Chancellor addresses lack of appropriation

A s is typical this time of year in Harrisburg, the governor is preparing to deliver his annual budget address and appropriations hearings are being scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year.

Atypical, however, is that Gov. Tom Wolf is scheduled to make his fiscal year 2017 state budget proposal near Thanksgiving while the fiscal year 2016 budget has yet to be resolved. It’s now more than seven months overdue.

And, as leaders from Pitt and its fellow state-related universities prepare to testify March 24 in FY17 budget hearings before the House and Senate appropriations committees, Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities thus far have yet to receive their expected appropriations for the fiscal year that began last July 1.

Appropriations bills for Pitt and the other state-related schools failed to receive the required two-thirds majority in votes in the House last month. “I never thought I’d still be talking about this,” Chancellor Patrick Gallagher said in his Jan. 20 report to Senate Council.

“The reason we don’t have an appropriation isn’t really because they’re in disagreement about funding. In fact we continue to hear consistently that the support is there for the types of increases to our budget that we’re looking for,” Gallagher said.

“What is the case, however, is there’s widespread disagreement on other aspects of the main budget,” he said. “We are in some ways a pawn at this point.

“We remain in a very uncertain time with regard to when this is going to be resolved.”

For months, University leaders had delayed approval of Pitt’s own budget, but moved ahead in December with a budget based on last year’s funding levels.

Then in January, the administration approved the 2016 salary pool distribution. (See Jan. 21 University Times.)

“We were waiting on passing a University budget until we knew what was going to happen in Harrisburg,” Gallagher said.

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Ron Larsen, dean of the School of Information Sciences (SIS) since 2002, will step down from his position and return to teaching and research in 2017.

In a University press release, Provost Patricia E. Beeson said of Larsen: “Under his leadership, SIS has been transformed from a departmentalized faculty to a unified information school. The reorganized school creates an environment conducive to collaborative research and education among SIS faculty and between SIS faculty and scholars outside the school. Under his leadership, the school’s programs have grown and their reputation expanded, with several program specializations ranked among the very best in the country, and external funding to the school’s faculty has tripled during his tenure as dean.”

Larsen currently is coordinating a major reorganization of the University’s data, information and computing programs in collaboration with Taheeth Zeaitz, chair of the Department of Computer Science. Under their leadership, SIS and computer science faculty are developing a proposal to incorporate the two in a single academic and administrative unit.

In 2003, Larsen and the deans of information schools at Syracuse, Detroit, the University of Washington and the University of Michigan began meeting to share experiences in shaping the evolution of their schools. By 2005, that fledgling organization had grown to include 10 North American universities.

At that point, Larsen helped found the iSchools consortium, which has since expanded to include 65 universities on five continents and which hosts an annual international conference.

Larsen earned his PhD in computer science from the University of Maryland-College Park, his master’s degree in applied physics at The Catholic University of America and a bachelor’s degree in engineering sciences from Purdue.

He spent his early career at NASA as a mathematician, an aerospace technologist and a program manager.

After earning his PhD, he joined the faculty at the University of Maryland-College Park, where he assumed several administrative roles. He also served as executive director of the Maryland Applied Information Technology Initiative, a consortium of 50 departments in nine universities working to expand the pipeline of graduates in information technology.

During his tenure at Maryland, Larsen also worked at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) as assistant director of the information technology office.

A search committee will be formed this summer to identify Larsen’s successor.
A facilities master plan committee and working group have been formed as part of the University’s strategic planning work. Formed in Jan. 20 report to Senate Council, Chancellor Gallagher said the master plan committee “will help us look ahead a decade and find the neighborhood around the community, giving us a concept for our priorities and how we plan for facility needs at the University, so we can match resources and establish priorities.”

Provost Patricia Beeson and Chaz Finazzo, Officer Assistant Ramone will direct the facili- ties master plan committee. Frank Wilson, University Senate president, and Tracey Oluney, plant utilization and planning committee co-chair, will represent faculty. The other committee members are: Arijang Assad, dean of the Katz Graduate School of Busi- ness; John Bendheim, dean of the School of Public and Environ- ment by all of us.”

The committee will interact broadly across the University to develop priorities, Gallagher said. Its goal is to report to the Board of Trustees in 2017. “It’s going to be exciting to see what they come up with,” he said.

Details on the ongoing strate- gic planning process are posted at www.univtimes.pitt.edu/

Time for Pitt to have a master plan

The committee and working group will develop a master plan that is based on the University’s strategic plan, “Our duty as the Senate is to demonstrate how to do this together: sharing the work and governance.”

Wilson cited as examples the addition of more direct student involvement in the planning process, new strategic plan working groups, and the creation of an adversarial thinking council that was convened by the Senate with committees with those groups. Wilson added that the upcoming work of the facilities master plan committee and the planned senate review of the University planning and budgeting system (see Jan. 21 University Times) are ongoing practices that will help the University work more efficiently and effectively. “Both represent examples of how we accept the responsibility of keeping Pitt/’physically, and fiscally sound,” Wilson said.

The strategic planning pro- vided students, staff and faculty opportunities to actively participate from the beginning (and many did so),” Wilson said. “But this new phase represents a new opportunity to hope, a deeper commitment to broader and more robust engage- ment by all of us.”

On a related note, Wilson said that the diversity and inclu- sion council that was convened in response to the chancellor’s call for a plan to make Pitt more inclusive (see Nov. 25 University Times) will present an initial progress report to the chancellor this year.

“Is this the kind of group I love to be part of?” Wilson asked. “One that knows that the problems being faced are clear and the solutions aren’t, but one in which the people addressing those problems are motivated, filled with creative ideas and truly represent the student body.”

