points toward purchases at our online store,” including items such as clothing and restaurant gift cards, he said.

Other member benefits include free cholesterol screenings; an online tracking system for wellness information such as blood pressure, pulse rate and temperature, and automatic appointment reminders. Donors can join the Brighten Life program by logging onto www.centralbloodbank.org and following the prompts to set up a personal “my donation history” confidential account.

Ellgass also dispelled a few blood donation myths at the SAC meeting. “You hear: ‘I can’t donate blood because I take medications.’ Most meds don’t prevent you from donating blood, with a few exceptions like blood thinners for heart disease,” he said. “You also hear, ‘I donated, so I’m done for the year.’ Actually, you can donate every 56 days, so you can donate up to six times a year.”

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Watkins announced the staff council’s representatives to Pitt’s Board of Trustees standing committees for academic year 2009-10.

Those representatives are: Barbara Mowery, academic affairs; Joyce Selden, affirmative action; Carol Hodgkins, athletics; Tamika Banks, audit; Monika Losago, budget; Angela Coldren, health sciences; Watkins, institutional advancement; J.P. Matychak, investment; Jonah McAllister Erickson, properties and facilities; Rich Colwell, risk and compliance, and Elisabeth Hilf, student affairs.

In other SAC developments:

- SAC’s safety and security committee is sponsoring a CPR certification course 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17 in 669 Benedum Hall. The class features adult and pediatric CPR training as well as choking care and the use of the automatic external defibrillator (AED).

- Pitt’s annual Health, Safety and Security Day, co-sponsored by SAC and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, will be held 10:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 29 on the William Pitt Union patio and lawn. Professionals will be available to discuss safety and security measures, and offer healthy living advice. The event will include fire extinguisher instruction.

- Ron Frisch, associate vice chancellor for Human Resources, confirmed that Pitt is converting from paper copies to an online employee time record system, which is expected to be in place by January. Details of the system will be announced soon, he said.
Senate pushes for more involvement, communication

The times, they are a-changin’—University Senate President Michael Pinsky told the fall term’s first Faculty Assembly he was instituting a 30-minute pre-meeting closed session with Senate officers for any faculty who wish to raise concerns confidentially. Other changes. Meetings now will include reports from at least two of the 15 Senate standing committees and there will be an optional post-meeting get-together of Assembly members at the University Club.

Pinsky also has formed a new working group—dubbed the University Senate outreach program—which is charged with facilitating and increasing faculty awareness and involvement in Senate matters University-wide. Wedley Rohrer, co-chair of the Senate’s community relations committee, will head the outreach program.

Among the program’s priorities, Pinsky said, will be countering a lack of knowledge about the role and responsibilities of the University Senate and Faculty Assembly as representative bodies in Pitt’s shared governance system.

Rohrer is charged with supporting Assembly members’ efforts to represent their colleagues via a two-way dialogue, where faculty bring concerns to their reps and where reps bring Assembly actions and proposals back to their constituents.

Pinsky called for such faculty meetings at the unit level at least once a term. If Assembly members have difficulty securing time for discussion at the departmental level, they should contact him, he added.

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Pinsky also requested that the link to the University Senate website appear on Pitt’s home page. Currently, users first must go to the Faculty/Staff link, wrote it,” Spring said. “Maybe our newsletter, he added. “That suggestion is worthwhile,” Balaban said. “Having more gatherings at the school level is a good place to start, Porto.” Communication across schools, too.”

Other members suggested that the lack of interest in Assembly’s affairs is a function of the lack of results. Members said that concerns are raised, proposals are suggested, resolutions are passed, but then often nothing happens. Assembly members agreed that goals and resolutions should be tracked formally, so that their status can be checked online and inquirers will know whom to contact about progress. Pinsky and Senate secretary Licia Bernardo said they would pursue that suggestion.

Tom Smitherman said that the Senate needs an interactive, blog-like web site, “so we can have a news service with both up-to-date and archived information and so we can have an ongoing dialogue, with commentary. The logistics of face-to-face meetings are often difficult, but a web site can be checked [at an individual’s convenience].” If this is feasible, the administration should let us do it.”

Michael Spring suggested that, with change in the air, the role of Faculty Assembly itself should be re-evaluated. Stressing that his suggestions were descriptive and not meant as criticism, Spring called for clearer lines of demarcation of Assembly’s roles, which he said should evolve without formal notification.

Weiss recalled his days on the Senate’s plant utilization and planning committee. “When I was on the Senate, we would write a statement that wrote the master [facilities] plan. Now the Provost’s office writes it,” Spring said. “Moreover, roles have become more consultative rather than policy-making.”

Similarly, the Senate’s three committees evaluating its budget: the trustees budget committee, the Provost’s chaired University planning and budgeting committee and the Senate’s budget policies committee, which together need to become blurred, he said.

“Consider the Internet. When [the administration] says no to more direct communication from the Senate to faculty, if we as a group are important, then we don’t take no for an answer,” Spring said.

Others agreed that younger faculty in particular were more accustomed to Internet-based communication and might prefer communication that would increase faculty participation.

Baker Gaddy said, “I applaud the idea of having more stuff on the web, and I do see [Faculty Assembly] as a meaningful body. But we need concrete results, not just more information.”

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The purpose of improving communication channels among faculty and promoting better participation in the annual Senate plenary sessions, Assembly members need to be more accountable by being more proactive in their service in committee, Rohrer said. “It’s my personal belief that every faculty member must participate in service, either external or internal, as part of our mission. One form of service is in [University] governance.”

