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Assembly debates, approves sexual misconduct policy

Faculty Assembly has approved a revised sexual misconduct policy and a new University procedure on sexual misconduct, developed in light of changing federal requirements.

Despite misgivings by some, the Assembly moved the documents in a 17-8 vote with three abstentions, in the interest of having an improved policy in place before freshmen arrive in August. The draft documents go to Senate Council for review next week.

"The legal landscape around sexual misconduct has dramatically changed, due a lot to how the U.S. Department of Education is interpreting and enforcing Title IX and due to amendments in the Violence Against Women Act," said Laurie J. Kirsch, vice provost for faculty affairs, development and diversity, in presenting the documents to the Assembly May 10.

Kirsch chaired a provost's ad hoc committee that has spent the past year reviewing Pitt's existing policy and developing recommendations to revise and strengthen University sexual misconduct policy.

In addition to revising the existing policy, the committee developed a separate procedure document describing options

for reporting misconduct, filing a complaint, investigation and resolution of complaints, and the appeals process.

The Council of Deans endorsed the proposed policy and procedure in March and the University Senate's equity, inclusion and anti-discrimination advocacy committee did so last month, Kirsch said.

Among the changes that troubled some faculty are the "responsible employee" designation and associated reporting requirements that some say could chill relations between faculty and students who wish to confide in them.

"It's a broad definition and it means that most University employees would be considered responsible employees, who are therefore required to contact the Title IX office promptly upon learning of alleged sexual misconduct, sexual violence or sexual harassment," said Kirsch.

Because of that reporting requirement, responsible employees cannot guarantee confidentiality. "If a victim requests confidentiality, then you can direct that person to resources such as the University Counseling Center," Kirsch said.

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Pitt philosophy dept. ranked tops in world

Pitt is the world's top university for philosophy, according to the 2016 QS World University Rankings by subject.

The annual rankings, released last week, ranked institutions in 42 subject areas, based on schools' academic reputation, their reputation for producing employable graduates and their research impact.

Philosophy had been on a steady climb, moving from No. 7 in 2013 to No. 3 in 2014 and No. 2 in 2015.

Pitt also was highly rated for nursing (No. 12) and medicine (No. 46) in the new subject matter rankings, which were released last week.

Pitt was among the top 100 schools worldwide for studying

education and training; pharmacy and pharmacology and social policy and administration, the annual rankings found.

The University was among the top 150 schools for studying biological sciences, politics or psychology, and was among the top 200 schools in chemical engineering; communication and media studies, English language and literature, history, physics and astronomy and statistics/operational research.

Pitt ranked in the top 250 schools worldwide in the areas of computer science and information systems; chemistry; economics and econometrics; mathematics; and mechanical, aeronautical and manufacturing engineering.

Pitt's environmental sciences

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SAC honors Frisch



Ronald W. Frisch's 21 years of service to Pitt as associate vice chancellor for Human Resources was honored by the Staff Association Council (SAC) with the creation of the Ronald W. Frisch Staff Professional Development Award.

The award, announced at SAC's May 10 assembly in the William Pitt Union, will provide support for a non-union full- or part-time staff member on any Pitt campus to help defray the cost of University tuition or attendance at conferences, workshops or other professional training opportunities. SAC, for which Frisch serves as adviser and mentor, hopes to make the first award in 2017.

Using Institutional Advancement's Engage Pitt crowd-funding platform (engage.pitt.edu), the organization has raised \$5,250 toward an initial goal over the next six weeks of \$8,000, with the intent of eventually endowing the award.

Frisch, for whom the announcement was a surprise, said: "I'm overwhelmed," and noted that he had been able "to watch SAC truly develop into a significant partnership with the University." His career, he added, "has been 21 years of sheer pride to be here at the University of Pittsburgh."

Frisch will retire from the University July 1.

A video highlighting Frisch's accomplishments featured Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Nordenberg, who said: "Everyone who has worked at Pitt has benefited from the Frisch touch."

A report on Chancellor Patrick Gallagher's keynote address on work-life balance will be featured in the May 26 issue of the University Times.

Plans for CS/IS school proceed

The merger of the School of Information Sciences (SIS) and the Department of Computer Science (CS) in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences into a new school has passed several conceptual and administrative hurdles, report Ron Larsen, outgoing SIS dean, and Taieb Znati, computer science chair.

The plan will be made public following approvals by the Provost's office and the Board of Trustees, the latter likely in February 2017, they say.

After a proposal for the new school was formulated by committees with members from CS, SIS and other University units, an interim report was completed at the end of 2015. Together the committees produced a draft proposal that has been approved by both CS and SIS faculties, their councils and planning and budgeting committees (PBCs) and the PBC at the Dietrich school. This fall the proposal will face the scrutiny of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs and the University Council on Graduate Studies.

Znati and Larsen anticipate launching the school on July 1, 2017, with the first students matriculating in the fall 2017 term.

Current CS and SIS students

will be grandfathered into the new school and current programs will be guaranteed for five years following the new school's opening. But figuring out how to give potential students a picture of the new school in time for them to apply for September 2017 admission is "very much a work in progress," Larsen allows.

However, he says of the planning, which has been underway since April 2015: "It has crossed a critical threshold. People recognize that this is something we are going to do, and that it is in the long-term interest not only of the University but of their discipline."

Znati says: "The idea is to move now and start making it happen."

The new college's name, at least temporarily, is the School of Computing and Information. "The majority seems to think that is the right name," Znati says, while industry contacts believe it's the right moniker as well, Larsen adds.

Placing the school in one location is "a critical factor for success," Znati says. "It's hard to collaborate because of the physical separation" currently, but the pair can't say more about the final physical shape of CS and SIS consolidation.

After Provost Patricia E.

Beeson called for the move a year ago, following ideas set out in Chancellor Patrick Gallagher's strategic plan, four committees were formed to plan the new academic unit.

The education and curriculum committee, Larsen says, developed "consistent, coherent and joint" plans for combining CS and SIS and linking the new school's programs to broader University needs and opportunities. The research and collaboration committee met with faculty from the health sciences and the arts and sciences and was "extraordinarily productive," he says, while the organizational structure committee, examining the pragmatics of the merger, looked at incorporating ideas from other universities that have made a similar recent shift, such as the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Michigan.

The final committee, vision and identity, worked on staking out the new school's identity on campus and throughout the country, so that its new academic emphases "become a signature strength," Larsen says.

One emphasis of the new school, says Znati, will be programs that teach contextually situated computing. The role of computers long has been to serve

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German dept. proposes enlarging scope of PhD

German department chair Randall N. Halle has answered Provost Patricia E. Beeson’s May 1, 2016, deadline for lifting the suspension of the German graduate program, or closing it altogether, by proposing a new PhD program in European cultural studies.

As a result, the dean of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, N. John Cooper, has requested a two-year extension of the deadline while a decision on the new program is made, according to the Provost’s office. Admissions to the German graduate program were suspended in 2012 and Beeson announced the May 1, 2016, deadline in 2014.

Halle, Klaus W. Jonas Professor of German film and cultural studies, says the proposed PhD program would be good “not only for the German graduate studies but for the humanities in general.” While his own research examines the process of Europeanization in European Union countries, he notes, language studies departments traditionally have been divided along nationalities, which he calls “a really 19th-century way of thinking about the world. Europe has transformed what it means to be a part of a nation state.”

European Union founding principles speak about economic, political and cultural union, he adds. “That last piece is really the

part that makes its engine, but it is the part that is least examined.” Cultural union is ignored as an area of academic study, he believes, “in part because people like me are parceled away in areas that study only a single national discipline. I’m proposing that Pitt move out to the forefront ... as the place devoted to studying European cultural union.”

As the current nominee to be the president of the German Studies Association, “I am committed to the study of German,” Halle says. “But from my perspective, what it means to study German and Germany at this

point in time is very different than what it meant in 1989, and before European unification in 1992.

“I mourn the loss of the German PhD, but at the same time I’m very excited about putting together a program that could represent German graduate education for the 21st century.”