He gave a shout-out to the group’s student representatives, “who had a lot of fresh air.” “It’s a pleasure to be working with you,” he told the students.

Kimberly K Barlow

Endowment ranks 26th

The University’s endowment stood at nearly $3.5 billion at the end of fiscal year 2015, placing it No. 26 in an annual survey of college and university endowments. Pitt’s ranking fell one place from last year in the annual National Association of College and University Business Officers—Commonfund Study of Endowments (NCSE).

The market value of Pitt’s endowment rose 2.7 percent from $3.4 billion in 2014, according to the NCSE, which was released last week. The change in market value reflects gains and losses as well as the impact of contributions, withdrawals and management investment fees.

Harvard’s endowment, valued at nearly $36.45 billion, was largest by far, followed by the University of Texas System, with $25.57 billion. The University of Texas System with $24.08 bil- lion, Princeton with $22.72 billion and Stanford with $22.22 billion rounded out the top five. The 812 U.S. and Canadian
Faculty member gets Grammy nomination

For work on historical Erroll Garner live album

When the curtain rises on this year’s Grammy Awards, Pitt jazz studies director Geri Allen will be there. Allen is a nominee in the Best Historical Album category for her role coproducing “The Complete Concert by the Sea,” a digitally remastered and expanded version of jazz pianist Erroll Garner’s 1956 live album “Concert by the Sea.”

Allen’s work has been part of Grammy-winning music in the past, but this nomination is a first for her role in producing, she said. While Allen plans to attend the Feb. 15 Grammys in Los Angeles, Robin D.G. Kelley, whose liner notes accompany the three-CD box set, will be attending the NAACP Image Awards tomorrow, Feb. 5, in Pasadena.

The recording is nominated in the Outstanding Jazz Album category. Kelley, who is the Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in United States History at UCLA, will visit the University later this month to present “The Provocative Erroll Garner.” His free public lecture will examine Garner’s political fights with the music industry and the important role of his manager Martha Glaser in defending artists’ rights at a time when black jazz musicians regularly were exploited by the entertainment industry. The event is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 17 in University Club ballroom A.

Garner, who was born in Pittsburgh in 1921, is the focus of several other Black History Month events on campus:

• A reception is set for 4 p.m. today, Feb. 4, in the William Pitt Union lobby to celebrate the opening of an exhibition of materials from the Erroll Garner Archive, which was donated to the University Library System (ULS) last year.

Memorabilia — including the score from his best-known composition, “Misty,” and one of the trademark phone books Garner perched on at the piano — are on display in the WPU lobby International Academy of Jazz Hall of Fame showcase through the spring term, and possibly longer, said Julie Seavy of Institutional Advancement.

• Garner’s legacy will be celebrated on Feb. 11 at the University’s annual K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program with an invitation-only concert and celebration hosted by Chancellor Patrick Gallagher.

The Garner archive includes correspondence, publicity materials, sheet music, legal papers, photos, recordings and memorabilia, plus materials related to Glaser, who shepherded Garner’s career until his death in 1977.

Following Glaser’s death in 2014, the Garner materials she had accumulated were donated to the University through her estate.

“People in the academy are excited to see this,” said Allen. “There’s a lot we are looking forward to mining from this treasure we have at Pitt.”


Allen said the collection offers an excellent opportunity to look at artists’ rights, “particularly African-American artists and their relation to the music industry, at a time when being outspoken as an artist was unusual.”

Students in music faculty member Michael Heller’s “Music, Media, and the Archive: Jazz Collections of Pittsburgh” seminar worked with the archive, curating the WPU exhibit and blogging on selections from the Garner collection over the course of the term. Their posts are linked on the ULS Garner collection page.

In addition to the academic resource housed in Pitt’s Archives Service Center, the collection’s performance wing, the Erroll Garner Jazz Project (www.erroll-garner.com), is dedicated to new renditions and ongoing performances of Garner’s music.

—Kimberly K. Barlow
Searching for SAFER STREETS

With two Pitt staff members killed while bicycling in the last four months—one in Oakland—and several local pedestrians struck by buses, the Staff Association Council (SAC) scheduling of three brown bag talks on safety in Oakland is especially timely.

The message of the three presenters—from a local bicycling group, the Pitt Police and the University transportation office—for the first session on bike and pedestrian safety Jan. 27: The situation can be improved, but it’s going to take a lot of time and the coordination of many stakeholders.

Dan Yablonsky, business development manager for the cycling advocacy group BikePGH, pointed out that since 2000 there has been a 48 percent increase in the number of people riding bikes in Pittsburgh, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, making the Burgh the 11th most biked city among America’s 60 largest. On the same survey, the Steel City is also the fourth most walked urban area, and fifth when those two modes of transportation are combined. “It’s an incomplete number,” Yablonsky added, since it fails to count more occasional or seasonal bicyclists and pedestrians.

But there may be a reason people need to be cautious about bicycling in Pittsburgh: A Bicycling magazine survey just prior to 2000, he noted, rated Pittsburgh America’s third-worst city for bicycling, due to safety concerns. Making bicycling safer, and making bicyclists feel safer, will be a rough task here and elsewhere. Yablonsky cited a 2012 Oregon study by the Portland Bureau of Transportation in which only 1 percent of people’s responses pegged them as “strong and fearless” cyclists, meaning they would bike no matter what the conditions. Yablonsky puts himself in the next most confident category: the 7 percent of people who are “embarrassed and confident” about bicycling most places. However, he added, while “running with the bulls is not an issue” for such cyclists, bicycling on urban streets should be a much less dangerous endeavor than braving a lionine stampede. Sixty percent of Portland survey respondents agreed, rating themselves “interested but concerned” when it came to two-wheel travel through city streets, and 30 percent said simply “No way, no how!” to the prospect of even trying to bicycle in such an environment.