The announcement of the new meeting structure and recommendations for increasing communication prompted much discussion at the Sept. 8 meeting.

Carey Balaban opined that the lack of interest in shared governance among faculty is a symptom of a cultural shift in academia from a faculty-oriented college called the old-fashioned model, into a self-promotion model, where faculty become absorbed in their own research and career advancement.

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Pitt has been ranked in a number of key institutional national quality indicators reported in The Chronicle of Higher Education’s 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 ranked 14th nationally, with $494.2 million. The rankings are based on the 2006-07 fiscal year data supplied by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Almanac lists the top 100 institutions in this category. According to the Almanac, “The ARL Library Investment Index takes into account total library expenditures on library materials and the number of market values of endowments changed during the 2008 fiscal year. In 2007, Pitt’s one-year change was +5.1 percent. The performance measure is based on the relative size among uni-
Pitt-Greensburg tripled its workout space when it opened its new 2,400 square foot fitness center. The newly constructed fitness center, part of Chambers Hall, features LifeFitness Cybex mills, six Precor arc trainers, two Precor ellipticals, two Precor stairclimbers, two Precor power bikes, two LifeFitness recumbent bikes, Selectorized weight machines as well as dumbbells and free weights.

On hand to try out the state-of-the-art equipment, above, was Marion Chambers, wife of former UPG president, and George T. Chambers, at left. Looking on is Tabita, sister of the late Ronnie Andrews, for whom the new fitness center is named. Andrews' uncle, the late Lawrence Rehanek, made a gift toward UPG's original fitness center in his nephew's name. Rehanek, a 1928 Pitt School of Pharmacy graduate, and his nephews were big supporters of Pitt athletics.

University garners millions in stimulus funds

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Pitt instituted a streamlined review process that shortened its internal deadline from 10 days to five for stimulus-related applications and established an expedited process to more rapidly approve and disburse awards. Submitted information is reviewed within one to two days of submission.

Updates on the total ARRA research funds received and a list of Pitt's ARRA-funded projects can be found at www.pitt.edu/offices/Stimulus/PittStimulus.html.

In addition, recipients and sub-recipients of ARRA grants, loans and contracts are required by the act to submit quarterly reports, with the first due in October. DiPalma said the reports are to be made available to the public at www.recovery.gov by Oct. 31.

That initial report will give a better idea of the scope of the stimulus act's impact on the University, including the number of jobs created and retained by the infusion of dollars, DiPalma said. The Office of Research currently is working with the Schools of the Health Sciences, Pitt's purchasing and research accounting departments and the individual departments that received grants to compile the required data, he said.

"Any time you bring in this amount of money into a local economy, it translates into jobs," he said.

In anticipation of the potential need to hire people quickly to fill positions associated with the ARRA-related research awards (which must be completed within two-three years as opposed to the typical four-six), the Office of Research collaborated with Human Resources to streamline the employment pipeline.

A section for ARRA-related positions was placed on the University's staff employment web site seeking applicants for research specialist, research assistant, clinical professional and postdoctoral associate positions. Ron Frisch, associate vice chancellor of Human Resources, said 27 stimulus-related staff job postings have drawn almost 500 applications. Ten of those positions have been filled. Amid the flurry of activity associated with receiving the funding, questions remain about what will happen after the infusion of stimulus money ends.

"One hopes Congress will increase the appropriation to NIH over the next few fiscal years," said Somers. DiPalma said, "If you just cut off money without any long-term plan in place, it's not going to do much," and could leave research universities with employees they can't afford to keep.

He added, "We and other universities are in reactionary mode right now," concentrating first on receiving the grant awards and putting the money to work, while hoping that down the road increased federal allocations, another round of stimulus money or some other source of funding will allow projects to continue. —Kimberly K. Barlow

ULLS launches Jewish oral history site

The University Library System and the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Pittsburgh section have launched a web site dedicated to NCJW’s oral history project, “Pittsburgh and Beyond: The Experience of the Jewish Community.” The web site (http://digital.library.pitt.edu/ncjw/) provides online access to more than 500 audio interviews of members of the Pittsburgh Jewish community.

In 1966, Pittsburgh’s NCJW began tape-recording the immigrant experiences of Jewish men and women who came from Eastern Europe between 1890 and 1924. 

In 1971 NCJW embarked on a second phase of the project to compile the histories of Pittsburgh’s Jewish men and women who made contributions locally, nationally and internationally. Interviews include Sophie Masloff, Leon Falk and Cyril Wecht.

The collection, held by the ULLS Archives Service Center (ASC), contains more than 1,000 audio cassette tapes of 1,200 interview hours. It is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. The NCJW designated the ASC as its official repository in 1964.

For more information, contact Ed Galloway at 412/268-7524 or edg@pitt.edu or Jennifer Honig at 412/268-7703 or pr@ncjwpgh.org.
TIAA-CREF Chief Investment Strategist to Address Faculty and Staff

Brett Hammond, the Managing Director and Chief Investment Strategist for TIAA-CREF, will address interested faculty and staff. Dr. Hammond’s presentation is titled “The New Rules of Investing: Six Principles for Planning a Safe and Secure Retirement.” The discussion will include:

- Adequately saving for retirement
- Wisely choosing investment vehicles
- Firmly maintaining an appropriate risk tolerance
- Selectively turning out distractions in the market
- Achieving a safe and secure retirement

Dr. Hammond serves as TIAA-CREF’s ambassador on issues relating to the macro economy, financial markets, and long-term investing. The session is open to all faculty and staff. Seating will be limited. To register, follow the link from the Benefits Home Page at www.hr.pitt.edu/benefits.

