Tuition tax vote delayed by council

The ongoing student tuition tax chess match between local universities and city politicians continues as Pittsburgh City Council yesterday decided to delay voting on the proposal to allow behind-the-scenes negotiations to continue.

Local university officials, who with one voice oppose taxing students, have met privately in recent days with members of City Council and Mayor Luke Ravenstahl to pursue alternatives to the student tuition tax, first tendered by the mayor in his initial budget proposal issued Nov. 9. Ravenstahl proposed a so-called "fair share tax" of 1 percent on city higher education students' tuition as a way to fill a $15 million gap in the city's 2010 budget due to underfunded city legacy obligations. For in-state Pitt undergraduates, that would represent about a $135 annual fee at the current tuition rate.

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Pitt's appropriation: The waiting game

House Republicans on Wednesday attempted to force appropriations bills for state-related universities, including Pitt, whose appropriations bills have been held up in the House while legislators work out an agreement on new table games legislation.

Behind-the-scenes discussions have been underway for months to iron out details on how much table games revenue, how many resort gaming licenses there should be and how many slot machines and game tables to allow. Debate reached the House floor on Tuesday but ended without a vote. The FY10 state budget relies on some $200 million in projected revenues from the legalization of casino table games. While both Republican leaders assert that the state has enough money to fund appropriations for the state-related universities, Democrats, who control the House, say that table games revenue is needed before the budget is balanced and the non-preferred appropriations can be approved. Resolution of the gaming issue would clear the way for legislators to approve state appropriations for the fellow state-related schools and other non-preferred institutions.

"We hope to get a vote today, but it could go longer," Bob Caton, spokesperson for House Speaker Keith McCall (D-Carbon), told the University Times at midday Dec. 9. "We're dedicated to getting this done," not only for the jobs that would be created by the table games legislation, but also "because it's time to get the funding to the schools," Caton said.

Once the table games legislation is passed, votes on the non-preferred appropriations would follow immediately, Caton said.

However, House Republicans on Wednesday tried a different approach. Appropriations bills for Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities were on Wednesday's House calendar.

"Any member of the chamber can call them up by special order," said Stephen Miskin, spokesperson for House minority leader John Galloway.

Applications from more distant states are also increasing: Pitt saw a double-digit increase in applications from Pennsylvania, St. John's, and Lincoln universities were on Wednesday's House calendar.

"My colleagues and I have been working the past two years to get the vote on table games this year," Caton said. "We're still fighting for Superior, as well as for the state's other state-related institutions."

University representatives from the four state-related universities partnered with a bipartisan caucus and the House minority leader to push the legislation through the House. "If you're interested in supporting the schools, you should vote our way," Caton said.

Pennsylvania is one of the states that have been granted table games licenses.

"It's our way of promoting economic development in the state," Caton said.

The waiting game

Following a season of economic turmoil that left admissions officers across the nation struggling to foresee how financial market meltdowns and uncertain family finances would impact students' college choices, Pitt landed a slightly larger, slightly better freshman class this fall.

In her annual report on the incoming Pittsburgh campus freshman class, director of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid Betsy Porter told the Senate budget committee Dec. 9 that the University honored its goal of 1,515 freshmen with a grade point average exceeding 4.0, Porter said.

Twenty percent of the freshman class was eligible for the University Honors College, with an average SAT score of 1,474 out of 1600.

The mid-50 percent range for freshmen's SAT scores held steady from 2008. The middle half of the freshman class posted SAT scores of between 1180 and 1340, with a maximum of 800 points. Pitt continues to report its overall mid-50 percent ranges of 570-680 for the verbal portion, 590-680 for math and 560-660 for writing, all holding steady from fall 2008.

Although there are three components to the SAT, each based on a maximum of 800 points, Pitt continues to report its overall mid-50 percent SAT score range based on a 1600-point maximum combined math and reading score.

However, Pitt is using the writing component as another tool in admissions and scholarship decision-making. "We are looking much more closely at the writing score," and have informed prospective students and their families, Porter said.

Noting that college admissions testing is in flux, with some schools shifting to test-optional policies, the use of subject tests or favoring ACT scores over SATs, Porter presented some surprising changes over the next decade, but said a full-fledged shift from tracking the freshman class based on the current 1600 SAT scale to a 2400 scale isn’t imminent at Pitt.

"We do that when a majority of institutions do it and right now very few do," she said.

Where they’re from

Applications from within Pennsylvania fell 3 percent from the prior year, dropping to 13,026 from 13,455. However, 7 of 10 Pitt freshmen were from Pennsylvania, and 16 percent of freshmen came from within Allegheny County.

In addition, applications from Pitt’s primary out-of-state markets all increased: Applications from Maryland rose 5 percent; from New York, New York, 9 percent; New Jersey, 13 percent; Ohio, 15 percent; Virginia, 17 percent, and Delaware, 42 percent.

Continuing progress in nearby states is linked to student satisfaction, Porter said, pointing out that word-of-mouth has an impact.

"Our students who come to Pitt love Pitt. They go home and talk about their Pitt experience in positive ways and we get more and better students from those high schools and those communities as a result," Porter said.

Applications from more distant states also are increasing: Pitt saw a double-digit increase in applications from Arizona, California and Massachusetts.

This fall, international student admissions, which had been under the Office of International Services, moved to the central admissions office. "We’re finding not only that these students are more diverse, but they’re doing well academically," Porter said.

"There are a number of reasons why international students are increasing, but one that I think is compelling is the strong performance of our international students," Porter said.