How to lessen car/bike accidents? One method is to lower speed limits, “because they have a serious impact on the toll of a crash,” Yablonsky reports. Cyclists struck by cars going 20 mph have a 90 percent survival rate, but only a 10 percent survival rate when the car is going 40 mph.

“How are we designing our streets so that speeding is not an option, aggressive driving is not an option, distracted driving is not an option?” he asked.

BikePGH has for many years offered a map of the city’s safest bike routes. Recently the city began installing bike lanes from Downtown to the city’s outskirts, and BikePGH has counted more than 1,000 cyclists a day on some of the Downtown routes alone. “We’re getting closer to that connected network, but we’re not there yet,” Yablonsky said.

Bike lanes offer different degrees of safety: lanes entirely shared with vehicular traffic; lanes marked with white lines immediately next to traffic; buffered bike lanes behind a double white line, separating them somewhat from passing vehicles; and protected bike lanes behind a line of pylons or even a concrete berm.

In October, Pitt staff member Susan Hicks was killed. Yablonsky believes, “because the decision wasn’t made to provide a safe place to ride a bike.”

Still, he allowed, “Oakland is an incredibly complicated beast,” with streets and street improvement control by or of concern to many stakeholders, including Pitt, Carnegie Mellon University, PennDOT, the Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA), the Port Authority of Allegheny County, and of course the City of Pittsburgh. Yablonsky suggested that persons interested in creating a safer Oakland attend the Uptown Ecoinnovation town meeting (http://pittsburghpa.gov/dec/ecoinnovation) on Feb. 25, at a time and place still to be determined.

The meeting is the beginning of a monthlong planning process, led by Pittsburgh’s Department of City Planning and involving Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh, Oakland Planning and Development Corp., Sustainable Pittsburgh, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the Port Authority and Allegheny County Economic Development, aimed at creating better connections between the Downtown and Oakland.

Pitt Police Officer Guy Johnson says trouble always has stemmed from the Oakland intersection of pedestrians, cyclists, buses and cars—many of the latter driven by visitors looking for unfamiliar addresses for doctor’s appointments: “I’ve been here 32 years. Some of the pedestrian problems we had when I first started we still have,” Johnson said.

And, he added: “A lot of these new bike lanes have caused problems,” including a lot of near misses between cars and bikes. “I can understand why motorists are confused. I can understand why bicyclists are confused. I can understand why pedestrians are confused.”

“No, we don’t just put up a crosswalk here! A sign there? Well, the University of Pittsburgh does not have that privilege,” he pointed out, citing the approval process involving other stakeholders.

“Not as easy as you think, that you can just cite every violation,” he said, noting that Pitt Police made about 4,400 traffic stops in 2015. “As many as we made, I’m sure there’s as many that have gotten away with it.”

Plus, he said, “Catching a bicyclist is tough — you almost have to corner them, but we have done that.”

Officers also pass out safety information at freshman orientation and this year spoke to all dormitory RAs and gave them a guide to speaking with their students about traveling safely around Oakland among pedestrians, bikes and vehicles.

He said, “People are so distracted. They’re getting where they want to go without caring about anybody else.”

Kevin Sheehy, director of Parking, Transportation and Services as well as treasurer of OTMA, reported that a recent “campus crawl” by students, police and staff members, organized by SAC, had “found all kinds of deficiencies … Not all those deficiencies are ours … so things aren’t just going to happen overnight.”

He added: “We’re living in a society where nobody walks with their head up. People drive with their heads down. Too many people are looking at their phones.”

To warn pedestrians

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The intersection of Fifth and Bellefield avenues should have a dedicated walk signal for pedestrians, when all traffic is stopped, according to one staff member at the SAC session on safety. The staff member said four staff members from one department have been struck at this intersection.
with their administrative colleagues through a strong system of shared governance.

“We remain confident that the best way to continue to advance our mission is for the entire University community to continue to work together in this cooperative and respectful manner.”

Assistant professor Campbell, graduate student employee Hillary Lazar and undergraduate Kai Pang expressed their support for union representation during the Jan. 26 news conference.

Said Campbell: “We think our union can achieve four major goals for faculty and other workers in the Pitt community: fairness, job security, transparency, and workplace justice.

“The purpose of this University is teaching and research. We, alongside our graduate employee colleagues, are the workers who fulfill this purpose.

“Our unions can help achieve a University of Pittsburgh that guarantees all faculty fair compensation, benefits and recognition for our work. A University that rejects contingency in employment so that faculty of any rank — part-time, non-tenure stream, tenure stream — should not fear termination or non-renewal of contracts without cause or due process,” he said.

“Our unions can help us achieve a University-wide and departmental culture characterized by available, timely, explicit and enforceable policies and procedures for all matters related to our employment. Our unions can provide us with the independence and effective means to advocate for ourselves and our colleagues when we are found without notice or cause and when we experience racial, sexual, gender-based and other forms of discrimination,” he said.

“By forming a union we can work collectively with the University administration to design effective and inclusive policies that help us be the best researchers and teachers we can be. We hope they’ll support us and work with us in our organizing efforts.”

Hillary Lazar, a graduate student employee in sociology, said: “We contribute to the excellent teaching and research and scholarship here at the University of Pittsburgh — something that we are proud of, but we deserve to be recognized for our indispensable roles and to be legally guaranteed a fair workplace in which to perform them.

“By joining a union we’re joining a national movement of graduate student workers and university employees, including tenured faculty and part-time instructors who are demanding that we are recognized for our essential contributions and are treated accordingly,” Lazar said.