In 2014, Beeson also announced that the graduate program in religious studies would close in 2022 and set a May 1, 2018, deadline for the classics graduate program to have its current suspension lifted or to close altogether.

—Marty Levine

Philosophy ranked No. 1

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and electrical/electronics engineering ranked in the top 300 schools in the subject matter ranking.

Of 42 subjects in the annual QS World University Rankings by Subject, Pitt was unrated in 20: accounting and finance; agriculture and forestry; anthropology; archaeology; architecture; art and design; business and management studies; civil and structural engineering; dentistry; development studies; earth and marine sciences; geography and area studies; law; linguistics; materials science;

mineral and mining engineering; modern languages; performing arts; sociology; and veterinary science.

Subject rankings are based on QS’s global surveys of academics and employers and on research indicators based on Elsevier’s Scopus research citations database.

The full list of world university rankings by subject and the ranking methodology can be found at www.topuniversities.com.

—Kimberly K. Barlow



Kimberly K. Barlow/University Times

On campus health care

An employee health and wellness center opened its doors April 28 on the Pittsburgh campus, providing treatment of minor illnesses and conditions at no cost to Pitt staff and faculty.

The center, UPMC MyHealth@Work at the University of Pittsburgh, is located on the fifth floor of the Medical Arts Building. Hours are 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. No appointment is needed.

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As in past years, free coffee, breakfast and giveaways await those biking to campus on National Bike to Work Day.

Bike to Work Day set for May 20

Parking, Transportation and Services is hosting an event on Schenley Plaza in collaboration with BikePGH to mark National Bike to Work Day.

Bike commuters can enjoy free coffee and breakfast, prizes and giveaways on the plaza 7:30-9:30 a.m. on May 20.

Partnering with the Parking Services office are the Pitt Police, Oakland Transportation Management Association, Pittsburgh Bike Share (Healthy Ride) and Port Authority of Allegheny County.

Pitt police will offer bike safety inspections and members of the campus community can register their bikes through Parking Services.

Raffle prizes include a U-lock, bike lights, a bike bell and more.

In addition, the Port Authority will bring its demo bus-bike rack — a replica of the ones on the front of every Port Authority bus — so commuters can practice making multimodal connections in a low-stress environment.

Healthy Ride bikes will be free all day on May 20 so those without bicycles can use the bike-share system to bike to work. Users must pre-register for an account at HealthyRidePGH.com or via the NextBike app in order to check out a bicycle.

National Bike to Work Day is an initiative of the League of American Bicyclists cycling advocacy organization.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Pitt junior wins Udall

Ying Chen “Bailey” Lien has been selected as a 2016 Udall Scholar. A junior, Lien is majoring in neuroscience in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

The Udall Foundation awards its undergraduate scholarships to sophomores and juniors in recognition of their leadership, public service and commitment to careers related to environmental well-being or the advancement of American Indian nations.

Lien is the University’s ninth Udall recipient since 1995.

She is among 60 students from 49 colleges and universities selected in 2016 from 482 candidates nominated by 227 colleges and universities.

Each scholarship provides up to \$7,000 for the scholar’s junior or senior year.

Initially established in 1992 to honor Morris K. Udall’s three decades of service in the House of Representatives, the Udall Foundation now also recognizes his brother Stewart L. Udall’s service in the House and as Secretary of Interior under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

An aspiring physician, Lien plans to focus her career on issues related to public health and environmental affairs. She also would like to conduct scholarly research on neurodevelopmental disorders caused by air pollutants or on chronic allergy and respiratory illnesses.



Provost Patricia E. Beeson congratulates 2016 commencement speaker Vinton G. Cerf, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Pitt’s May 1 ceremony. At left are Arthur Levine, senior vice chancellor for Health Sciences and dean of the medical school, and Eva Tansky Blum, chair of the Board of Trustees. At right is Chancellor Patrick Gallagher.

COMMENCEMENT 2016

“Progress is not made unless someone is to some degree dissatisfied with the status quo,” said Vinton G. Cerf, widely known as one of the “fathers of the internet,” in a brief address to Pitt’s 2016 commencement convocation on May 1.

Chancellor Patrick Gallagher, in awarding an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Cerf, noted that his work “changed the very fabric of the world we live in.”

The white-bearded Cerf, now vice president and chief internet evangelist for Google, joked that he might be “a dinosaur” today, holding up a model of what looked like the Dippy statue in front of the Carnegie Museums. But he urged the new graduates to embrace discontent and risk as engines of change. He said he has been praising the value of dissatisfaction with one’s current state since he spoke as valedictorian of his high school in 1961.

“You can afford to take risks because you have time to recover” from failure, he said. “Moreover, risk is not fatal.”

He recalled two instances in which he resisted taking a large risk, only to succumb in the end, for the betterment of his own life and the future of the internet.

After he completed his PhD dissertation at UCLA in 1972, he was asked to join the faculty of Stanford, where he had been a guest lecturer earlier. “I turned them down, thinking I had little to offer the undergraduate students there,” Cerf said. Stanford faculty, however, “would not take no for an answer.” Faculty member Robert E. Kahn

in particular recruited him persistently, and Cerf acquiesced. Together, he and Kahn then worked on the design of the internet, beginning in 1974.

After seven years at Stanford, Kahn had moved on to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and he asked Cerf to join him there to continue designing the internet. “I thought, if I mess this up, all my friends will know, because this is such a visible project. So I refused.” Later, he relented. “Of course, this was an opportunity of a lifetime.”

The rest is online history: With Kahn (now chairman, CEO and president of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives), Cerf invented the way computers from disparate companies could communicate across a network.

“It took many years of patient and persistent work with many colleagues to make it work,” he noted, adding: “I do not suggest that the class of 2016 should leave this august university in an unhappy state of dissatisfaction” — at least not without acting upon it. Instead, he urged the graduates to work for change and improved conditions locally to globally.

“While you’re young, you can afford to take risks,” Cerf concluded. “When forced into choices, you can take the risky road.

“Patience and persistence count in a world that may resist change. Set your sights to make a difference ... Who knows? You may even change the world.”

—Marty Levine



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Public health class advises how to intervene in the OPIOID EPIDEMIC

When agent Brian Dempsey of the local Drug Enforcement Agency office made his first visit to Pitt's Law in Public Health Practice course in mid-semester, he told the students that Pittsburgh is now one of the epicenters of the heroin epidemic — and that the “feeder system” of prescription opioid pain medications is to blame.

The students already had been working for weeks in small teams to research, formulate and present to the Allegheny County Health Department a proposal for the law, and the public health system, to intervene in the opioid epidemic. The interdisciplinary class included a student in the Graduate School of Public Health's master of public health program; another working toward a PhD in genetics; medical students; an undergraduate aiming for a bachelor's degree in economics; and even a Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) master of public policy student. Public health faculty member Elizabeth Van Nostrand, director of the school's JD/MPH program and associate director for law and policy in the Center for Public Health Practice, was the instructor for the course.

Dempsey explained to the class how the U.S. — Pittsburgh more recently than many other regions — got to this point:

Physicians first prescribed opioids to alleviate pain in the worst cases — severe, often terminal illnesses. But then in the 1990s doctors began giving opioids such as oxycodone (marketed alone as OxyContin, or as an ingredient in other drugs) for less severe, often routine, pain relief. “All this was pushed out into the public” by pharmaceutical companies, Dempsey said.

“I'm not trying to deny anyone's pain,” he added. But there is wide agreement that this medication was being over-prescribed, and it led to addictions. Eighty percent of all heroin users started out on opioid medications, he said, then turned to heroin because it was cheaper and more readily available.

Since 2011, drug overdoses

have overtaken traffic accidents as one of the top causes of death in the U.S., with more than 45,000 such fatalities in 2015 — half from opioids.

Recent Pitt public health studies have confirmed the epidemic's local impact, showing that drug OD deaths have climbed 1400 percent in the state over the past 35 years, especially among young white women, and that western Pennsylvania has some of the counties with the largest recent increases in OD deaths.