What: “The New Rules for Investing”
Where: Wednesday, September 30
Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Conolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall
To Register: Go to: www.hr.pitt.edu/benefits or: http://events.signup4.com/Pitt

Seasonal Flu Shot Schedule

Once again the Benefits Department has partnered with UPMC Health Plan, Student Health Service, and the Falk Pharmacy to provide seasonal flu shot clinics on campus.

Listed below are the complete schedules:

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* Set-up will be in Galleria Hall by escalators.

Falk Pharmacy also will offer seasonal flu vaccinations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from September 15, 2009 through January 28, 2010.

Regional Campuses

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The Titusville campus is offering flu shots by appointment in the Student Union.

A few important points to keep in mind:

- Flu shots are covered at no cost to members with the University’s medical plan coverage.
- University UPMC Health Plan members who obtain a flu shot on campus do not need to submit any paperwork and will not incur any out of pocket expense. You simply need to show your current UPMC HP membership card.
- Flu shots obtained in a community clinic may be reimbursed but a claim form must be filed and include a receipt for the flu shot.
- Most primary care physicians in the UPMC plan will dispense flu shots and may file the claim on your behalf.
- UPMC Health Plan will be sending correspondence on the topic to the homes of its members during the month of September. The letter will include a flu shot reimbursement form.

My Health Advice Line

The H1N1 flu has been reported throughout the region. As mentioned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best advice to prevent contracting or spreading the virus is:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Faculty and staff who have influenza-like symptoms should self-isolate (i.e. stay away from others) until free of fever for 24 hours in accordance with CDC guidelines. Faculty and staff may want to consider contacting the toll-free UPMC MyHealth Advice Line for a review of their condition and recommendations for a course of action. The advice line provides coverage by registered nurses 24/7. Take advantage of this no cost service available for you and your family members.

My Health Advice Line may be reached at: 1-866-918-1591

Health Care and Dependent Care Spending Account Deadline

The deadline for claims submission to receive reimbursement from the Health Care and Dependent Day Care Saving Accounts can be confusing. One year overlaps with the next.

For FY 2009, which ran from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the claim submission deadline is December 31, 2009.

While this date appears to be in the distant future, it will be upon us quickly. File your claims now to avoid the loss of any funds remaining in your account!

If you are not sure which expenses may be reimbursed, a brief listing may be found at:

www.hr.pitt.edu/benefits/flexible.htm

A more detailed explanation of eligible expenses may be obtained by logging into your account at the EBDS Web site at:

www.ebdsbenefits.com/eoSA/Login.asp

Benefits Message Board

In an ongoing effort to seek avenues to communicate with faculty and staff on relevant benefit-related information, the “Benefits Message Board” has been created. The link may be found within the Benefits Department home page and can be transferred to your desktop. As significant information and events occur, messages will be posted to this site. To visit this site go to:

www.hr.pitt.edu/benefits

Click on “Benefits Message Board”

Direct Deposit for National City Customers

The Payroll Department would like to assure employees that although First Niagara and PNC have acquired numerous National City branches in and around Pittsburgh, you do not need to do anything for your personal accounts to be transitioned into our system. The financial institutions will notify us via a NCO (Notice of Change) for each individual and we will automatically convert the information. If you feel more comfortable letting us know that your banking information has changed, you are welcome to fill out a new direct deposit form, which can be found on our Web site at:

www.bc.pitt.edu/payroll/forms.html

Keep in mind, if you decide to switch banks now or at any time on your own, you must complete a direct deposit form. These authorization agreements should be submitted to the Payroll Department, located on the 2nd Floor of Craig Hall.

For more information, First Niagara offers a helpful link to Frequently Asked Questions by visiting their Web site at:

www.fnfg.com/welcomepa/customers.asp

or visit PNC’s Customer Service Personal Finance page at

www.welcometopnc.com/docs/personal_finance.html

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UPMC HEALTH PLAN
Facilities Management led a project to plant perennials and beautify Cliff Side Park in the Hill District.

At right: Iris Courage of Institutional Advancement and Leanne Longwill of the Center for Philosophy of Science help clear debris.

A team led by the School of Social Work helped Community Human Services and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank create a new Oakland food pantry in the former St. Hyacinth School.

Above, top: Assistant Vice Chancellor for Community Relations John Wilds and School of Social Work Dean Larry Davis move shelving into the space that will become the food pantry.

Above, bottom: Outside the building, Janet Tessel of TIAA-CREF and School of Social Work professor Tracy Soska clean shelving donated by the University. TIAA-CREF partnered with Pitt in the Day of Caring activities.

Below: Lauren Gogal of the Katz Graduate School of Business; Georgia Petropoulos Muir, executive director of the Oakland Business Improvement District, and Jeanne Monahan of Athletics clear away old landscaping materials near the corner of Forbes Avenue and McKee Place as part of a project to beautify Oakland in preparation for the G-20 Summit.

At right: Gogal’s husband, William Gogal, along with Lynn Coghill of the School of Social Work, Pitt wrestling coach Rande Stottlemyer and Rick Schultz of Environmental Health and Safety prepare to plant perennials.
Mike Drazdzinski may have seen more Pitt athletics contests than even the most rabid Panther fan. In any given year, he catches as many as 100 contests of the 19 Pitt NCAA teams — and not all in Pittsburgh.