“We’re asserting that with a union we can create and maintain a democratic workplace, we can ensure fair working conditions and compensation, we can ensure our legal right to collective bargaining. And by working with the Steelworkers, with a track record of success, we are in a far better position to be able to make these goals a reality.”

Lazar said everyone — not just the graduate student workers — at Pitt needs the union. “Everybody at Pitt needs this union, because our working conditions impact the learning conditions of our students, the quality of our research and, frankly, the strength and position of Pitt as a world-class institution,” Lazar said.

Senior Kai Pang, who is studying philosophy and economics, said he is supporting the graduate student faculty and their efforts to organize “because their working conditions are my learning conditions.”

He said: “The foundation of this institution is the learning that goes on in classrooms. Pitt could not exist without its students nor its teachers. And we all benefit from Pitt being the best institution it can be. As a soon-to-be graduate potentially considering graduate school in the future, it is very important to me that places of higher education are democratic and about people, not profit.

“The University does not exist in a vacuum,” Pang said. “We must think about the larger implications of what kind of society we are creating. I want a society where people have a say in the workplace, employees are treated with respect and dignity, and academics have a voice in what the future of higher education looks like.”

Organizing committee details are posted at www.pittfaculty.org and www.pittgradunion.org. —Kimberly K. Barlow

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Mayor Peduto discusses the state of the city

Chancellor addresses lack of state funds

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Peduto said he was meeting with residents' No. 1 issue to be affordability, “where you put those stops … will be very critical to the development that happens around it,” he said.

Asked why disparities between the well-being of blacks and whites persists in Pittsburgh, Peduto said: “We [only] address the symptoms.” He stressed that his administration had created the Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment to emphasize greater diversity and inclusion and help small businesses develop. “It focuses on the neighborhoods that have been left behind [or] underserved at that point,” he said, tackling such initiatives as finding housing for presidents and summer jobs for kids.

Local housing activist Craig Stevens pushed the mayor for better development in such neighborhoods as East Liberty, which recently has seen public housing residents displaced in the name of improvement. “East Liberty has drained of its culture and the people who lived there,” Stevens said.

Peduto said he was meeting that day with the neighborhood’s state legislator, local stakeholders and others to talk about that very subject. He said his administration had been approached by developers eyeing East Liberty for a ‘Tiffany’s store, others proposing to destroy the neighborhood’s last 19th-century buildings and one builder asking to “tear down a church and build a Starbucks” — all untwise proposals, he said. He pledged only smart development in the future.

Still, he cautioned, “The hardest part of my job is altruism. Whether it comes from the right or the left, it makes my life difficult. It knocks me down. Nobody works through to find out what the truth is” — not just pointing out a problem but suggesting solutions, he said.

— Marty Levine

Overall, the University’s request represents an increase of nearly 10 percent over the $167.95 million in state support it is seeking for the current FY16. (See Oct. 9, 2014, University Times.)

Gallagher told Senate Council: “If you’re wondering how do we continue to operate without $140 million [to date] in appropriations, it’s really a testament to the fact that Pitt has been managed well. And in fact, we have cash reserves that were designed to absorb blows like this.”

He added: “What I don’t want people to misunderstand is that’s the same thing as being able to not need it. What we are in fact doing is ensuring our longer-term financial health to cover this. In fact the goals that the state wants most — namely, affordability for in-state students and the University to play a key role in supporting the economic vitality of the commonwealth — are necessities that we can do (with funding) popping up and down. So this loss of long-term financial support from the state actually has real consequences.”

— Kimberly K. Barlow
Senate committee focusing on graduate student issues

Reports on Pitt’s graduate student population, from the Office of the Provost, Student Affairs and the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) will inform discussion at the University Senate student admissions, aid and affairs committee’s Feb. 18 meeting.

The Senate committee is focusing on graduate student engagement: concerns in conjunction with GPSG’s efforts to boost support and help graduate students feel more connected to the University.

Committee chair Robin Kears said the committee plans to discuss the reports and decide whether to make formal recommendations to the Senate regarding graduate student services at Pitt.

At the committee’s Jan. 26 meeting, Bonner introduced interim vice provost and dean of students, presented data on graduate students’ use of Student Affairs services, GPSG president Joe Kozak reported final results from its climate survey of graduate and professional students, and Stephanie Dott, Hoogenboom’s senior assistant to the provost for academic affairs, presented some preliminary information drawn from a school-by-school review of graduate student services with the promise of additional details in February.

Based on interviews with staff in the graduate schools, Hoogenboom said initial considerations include expanding orientation for new students, improving the graduate studies website, looking into career services in some areas and addressing access to counseling services.

Data that is still being compiled, she said, promised a more detailed report this month.

Kozak of GPSG reported that final results of his group’s climate survey fully align with preliminary results he presented to the committee in November. (See Nov. 23 University Times.) Since that report, 35 additional responses have been received. A total of 665 graduate students, or nearly 7 percent of the Pitt grad student population, responded to the survey.

Kozak reiterated that communication is a key issue, with many students unaware of GPSG or services available for graduate students.

He said he is researching student activity fees, services and the ways graduate education is structured at other Association of American Universities schools.

Bonner provided statistics on graduate students’ engagement with Student Affairs programing and services.

“We are here for all students, not just undergraduates,” Bonner said of Student Affairs. “Of course we have more undergraduate students on campus than graduate students, so statistically more undergraduates use our services and programs. But our mission is for all students.”

Of more than 28,000 students on the Pittsburgh campus, nearly 11,000 are graduate and professional students.