Most of the heroin the DEA sees in western Pennsylvania is being cut with fentanyl, Dempsey said. Fentanyl is another pain medication, which increases heroin's potency and its chance of killing users. If the DEA gives publicity to a particular stamped “brand” of heroin with fentanyl — responsible for the most fatal overdoses — it only encourages users to seek out that particular high, he said. It seems that, no matter what the government tries to stem the epidemic of opioid deaths, it is stymied.

Questions came quickly at Dempsey from all sides of the room, based on the students' earlier research for the class: Are local police forces being educated about Good Samaritan laws, what they allow fellow drug addicts to do for overdosing friends without themselves getting arrested, for instance? Would decriminalizing all drug use help, as has been done in Portugal, which since taking that step has seen a decrease in drug use and drug-related deaths and diseases? Doesn't Mexico's main heroin manufacturer, the Sinaloa cartel, worry about decreasing its customer base by killing them?

“The demand is so high ...” Dempsey began.

In 1995, western Pennsylvania had six methadone clinics, which were designed to help heroin users wean themselves from the drug, he told the students. Today the area has 29 such clinics that treat opiate addicts as well as those addicted to heroin, along with 700 doctors who can prescribe Suboxone, another opioid addiction treatment.

Illegally obtained Suboxone is the local DEA's third most confiscated drug today. “Are we just helping people to stay addicts?” Dempsey asked. “It's something the government is struggling with today. I wonder if you can help us?”

After Dempsey left the class, Van Nostrand lectured on how legal statutes work, and then the students got to work as a group. They had decided to study where naloxone — the emergency injection for reviving overdose victims (and one of the ingredients in Suboxone) — might be most effectively available to addicts, their friends and families. The class considered possible naloxone distribution to three vulnerable populations: Addicts just released from prison, who overdose more frequently than any other group; Veterans Administration facility patients, since veterans may need pain medication more often than the general population; and adolescents in schools, because Gov. Tom Wolf had signed an order allowing public high schools to stock naloxone.

The students debated what form their project report would take, and eventually settled on a white paper, as opposed to new regulation proposals, which the county health department might have found untenable. They set their own deadlines after Van Nostrand warned them: “We could research this for the next three years. There has to be a cut-off date.”

Then they traded updates on the progress of their small research teams: literature and case study review; economic impact; legal analysis; and others. Their reports were both enthusiastic and heavy with raw data that was yet to be chewed over: the locations of pharmacies stocking naloxone versus overdose deaths in Allegheny County, for instance, or what research had to say about naloxone's effectiveness in each of their three target populations.

“I have never in my lifetime seen people step up to the plate like these students,” Van Nostrand

said after the class. “Not only are they working well collaboratively but they are going beyond the assigned tasks. From a teacher's perspective that is so nice to see it play out this way.

“There have been a lot of lessons learned... The more buy-ins students have in class, the better the outcomes are.”

Lauren Torso, a student in the DrPH program in epidemiology in the Graduate School of Public Health, was group leader for the class that day. Previously, she had worked as a full-time epidemiology researcher with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD); she still works there half-time, and hopes to continue her research career with government agencies upon graduation.

She was part of the class's legal analysis team, and investigated how well current Good Samaritan laws work in individual states. “We were surprised to find that even with this very exploratory analysis, we were able to find a relationship between having a Good Samaritan law and the overdose mortality rate, by state.” Without a Good Samaritan law, her team found, overdose mortality rates increased by a statistically significant 18 percent.

“I think it was a great learning experience, especially for real-world applications,” Torso said of the class. “It seemed a bit more like real work” than the average course, she added.

Her classmate Andrew Cobb is a student in the master of public policy and management program at CMU's Heinz School and a nine-year military law enforcement veteran in the Marines, where he worked with trauma patients at military hospitals in Germany, seeing that opiate abuse was all too common. His team mapped heroin and other opioid ODs 2005-13 against pharmacies registered with Allegheny County to carry naloxone (which was first allowed in 2013). They found that OD locations were fairly consistent across the years (including a high incidence in Oakland), and that the pharmacies carrying the emergency drug — all small and independently owned — generally were nearby, including four in the 15213 ZIP code.

He hopes that larger chain pharmacies, which have developed protocols to allow their outlets to carry naloxone but are not actually carrying the drug, may be encouraged by the class's data to carry it, once the county health department is able to muster their data as proof that, frankly, there is a market.

Naloxone has a very limited shelf life and is expensive, Cobb added. Pharmacies may be stocking the drug, but if they aren't able to distribute it to those who need it, the drug may expire, discouraging pharmacies from continuing to carry naloxone. Such pharmacies may need subsidies to encourage them to maintain their stocks, and more insurance companies may need to cover the treatment as well, he said.

“We were able to look at a subset of the problem and find a way to help in a small corner of this issue,” Cobb concluded, “which could potentially be used to address the larger problem.”

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Other guest lecturers for the class included, via Skype, Los

Angeles writer Sam Quinones, whose nonfiction book “Dreamland” is an account of the opioid epidemic in both Mexico and the United States. Class members quizzed him about the complexities of the epidemic, Van Nostrand said, and asked where they should recommend the health department put its limited resources.

“He basically said you can't arrest your way out of this problem and you also can't treat your way out of most of this problem,” Van Nostrand said.

The class's conclusions, presented to ACHD officials last month, recommended changes to naloxone availability in the county, proposing:

- Naloxone and appropriate training on naloxone use and overdose intervention should be offered to inmates with a history of opiate abuse upon release from the Allegheny County Jail;

- Opiate-addicted Allegheny County Jail inmates should be offered opiate-specific medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and community-based MAT referral upon release;

- ACHD should work to ensure opioid overdose prevention for Allegheny County veterans by collaborating with the local VA hospital system and community partners on third-party naloxone distribution;

- ACHD, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, should conduct a large-scale in-person naloxone distribution and training program for first responders and Allegheny County bystanders; and

- ACHD should expand data-sharing initiatives with community and governmental partners as well as expand publicly available data sources specific to the opioid epidemic.

ACHD head Karen Hacker and others on the county health department executive team heard the students present these recommendations.

“They do a great job; they really take it seriously,” Hacker said afterwards. “Some of the recommendations they made, we're actually already starting,” such as working to provide medically assisted treatment in jails. She was particularly pleased with the students' economic and legal analyses “that we don't normally have the bandwidth to do.” Even if the county doesn't follow all the class's recommendations to the letter, she added, the research will prove tremendously useful in bolstering their understanding of the epidemic and their future moves.

The conclusion that freshly released prisoners should be the top target for a public health intervention is a smart conclusion, Van Nostrand said.

“Even if they're not using in prison, they are being forced to quit. It's just putting their addiction on hold for a while, until they are released.

“They're released and their bodies are not used to the level of drug they were using before... so they are more prone to overdose,” she explained. “You've got to keep people alive to get them into treatment. A lot of society looks at addicts getting what they deserve, but that is not the attitude of public health.”

—Marty Levine ■

Fundraising jobs to be consolidated

Plans are underway to combine Institutional Advancement and the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation under a new vice chancellor for institutional development, Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement and Chief of Staff Kathy Humphrey told the University Times.

Having one person responsible for all fundraising will increase the strength of the units and enhance how the units work together, she said.

A search firm has yet to be selected to aid in identifying candidates for the position, Humphrey said.

Albert J. Novak Jr., vice chan-

cellor for Institutional Advancement since 2003, announced last month that he would step down and return to a core fundraising position for Pitt. He will remain in his current role until a successor is named.

Kellie Anderson has been serving as interim president of the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation since the departure last June of Clyde Jones III, who had led the foundation since its inception in 2003.

The foundation combined advancement staff from the University's six Health Sciences schools with fundraisers from UPMC's Presbyterian and Mon-

teflore hospitals.

Anderson, previously the foundation's executive director of central development, also is interim vice chancellor for Health Sciences development at Pitt and interim chief development officer at UPMC.