From San Jose to Boston, Detroit to Orlando and many cities in between, Pitt photographer Drazdzinski for a dozen years has documented the football and men’s basketball teams. He also documented the razing of Pittsburgh’s Forbes Field, the raising of its successor, the Petersen Events Center.

His path to his current position was somewhat circuitous. In the early 1980s, Drazdzinski started teaching himself photography, mostly through a lot of trial and error. “I learned the basics, but never finished,” he says.

Out of financial necessity, he took a part-time position as a student custodian in Facilities Management in 1984, and the following year he converted to full-time custodian, stationed in the Cathedral of Learning. There he met his future wife, Diane, a long-time employee in the Management Information and Analysis office.

For five years Drazdzinski manned an elevator in the Cathedral, earning the nickname Mike the Elevator Man. All the while he continued shooting Pitt sports. In 1997, a photography spot opened in CIDDE and Drazdzinski gave up the elevator for his dream job.

“When I first started out shooting basketball games, I was just sitting in one space, like a bump on a log,” Drazdzinski says. “Then, as I learned, I figured out that you need a variety, even though I always have a Pitt perspective for what I’m shooting.”

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Pitt’s senior administration grabs most of the headlines. The faculty here get noticed when they bring in research dollars, win teaching awards or publish in their fields. But behind the scenes, University staff, some 7,000 strong across five campuses, often toil in jobs ranging from the mundane to the esoteric.

From mailroom workers to data entry specialists, costume designers to biosafety officers, cashiers to accountants, staff at Pitt perform tasks great and small, year-in and year-out, for the greater good of the University.

This is one in an occasional series profiling University staff, providing a glimpse of some of the less recognized employees whose primary business is making Pitt work.
He might shoot half the game from the floor and then move to higher elevations. "I've gone up on the cat walk in the Petersen Center and shot down over the hoop. That was cool," he says. "I tend to be on the side where Pitt is shooting. Sometimes, I'll move to the defensive side, because I'm always trying to shoot a variety of images. You want to get the shot of a player shooting or dunking, but then turn quickly to the bench for a reaction shot of the players who may not get the playing time but work just as hard for the team, cheering on the other guys," Drazdzinski says.

Stoic coaches also occasionally betray emotions, and Drazdzinski looks for those moments as well. In addition to game action, Drazdzinski tries to capture the collegiate atmosphere with shots that can be used in promotional and student recruitment publications.

At a typical basketball game he might shoot 500-600 images, and for the usually much longer football games, as many as 800-1,000. "You want to have on hand all kinds of images, in case there's a need. At basketball home games, you're shooting the Oakland Zoo, with their shirts and their hats. You shoot overall shots, some isolated students, but also the general feel of what's going on," he says.

CIDDE converted from film to digital photography five or six years ago, Drazdzinski notes. "It's not quicker using digital; the process is just as long. You used to shoot film, send it to the lab, get the contact sheet back and send the negatives to get prints. Now, we're doing all that work ourselves," he says. "That was an adjustment. By now we're used to it. We helped each other learn, and we took a couple classes. Most of it's been trial and error and reading up on things." Many of Drazdzinski's images have been reprinted in national publications, including his photograph of basketball star Jerome Lane dunking so hard the backboard shattered. Street & Smith's pro basketball preview issue used the shot when Lane went to Denver in the NBA draft.

"I have done photos as a University employee for Sports Illustrated and ESPN, the Magazine, People Magazine, DownBeat Jazz Magazine, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and many billboards in the Pittsburgh area," he notes. Pitt receives the payment from the publications and maintains the copyright on all the images Drazdzinski shoots as an employee.

Even on his own time, Drazdzinski is rarely far from his camera. He has his own business — MD Photography — a true mom-and-pop organization with his wife Diane handling the business end. "I have photographed literally hundreds of weddings over the past 25 years including those all around the Pittsburgh area, the United States and even in Ireland," he says.

He also has photographed three Super Bowls as assistant to the Pittsburgh Steelers team photographer, and several musical performers, including the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, Carrie Underwood, Martina McBride and Fleetwood Mac.

His images have won several awards, including twice being honored in the Triangle Photographers Association print competition.

But Pitt sports photography fans needn't worry about Drazdzinski leaving his Pitt job any time soon. "My daughters are 9 and 11. I'm staying long enough to get them through Pitt," he says. "We started brainwashing them when they were about 4. We'd put them in little Panther outfits, and take them to sports events and tell them this is where Daddy works, this is what we do: We bleed blue and gold."

—Peter Hart

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"This was shot in College Station, Texas. I had a feeling that Pitt was going to take a shot in the end zone with Larry Fitzgerald. The sun was coming from the right of the photo so I moved to the corner of the end zone. The next play they threw the ball only where Larry could catch it for a TD."

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Above: Future NBA players Pitt’s DeJuan Blair and UConn’s Hasheem Thabeet battle under the boards.

At right: “What I like about this image is that Diana Andrewyko is extended out for the ball and balancing on one leg so that she can bounce back up to get in position.”

Below: Nov. 13, 1999, the last football game at Pitt Stadium. “As the sun was setting for the last time on Pitt Stadium and Pitt was driving down the field, a little boy with a Pitt hat stood up and shook his pom-pom to cheer on his team. I used a panoramic 35mm camera with print film.”

“The sun was low and coming through the windows in Trees pool at just the right time. I was able to capture the concentration and the expressions that come with this event.”
TIMES

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Drazdzinski's career Top 10


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Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Awards

The Award: This award annually recognizes teaching excellence by members of the University of Pittsburgh’s faculty. Up to five awards may be chosen annually. Each award consists of a cash prize to the faculty member of $2,000 and a grant of $3,000 to support the faculty member’s teaching activities. All awarders are honored publicly.