The University recognizes its long-term commitment to “…
Common reading program promotes liberal arts education

A new urban green space has emerged in the form of an improved Crossroads Park at the corner of Terrace and Darragh streets. New seating, lighting, grills, stairways and plantings have been added to the multi-level park. The property is owned by the University but the park will be maintained by UPMC.

The park will be dedicated in the spring to former UPMC vice president for facilities and construction Ronald J. Forsythe for his efforts to establish the park. Forsythe died in February 2008.

The park is located directly across from the University’s campus center and a major student residence area.

Species of trees have been added to the park, including several native to Allegheny County. The park is named for James Crossroads, a well-known 18th-century Revolutionary War officer who died in 1812 and is buried on the hill just above the site of the park.

In addition to the natural areas of the park, the new seating and lighting will provide opportunities for students to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Attendees who otherwise may have excluded a literary reading often are pleasantly surprised to find they aren’t the only people who had expectations.

Faculty at Pitt have their own opportunity for shared reading as well. Each fall and spring, faculty book and article discussions sponsored by the Provost’s Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence in conjunction with Pitt’s Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education provide faculty the opportunity for focused discussion on some aspect of teaching.

Joanne Nicoll, associate director for the Center, said she had envisioned the opportunity to talk with others about teaching. “They like the opportunity and they want the opportunity to talk with others about teaching,” she said. The book and article discussions offer the added benefit of interdisciplinary sharing as faculty from across the University talk together about the selected reading. “We get really good feedback from faculty,” she said. “Many faculty come saying they want to do this departmentally.”

The program, initially funded for three years, last year was extended for another three. The series has grown from a book and two article discussions each fall and spring.

Nicoll said shared readings give participants a focused opportunity for discussion. “Book discussions are big in the general population,” she said. “People want to talk about a book they’re exploring.”

Nicoll noted that the opportunity to reflect is an important part of learning.

“It’s the reflection that builds understanding and knowledge,” she said. —Kimberly K. Barlow
Managing students' cultural differences

We're constantly asking students: How can we make your cultural group more comfortable on campus?

—Kathy Humphrey, vice provost and dean of students

As adolescents develop a cultural identity, "we all bring with us some junk from our own environment," said Kathy Humphrey, referring to individual, cultural, racial and ethnic influences on human development, many of them based on stereotyping and misinformation. This is an issue that colleges in particular must confront as each new class of freshmen enters their charge, she said.

Humphrey, who is vice provost and dean of students, discussed how Pitt manages students' cultural differences in a lecture this week titled "Race, Ethnicity and College Student Development: From stereotypes to identities," which was sponsored by Pitt’s Center on Race and Social Problems.

She spoke not only on under-represented student populations, but also on the developmental problems confronting the majority of college students who are white.

Racial & cultural development among white students

"You have to also look at theories of how white students racially develop," Humphrey said. "A lot of times white students are left out of the equation. That's part of the problem when we talk about educating our staff and faculty about how students develop if we let out our biggest racial group.

The cited educational researcher Janet Helms' 1993 theory called "white racial conscious-ness," which outlines five stages of development.

Stage 1, dubbed the homoge- nous environment, is where white youths initially regard their race as unimportant because most of the time they are surrounded only by white people.

Humphrey said, "They think, 'I'm white, what's the big deal? They're very unaware of being a racial being themselves. They don't really see the differences other than what they see on TV or in their activities that are external to themselves.

That state of mind prompts white youths to view other cultures one at a time, according to Helms' theory.

"They either withdraw completely from the idea that someone else's racial group is different, or you approach it and try to figure out what that difference actually is," Humphrey explained.

Helms refers to stage 2 as the "diasintegration stage," where white youths become aware of racism, which leads to negative feelings of fear and a confusion about what it means to be white.

"We see ourselves as a part of the whole group, we're not really in stage one any more," Humphrey said. "Helm says they respond to that by acting as if someone else's racial group is different, or you approach it and try to figure out what that difference actually is," Humphrey explained.

"That stage of mind prompts white students to 'I didn't know about myself.'" Humphrey said. "But, there's a lot of anger emerging in this stage, and they don't perceive the differences as a deficit. They actively seek opportunities to have cross-cultural interaction.

"This is the stage toward which Pitt hopes to guide students," Humphrey said.

Racial & cultural development among minority students

While there are many theories on how minority or under-represented, marginalized students develop racial and cultural attitudes, Humphrey emphasized the ethnicity identity development—model of researcher Jean Phinney, which includes three stages.

"The first stage is 'identity confusion,' where you and your group stand over there and we'll all ignore each other and live our own lives," Humphrey said.

In stage 3, the re-integration stage, white youths hostilely start to develop attitudes. "This is where white supremacists are born," Humphrey said. "They become comfortable in their own skin. "You're not even interested in dietary changes. When colleges offer 'special food days' to serve particular cultural offerings, ironically it can accentuate the isolation students feel," Humphrey said.

" Minority students also continuously have to deal with the negative stereotypes about their group are not true. And in their experiences are all the times they try to gain entry into a specific field, which also makes them angry," Humphrey said.

Isolation and loneliness are other problems confronting minority students more so than whites, she said. "If you're the only minority student in a class, it's very clear. Or, in projects, the professor may put one person of color in every group as opposed to letting them be alone.

In addition, minority students often are required to give cultural group opinions that further their isolation. "Tell us how Hispanics feel about that," Humphrey said. "Tell us how Afro-Americans feel about the whole continent — feel about that, because you're one of them," she said.

Moreover, under-represented students typically have to leave more cultural ties behind them than do white students, she said. International students, for example, may not have the same resources for dietary changes. When colleges offer "special food days" to serve particular cultural offerings, ironically it can accentuate the isolation students feel, Humphrey said.