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In news of other searches: **Human Resources**

Humphrey is heading the search committee to identify a new head of Human Resources. She told the University Times the committee has been charged by Gregory Scott, senior vice chancellor for business and operations, and aims to complete its work by

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other disciplines — at least, that's been their image, even in academia. Computer and information scientists worked in a vacuum on their software or hardware, after which the new machines or applications were recruited to aid projects in other domains, from the health sciences to English.

Now, Znati says, computing has entered a new era in which computer scientists, other scientists and humanities scholars cannot afford to work in such isolation.

Programs in the new school thus will take into account the need for computer and information students not only to learn how to code but to learn how to collaborate directly with, say, biomedical science researchers or history PhDs, to understand the latter's academic endeavors.

School faculty will develop new degree programs and new

certificates, Znati says, incorporating two years of basic computer and information science education interwoven with courses related to specific disciplines to which students will be applying these basics, in various sciences and humanities domains. "We're expecting that organically, as a result of that conversation, new degrees will emerge," Larsen said, and some current programs may be ended.

In particular, says Znati, the new programs may emphasize such up-and-coming fields as privacy and security, cyber-physical systems (designing hardware and software together), the internet of things and data stewardship (how data technology is supporting scholarly communications and how such new scholarship is curated, particularly in an era when scholarly publications now can take the form of large databases

with nothing physical for a library to shelve).

"It also will bridge to other schools" and their computer science and information pursuits and needs, Znati says. "It's going to change a little bit the culture by opening doors for new collaborations ... and sets this new school apart from the crowd. That is what for me is exciting."

Has the mutual CS/SIS planning been smooth so far?

"Is anything smooth?" Znati says with a smile. "We know it's going to be difficult ... but I have to applaud the faculty for their resiliency and continuing to work with us."

Larsen says: "They recognize that the challenges are great but the opportunities are even greater."

And, adds Znati: "The process is far from over."

—Marty Levine

September.

Ronald Frisch, associate vice chancellor for Human Resources, will retire July 1.

School of Information Sciences

A committee has yet to be formed to search for a new dean of the School of Information Sciences. The Office of the Provost is consulting with internal stakeholders and will establish the committee soon, according to Joe Miksch, interim news director in the Office of University Communications.

Ron Larsen, dean of the school since 2002, in January announced his intention to step down from his position and return to teaching and research in summer 2017.

School of Education

Search committee chair Charles Perfetti told the University Times that the search for a new dean of the School of Education would continue in the fall. An initial search failed to secure a candidate to succeed Alan Lesgold.

Lesgold, dean of the school since 2000, will step down in August.

University Library System

Boston-based search firm Isaacson, Miller is continuing to seek candidates for a new ULS director, said search committee chair Alberta Sbragia, vice provost for graduate studies.


Fern Brody has been serving as interim ULS director since the December 2014 retirement of ULS head and Hillman University Librarian Rush Miller.

A search for Miller's successor was mounted in fall 2014, but was soon put on hold as Pitt and Carnegie Mellon University began exploring possible library collaborations. (See Dec. 4, 2014, University Times.)

The search recommenced last fall (see Oct. 29, 2015, University Times) and a trio of finalists were scheduled to present open lectures on campus in February. One candidate was forced to cancel at the last minute, unable to fly to Pittsburgh following an accident.

Sbragia told the University Times she was uncertain whether the search committee would proceed with its work over the summer or wait until fall.

—Kimberly K. Barlow and Marty Levine



Provost Calls for Community Action on Research Data Management

The Provost has announced the creation of a new research Data Management Committee (DMC) which is charged with “the mission of informing and catalyzing the University community in data management, sharing, and preservation.” The committee members comprise experts from a range of institutional research data stakeholder units including the Office of Research, Computing Services & Systems Development (CSSD), University Library System, Health Sciences Library System, School of Information Sciences, Department of Biomedical Informatics, and faculty representatives from the Department of Computer Science, School of Law and the University Center for Social & Urban Research. One of the first tasks for the DMC will be to gather faculty and staff views on their research data support requirements to inform a Strategic Options Report. This report will explore the challenges of developing research data infrastructure (e.g. platforms for data storage and archiving, Data Management Plan guidance and researcher training in good data documentation practices), and will provide recommendations to inform future planning. The report also will describe potential strategies to achieve cultural change within the institution, recognizing U.S. government agendas toward open data and research funder mandates from NIH and NSF, to share data as a public good.

You can contribute to the work of the DMC in two key ways:

- By completing a survey about your research data requirements and practices <http://pi.tt/datasurvey>
- By participating in a Data Management Committee Open Forum (further details at URL below)

The co-chairs of the Data Management Committee welcome your engagement.

Dr. Liz Lyon, visiting professor, School of Information Sciences, said: “Our objective is to help the University of Pittsburgh to provide a coordinated and robust data infrastructure for its faculty, which meets their requirements and which recognizes the value of their research data, models and code as first-class research outputs.”

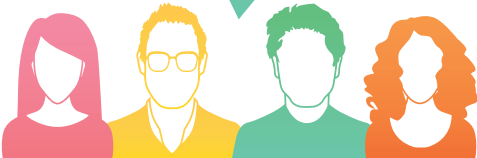
Dr. Mike Becich, associate vice chancellor for informatics in the Health Sciences, chair and Distinguished University Professor of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, said: “The next chapter of the evolution of science is dependent on the sharing of data generated by federally funded research. The NIH and NSF already require data sharing plans for funded research, but have not systematized this practice. Pitt has an opportunity to lead in developing a model which can scale nationally.”

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Faculty Assembly recommendation

Full-time NTS faculty need year-round access to resources

Faculty Assembly endorsed a recommendation that full-time non-tenure-stream faculty retain year-round access to library resources, computing accounts, CourseWeb and other University resources they need in order to do their jobs.

Irene Frieze, chair of the Senate's ad hoc committee to investigate part-time and other non-tenure-stream (NTS) faculty issues, said NTS faculty who teach in fall and spring terms lose access if they are not on the active payroll during summer, making it difficult to prepare fall courses or to wrap up students' incomplete spring term grades.

She said the committee intends to make similar recommendations for part-time NTS faculty later.

Several faculty members noted that the issue isn't limited solely to NTS faculty, adding that fall courses start in late August, even though teaching contracts — and access to resources — begin Sept. 1.

"It's a solvable problem," said Laurie Kirsch, vice provost for faculty affairs, development and diversity. She said that the Provost's office has been trying to address the issue, adding that a process is in place in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

Alex Jones, co-chair of the Senate computer usage committee, noted that many services are related to University computer accounts. He said the committee worked with Computing Services and Systems Development

(CSSD) to bridge the gap by ensuring that users' computing accounts remain active for at least four months after a contract expires.

The recommendation came in conjunction with the ad hoc committee's May 10 report to Faculty Assembly.

The ad hoc committee, formed last October to continue the work of an expiring ad hoc committee that focused on full-time NTS faculty issues, has chosen to maintain its predecessor's goal of improving the work environment for full-time NTS faculty. (See Oct. 15 *University Times*.)

In an update on the committee's work, Frieze reported that Pitt's part-time NTS faculty play a variety of roles: They may teach, work on funded research, do administrative work, perform clinical or field instruction, or have a combination of these duties.

The committee found that of approximately 6,150 Pitt faculty in fall 2015, about 1,700, or 28 percent, were classified as part-time.

Pitt's 2,700 full-time NTS faculty made up more than 60 percent of the full-time faculty total. "Clearly they're a big group," Frieze noted.

The composition of 72 percent NTS and 28 percent tenured/tenure-stream puts Pitt in alignment with national estimates, Frieze said.

She said the committee is continuing to try to define different

categories of part-time faculty in a meaningful way.

Frieze noted that most part-time faculty don't fit the definition of the term "adjunct" which, under University bylaws, refers to faculty who have another full-time professional job and who do only occasional paid work for Pitt. "That's one category of people, but the large majority of our part-time people are not technically what would be considered adjuncts."