Definition: Teaching is defined broadly and includes all activities that faculty members engage in to facilitate learning by undergraduate, professional, or graduate students: lecturing; clinical teaching; conducting seminars, tutorials, or recitations; etc.

Evidence of Excellence of Teaching: Because of the diversity of students, teachers, subject matters, teaching methods, and settings in which instruction occurs, there is no single, simple definition of teaching excellence. Teaching excellence is demonstrated by the manner through which faculty members fulfill the University’s mission to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences and professional fields. This includes how a member of the faculty generates intellectual excitement in students and how he or she motivates students to acquire the knowledge essential to personal and professional achievement. Distinguished teaching implies sustained commitment, offering a variety of courses, and achieving measurable goals, and overall teaching excellence.

Eligibility: Any faculty member who has served full-time at the University of Pittsburgh for at least five years is eligible, provided that he or she has been active as a teacher. Prior winners are not eligible for re-nomination.

Nominations: Any person or group of persons who possesses evidence of the nominee’s teaching ability and accomplishments may submit a written nomination. Letters of nomination are due by November 16, 2009, and should be sent to: Dr. Andrew R. Blair, 826 Cathedral of Learning.

The Award: This award annually recognizes outstanding scholarly accomplishments of members of the University of Pittsburgh’s faculty. Up to five awards are chosen in two categories: Junior Scholar Awards and Distinguished Scholar Awards. The awards range from $1,000 to $3,000 to support the faculty member’s scholarly activity. Nominees in this category must have only completed a PhD or equivalent degree in their field and have not yet received a renewed NIH training grant funding or equal. Candidate for this award must have received their highest degree no more than 12 years before the time of nomination. Each Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award will consist of a cash prize to the faculty member of $2,000 and a grant of $3,000 to support the faculty member’s research and teaching.

Eligibility: Any full-time faculty member who has served for at least three years at the University of Pittsburgh is eligible to be nominated. Nominations are due by November 16, 2009, and should be sent to: Dr. Andrew R. Blair, 826 Cathedral of Learning.

Nominations: Any member of the University community and external individuals or institutions who possesses evidence of a nominee’s public service accomplishments may submit a written nomination. Nominees for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Public Service Award should possess a substantial record of public service in his or her field. A letter of nomination should identify specific activities and briefly describe how these contributions have been incorporated into the discipline, and training of students and what the long-term impact has been on the community and the University. Nominations should be received by November 16, 2009, and should be sent to: Dr. Andrew R. Blair, 826 Cathedral of Learning.

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Definition: Public service is broadly defined as the use of University and academic resources to address social problems and to improve the general welfare of humankind. It is a serious academic activity, which provides public or community benefit, is related to a faculty member’s academic expertise, is different from and goes beyond the traditional duties of a faculty member, and is conducted outside the University. Remuneration is not the primary purpose of the activity. Knowledge arising from this work, ideally, should be disseminated through publications, such as documents, reports, and papers; should be incorporated into the teaching and training of students wherever possible; and should have a long-term impact on the University and the community-at-large.

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The University Times Research Notes column reports on funding awarded to Pitt researchers and on findings arising from University research.

We welcome submissions from researchers at the University. Submit information via email to utimes@pitt.edu, by fax to 412-648-4579 or by campus mail to 308 Bellefield Hall.

For submission guidelines, visit www.utimes.pitt.edu/page-id=6807.

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same areas, and 12 pounds more than residents of areas without fast food outlets. Those who did not own a car and lived in areas without fast food outlets weighed the least.

“There has been a major focus on fast food and its impact on individual health, but we need to consider the availability of all types of restaurants at individual and community levels,” said Inagami. “Since our study showed that not owning a car was associated with weight gain in all individuals, not just those who did not own cars, we also need to encourage people to pay more attention to their food environment,” she said.

Infectious disease simulation center funded

The Graduate School of Public Health has received a $13.4 million NIH grant to establish the Center of Excellence in Modeling Infectious Disease (CEMID). The five-year grant funds the development and testing of computer simulations that ultimately will enable public health officials and policymakers to evaluate intervention strategies to contain infectious disease outbreaks.

The center, led by GSPHD Dean Donald S. Burke, uses census and other datasets to build simulations of individuals as they move about through schools, workplaces, households and communities. By modeling their contacts, the Pitt team is working to determine the likelihood a person will spread the disease to others and to evaluate which interventions — such as school closings, travel restrictions, hand washing, vaccines or a combination of these techniques — might be the most effective.

“It is difficult to predict how infectious disease control strategies will work because the spread of infection through a population depends on a multitude of factors,” Burke said.

“But by testing interventions in silico before an epidemic occurs, we can work through which strategies will be the most likely to succeed in preventing illness and death.”

Projects funded by the grant include: developing statistical tools to define the features of a pathogen and its spread through a population; identifying personal health behaviors and the social factors that influence decision-making related to prevention; tracking the evolution of infectious diseases over time; studying the impact of the seasons and variations in climate on infectious disease trajectories; putting a system in place to effectively implement an intervention, and providing new computational tools to local health officials. These projects build on large-scale simulations previously developed by Burke and his colleagues to control a threatening avian influenza pandemic.

SBIR/STTR: The Basics

October 14, 2009
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Every year, the government offers more than $2.5 billion in small business funding for technology and science innovations. The money is out there, but how will you access it?

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Develop a comprehensive understanding of the SBIR/STTR programs that will enable your business to expand its horizons. The funding you need is waiting for you — now learn how to get it.