Bonner said that from August 2014 to August 2015, graduate students accounted for:

- 9.6 percent of the students who sought services at Pitt’s counseling center.
- 27.5 percent of counseling center appointments.
- 24.5 percent of Student Health Care appointments.
- 15 percent of students who identify as having some sort of disability.
- 20 percent of visits to the Baili Recreation Center.
- 5 percent of Pitt’s intramural recreation participation.
- 3.8 percent of student conduct cases.

In addition, Bonner said, the University’s spring 2015 career fair served 430 graduate students and 1,500 undergraduates; the fall 2015 fair included 612 graduate participants and 2,200 undergraduates.

Graduate students accounted for 6,800 visits to local museums; 966 graduate students receive the Pitt Arts newsletter.

Bonner said 107 graduate student organizations are registered with the Student Organization Resource Center, compared with 519 undergraduate student organizations. He noted that some undergraduate organizations include graduate students.

“Graduate students engage in some programs more than others, but they are engaging now,” Bonner said. “I think, overwhelmingly, they do know about our services. The ones who need to utilize our services find us. And they are engaged with the programs and services that we have. That doesn’t mean that we can’t do more to encourage that use.”

Sexual harassment prevention training

In another business, at the request of Senate President Frank Wilson, the committee reviewed the provost’s ad hoc committee’s proposed guidelines for additional sexual harassment prevention and response training for faculty and staff.

Currently, nonemployees must complete an online course on preventing sexual harassment, but follow-up training is required. The provost’s committee is recommending additional training for employees at least once every four years. (See Jan. 21 University Times.)

After discussion, the Senate student admissions, aid and affairs committee endorsed the plan for additional training for Pitt employees, but suggested that annual training might be simpler to implement.

Committee members emphasized the importance of training for undergraduates, given that a 2015 campus climate survey identified fellow students as the primary source of 90 percent of student reports of sexual harassment.

Committee members also recommended attention to differences in culture. Several members noted that undergraduate students who come from cultures where norms differ sometimes find it difficult to understand training that is viewed as harassment here.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Ronald Frisch

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He was named Pitt’s interim associate vice chancellor for Human Resources in July 1996. The appointment was made permanent in February 1998.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Retirement for Officer Riggs

Gifts of chew toys and dog biscuits and wet freeway kisses marked K-9 Officer Riggins’ last day with the Pitt Police.

In addition to the well wishes from his police department friends, Riggins received a certificate of appreciation from the Office of Community and Governmental Relations for his role as chair of the annual Pitt’s People for Pets campaign.

Riggins joined the University Police Force in 2006 as the University’s K-9 officer. Now retired, he will travel with his handler Sgt. Greg Sango in training with Riggins’ successor.

Like Riggins, K-9 Officer Sam will work in explosives detection. The German shorthaired pointer is expected to join the Pitt police next week.

Riggins provided security sweeps prior to home football games. He participated in VIP visits on and off campus.

Labrador retriever recover earned special admiration from students for his ability to detect the odor of hoax bomb threats, which disrupted the Pittsburgh campus during rush week.

Shown here with Nicky, the University Times office dog, Riggins was showered with extra affection at the spring carnival, where the Resident Student Advocate collected donations for police dogs and signed thank-you cards for all responders. —Kimberly K. Barlow

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He was named Pitt’s interim associate vice chancellor for Human Resources in July 1996. The appointment was made permanent in February 1998.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Retirement for Officer Riggs

Gifts of chew toys and dog biscuits and wet freeway kisses marked K-9 Officer Riggins’ last day with the Pitt Police.

In addition to the well wishes from his police department friends, Riggins received a certificate of appreciation from the Office of Community and Governmental Relations for his role as chair of the annual Pitt’s People for Pets campaign.

Riggins joined the University Police Force in 2006 as the University’s K-9 officer. Now retired, he will travel with his handler Sgt. Greg Sango in training with Riggins’ successor.

Like Riggins, K-9 Officer Sam will work in explosives detection. The German shorthaired pointer is expected to join the Pitt police next week.

Riggins provided security sweeps prior to home football games. He participated in VIP visits on and off campus.

Labrador retriever recover earned special admiration from students for his ability to detect the odor of hoax bomb threats, which disrupted the Pittsburgh campus during rush week.

Shown here with Nicky, the University Times office dog, Riggins was showered with extra affection at the spring carnival, where the Resident Student Advocate collected donations for police dogs and signed thank-you cards for all responders. —Kimberly K. Barlow

FEBRUARY 4, 2016
Engineer receives NSF CAREER Award

Paul W. Leu, industrial engineering faculty member at the Swanson School of Engineering, received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award for his work on flexible metals. The CAREER program is the NSF’s most prestigious award for junior faculty who exemplify outstanding research, teaching and their integration.

The five-year, $500,000 award will support research in the manufacture of the micro- and nano-scales to develop thin film crystalline silicon for high-efficiency, low-cost solar cells. “Although solar cell technology continues to improve, it still relies upon rigid and bulky silicon that limits its range of use,” Leu explained. “Our research is focused on designing new hierarchical metal structures that allow for a thinner, more flexible structure that can adapt to different shapes.”

Some of the research will be performed in the Swanson school’s Nanofabrication and Characterization Facility, part of the Pittsburgh Institute of NanoScience and Engineering. The grant will help develop a Google Streetview-like virtual tour of the limited-access cleanroom to familiarize students around the world who can learn and see about the facility. Additionally, the grant will enable the development of a new graduate course in statistical design of materials and undergraduate research opportunities through the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation.

“With the new award, we will be able to provide more support to students and faculty to pursue their research and develop more impactful technologies and materials,” said Leu. “This will enable us to provide more opportunities for students to engage in research and develop new ideas.”