She said the committee is considering classifying part-time faculty as either provisional (recently placed on the payroll) or recurring (on the payroll for at least two semesters within a two-year span), with the expectation of continuing.

The committee plans to propose that recurring part-time faculty be treated as continuing employees and be granted additional rights, Frieze said.

"We're still working on this," she added, inviting feedback on how best to categorize part-time faculty members.

In other committee reports: Computer usage committee co-chair Jones reminded faculty that email should not be considered a secure means of communication and that Pitt email accounts are to be used only for conducting University business.

The issue of email privacy in the University of California system made headlines earlier this year as some faculty there

feared that third-party hardware installed to monitor computer network traffic might also violate their privacy.

"It became clear in that discussion that the monitoring system was not something that was designed to be reading people's email, but rather was designed to protect against malicious content," Jones said.

"There is monitoring of malicious content happening at the University of Pittsburgh," he said, prompting the committee to report on email privacy, in consultation with CSSD.

• University email is designed for conducting University activities and business. "It's not designed for you to start a business; even not really designed for you to be communicating with family and friends," he said, acknowledging that the lines will be blurred somewhat.

"It really is designed primarily to be used for University activities," he said. "It really is not supposed to be used for anything related to external commercial activities or anything that is not part of the University business," especially if faculty and staff are consulting or doing other outside work. "They really shouldn't be using University email to conduct those other activities," Jones said.

• Email by nature is an insecure method of communication, Jones said. "Regardless of whether it's

Pitt email or Gmail or some other email service, it's not secure and it shouldn't be considered as such. "If you need to communicate or correspond with somebody in a secure fashion, you need to use another form of communication or some encryption on top of email to conduct those activities," Jones said.

• Pitt email soon will be moving to the cloud and no longer will be housed on University servers, Jones said. "It's going to be moving to the Microsoft service and servers and is no longer going to be housed locally," Jones said.

"CSSD and the University as a whole is not looking to read your email or to store information that you'd be communicating by email via the Pitt system," he said, clarifying that the University is scanning email using third-party software in search of malicious content such as attachments containing viruses, exploits or other content potentially harmful to the system.

Senate community relations committee (CRC) co-chairs Linda Hartman and Pam Toto channeled Alex Trebek, presenting its report in the form of a Jeopardy game. Categories were designed to familiarize Faculty Assembly with CRC's constituents, its mission and issues that have been on its recent agenda.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Group to look into fossil fuel divestment

Faculty Assembly has asked University Senate President Frank Wilson to name an ad hoc committee to look into the issue of divesting the University of fossil fuel industry investments. Michael Goodhart, faculty member in political science, raised the issue at the Assembly's May 10 meeting, citing the activity of the Fossil Free Pitt Coalition (FFPC) student group.

In a March 19, 2015, letter to the *University Times*, FFPC estimated that the University invests 4.7 percent of its \$3.5 billion endowment in the fossil fuel industry and urged the University to divest the endowment from holdings in the 200 largest fossil fuel companies as an example of ethical leadership.

Goodhart said he wasn't asking the Assembly to take a position, only to form the committee to look into the issue. He noted that the FFPC met with the Board of Trustees student affairs committee in February after the University disclosed the amount of its fossil fuels investments.

Goodhart asked that the ad hoc committee consult with the student group and the trustees committee.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

1 CL peregrine chick survives

Under circumstances befitting a Greek tragedy, only one peregrine chick has survived from a clutch of four eggs at the Cathedral of Learning nest this season.

The sole survivor hatched early on April 29. A second chick that hatched a few hours later immediately was killed by its mother, Hope, and fed to its older sibling.

A third chick hatched April 30, but failed to thrive and died May 5.

The three were fathered by Hope's deceased mate, E2. He died in mid-March, apparently in a collision with a vehicle. (See March 31 *University Times*.)

Hope's new mate, Terzo, fathered the fourth egg. That chick hatched May 6, but it too became a meal for chick 1.

Kate St. John, author of the birdwatching blog *Outside My Window* (www.birdsoutsidemymwindow.org), had no explanation for Hope's extremely abnormal

behavior. Born in 2008 in Hopewell, Virginia, Hope nested at the Tarentum Bridge before moving to the Cathedral of Learning nest this season.

Hope's history at the Tarentum Bridge included fledging two chicks in 2012 and two in 2014, according to St. John's most recent compilation of local peregrine progeny. In 2013, one abandoned egg was found in the Tarentum nest.

Unlike the Cathedral of Learning nest, where the birds' activity is observed around the clock (www.aviary.org/PF-NestCam1), there is no camera at the Tarentum Bridge nest.

Hope's predecessor, Dorothy, raised 43 chicks at the Cathedral of Learning nest: 22 with her initial mate, Erie, and 21 with E2. She disappeared last fall and is presumed dead.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

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Pitt picnic 2.0

Chancellor Patrick Gallagher, at left, hosted some 4,500-5,000 of his closest friends at the second end-of-the-year staff and faculty appreciation picnic May 20 on Bigelow Boulevard.

There was food, music, dancing, games, caricatures and Pitt pride in a variety of forms. Several administrators, below, opted to show their Pitt pride with temporary tattoos. From left are Geovette E. Washington, senior vice chancellor and chief legal officer; Kathy W. Humphrey, senior vice chancellor for engagement, chief of staff and secretary of the Board of Trustees; Provost Patricia E. Beeson; and Gregory Scott, senior vice chancellor for business and operations.

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RESEARCH NOTES

More education may benefit women with CF

For female cystic fibrosis (CF) patients and providers, individual CF health care specialists have a significant role in helping patients gain access to educational resources that can help them improve sexual and reproductive health, according to a study by researchers at Children’s Hospital.

Women with CF face important disease-specific sexual and reproductive health concerns, including delays in puberty, increased risk of vaginal yeast infections, urinary incontinence, problems with sexual function, concerns regarding contraceptive choice, decreased fertility and adverse effects of pregnancy on their lungs.

The study, published online in *Pediatrics* and led by **Traci Kazmerski**, a pulmonology fellow, sought to find the best ways to provide women with CF effective sexual and reproductive health care by interviewing CF center directors from a nationwide sample as well as young adult women with the disease and asking them about their experiences and preferences. The findings may help guide the development of educational resources around sexual and reproductive health for women with CF.

Both CF providers and patients agreed that the CF provider has a fundamental role in providing CF-specific sexual and reproductive health care. They also believed that educational resources and provider training on sexual and reproductive health topics would improve patient care in this area.

Said Kazmerski: “Patients were clear that they want both sexual and reproductive health educational resources and for their CF providers to begin those discussions, early and routinely. Our next step is to figure out how to do this as we care for our patients with CF.”

Said co-author **Elizabeth Miller**, pediatrics faculty member in the School of Medicine and chief of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine

at Children’s Hospital: “This study provides some critical guidance on how to better provide sexual and reproductive health education and care for adolescents with cystic fibrosis, and encourages us to consider how to integrate such care for all adolescents with chronic medical conditions.”

Other Pitt authors were **David Orenstein**, **Daniel Weiner**, **Joseph Pilewski** and **Sonya Borrero**. A researcher from the Children’s National Health System also contributed.

The study was supported by a grant from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Improving grafts for bypass patients

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded **David Vorp**, the William Kepler Whiteford Professor of Bioengineering and associate dean for research of the Swanson School of Engineering, with a two-year grant of \$417,838 for research into the use of cells from a patient’s own adipose (fat) as vascular grafts in arterial bypass surgery. This new method, which has been successful in rat subjects, would allow surgeons to perform bypass surgeries without harvesting arteries or veins from the patient or requiring the time to isolate and grow a specific cell type, such as a stem cell.

Coronary bypass procedures often use other arteries or veins as a source for grafts. Arteries that can be used safely as a bypass graft in a different location are in short supply. The great saphenous vein in the leg is one of the most common sources for arterial grafts, but repurposing veins as arterial bypass grafts can cause complications.