Why the confusion?

"Minority students have seen the discriminatory acts, their chances are not as good for graduation from college," Humphrey said. "They've seen so many in their community come back from college without a degree. They feel representation isn't successful, especially if they're a first-generation college student. They feel representation isn't adequate, isn't equal. That's a huge deal. The message they hear at home is, 'Go to college, get a degree.'"

"Why the confusion?" "They're confused because..."
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Despite economic uncertainties, Pitt Class of 2013: bigger, better

“[We have to] continue to get the best students we can get from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing that there will likely be fewer of them. So where can we go to fill the slots with high-quality students who may not be from Pennsylvania?”

—Kimberly K. Barlow

3 regions exceed targets

Three of Pitt’s regional campuses exceeded their enrollment goals for fall 2009, campus officials said.

Combined, the regions this year enrolled slightly more than 7,000 students.

• Pitt-Bradford topped its long-standing enrollment goal of 1,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

• Pitt-Greensburg fell slightly below its fall 2009 goal of 1,750 full-time equivalent students, a small increase over fall 2008’s 1,747 FTEs. The campus also has recorded the largest total enrollment in its history at 1,657 students — 1,455 full-time and 202 part-time students — its biggest freshman class of 418 freshmen, an increase over the 373 freshmen enrolled last fall.

• Pitt-Johnstown enrolled 28 FTE students over the campus’s FTE enrollment goal of 2,950. UPJ enrolled 1,057 students in fall 2009, up slightly over fall 2008’s 1,032 students.

This fall the campus enrolled 2,978 FTE students, a small increase over fall 2008’s 2,945. Full-time students now number 2,925 (an increase over 2008’s 2,887) with 132 part-timers, according to Robert Knipple, executive director of external relations at UPJ.

• Pitt-Titusville also exceeded its enrollment goal of 490 FTEs with 498 FTEs enrolled this fall.

UPIT has broken its enrollment records with the largest number of full-time students in campus history. The campus enrolled 545 full- and part-time students for the 2009-10 academic year. The total of 466 full-time students exceeds the previous record of 455 such students set in 2007.

According to UPT President William A. Shields, “The positive enrollment figures are the result of a great deal of effort on the part of many individuals who devoted considerable time and energy into meeting, counseling and advising students throughout the summer and the days before the start of the fall term.”

• Pitt-Greensburg fell slightly below its fall 2009 goal of 1,750 full-time equivalent students, with an FTE enrollment of 1,729 students. Last year the campus enrolled 1,717 FTEs. Included in the 1,808 total enrollment in fall 2009 (down from 1,826 total students in fall 2008) are 1,676 full-time and 132 part-time students.

While UPG fell short of its enrollment goals, officials said Pitt’s biggest competitor remains Penn State, both for in- and out-of-state students, Porter said.

Additional freshman class demographics can be found at www.oaf Pitt.edu/stats.aspx.

In other business at the Dec. 4 BPC meeting:
• Vice Chancellor for Budget and Controller Arthur G. Rami-
conenote that the University had made its annual budget request to the state for the fiscal year 2011 support.

In Pitt’s Nov. 12 request to the state Department of Educa-

The one that got away

Porter said the nearby schools that once were big competitors remain Penn State, both for in- and out-of-state students, Porter said.

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Pitt awaits appropriation

Sam Smith (R-Jefferson). After Katherine Watson (R-Bucks) did so, a speaker broke for caucus discussions.

As the University Times went to press Wednesday afternoon, the House had extended its recess sev-

eral times and had not returned.

The state budget requires a simple majority in order to pass, but non-preferred appropriations — for institutions not completely under the state control — need a two-thirds majority and are set via separate appropriations bills for the individual institutions. Democrats have a 104-99 majority in the 203-member body. Gov. Edward G. Rendell told reporters Wednesday afternoon he was disappointed by the delay in reaching a table games agreement and threatened that state workers could be laid off if additional rev-

enues aren’t forthcoming.

The state has budgeted nearly $160 million for Pitt. Administration’s state and out-of-state students, which remain Penn State, both for in-

• The nomination of the University’s consolidated financial statement for fiscal year 2009 now is available online at www.bc.pitt.edu/stats.htm.

• BPC chair John Baker reported that the medical school salary issues he raised earlier this year (see May 14 University Times) have been resolved by the Senate finance and academic freedom committee. “It appears to have been an isolated case,” Baker said.

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ing similar financial information. The report, prepared by the Office of Budget and Controller as a tool for UPBC, attributes annual revenues and expenses to each of the University’s responsibility centers.

The attribution study has been a bone of contention for more than a year since BPC requested the public release of the fiscal year 2007 report in order to facilitate discussion in an open session.

Administrators balked and have since declared the report a private document for the use of UPBC.

UPBC members have since called into question the doc-
ument’s usefulness, but BPC members have pushed for the pro-
duction of the report or a similar document to aid their committee’s participation in the University planning and budgeting system.

(See Oct. 1 University Times.)

Baker said the matter was dis-
cussed in closed session because the attribution study is not a public document. In a statement following the meeting, Baker told the University Times that UPBC has agreed to try to simplify the attribution study and that BPC will work with UPBC to achieve that goal.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Pitt police visited children at the University Child Development Center Dec. 3 to talk about their work and offer lessons about the use of 911, safe bicycling and car safety.