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It is currently not possible to multiplex to the degree necessary for answering questions about the role of peripheral organs in smoking cessation. “Examining five different organs from an Alzheimer’s patient is a model and control from three age cohorts generates 30 samples that would each require separate analyses. Performing this study in more than one animal for each condition, for better statistics, requires an even greater number of experiments.”

Robinson and her team have demonstrated a method that can multiplex up to 20 samples in a single analysis. She thinks that number could be increased. “We propose to develop innovative quantitative proteomics methods to measure proteins at higher numbers of samples from different tissues and conditions simultaneously,” she said. “These methods will help us get to information faster about the role of peripheral tissue changes and how they relate to changes in the brain using Alzheimer’s disease mouse models.”

At the end of the grant period, Robinson said, she hopes to provide a tool that will further the understanding of how energy metabolism and oxidative stress in peripheral organs contribute to the progression of Alzheimer’s disease, but also will provide insights outside the brain for this devastating disease.

Solution for natural gas vehicles studied

Although compressed natural gas (CNG) presents a cleaner, more efficient fuel for vehicles, its volatile nature requires a reinforced, heavy tank that limits vehicle design. Researchers at the Swanson school are using metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) to develop a new type of storage system that would absorb the gas like a sponge, allowing for more energy-efficient storage and use. The research was published in the journal ACS Applied Materials.

By Christopher E. Wilmer, faculty member in chemical and petroleum engineering, and postdoc- toral fellow Hasan Babaei.

Traditional CNG tanks require the gas to be stored at high pressure, which affects the design and weight of the vehicle. Wilmer and his lab instead are focused on porous crystal/gas systems, specifically MOFs, that possess structures with extremely high surface areas.

Wilmer noted: “One of the biggest challenges in developing an adsorbed natural gas storage system is that the process generates significant heat limits that how quickly the tank can be filled. Unfortunately, it is not known how to make adsorbents dissipate heat quickly. This study illuminates pathways for the fundamental mechanisms involved.”

While gases have a $500 billion impact on the global economy, storing, separating and transporting gas requires energy-intensive compression. Wilmer’s research into MOFs is an extension of his startup company, NuMat Technologies, which develops MOF-based solutions for the gas storage industry.

“By gaining a better under-
The People of the Times column features recent news on faculty contributions of lifetime achievement in Information Systems from the Association for Information Systems.

School of Dental Medicine faculty member Anitha Pathi has been elected chair for Image Gently in Dentistry for Pediatric Imaging. Image Gently is a movement to improve safety in pediatric patients and is working with the International Atomic Energy Agency/Atoms for Peace organization to develop worldwide radiation protection guidelines.

Pharmacy faculty member Sandra L. Kane-Gill has been re-elected to the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Council for the decision-making body regarding SCCM’s mission and vision. Kane-Gill will begin her three-year term this month.

Criterio for Faculty members. The Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics offers a wide range of programs in pharmacy practice, research, and education.

Five faculty members from the Swanson School of Engineering and the School of Medicine will be honored at the First Faculty Fellows Recognition Dinner on February 29. New Faculty Fellows inductees are: Xinian Tracy Cui, William Kepler Whiteford Professor of Bioengineering, Department of Bioengineering; Cui was elected for outstanding contributions to the research and development of neural interface technology, drug delivery and biosensors; Steven R. Little, William Kepler Whiteford Professor and Chair, Department of Civil and Petroleum Engineering; faculty member in bioengineering, pharmaceutical sciences, immunology, ophthalmology and the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine; Honors College Fellow. Little was elected for exceptional contributions to the field of controlled release and the establishment of the nascent field of biotechnology.

Robert M. Nishikawa, faculty member in the Department of Radiology, has been elected chair for Image Gently in Dentistry for Pediatric Imaging. Image Gently is a movement to improve safety in pediatric patients and is working with the International Atomic Energy Agency/Atoms for Peace organization to develop worldwide radiation protection guidelines. Nishikawa was elected for outstanding contributions to the development, assessment of physical image quality, and translation of digital mammographic imaging and computer-aided detection systems.

Ronald K. Poropatich, faculty member, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine; executive director, Center for Military Medicine Research; and the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, has been elected president of the Association for Psychological Science (APS), which is the “primary professional organization of psychologists.”

Melissa Libertus, psychologist, Ming-Teh Wang, educator, are recognized as “outstanding psychological scientists in the earliest stages of their research career post-PhD whose innovative work has already advanced the field and signals great potential for their continued contributions.” Libertus works on a significant problem for children’s learning of mathematics by focusing on the nonsymbolic, approximate number system.

Wang researches factors in children’s lives that determine whether they work hard in school.

The University of Pittsburgh is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, members of minority groups under-represented in academia, veterans, and the disabled are especially encouraged to apply.

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Research Assistant Professor/ Assistant Director of the Center for African American Poetry and Poetics

Pending budgetary approval, the newly created Center for African American Poetry and Poetics (CAAPP) at the University of Pittsburgh, which invites applications for the new position Research Assistant Professor/ Assistant Director. The position is a renewable, full-time non-tenure-track appointment with the opportunity for promotion. The contract term will begin as soon as April 1, 2016. In consultation with the Director and Associate Director of the Center, the Assistant Director of the CAAPP will take a leadership role in conceptualizing and operationalizing new frames for understanding how poetry interacts with other genres and creative and scholarly disciplines. The Assistant Director will work in collaboration with the co-directors and the advisory board, center fellows, invited guests, faculty affiliates, graduate students, community members, and other individuals and groups. The Assistant Director will also oversee--in collaboration with the co-directors--the day-to-day business operations of the Center and will take the lead on planning all events associated with the Center, including the planning of readings, symposia, and other events. The Assistant Director will also curate and manage the digital archives and the library. Other responsibilities include grant writing, working with the budget, understanding the capacity of the Center, working with graduate student fellows, teaching, and leading community workshops.