Said Vorp: “The vein graft, even though it is the most widely used graft material for the coronary or other small diameter artery applications, is not ideal. The problem is that veins are not arteries; they are built differently because they have different purposes in the body. Arteries pulse, and they are under higher pressure than veins. When you take a vein

segment and put it under arterial conditions, it responds by thickening, which can cause the same blockage you were trying to treat.”

Vorp’s study, “An Autologous, Culture-free Adipose Cell-based Tissue Engineered Vascular Graft,” will explore ways to facilitate the translation of technology that has been under development by him and his associates for a number of years.

The current methodology requires stem cells to be carefully extracted from the fat and then spend time in culture before constructing a graft, which itself spends time in additional culture. This new research will explore the potential for skipping the culture steps entirely, first by using all of the fat cells from the patient (instead of isolating and expanding the stem cells alone) and then by implanting the graft immediately instead of culturing it first. The researchers also will design a way to scale-up the process that creates their engineered graft. The method used for small-scale grafts in rats won’t work when the construct is enlarged to a human scale.

“The key focus of the study is the translational aspects,” said Vorp. “We have shown that we can regenerate a small-diameter aorta in a rat that functions for up to a year. We now need to determine how to overcome some logistical issues so that we can use this technology to help human patients, which is why we started the research in the first place. This R21 grant is really facilitating the start of that process.”

R21 research grants are designated for exploratory/developmental research, generally still in the conceptual stage. They often are awarded to high-risk and high-reward studies that have the potential to become much larger in scope. **J. Peter Reuben**, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Endowed Professor, chair of plastic surgery and faculty member in bioengineering, as well as **William R. Wagner**, director of Pitt’s McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine and faculty member in surgery, bioengineering and chemical engineering,

will collaborate with Vorp on the study.

New findings on schizophrenia’s biological processes

Using a computational model they developed, researchers at the School of Medicine have discovered more than 500 new protein-protein interactions (PPIs) associated with genes linked to schizophrenia. The findings, published in *npj Schizophrenia*, could lead to greater understanding of the biological underpinnings of this mental illness, as well as point the way to treatments.

Senior investigator **Madhavi Ganapathiraju**, biomedical informatics faculty member in the School of Medicine, noted that there have been many genome-wide association studies (GWAS) that have identified gene variants associated with an increased risk for schizophrenia, but in most cases there is little known about the proteins that these genes make, what they do and how they interact.

“GWAS studies and other research efforts have shown us what genes might be relevant in schizophrenia,” she said. “What we have done is the next step. We are trying to understand how these genes relate to each other, which could show us the biological pathways that are important in the disease.”

Each gene makes proteins and proteins typically interact with each other in a biological process. Information about interacting partners can shed light on the role of a gene that has not been studied, revealing pathways and biological processes associated with the disease and also its relation to other complex diseases.

Ganapathiraju’s team developed a computational model called High-Precision Protein Interaction Prediction (HiPPIP) and applied it to discover PPIs of schizophrenia-linked genes identified through GWAS, as well as historically known risk genes. They found 504 never-before-known PPIs, and noted also that while schizophrenia-linked genes identified historically and through GWAS had little overlap, the

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model showed they shared more than 100 common interactors.

“We can infer what the protein might do by checking out the company it keeps,” Ganapathiraju explained. “For example, if I know you have many friends who play hockey, it could mean that you are involved in hockey, too. Similarly, if we see that an unknown protein interacts with multiple proteins involved in neural signaling, for example, there is a high likelihood that the unknown entity also is involved in the same.”

Ganapathiraju and colleagues have drawn such inferences on protein function based on the PPIs of proteins, and made their findings publicly available (severus.dbmi.pitt.edu/schizo-pi). This information can be used by biologists to explore the schizophrenia interactome (the map of protein interactions) with the aim of understanding more about the disease or developing new treatment drugs.

The Pitt research team included **Mohamed Thahir**, **Adam Handen**, **Saumendra N. Sarkar**, **Robert A. Sweet**, **Vishwajit L. Nimgaonkar**, **Eileen M. Bauer** and **Srilakshmi Chaparala**. A colleague from Dublin City University, Ireland, also contributed.

This project was funded by the Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists from the National Institute of Mental Health, part of NIH.

Blue light reduces mouse organ damage



A 24-hour exposure to bright blue light before surgery reduces inflammation and organ damage at the cellular level in a mouse model, according to new research from the School of Medicine.

The finding, reported in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, suggests a potential pre-treatment light therapy that could improve outcomes in patients undergoing procedures characterized by a period of blood restriction, such as liver resection or organ transplantation. The research was funded by NIH.

Said senior author **Matthew R. Rosengart**, faculty member in the departments of surgery and critical care medicine: “We were incredibly surprised by our results. There’s long been evidence suggesting that light and circadian rhythms profoundly influence our biology and specifically the physiological response to stress. So while we were expecting to find some correlation with light spectrum and the immune response, we were not expecting results quite

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so striking.”

Light is complex and consists of intensity, duration of exposure and wavelength. This study is one of the first that accounts for this complexity and derives results that could guide future clinical trials in humans.

Rosengart and his team compared what happened when mice were exposed to red light, ambient white fluorescent light similar to that in hospitals and high-intensity blue light 24 hours before kidney

or liver surgery involving periods of blood restriction and restoration.

The high-intensity blue light outperformed the red and white light, attenuating cellular and organ injury through at least two cellular mechanisms. The blue light brought about a reduction in the influx of neutrophils, a type of white blood cell involved in inflammation, which can lead to organ damage and other problems. Additionally, blue light

inhibited dying cells from releasing a protein called HMGB1 that triggers organ-damaging inflammation.

The team then tested whether the blue light was acting through the optic pathway or some other mechanism, like the skin. Blind mice had the same healing response regardless of whether they were exposed to blue or red light, indicating that the protective impact of blue light does, indeed, act through the optic pathway.

The team then looked at whether one color of light might disrupt the circadian rhythm, which is linked to immunity, more than another. Blood from mice exposed to red, white and blue light had similar concentrations of melatonin and corticosteroid hormones.

Furthermore, the mice under each of the lights also had similar activity levels. These data indicate that the effects of blue light were not mediated by a disruption of sleep, activity or circadian rhythms.

Rosengart stresses that mice

are nocturnal animals with visual, circadian and immune biology that is distinct from humans. Thus, the results of his study should not be broadly extended to patients or hospital settings until robust clinical trials have been performed to show whether pretreatment with intensive blue light is safe.

Additional Pitt researchers on this project were **Du Yuan, Richard D. Collage, Hai Huang, Xianghong Zhang, Ben C. Kautza, Anthony J. Lewis, Brian S. Zuckerbraun, Allan Tsung** and **Derek C. Angus**. ■
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Carl A. Rossman Jr.

A memorial service for Carl A. Rossman Jr. will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow, May 13, in Pitt-Greensburg's Campana Chapel. Friends will be received there beginning at 2 p.m.

Rossman, UPG's vice president for administrative affairs, died April 24, 2016, of complications from pancreatic cancer. He was 68.

A retired Air Force colonel who came to Pitt-Greensburg after a 24-year military career, Rossman would have marked 17 years of employment at UPG on May 1.

"When you saw Carl, you would have known he was a military man," said UPG President Sharon Smith. He maintained the posture, demeanor and impeccable dress of an officer, with his outward appearance reflecting the inner man, she said.

His ability to attend to the smallest of details while keeping sight of the big picture served him well in his work on campus, where he was responsible for finances, risk management, facilities, security, conferencing, and IT and technology services.

"He was extremely disciplined and organized, and conscious of deadlines," Smith said. With any project, "if I knew he was in charge, it was done right."

A particular area of Rossman's expertise was in campus security, Smith said. He established two emergency operations centers on campus and, with the support of local emergency officials,

conducted campus-wide drills to prepare for a broad range of possible dangers — from weather emergencies to a plane crash on campus to a gunman or hostage situation.