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4 pm
Biomedical Science Tower South, Room S100A
The University of Pittsburgh Library System (ULS) has digitized and mounted online a selection of photographs by Harold Corsini (http://images.library.pitt.edu/c/corsini/).

In the early 1940s, Corsini worked briefly as a photographer for Life magazine. In 1943, he was hired to work on the Standard Oil Project, documenting the oil company’s operations worldwide, most notably in the Pacific Theater and Saudi Arabia during World War II.

In 1950, Corsini moved to Pittsburgh and worked at the Pittsburgh Photographic Library (PPL). Along with other photographers, Corsini created a visual record of the city’s first Renaissance, which began in the 1940s. After the PPL disbanded in 1960, Corsini began his own photography business, producing ads for local companies including Heinz, Alcoa and Westinghouse, as well as working with larger advertising firms. His photographs range from technical shots of computers and electronics to commercial advertisements of model homes and shoes.

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Corsini also spent nine years teaching photography and design at Carnegie Mellon University. The collection of approximately 55,000 images resides at the Archives Service Center within ULS. The 600 images chosen for digitization were selected to best represent Corsini’s work.

For more information, contact Edward Galloway at 412/244-7524 or edwardg@pitt.edu.

Better biomarker measurement developed

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute have developed an accurate way of measuring a biomarker that could predict which cancer patients will respond to certain chemotherapies.

Their findings were published in this month’s online version of Cancer Research, one of the journals supported by the American Association for Cancer Research.

The identification of molecular markers to guide treatment decisions for patients with advanced disease is extremely important, according to senior author Laura J. Niedernhofer, professor of microbiology and molecular genetics in the School of Medicine.

Her team examined the role of ERCC1-XPF, an enzyme that prevents genetic mutations and cancer because of its role in DNA repair. Many commonly used platinum-based chemotherapy agents kill cancer cells by damaging their DNA, so the enzyme’s presence could work against such drugs.

“These chemotherapies are quite toxic, so if we can identify which patients will respond before treatment begins, we can hopefully improve the quality of life for the rest of the patient population by selecting alternative treatments,” Niedernhofer said.

According to Niedernhofer’s findings, the current standard method of measuring the enzyme isn’t accurate. The results showed the antibody typically used now isn’t as well suited to gauging enzyme levels in tissue samples as are other available antibodies.

“Through the methods we developed in this study, we determined that measurement of ERCC1-XPF protein levels varies from tumor to tumor. We also created the first rigorous approach for identifying biomarkers that could help determine which patients might benefit from certain chemotherapies, and which patients might not,” said Niedernhofer.

Co-authors of the paper included Nikhil R. Bhagwat, a graduate student in the Graduate School of Public Health, Vera Y. Roginskaya of molecular oncology, Rajiv Dhir of pathology and Rick Wood, now of MD Anderson Cancer Center.

The study was funded by the UPCI SPORE grant for lung cancer research.

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Asthma Institute established here

Pulmonary researchers and clinicians have established the University of Pittsburgh Asthma Institute at the School of Medicine and UPMC. The new institute is a comprehensive program dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with asthma.

Nearly 10 percent of the U.S. population suffers from asthma, making it one of the most common chronic diseases in both children and adults. Asthma attacks are responsible for more than 1 million visits to the emergency room and 500,000 hospitalizations per year. While many patients are able to control their symptoms through medication, as many as 20 percent of asthma patients don’t experience relief from symptoms with current medications.

The institute will undergo extensive evaluations, including a comprehensive history with a focus on identifying the environmental, hormonal and infectious factors in their illness. Patients routinely will be evaluated for inflammation through medication, as many as 20 percent of asthma patients don’t experience relief from symptoms with current medications.

Deane Root, professor of music and director of the Center for American Music, has been appointed as editor in chief of the Grove Dictionary of American Music. Root was selected by an advisory panel consisting of representatives from eight societies devoted to music scholarship and librarianship.

Root worked as both a copy editor and advisory editor on the 1980 “New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians” and was an integral part of the creation of “Resources of American Music: A Directory of Source Materials.”

The institute is a joint venture of the departments of medicine and pediatrics and will combine cutting-edge research programs with state-of-the-art clinical care. Clinical programs will be managed by the Comprehensive Lung Center and Children’s Hospital.
Beatrice Joan McDowell

Emeritus professor of physics Myron P. Garfunkel died Sept. 3, 2009, of a heart attack. He was 86.

A native of New York City, Garfunkel came to Pittsburgh in 1951 after earning his PhD at Rutgers. He worked at Westinghouse Laboratories before joining the Pitt faculty in 1959.

Garfunkel was a highly regarded teacher, and played an important role in the development of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, which grew significantly in the early 1960s under then-Chancellor Edward Litchfield. Garfunkel later served as department chair, 1976-82.

He retired in 1983, but for many more years remained active teaching and mentoring students on a voluntary basis.

Garfunkel’s research focused on solid-state physics. Many of his experiments dealt with condensed matter research and low-temperature superconductors.

According to colleague Anthony Duncan, current department chair, Garfunkel studied the microwave absorption properties of superconductors, which led to an essential prediction of the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer theory of superconductivity.

“This work began at Westinghouse and continued over a span of several years, in collaboration with Manfred Broida, who by then had also joined the Pitt physics faculty,” Duncan said. “(This research) represents some of the most important work done in the 1960s on properties of superconductors.”