As part of their presentation, officers David Nanz, Michelle McDaniel and Jon Beck talked with UCDC 2-year-olds about dog safety with the help of the department’s explosives detection dog, Officer Riggs.
Philanthropic twist: Using business concepts to tackle poverty

Supporting enterprises that serve the poor can build long-term economic and financial results for one international nonprofit whose founder spoke on campus recently. The New York-based Acumen Fund, established in 2001, uses money it raises from foundations, corporations and individuals to invest in equity or loans to companies or entrepreneurs who view the poor as customers, rather than as passive recipients of charity, said founder Jacqueline Novogratz.

“The profitability of initiatives in health care, housing, alternative energy, clean water and agriculture has averaged an additional $170 million from more traditional sources, created more than 22,000 jobs and provided services for tens of millions of people,” Novogratz said.

Novogratz, who describes the Acumen Fund as “a nonprofit venture capital fund for the poor,” outlined her vision for a new philanthropic philosophy in a forum sponsored by the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership in conjunction with the Swanson School of Engineering, the Center for Global Health and the international executive MBA program at the Katz Graduate School of Business.

“Philanthropy has become a pyramid,” she said. “Small charities may say they are not working or that they need additional resources. The donations are being well spent, books, making it hard to know if government contracts. “We need to be the largest such provider in the world.”

Moreover, sometimes they don’t know how to expand their organizations. “I love that they look for impact. Acumen selects ideas, selects NGOs to work with, selects scale and is accountable or to keep accurate records. It is important to be sustainable, Wadhwani said. “Given the international financial system, you would expect it would be easy to raise money, you give out more money and sometimes are outright scams, he said, adding that it’s hard to know whether donations are used purposefully or to keep accurate records. It is important to be sustainable, Wadhwani said.

In addition, the Acumen Fund’s approach, using loans and equity investments rather than outright grants, requires that the recipients be accountable and be in a position to raise money, to give out more money and sometimes are outright scams, Wadhwani said. And Acumen’s policy of not only making money but also doing good, well, helps recipients learn how to expand their businesses.

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University recognizes long-term staff

Long-term staff who reached 20, 30, 40 and 40+ years of employment in 2009 were honored Dec. 4 at the annual recognition ceremony and reception in the William Pitt Union.

The lists of names of those staff members with 40+, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 years of service were provided to the University Times by the Office of Human Resources.

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Secen, Kathleen Joanne
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Fox, Dwight E.
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Gosco, Sandra Lee
Green, Stephanie
Griffin, Patricia M.
Gryaz, Melissa Ann
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Hegedus, Anastasia Theodora
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Kant, Peter Merriam
Kean, Joseph J.
Kercher, Louise Jean
Kerr, Jennifer L.
Kersette, Buffy J.
Kunick, Laura Elizabeth
Lathrop, Kira L.
Lee, Yue Hua
Liao, Hong
Limetti, Kristine M.
Luster, Tiera N.
Maler, Christopher E.
Markus, Justin T.
Marr, Nicole L.
Mazzacurari, Lucus
Michael, Heather Marie
Miller, Megan Page
Mulloy, Sara Ann
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Noldor, Christi L.
Nix, Julie
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Rago, Lynn Martin
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Spokos, Lammia
Strednitski, Sue L.
Strope, Nancy L.
Swartz, Martin E.
Sjostrom, Mary M.
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Holiday Shopping
From Thursday, December 10th to Friday, December 18th

Wrap it Up will feature free gift wrapping from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm from Thursday December 10th through Friday December 18th (excluding Sunday, December 13th). The gift wrapping will take place at 3605 Fifth Avenue except on Saturday, December 12th gift wrapping will be provided at Touch of Gold and Silver Jewelry Store 3800 Forbes Avenue. The event will also feature a free prize giveaway to include an Apple iPod!

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Heat resistant nanoparticles developed

A Pitt team has overcome a major hurdle plaguing the development of nanoparticles used for such things as gene therapy — the nanoparticles decay and lose function within months, forcing researchers to return to insulin injections or creating an immunological pathway that leads to immediate rejection of the nanoparticles.

The researchers reported Nov. 29 in the journal Nature Materials the first demonstration of high-temperature stability in metallic nanoparticles, materials typically hampered by a vulnerability to corrosion over time.

Götz Veszey, CNG Faculty Fellow of chemical and petroleum engineering in Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering, and Anmin Cao, the paper's lead author and a postdoctoral researcher in Veszey's lab, created metal-alloy particles in the range of 4 nanometers that withstand temperatures of more than 850 degrees Celsius — at least 250 degrees more than typical metallic nanoparticles. Forged from the catalytic metals platinum and rhodium, the highly reactive particles work by bumping their heat-susceptible components as temperatures rise, a quality Cao likened to a Gecko shedding its skin in self-defense.

The natural instability of particles at this scale is an obstacle for many applications, from sensors to fuel production," Veszey said. "The amazing potential of nanoparticles to open up completely new fields and allow for dramatically more efficient processes has been shown in laboratory applications, but very little of it has translated to real life because of such issues as heat sensitivity. For us to reap the benefits of nanoparticles, the high-temperature resistance must withstand the harsh conditions of actual use."

Veszey and Cao present an original approach to stabilizing metallic catalysts smaller than the current limit — these sizes have a higher surface area and permit near-total particle utilization, allowing for more efficient reactions. But they also face together at around 600 degrees Celsius, which has a high melting point. They tested the alloy via a methane combustion reaction and found that the nanoparticles were not only a highly reactive catalyst, but that the particles maintained an average size of 4.3 nanometers, even during extended exposure to 850-degree heat. And, small amounts of nanoparticles remained after the temperatures topped 950 degrees Celsius, although most had become eight times that size.