Rossman oversaw many building and renovation projects on the Greensburg campus. He was instrumental in interfacing with the Facilities Management staff during construction of UPG's first sustainable classroom and office building, Cassell Hall, said J. Wesley Jamison, vice president for academic affairs. The LEED Gold-certified structure was completed in 2012.

Jamison remembered Rossman as exacting, demanding and conscientious, with a strong focus on what was best for the campus.

"What I appreciated most was his attention to detail," Jamison said.

Richard McMahon, director of dining services at UPG, agreed. "He had an eye for everything," McMahon said. "You had to anticipate what he was going to ask for ... if it was beef on the menu, he'd want to be sure there was A-1 Sauce," he said.

"And the condiments were the spice of life. He ran projects that way too," McMahon said. "He had to have everything in place" ... down to the smallest of details.

McMahon worked closely with Rossman in upgrading campus dining areas. Projects included expansion of Wagner Dining Hall and renovations to Bobcat Station, both in Chambers Hall,



and upgrades that have made the Village Coffee House more student-friendly.

"He had a knack for bringing in all the necessary resources you would need," McMahon said, adding that the plans were always ambitious but always tied to the budget.

"The complexion of the campus completely changed on his watch," McMahon said. He said Rossman always strove to ensure that the improvements were done correctly and met end users' needs.

"The end result is the campus is gorgeous," McMahon said.

"Carl loved this campus. He loved what he was doing," McMahon said.

He created procedures and rules to ensure the smoothest operations, McMahon said. Mistakes could be made, but those that resulted from a failure to follow procedure — "Then you had no leg to stand on," McMahon said.

Rossman's commitment to quality pushed everyone to do a little more, McMahon said. In the projects already underway and in

future plans, "Everyone wants to make sure the details Carl would have wanted to have will be there," McMahon said. "His presence is still felt and will be for a long time."

Rossman was a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education at The Citadel and a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California.

He was proud of his Air Force service, Smith said. Trained as a pilot, Rossman was stationed in the United States and Germany. Over the course of his military career, he also served as associate dean of faculty development, Air Force Systems Command; chief of the 8th Air Force Division Headquarters safety division; head of the North Atlantic Section of the United States Atlantic Command; commander of the 42nd Transportation Squadron; and deputy commander of the 42nd Combat Support Group at Loring Air Force Base.

Rossman was active in veterans' groups and each year participated in interviewing service academy nominees from State Rep. Tim Murphy's district.

His volunteer service extended to Westmoreland Hospice, the Boy Scouts, YMCA and March of Dimes. He also was involved in the annual Westmoreland Croquet Club tournament, a charitable fundraiser held each year on the Pitt-Greensburg campus.

The Rotary Club of Greens-

burg in January named Rossman its Rotarian of the Year in recognition of his 15 years of service to the organization. He had been a member of its board of directors and a past president.

Rossman was a regional coordinator of the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. He also hosted students as part of the local club's exchange program with the Greensburg, Kansas, Rotary Club. A native of Virginia, Rossman would take the visiting Midwestern high schoolers to see sites related to the nation's early history, Smith said.

Rossman was posthumously awarded the UPG President's Medal for Distinguished Service during the campus's April 30 commencement. President Smith stated: "At Pitt-Greensburg, Carl set ambitious goals for the school, himself and all who worked with him. He had an uncompromising dedication to quality and made a lifelong commitment of service to the community that was only outpaced by his commitment to his family."

Beyond his work, he enjoyed travel, dining, movies, musical theatre and motorcycle touring.

Rossman is survived by a son and daughter, Matthew Rossman and Mary Rossman; daughter-in-law Penelope Rossman; and granddaughter Lyla Rossman.

His wife of 45 years, Joyce, died in 2015.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in care of the Rotary Club of Greensburg, 505 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg 15601.

—Kimberly K. Barlow

Russell memorial service set

A memorial service for Daniel S. Russell will be held at 11 a.m. May 20 in Heinz Chapel. Following the service, there will be a reception at the PAA.

Russell, emeritus professor and former chair of the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, died April 10, 2016.

William Arthur "Bill" Savage

William Arthur "Bill" Savage, former assistant to the chancellor and director of affirmative action at Pitt, died April 25, 2016. He was 70.

Born and raised in the Cabrini-Green housing projects of Chicago, Savage understood that access to higher-level education laid the foundation for socioeconomic equality.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign and a master's in educational administration at Illinois State University.

Throughout his life, Savage fought for equal opportunity, especially for minorities and the disabled. In his senior year of college, following the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Savage helped found an effort to recruit African-American and Latino students to the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign. In 1968, the initiative enrolled over 560 students from all over the country, changing the history of the campus as a result.

Savage started his career in higher education at Illinois State, serving as assistant director and



coordinator of academic support services for the high potential student program, 1971-73; adviser and coordinator of the Academic Advisement Center, 1975-77; and the university affirmative action officer, 1977-80.

He left Illinois State in 1980

to join the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign as assistant chancellor and director of affirmative action. While there, he helped students on the campus organize a chapter of the NAACP, according to a former colleague.

He stayed at the Urbana/Champaign campus until 1991, when he joined Pitt as assistant to the chancellor and director of affirmative action.

In retirement, he remained in Pittsburgh, pursuing his passion for collecting and preserving African-American art. He served as an art consultant and curated local art exhibits, collaborating with local and national artists.

In addition, he was a member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church and a member of the core/steering committee mentoring program for middle and high school students.

Savage is survived by his children William A. Savage Jr. and Michelle T. Savage; and siblings Phillip, Kenneth, David and Vivian Savage.

(Editor's note: William Savage Jr. contributed to this obituary.)

Faculty elected to Senate committees

The following faculty members were elected to the University Senate's standing committees:

- **Athletics:** Nancy Burkoff, law; Betsy Nagle, education; Laurel Roberts, biology/arts and sciences.
- **Benefits and Welfare:** Filip Barbaric, dental medicine; Joanne Prasad, dental medicine; Linda Tashbook, law.
- **Budget Policies:** Tyler Bickford, English/arts and sciences; Panos Chrysanthis, computer science/arts and sciences; Mackey Friedman, public health.
- **Bylaws and Procedures:** Thottala Jayaraman, dental medicine; Chiara Nardone, Hispanic languages and literatures/arts and sciences; Steve Hirtle, information sciences.
- **Community Relations:** Sabina Deitrick, public and international affairs; Robert Kaufman, nursing; Tracy Soska, social work.
- **Computer Usage:** Amelia Acker, information sciences; Na-Rae Han, linguistics/arts and sciences; Alexandros Labrinidis, computer science/arts and sciences.
- **Educational Policies:** Bonnie Falcione, pharmacy; Helen Petracchi, social work; John Stoner, history/arts and sciences.
- **Equity, Inclusion and Anti-discrimination Advocacy:** Kacey Marra, medicine; Latha Satish, medicine; Sheila Valez Martinez, law.
- **Governmental Relations:** Russell Clark, physics and astronomy/arts and sciences; Ed Galloway, University Library System.
- **Library:** Mark Lynn Anderson, English/arts and sciences; Chunbin Zou, medicine; Elizabeth Mahoney, information sciences.
- **Plant Utilization and Planning:** Jim Becker, medicine; Eugene Wagner, chemistry/arts and sciences; Pat Roncevic, law.
- **Tenure and Academic Freedom:** Abbe De Vallejo, medicine; Jane Cauley, public health; Rakesh Sindhi, medicine.
- **Research:** Penny Morel, medicine; Shilpa Sant, pharmacy; Lauren Terhorst, health and rehabilitation sciences.
- **Student Admissions, Aid and Affairs:** Joanne Baird, health and rehabilitation sciences; Harvey Borovetz, engineering; Marylou Gramm, English/arts and sciences; Susan Wesmiller, nursing.

Assembly debates, OKs sexual misconduct policy

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Marianne Novy of English said she is glad a Title IX office is at work at Pitt. “This is very difficult policy to delineate and I really appreciate the work that you’re doing,” she said.