Known as Mike to family and colleagues, Garfunkel was lauded by all as a subtle, logical and deeply principled academician who enjoyed lively discussions on science, society, politics and life.

Duncan said, “Mike was admired by all who knew him.”

Physics professor Ted Newman, who came to the department in 1955, said, “Mike was the most scrupulously honest person I have ever known. He was interested in politics, local and national, and in his later years when he was quite ill, always had a deep commitment to human beings.

“He was a good friend and colleague right from the beginning,” Newman continued, “and was among the best department chairs we’ve ever had. He did not suffer fools easily, but he was always polite and could handle any disagreements with great ease. We fought constantly about physics — fought, I say, but never an angry word was exchanged. He really was a remarkably aware and caring person.”

Ed Fagen, a former PhD student of Garfunkel’s, recalled, “Mike was ruled by calm reason. I never knew him to raise his voice or deviate from principle. He was demanding but he was also the most patient person I ever knew. He always taught me how to wait for his students to mature, and he was always on their side. The thoroughness of his laboratory work was legendary.”

Garfunkel is survived by Ruth, his wife of 63 years; children Lynn, Eric and Glen; siblings Ina and Robert, and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Garfunkel Student Fund, c/o Department of Physics and Astronomy, 100 Allen Hall, 3941 O’Hara St., Pittsburgh 15260. Checks should be payable to the University of Pittsburgh.

A memorial service will be held in the planning stages.

—Peter Hart

Myron P. Garfunkel

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HSLS Workshop
“Advanced PowerPoint for Presentations,” Sean Lewis, Falk library classrm. 4th fl. CL, 9-11 am
Johnstown Campus Film Shot Clinic
Cambia Rm. Student Union, UPJ, 11 am-3:30 pm
ADRC Lecture
“Anytime Imaging: Now That We Can See It, What Does It All Mean?” William Khouri, psychiatry & neurology, S49 Montefiore, noon (412/692-2700)
CGS Workshop
“Building Relationships With Faculty,” McCarr Ctr. 4th fl. CL, 4-5:30 pm (also Oct. 1)
Greensburg Campus La Culture Lecture
“Race in Brazil: Recent History & Current Debates,” George Reid Andrews, history, Cambria Chapel, UPJ, 7 pm
Bradford Campus Author Reading
Mary Yuki Waters, Bromley Family Theater, Blaisdell, UPB, 7:30 pm
Friday 25
Greensburg Campus Golf Outing
Greensburg Country Club, registration 7:30 am, shotgun start 8:30 am (724/816-7039)
Latin American Studies Panel Discussion
“Voices From Latin America’s Past,” 9-10:30 am (412/681-4226)
Faculty Development Seminar for Medical Educators
“Teaching Team,” Paula Monaghan-Nichols, Scalle lecture rm. 3, noon
Ctg. for Philosophy of Science Lecture
“Examining the Limits of Physics: Experimental Diversity vs. the Physics of Big Experiments,” Slobodan Perovic, Carleton U (Canada), 817R CL, 12:05 pm
Allegheny Observatory Open House
139 View Ave., Riverview Park, 7-10 pm (reservations required: 412/321-2400)
Saturday 26
Johnstown Campus Musical Theatre Performance
“Smokey Joe’s Café,” Pasquerilla Performing Arts Ctr., UPJ, 7:30 pm (tickets: 814/660-7200)
Monday 28
Global Studies Lecture
“Islam: Shariah Compliant Investment Vehicles,” Steven Adeloff, K&L Gates LLP, WPC lower lounge, 6 pm (4-2818)
Bradford Campus Music Performance
Grand Arrangement, Bromley Family Theater, Blaisdell, UPB, 7:30 pm
Tuesday 29
EHS/SAC Health, Safety & Security Day
WPC patio & lawn, 10:45 am-1 pm
Cell Biology & Physiology Seminar
“The Spinelle Checkpoint,” Hongtao Yu, U of TX, 520 Cl, 11 am
Wednesday 30
Orthopaedic Grand Rounds
“ACL Reconstruction: Can We Improve on a Great Operation?” Martha Meaney Murray, Harvard, & Braden Campbell Fleming, RJ Hospital, LHAS, 7th fl. Monteith, 7 am
HSLS Workshop
“PubMed Basics,” Bill Foust, Falk library classrm. 1, 10-11:30 am
HSLS Workshop
“EndNote Basics,” Alahm Saleh, Falk library classrm. 2, 10 am
TIAA-CREF Workshop
CRSP Lecture
HSLS Workshop
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PhD defenses
Engineering/Biomedical Engineering “Bioengineered Urinary Augmentation,” Donna Haworth, Sept. 17, Bridgehead Point conf. rm. A, 1 pm
A&S/Intelligent Systems “User Simulation for Spoken Dialog System Development,” Hua Xu, Sept. 21, 5137 Sennott, 9 am
A&S/Chemistry “Understanding the Mechanism of Protein Folding/Misfolding Using Pulsed Electron Spin Resonance,” Sangjyun Lim; Sept 28, 307 Elgyri, 10 am
Slavic Languages & Literatures/REES Lecture
“The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko & the Age of Revolution,” Alex Stoyanovski, Kosciuszko Foundation, 4110 Posvar, 2 pm
History Lecture
“Two Waves of Globalization and Mitigation of Post-Fascist Partisan States,” Diego Olstein, Hebrew U of Jerusalem; 4110 Posvar, 4 pm
Global Issues Lecture
“Beyond Food, Inc: Food Rights & Food System Reform,” Molly Anderson, Food Systems Integr. WPU Assembly Rm., 7 pm (4-2918)
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“ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE:
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Wednesday, September 23
Noon
UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital Scaife Conference Center Room 1105AB, 11th Floor