Veszey and Cao were surprised that the alloy did not simply endure the heat. Instead it sacrificed the low-tolerance platinum for a more tolerant rhodium, preventing the alloy itself from a rhodium-rich catalyst that could finish the reaction. At around 700 degrees Celsius, the platinum-rich rhodium alloy began to melt. The platinum "bleed" from the particle dissolves larger particles with other errant platinum, leaving the more durable alloyed particles behind. The researchers predicted that this self-stabilization would occur for all metal catalysts alloyed with a second more durable metal.

Their work was conducted with support from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, the DOE's Office of Basic Energy Sciences and the National Science Foundation.

"This center will bring together many promising research initiatives already underway at Children's Hospital and the Magee-Womens Research Institute, both led by scientists with many years of experience leading basic science and clinical research trials related to sexually transmitted diseases," said Darville, whose laboratory at Children's Hospital is recognized internationally for its research related to chlamydia infections.

"Through our collaboration, we hope to speed the development of interventions that will limit or prevent genital tract disease in millions of women worldwide and ultimately limit ectopic pregnancy and premature birth."
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mental Threat Analysis (PRETA), funded through a $250,000 grant from the Heinz Endowments, will identify these threats throughout the region’s 10 counties.

Conrad D. Volz, faculty member in environmental and occupational health and director of CHEC, is PRETA principal investigator. Volz said: “Environ-
mental health encompasses all aspects of the natural and built environment that may affect human health. Given southwest Pennsylvania’s industrial legacy and diverse topography, this kind of analysis is vitally important to the health of residents across the region.”

Study investigators plan to identify and interview key informants from southwestern Penn-
sylvania about their perspectives of the most important local envi-
nronmental threats. The data they gather will guide the development of an online survey targeting envi-
nronmental, regulatory, academic and policy-making organizations in the region. Analyses also will involve scanning and surveying related databases, publications, web sites, newspapers and the monitoring of well-documented regional environmental threats.

Data gathered and analyzed will be compared to current regulatory standards and national norms.

Other CHEC faculty and staff involved in PRETA include Ravi Sharma, faculty member in behavioral and community health sciences; Charles Christian, director of operations; Andrew Michanowicz, research assistant, and Samantha Malone, commu-
nications specialist.

Gene therapy research continues

A brief description of the research noted in the current issue of the University Times is as follows:

Gene therapy has been studied as an alternative method for treat-
ment of many different diseases, ranging from a single gene defect to complex conditions due to both genetic and environmental factors. However, its potential to provide highly specific, safe and effective treatments can be realized only with development of a safe and effective gene delivery system.

Lee’s hydrodynamic gene delivery procedure involves the injection of a relatively large volume of saline containing plas-
mid DNA. Prior research has demonstrated in rodents that the hydrodynamics-based procedure is superior to gene delivery to liver cells.

More recent work, using pigs, also has demonstrated that image-guided hydrodynamic gene delivery is highly effective and safe for liver gene delivery.

The new study will evaluate the effectiveness and safety of the gene delivery system in baboons in order to establish the hydrody-
namic parameters that can be used for development of a computer program to guide gene delivery in humans.

Smokers’ craving, zoning linked

Researchers have found that craving a cigarette while performing a cognitive task not only increases the chances of a person’s mind wandering, but also makes that person less likely to notice when his or her mind has wandered.

The research, titled “Out for a Smoke: The Impact of Cigarette Craving on Zoning Out During Reading,” is published in the January issue of Psychological Science.

Pitt psychology faculty member Michael Sayette; Erik Reichle, chair of Pitt’s cognitive program in psychology; and Jona-
than Schoeller of the University of California-Santa Barbara recruited 44 smokers who each smoked nearly a pack a day and refrained from smoking before arriving at the lab.

Participants were assigned at random to either a crave-condi-
tion or low-crave group. Those in the latter group were permitted to smoke throughout the study; members of the crate-condition group had to abstain.

Participants were asked to read portions of Tolstoy’s “War and Peace” from a computer screen and instructed to press a ZO key if they caught themselves zoning out. Periodically, a tone sounded, and they were asked via the com-
puter, “Were you zoning out?” to which they responded by pressing a “Yes” or “No” key. After 30 minutes, a reading comprehension test was administered.

Although both groups were prompted a similar number of times, the people craving cigara-
ettes acknowledged three times as many mind-wandering episodes as those in the low-crave group.

But as far as independently recognizing (meta-awareness) that they were zoning out, those who were craving were no more likely to do so than the other group. The cravers had at least three times as many opportunities to catch themselves zoning out, but did not. They were impaired in their ability to notice their own mind-

The findings could be of interest to those who study workplace accidents, where smokers must refrain. The study also offers a new way to examine factors that interfere with learning among college students who smoke and must abstain for extended periods during classes.

Sayette said: “Similar to what we found in a previous study about the impaired concentration of people who drink, this ‘double whammy’ (i.e., more zoneouts that take longer to recognize) may explain why craving often disrupts efforts to exercise self-
control—a process requiring the ability to become aware of your current state in order to regulate it.”

Alzheimer-related grants available

The Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) seed monies grant program is seek-
ing proposals for pilot grants to stimulate new research rele-
vant to Alzheimer’s disease.

Proposals can range from basic to psychosocial science in methodology, with priorit-
y given to novel approaches. Proposed research may involve humans, other animals or in vitro studies. The patient registry, clinical and neuro-
pathological databases of ADRC are available resources for approved proposals.

A brief description of the proposed pilot study should be emailed by Dec. 14 to Leslie Dunn, ADRC administrator, at DunnLo@upmc.edu.