The ideal candidate will be computer and internet savvy with a keen interest in developing social media campaigns and working with new virtual platforms for connecting people to the center. The candidate should also have a knowledge of African American diasporic literature particularly poetry and an interest in other art forms. An MEA or PhD is required. This position carries a 1/1 teaching load (beginning in an Academic Year 2016-17). The position includes teaching one undergraduate poetry workshop and one community workshop.

In order to ensure full consideration, applications must be received by February 29, 2016. Please contact Ben Simmons (ben8@pitt.edu) at 412-624-6509 for further information.

To apply, please visit http://apply.interfolio.com/13781

The People of the Times columns feature recent news on faculty and staff, including awards and other honors, accomplishments and administrative announcements.

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Michael D. McDermott

Longtime staff member Michael D. McDermott died on Jan. 25, 2016, when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a vehicle on Ardmore Boulevard in Wilkinsburg. McDermott earned an M.S. in pharmaceutical economics in 1992 after getting a B.S. in psychology from Slippery Rock University in 1984. He spent his entire career at Pitt, beginning as an intern at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in 1985. There he worked under then-psychiatry faculty member Renu Wijnga, joining her staff to work in data management and information technology.

From 2001-04, he was a staff member of the School of Medicine’s department, rising from research associate on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to systems analyst, then manager of the systems/programmer in the Obesity/Nutrition Research Center before assuming his role in the department’s Gamma Knife program.

In 2004, he was hired by John Haberle, director of the Physical Activity and Weight Management Research Center in the School of Health and Physical Activity, as systems and data manager, handling databases and computer networking.

Elizabeth M. Venditti, faculty member in psychiatry and epidemiology, recalls working with McDermott during his earliest days at the University: “He was responsible for setting up and managing the databases for scores of graduate students and faculty conducting NIH grants, and helped numerous people with data for their master’s and doctoral theses — all with a very calm and soothing demeanor in territory that [made] many of us researchers anxious.”

“He also helped many of us transition to today’s taken-for-granted word processing, spreadsheet, and desktop and laptop computers. He literally explained to me what [the] ‘Wintel’ meant and how to write my first inter-office email.”

M. Marsha D. Marcus, faculty member in psychiatry and psychology, and another early Pitt colleague of McDermott’s was a kind man and dedicated worker “totally unflappable, steady and thoughtful. He was completely dedicated to his wife Lori and son Drew, and to the rest of his family — a work family, too. He was a passionate outdoorsman and committed bicyclist.”

“Mike was highly regarded by everyone who knew him, and he will be sorely missed.”

F. Gary Haberle

A funeral mass is set for 10 a.m. today, Feb. 4, in Heinz Chapel of the University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. McDermott, the research accounting office, but his devotion to the school and his support of its staff.

His last day at the University was marked by stories of his generosity are emerging from those who mourn his passing. “He was just a terrific individual that I am thankful I had the opportunity to know and call a good friend,” Henderson said.

Haberle is survived by a brother, Edmund; a nephew, Edward and his wife, Karen, and their children Hayden, Evan and Vincent.

The family requests memorial donations to the Haberle scholarship fund, 1100 Salk Hall, Pittsburgh 15261.

—Kimberly K. Barlow
standing of heat transfer mechanisms at the atomic scale in porous materials, we could develop a more efficient material that would be thermally conductive rather than thermally insulating,” he explained.

“Beyond natural gas, these insights could help us design better hydrogen gas storage systems as well as any potential process where a gas interacts with a porous material, where heat is an important factor,” he potentially benefit from this research.”

Exercise can’t counter sedentary behavior in severely obese adults

Sedentary behavior is associated with poor cardiovascular health and diabetes in adults with severe obesity, independent of how much exercise they perform. A Graduate School of Public Health-led study has shown. The finding, published in Preventive Medicine, could be used to design and test programs for adults with severe obesity that emphasize replacing time spent sitting, rather than immediately working toward increased moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity or exercise, such as brisk walking. In the U.S., 15 percent of adults have severe obesity, placing them at high risk of cardiovascular and metabolic disease, and premature mortality.

Said lead author Wendy C. King, epidemiology faculty member: “Adults with severe obesity often have difficulty following national guidelines to participate in at least 30 minutes per day of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity for health benefits. Our findings suggest that replacing sedentary behavior, like watching television or sitting at the computer, with low-intensity physical activities such as light housework or going for a casual stroll, may improve cardiometabolic health in this population.”

In addition, King and her colleagues determined that defining “sedentary time” as 10 minutes or more without walking yielded stronger associations between sedentary behavior and cardiometabolic health compared to allowing sedentary time to be as short as one minute, which has been used in the past.

“This is important because accurate assessment of sedentary behavior is crucial to being able to evaluate if and how this behavior is related to health outcomes,” said King.

She and her colleagues followed 927 patients participating in the Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery-2, a prospective study of patients undergoing weight-loss surgery at 10 hospitals. For a one-week period before surgery, the research team measured the participants’ activity—or lack of activity—using monitors that tracked the number of steps taken each minute.

For every hour per day participants spent in sedentary bouts of at least 10 minutes, their odds of having diabetes increased by 15 percent, metabolic syndrome by 12 percent and elevated blood pressure by 14 percent, and their waist circumference was a half-inch larger, after adjusting for their sex, age, household income, smoking status, health-related behaviors, education, body mass index and time spent in moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity.

“These findings indicate the importance of investigating sedentary behavior as a distinct health risk behavior, not simply lack of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity, among adults with severe obesity,” said King. Research is needed to determine whether replacing sedentary behavior with low-intensity physical activity is an effective approach to preventing and managing cardiovascular and metabolic diseases in adults with severe obesity, and evaluate strategies to help this population make such lifestyle changes.