5th Annual A Julio Martinez Memorial Lecture
Seth Love, MBChB, PhD
Professor of Neuropathology, Director, South West Dementia Brain Bank Department, Institute of Clinical Neurosciences University of Bristol, Frenchay Hospital Bristol, United Kingdom

Dr. Seth Love graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School in South Africa in 1978. After completing internships in internal medicine and general surgery, Seth moved to London, where in 1980 he joined the Department of Neuropathology at Queen Square. This was initially as a PhD student but he became interested in the diagnostic neuropathology work of the Department and after completing his PhD went on to train as a neuropathologist. He completed his PhD in 1984 and his MRCPath in neuropathology in 1985. He then spent two years as a Fogarty Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in San Diego before returning to the United Kingdom in 1987, as a consultant post at Frenchay Hospital. In 1995 he was awarded a personal Chair in Neuropathology in the University of Bristol.

Dr. Love was appointed to the MRC Neurosciences and Mental Health Board in 2000 and is now a member of the MRC College of Experts. He is also on the scientific advisory board of Agence Nationale de la Recherche and the UK Parkinson’s Disease Society. He is Director of the South West Dementia Brain Bank at the University of Bristol and has served on national review panels on Brain Banking for the MRC, Alzheimer’s Society and Alzheimer’s Research Trust, Parkinson’s Disease Society, and Multiple Sclerosis Society. Most of Dr. Love’s current research is in Alzheimer’s disease and concerns the metabolizable function of Aβ cardiovascular factors involved in the development of dementia, and abnormalities of the neuronal microvasculature.
On the move
Kelli Supple, right, a student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences’ master’s pro-

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GSPIU/Biostatistics

“A Meta-Analytic Framework for Combining Incomparable Cox Proportional Hazard Models Caused by Outlying Important Covariates,” Xing Yuan, Sept. 25, 109 Parraz, 1 pm

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On the move

Schneider, outdoor pursuit coordinator for the School of Education’s Department of Health and Kelli Supple, right, a student in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences’ master’s program in prehealth studies, and John Schneider embark on a Friday morning hike ride to Schenley Park.

Medicine/Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics

“Osteoclasts Are Important for Bone Angiogenesis,” Frank Cackowski, Sept. 25, 1299 Starl BST, 2:30 pm

A&S/English


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“Acting Social: The Cinema of Mike Nichols,” Curtis Kyle Stevens, Sept. 28, 526 CL, 10 am

Medicine/Biomedical Informatics

“Speech-to-Chart: Speech Recognition & Natural Language Processing for Dental Charting,” Regina Vahounyk Irwin, Sept. 28, M184 Parkville, 2: pm

A&S/ Psychology

“The Effect of Guilt on Cooperation in a One-Shot, Anonymous Prisoner’s Dilemma Game,” L. Ian Reed, Sept. 29, 4127 Sennott, 9:30 am

Theatre

Titusville Campus Performance Center

“Oil Old Johnny,” Sept. 24-26, Henne Auditorium, UPT, 7:30 pm

Exhibits

Bradford Campus Art Exhibit

“Canticle of the Creatures” by Edith Feuerstein Schrot, through Oct. 9, KOA Art Gallery, Blandell, UBP, M-Th 8:30 am-8 pm & Fri. 8:30 am-6 pm (412/362-5155)

Barco Law Library Exhibit

“Panoply” by Rana Ryan, Sept. 11- Nov. 6, Barco Law Library Gallery. reg. library hours

Declarations

Teaching Surveys

Survey requests must be submitted online by Oct. 2. Log onto www.onet.pitt.edu and click on the direct link. Survey period is Oct. 19-Dec. 1; surveys are scheduled as requests are received. (412-642-4167)

UCIS Grant for Faculty Research or Teaching in Germany

Application deadline is Oct. 15. (info & application procedure: www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/faculty/faculty/index.html)

Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Awards

Nomination forms due to George Klinezing, 826 CL, by Oct. 23. UCIS-EUCE Faculty Fellowship

Application deadline is Nov. 2. (info & application procedure: www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/faculty/faculty/index.html)

Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Awards

Nomination letters due to Patricia Reinow, c/o Nancy Reilly, G13 CL, by Nov. 6.

Chancellor’s Distinguished Public Service Awards

Nomination letters due to Andrew Blair, 826 CL, by Nov. 16.

European Studies Faculty Grant

Application deadline is Dec. 4. (Info & application procedure: www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/faculty/index.html)

EUCE Faculty Research Grant

Application deadline is Dec. 11. (info & application procedure: www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/faculty/index.html)

Event Deadline

The next issue of the University Times will include events of Oct. 1-15. Information for events during that period must be received by 5 pm Sept. 24 at 108 Belfield Hall. Information may be sent by fax to 4-6579 or email to utcals@pitt.edu.

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<td><strong>Clinical Oncology &amp; Hematology Grand Round</strong> &quot;Update on Medicare Coverage &amp; Clinical Applications of PET/CT in Oncology,&quot; Eddi Blodgett; Herbertum Conf. Ctr. 2nd fl. aud., 8 am</td>
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<td><strong>Sociology Panel Discussion</strong> &quot;A Scholarly Examination Into the Protests at the G-20summit,&quot; Suzanne Staggenborg, Mohammed Baniyak, Rachel Katos-Faalmann &amp; Tim Vining, 2412 Posvar, noon-1:30 pm</td>
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