The funding period for the grants is April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011, with $25,000 in direct costs available per proj-
ec.

The application deadline is Jan. 25.

Full-time Pitt faculty and post-doctoral fellows are eli-
gible; previous recipients of ADRC seed monies are not.

For more information, contact Dunn at 412/692-2731.
Bradford campus gets 2 new scholarships

Pitt-Bradford recently announced two new scholarships — both matched by the Agnes L. and Lewis Lyle Scholarship Challenge — have been established to aid UPB students. The Dr. Rebecca J. Mowrey Scholarship will benefit students pursuing careers in the sport sciences. The scholarship was endowed by Mowrey, who currently is president of C/G Electrodes in St. Marys, Pa.; his wife, Dawn Jardini, earned her master's degree in social history at the Pittsburgh campus, where she also has served as an appellate judicial clerk on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. She has been a licensed lawyer since 1994 and has taught at Pitt since 1996.

Mowrey has chaired Pennsylvania continuing legal education forums on financial services-related law. She is the recipient of the Dr. Howard Mermelstein Leadership Award.

Edward Krenzelok, Gordon J. Vanscy Chair of Pharmacy, director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center, and Drug Information Center at UPMC, and a faculty member in pharmacy and pediatrics, received the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology Career Achievement Award. The award is presented to an academy member in recognition of a life-time of exceptional dedication to and distinction in the field of clinical toxicology.

Siobhan Vivian of English was recognized by Kirkus Reviews for her second novel, “Same Difference.” Kirkus named the book one of the best young adult novels of 2009. Inspired by her own high school experiences, Vivian’s novel concerns a 16-year-old girl struggling to define herself during a summer away from home.

A $1 million gift from Agnes L. Thomas doubles gifts between new and existing UPB scholarships.

For more information, contact the Pitt-Bradford Institutional Advancement office, 814/642-3104 or Joel E. Warner, jwarner@pitt.edu.

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The People of the Times column features recent news on faculty and staff, including awards and other honors, accomplishments and administrative appointments. We welcome submissions from all areas of the University. Send information via email to: utimes@pitt.edu, by fax at 412/624-4759 or by campus mail to 108 Bellefield Hall. For submission guidelines, visit www.utimes.pitt.edu/?page_id=6807.
Managing students’ cultural differences

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they don’t know who can be trusted,” Humphrey said. “They don’t know if they can trust their adviser, that faculty member, that roommate. They’re encountering the realities of their own stereotypical views of other cultures.”

Students also have to learn that “your skin is not necessarily your skin. Just because somebody looks like you does not automatically mean you can be comfortable in their activities and to seek others and academic integrity, she said.

“Our counseling staff is extremely diverse, and we’re pleased that, so that students can go to someone they feel comfortable with [that person],” she said.

“That happens on both sides. White students as well as our students of color deal with that issue. That’s one of the reasons why there’s a division. They don’t understand that the skin isn’t really what creates a real relationship,” she said.

She said other confusing ques- tions confronting college students include: What are the false stereo- types? What are the unspoken rules of engagement?

For example, in some cultures, being late is commonplace, Humphrey noted. “Students have to know to adjust to those unspoken rules. Moreover, students are confused about how to fit in among other cultures. What is the school’s commitment to diversity? Students want to know what the curriculum, in the artwork, in the the- atre productions and in personnel. They’re looking for social signals they belong here,” Humphrey said.

Moving from theory to practice at Pitt

First, Humphrey said, Pitt trains its Student Affairs staff in diversity issues all year long. “We believe cultural awareness is a very important piece of that puzzle. We try to encourage students to relate cross-culturally and the message is: There are rewards for doing this,” Humphrey said.

Two years ago, Pitt opened the Office of Cross-Cultural and Leadership Development, with offices for more than 20 student groups of all kinds. “What we try to do is really create a center where students would have to communicate cross-culturally, so whatever group you put in that suite,” she said. “We’ve created it that way so as to be a haven for under-represented students.”

Pitt also offers virtual com- munities for entering freshmen to get to know their roommates before arriving on campus, Humphrey said.

“At the request of some stu- dents, last year we created a multi- cultural living-learning community. We’re constantly asking students: How can we make your cultural group more comfortable on campus?” she added.

“There is something here for everybody. We have over 1,000 programs where students can interact and we encourage students to do that. We try to get different culturally based orga- nizations to program together,” Humphrey said.

“We talk a lot about respecting cultural norms. For example, we provide a prayer space for our Muslim students. We have aware- ness weeks all year long. We have created all these mechanisms to take a look at the student and to find out if they are comfortable. We try to create a warm, nurturing environment for us all,” Humphrey said.

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Council delays vote on tuition tax

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The state-appointed Intergov- ernmental Cooperation Authority, which oversees the city’s finances, rejected the mayor’s proposal on the grounds that the new tax did not have prior legislative author- ity. The city has to have a balanced budget in place by Dec. 31.

Ravenstahl has said he will not support the tuition tax proposal from his revised 2010 budget, but continues to support the概念 Council of the tuition tax proposal for future budgets.

The tuition tax proposal initially was set for the first of two required votes on Dec. 2, but that was postponed until Dec. 9 at the request of the universities, and further postponed yesterday at the request of the mayor. The mayor had engaged in productive talks with local university presidents. The measure was voted 5-3 to delay action until Dec. 16, accord- ing to the city’s clerk’s office.

City Council membership has weighed in on the tuition tax, with a bare majority: 5-4, saying they will support it reluctantly unless viable alternative funding streams are approved.