Other Pit Pep investigators were Jia-Yuh Chen, Anito P. Courcoulas and Steven H. Belle.

Additional were contributing colleagues from the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute, Oregon Health & Science University, Legacy Good Samaritan Weight Management Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College and the University of Washington.

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Information Sciences/Information Technology Program


Medicine/Molecular Virology & Microbiology

“Immunomagnetic Isolation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells,” Hao Zhou, Feb. 11, 3021 NML, 11 am

Medicine/Computational Biology

“Improving Rational Drug Design by Incorporating Novel Biosynthetic Insight,” Matthew Patrick Baumgartner; Feb. 12, 6014 BST3, 2 pm

Medicine/Molecular Pharmacology

“Targeting Fas Receptor as a Strategy for Personalized Medicine in Ovarian Cancer,” Courtney Lynn Anderson; Feb. 16, 1395 BST, 9 am

Medicine/Neuroscience

“Role of the Atoh1 Lineage in the Formation and Function of the Retinal Pigment Epithelium,” Binh Le Phong; Feb. 5, 3114 Scaife, 1 pm

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“Role of the Atoh1 Lineage in Retinal Cell Development & Maintenance,” Maggie Wright; Feb. 4, 3108 Rangos, 11 am

Medicine/Immunology

“Regulation of Mass Cell Function by T1M-T1M Signaling,” Binh Le Phong; Feb. 5, 3114 Scaife, 1 pm

Public Health/Behavioral & Community Health Sciences

“Disguise, Conservatism & Inferences Prevention. An Embryological Cognition Approach to Health Attitudes & Intentions,” Luan Dunn; Feb. 12, 4371 Carrier, 10 am

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Thursday 4
Funeral Mass
For F. Gary Haberk, pharmacy, who died Jan. 30. Heine Chapel, 10 am.

Molecular Biophysics/Structural Biology Seminar
"New Ways to Study RNA's Structural Biology," Yun-Xing Wang. 6014 RBST, 11 am.

CRSP Seminar

Humanities Colloquium
"The Anatomy of Melancholy & the Anxiety of Persuasion," Susan Wells. Temple. 602 CL, 12:30 pm (humanities@pitt.edu).

Women's Basketball
Vs. Wake Forest; Petersen, 7 pm.

Friday 5
East Asian Lecture
"Examining the Pragmatic Development of Chinese JFL Students," Torence Cae. 4310 Posvar, noon.

Public Health/Health Equity Discussion
"Gender Challenges: Integrating Maternal Mental Health into Maternal Child Health Programs," A.216 Gahoe, 1 pm (healthequ@pitt.edu).

HSLS Workshop
"PowerPoint for Conference Presenters," Julia Dulan. Falk Library classrm. 2, 2 pm (jdahm@pitt.edu).

CIDDIE Workshops

GSWS Seminar
"In Search of the Clitoris: Writing & the Body in 'Our Bodies, Our Selves,'" Taranee Cao; 4130 Posvar, noon.

Graduate Student Orientation
"Intro to Professional Development Seminar for Advanced Year Doctoral Students," O'Hara dining rm., noon (www.ohara.health.pitt.edu).

Humanities Lecture

Tuesday 9
Nursing Seminar
"Big Data & Lifestyle Sciences," Michael Laufer, S120 BST, 9 am.

HSLS Workshop
"FindOut Basics," Linda Hartman, Falk Library classrm. 2, 9:30 am (lhartman@pitt.edu).

Basic/Translational Research Seminar
"Neuropilin-1, Tregs & the Tumor Microenvironment," Dario Vignali; Falk Library classrm. 2, 10 am (lhartman@pitt.edu).

Global Health Film

Wednesday 10
SAC-Mtg.
102 Bencham, noon.

Pathology Seminar

Pgh. Contemporary Writers Night
Ralph Zucker; FFA aud., 8:30 pm (www.pghwritersseries.wordpress.com).

Thursday 11
Bradford Campus Active Shooter Training
200 Seneca, UPB, 8:30 am (summer@pitt.edu).

HSLS Workshop
"Advanced PowerPoint for Presentations," Julia Dulan; Falk Library classrm. 2, 10 am (jdahm@pitt.edu).

CIDDIE Workshop
"Teaching Interactively in Large Enrolled Classes," B26 Alumni, 10 am (www.ciddie.pitt.edu/workshops).

Graduate Student Orientation
"Intro to Professional Development Seminar for Advanced Year Doctoral Students," O'Hara dining rm., noon (www.ohara.health.pitt.edu).

CIDDIE Workshop

Friday 12
CIDDIE Workshop
"Technology for Large Lecture Courses," B26 Alumni, 10 am also 2 pm, www.ciddie.pitt.edu/workshops.

Philosophy of Science Seminar

Monday 15
Summer term enrollment begins.

History of Art/Architecture Lecture
"Reception & Appropriations of Versailles & French Formal Gardens in the 17th & 18th Centuries," Georges Farhat, U of Toronto; Carnegie Museum of Art Theater, 5 pm.

Tuesday 16
Molecular Medicine Research Seminar
"MHC Class II Fc-Fluxing Pathways in Mouse Models of Lung Development & Cancer," David Ornitz; Range Research Conf. Cr., noon (linda.cherok@chp.edu).

Philosophy of Science Seminar
"2 Types of Cartesian Paradoxes," Mathias Unterhuber, U of Bern; 817 CL, noon (www.pitt.edu/~piment).

Senate CBC-Mtg.
212 Hillman, noon.

Basic/Translational Research Seminar

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