Council member Ricky Bur- gess, who favors the tax, said passing it provides leverage to compete against communities that don’t have a tuition tax. He recently proposed offering the city’s boundaries. Burgess has said that “it is impossible for us to be a haven for everybody. We have over 200,000 programs where students can interact and we encourage students to do that. We try to get different culturally based orga- nizations to program together,” Humphrey said.

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Please remove that proposal from the council agenda so that others can join forces with you,” Pitt also has launched an anti- tuition tax marketing campaign featuring testimonials from Pitt students about what they already contribute to the city’s coffers, as well as TV and radio ads denouncing the tuition tax.

In addition, Pitt’s Graduate and Professional Students Organization has posted an online petition on its website (www.gpap Pitt.edu/stu- denttax.php) for those interested in stating that he was not speaking for any other group, Nordenberg wrote. “It is my sense that leaders from [the higher education, broader nonprofit and business community] would welcome the opportunity to become actively engaged in a step-by-step approach to securing the revenues essential to meet these long-standing obligations, whether through an increase in the local services tax or in some other way.”

(‘The local services tax is $52 a year for those employed within the city’s boundaries.)

The chancellor warned, how- ever, that “it is impossible for us to become involved in the joint pursuit of such alternatives as long as the ‘tuition tax’ is being advanced through the legislative processes of the city. Instead, as long as that proposal is being pur- sued, all of our energies necessarily will be directed toward defeating it and protecting our students.”

Meantime, on Monday state Rep. Paul Costa (D-34) intro- duced legislation to prohibit tuition tax statewide. Costa’s bill has 10 co-sponsors.

“My first proposal would prohibit the tuition tax outright,” Costa wrote to colleagues in the Pennsylvania House Nov. 20. “The intent of this package would require that any increased taxing legislation con- sidered by the City Council would pass by a two-thirds vote rather than by a simple majority.”

On Costa’s proposal, Ravenstahl said on Dec. 7, “We intend to, of course, vehemently oppose Rep. Costa’s bill, and will ask the residents of the city to do so as well.”

On another commonwealth front, state Sen. Wayne Fontana (D-42) and state Rep. Tim Solobay (D-40) plan to introduce legisla- tion designed to allow cities and municipalities to draw revenue from tax-exempt properties.

The legislation, which is expected to be introduced this month, proposes to give munici- palities the option of continuing agreements with tax-exempt property owners for voluntary contributions, or to impose a fee based on the total square footage of their properties.

Last month, a similar proposal initially passed by Allegheny County Council, which would require any “essential services fee” on county tax-exempt properties was vetoed by Allegheny County Chief Exec- utive Dan Onorato, whose coun- cil opponent is to seek voluntary contributions, which would increase the county’s nonprofits benefitting from the county’s 2011 budget.

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**Men’s Basketball**  
V. Mt. St. Mary’s; Petersen, TBA

**Sunday 20**  
- Residence halls close.
- Winter recess through Jan. 5 for students, all schools.

**Music Performance**  
IonSound; Bellefield aud., 7 pm

**Tuesday 22**  
- Fall term grades must be approved by instructors by 5 pm before final posting can begin.

**Men’s Basketball**  
Vs. Ohio U; Petersen, 7 pm

**Thursday 24**  
- Winter recess through Jan. 3 for faculty & staff; designated Univ. offices, including major responsibility centers & research projects, will be staffed as necessary during this period.

**Monday 28**  
- Men’s Basketball  
Vs. DuPaul; Petersen, 7 pm

**Women’s Basketball**  
Vs. Duquesne; Petersen, 2 pm

**Thursday 31**  
- Women’s Basketball  
Vs. Mt. St. Mary’s; Petersen, 1 pm

- Renal Research Seminar  
“O’Brien Overview,” Thomas Kleyman & John Johnson; P1145 Presby, noon

- **PhD Defenses**
  - A&S/Hispanic Languages & Literatures  
“Can Silence Speak? Reading the Marginalized Woman in Three Novels of Female Development,” Leah Strobel; Dec. 10, 1528 CL, 2 pm
  - GSPIH/Behavioral & Community Sciences  
“Evaluating Patient Medications & Complementary Therapies Documentation: Comparative Analysis of Sources, Discrepancies & the Potential Impact of Errors on Patient Care,” Tammy Mah-Fraser; Dec. 14, 226 Parran, 1 pm
  - A&S/Chemistry  
“Synthetic Studies on Haunamine A,” Chenbo Wang, Dec. 16, 325 Eberly, 2 pm
  - Engineering/Bioengineering  
“Developing Instrumentation for Multi-Parametric Investigation of Multi-Specificity in Ion Channels,” Kalpesh Upadhye; Dec. 18, 306 Bridgeside Point, 2 pm

- **Exhibits**
  - Nationality Rms. Holiday Displays: C.L., Taped tours throughout Jan. 10, except Dec. 27 & 28. Sat. 9 am-2:30 pm, Sun. 11 am-2:30 pm; Dec. 27-31, 10 am-2:30 pm, first-come, first-served guided tours (4-6000)

- Barco Law Library Exhibit  
“Spin Art Meets Photographic Art” by Michael Rosella; through Jan. 22, M-Th 7:30 am-11:45 pm, F 7:30 am-4 pm, Sat. 10 am-8 pm, Sun. 10 am-11:45 pm (8-175)

- Falk Library Exhibit  
“Opening Doors: Contemporary African-American Surgeons”; through Jan. 28, M-Th 7 am-mid., F 7 am-10 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-10 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-mid., Falk Library, Scaife Hall

- African-American Alumni Council Exhibit  
“Then & Now: A Historical Exhibition of African-American Progress at the University of Pittsburgh”; through Feb., Hallman Library ground fl. lobby, reg. library hours

- Falk Library Exhibit  
“Recent Advancements in the Management of Childhood Brain Tumors,” Ian Pollock; Herberman Conf. Ctr. 2nd fl. aud., 9 am


**Dick Thornburgh Forum on Law & Public Policy Faculty Grant**

Proposals due Jan. 31. (info & application procedure: jak498@pitt.edu)

GSPIA Johnson Award for Best Paper in Ethics, Accountability & Leadership  
Submissions due April 2. (info: www.johnsoninstitute-gspi.org/research.asp or 8-1316)

**Event Deadline**

The next issue of the University Times will include events of Jan. 7-21. Information for events during that period must be received by 5 pm Dec. 23 at 108 Bellefield Hall. Information may be sent by fax to 4-4579 or email to utcal@pitt.edu.
### C A L E N D A R

#### December

**Thursday 10**

- EOH Seminar

**Friday 11**

- Last day for fall term undergrad class days.

- Deadline for continuing students to register for spring term without penalty.

- **SBDC Workshop**
  - “In-store Developing a Business Plan,” Merves, 7:30-10 am (9-1454)

- **CPS for Philosophy of Science Workshop**
  - “Emergence & Reduction in the Sciences?,” 9 am (also Dec. 12 & 13; info: www.pitt.edu/pirci; registration: education@pitt.edu)

- **WPIC Meet the PI Lecture**
  - “Lost in Translation: Risk, Epidemiology & Alzheimer’s Disease,” Mary Ganguli; Detre 2nd fl. aud., 11 am-12:30 pm

- **Medical Education Grand Rounds**
  - “Collective Competence? Rethinking the Discourse of Competence in the Context of Teamwork,” Lorellei Lingard, U of W Ontario; Scale 6th fl. lecture rm. 3, noon (8-9000)

- **Sr. YC’s Research Seminar**
  - “New Frontiers in Structural Biology: X-Ray Studies of Ras and Other GTPase Complexes,” Guillermo Calero, structural biology; Scale aud. 6, noon

#### Saturday 12

- **Reading day.**

- **CGS Info Session**
  - McCaul Ctr. 4th fl. CL, 10 am (4-6060)

- **Men’s Basketball**
  - Vs. Kent State; Petersen, 2 pm

- **European Studies Lecture**
  - “Religion Unbound: Convert & community; Squirrel Hill: 412/421-8944; email jmtpet@verizon.net for details

- **Global Health Film**
  - “Studying Science From Large-Scale Data: An Overview of the MESUR Project,” Johan Bollen, IN U; IS, 1 pm

- **Bridget Clarke; 11 Scaife, 5 pm**

- **UClub bar, 4-6 pm**

- **Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.**
  - “Seniors: Lessons Learned & Future Directions,” Arlene Forerantonio; Herberman Conf. Ctr. 2nd fl. aud. 4-6 am and 8 pm

- **Multidisciplinary Thyroid Cancer Conference**
  - “Towards Equitable Development,” Sr. VC’s Research Seminar
  - “Profilin-1: Pro- or Anti-Migratory?” Parthy Roy, biocenemedicine-ist; 201 SRJC, rm. 11F (8-1080)

- **PACWC Happy Hour**
  - UClub bar, 4-6 pm

- **GI Grand Rounds**
  - “Endoscopic & Radiologic Unknowns,” Vinay Sundaram, M1; Scaife lecture rm. 3, noon

- **Lord & salad**
  - “Oncology & Hematology Grand Rounds”
  - “American Geophysical Union Geology & Planetary Science Conference”
  - “The Industry of Trusting: Social and Medical Ethics”
  - “Studying Science From Large-Scale Data: An Overview of the MESUR Project,” Johan Bollen, IN U; IS, 1 pm

#### Monday 14

- **Final exam period for undergrad class days through Dec. 19.**

#### Tuesday 15

- **GI Fellows Educational Program**

- **Johnston Inst. SWPA Regional Equitable Development Summit**
  - “Going Regional on Addressing Blighted & Abandoned Properties,” 20th Century Club, 8-10 am

- **Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.**
  - Open House
  - 4th fl. CL, 10 am-noon (4-7108)

### Events occurring

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### Classified Ads

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| **SUBJECTS NEEDED**
| **POST-MENOPAUSAL WOMEN**
| Caucasian, Asian or Hispanic women wanted for a 1-month osteoprosis study. Must qualify by having bone density on screening DEXA Scan. Study visits at UPMC Montefiore. Requires daily injections of either an approved or investigational drug for osteoporosis. Contact coordinator @ 412/864-2366 or on research@dom.pitt.edu
| **HAIR LOSS**
| **FOR SALE**
| Squirrel Hill: 412/421-8944; email jmtpet@verizon.net for details
| **SAINT BABY!**
| Squirrel Hill: 412/421-8944; email jmtpet@verizon.net for details
| **HOUSING/RENT**
| **FOR SALE**
| Squirrel Hill
| **Lg. 1-BR apt. Separate office, full bath, W&D, integral garage, WV, AC, ample closet. Convenient to universities/hospitals; 6 or 12 mo. lease required. $695/mo. + gas & electric. Email jmtpet@verizon.net for details & pictures.
| **HOUSING/SALE**
| **MUSIC LESSONS**
| Private piano lessons for busy people. It’s never too late! Downtown: 412/347-2795

### Friday 18

- Faculty Development Workshop for medical educators

### Saturday 19

- **Fall term ends; official date for degrees awarded for fall term.**

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