She noted, however, that concerns about faculty reporting are widespread, calling attention to a 2016 report by the American Association of University Professors academic freedom and tenure committee and committee on women in the profession that characterizes mandatory faculty reporting as overly broad and not required by Title IX.

Other concerns are in play as well. Assembly member Seth Weinberg of dental medicine noted, “Right now there is debate going on between faculty rights groups and the Department of Education about speech in the public sphere that may be sexually charged speech, being pursued under Title IX,” he said.

“There’s a big issue right now where universities are effectively being forced to choose between protecting the First Amendment and enforcing Title IX,” with little guidance on what to do.

Kirsch agreed that the situation is fluid and Pitt is not alone in its struggle to address the complicated issues, adding that the committee modeled some of its revisions on other universities’ policies.

She acknowledged that the documents should be reviewed regularly and updated accordingly. However, she said, “It’s important that we move forward with these changes now,” given that Pitt’s existing policy “is not consistent with where the legal landscape is at this point in time.”

Patrick Loughlin of engineering worried that the policy “lumps together a variety of different potential acts under sexual misconduct: They run the gamut from jokes and innuendo to rape and sexual harassment.

“I don’t equate those on the same scale; I think it’s problematic to do so,” he said.

“My point is rape is a crime; telling an off-color joke is not. I don’t think the procedures for handling that should be the same.”

He also expressed concern that the proposed policy requires

responsible employees to report to the Title IX office but states they “should not share information with law enforcement without the victim’s consent or unless the victim has also reported the incident to law enforcement.”

“If someone comes to me and says ‘I’ve just been raped,’ why is my first response not to call the police as a University employee, but to call Title IX?”

Noting that the Pitt police are part of the University community, and that they are trained in investigations and in dealing with victims of crime, “At least for actions of violence and aggression, why aren’t we asking the University police to take charge of this?” he asked.

Title IX coordinator Katie Pope said victims are encouraged to go to the police. “The reason that we’re obligated by the federal guidelines to not automatically report ... is because it’s up to the victim to determine whether or not they want to involve the police.”

Much of the Assembly’s hour-long debate centered on faculty

reporting requirements.

Pamela W. Connelly, associate vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion, said the federal Office of Civil Rights, in addition to naming specific categories of responsible employees who must report incidents to the Title IX office, views “anybody else the student thinks can help them” as responsible employees.

“If the student’s coming to you, they’re coming to you because they think that you can help them. It’s not what the University thinks that matters; it’s what the student thinks,” she said. “That’s the position we’ve been put in. I don’t see it changing anytime soon.”

Being designated a responsible employee is akin to being a mandated reporter, observed Elizabeth Mulvaney of social work. An expectation of reporting can prevent incidents from “going underground,” she said. “But on the other hand, what are the ways we’re going to communicate to people who are abused ... that telling us the story may put into play things they are not yet prepared to have go into play?”

Michael Goodhart of political science argued that the policy could lead faculty to simply post their office doors with signs warning that certain topics must be reported to the Title IX office.

“I think back to the few awful times in my life when I’ve had these conversations with people who’ve come to my office. And I can’t imagine the moment in the conversation when I’m saying, ‘I’m sorry, but before you go on, let me tell you that everything you tell me — if you choose to tell me anything further — is going to have to be reported to the Title IX office, whether you want me to report it or not.’”

Senate past-president Michael Spring commented: “I don’t think the procedure does enough to respect the fact that faculty are going to be put in a very awkward situation” if they’re forced to report to Title IX regardless of a student’s wishes.

“I’d like to see, with every intent to make sure that the maxi-

mum protection is provided to the student, the recognition that sometimes a faculty member is approached in confidence.”

Spring said, “I don’t want to tell the student not to come in and tell me.”

Reporting to the Title IX office doesn’t obligate a victim to take any particular action, but enables staff to offer resources, said Pope. “The process is driven by what the student wants to have happen.”

Connelly acknowledged that debate will continue, but Pitt’s policy must be updated. “We’re never going to have universal agreement on this. What we have is the (federal Office of Civil Rights) saying what responsible employees are.

“What we also have is a batch of freshmen who are going to be coming in in August. And what we have on the books right now is a policy but no procedure. And the policy is not up to Title IX standards,” she said.

“We do have a large group of people coming in to join our community soon, and I don’t want us to lose the opportunity for a vast improvement because of something we can probably debate for years to come.”

Kirsch agreed. “Our current policy does not address the issues that, as a University community, I think we need to address,” she said, adding that the committee had similar discussions and debates.

“I think everybody recognized that this is an area that our current policy is not as strong as it could be. And I think everybody also recognizes that this is an area that we’re going to continually be reviewing.”

(The proposals can be viewed online: www.utimes.pitt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Draft-Sexual-Misconduct-Policy.pdf and www.utimes.pitt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Draft-Sexual-Misconduct-Procedure.pdf)
—Kimberly K. Barlow

PEOPLE OF THE TIMES

Elaina Vitale has joined the Health Sciences Library System as the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region’s academic coordinator.

Vitale will work to increase awareness of National Library of Medicine information resources and train academic institutions’ librarians, faculty and staff in their use. Her emphasis will be on community colleges and colleges/universities with programs in the health sciences, health and science education, library science, emergency management and environmental health.

She also will assist in coordinating the Middle Atlantic Region’s educational programs.

Richard K. Zimmerman, a faculty member in the School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine and the Graduate

School of Public Health, is the recipient of the 2016 Curtis G. Hames Research Award.

Among the highest awards in family medicine, the Hames award honors individuals whose careers exemplify dedication to research in family medicine. The award is presented each year at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) spring conference.

The recipient is selected by a committee representing STFM, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the North American Primary Care Research Group.

Zimmerman, who has a joint appointment in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences in the Graduate School of Public Health, has been a Pitt faculty member since 1991.

He has dedicated his clinical career and much of his research

to improving the health of the disadvantaged. His clinical practice is based at the East Liberty Family Health Care Center, which provides care for the underserved. There, he has served on the quality assurance committee and as the health center’s immunization champion.

Zimmerman has over 200 publications on vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases and has led federally funded research projects on racial disparity and adult immunization and on ways to increase influenza vaccination rates. He is principal investigator for the Pittsburgh site for the U.S. Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness Network. He has won national awards for his research on economic barriers to immunization and for his curricular materials on immunization.

—Compiled by K. Barlow



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Compile events calendar for University Times beginning immediately or start of fall term. 15 hours/week, flexible schedule. Must be very organized & detail-oriented. Prefer freshman, sophomore or junior, but seniors are welcome to apply. Would like work-study-eligible student but not a requirement. Email resume with work history & contact information ASAP to utimes@pitt.edu.

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CALENDAR

May

Thursday 12

HR Workshop
“Excel 2013 Quick Start: Charts & Pivot Tables,” Vernon Franklin; 302 Bellefield Hall, 10 am (repeats May 19; register: hr.pitt.edu/fsdp)

Farmer’s Market
WPU driveway, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Sr. VC Laureate Lecture
“Development & Evolution of the Cerbral Cortex,” Pasko Rakic, Yale; Scaife lecture rm. 6, noon

CTSI Workshop
“Using Electronic Lab Notebooks,” Carrie Iwema, 7039 Forbes Twr., noon (www.ctsi.pitt.edu/registration.aspx?number=193)

Senate PUP Mtg.
272 Hillman, 2:30 pm

Education/Prevention Discussion
“Lyme Disease & Zika Virus,” PA Sen. Jay Costa & Karen Murphy, PA Dept. of Health secretary; Schenley Park Cafe & Visitor Ctr., 6:30-8 pm (www.senatorcosta.com)

Bradford Campus Lecture
“Finding New Worlds: The Search for Exoplanets,” Sam Mellon, U of Rochester, 107 Fisher, UPB, 7 pm

Friday 13

A&S/Society for Novel Studies Conf.
“Novel in or Against World Literature,” Wyndham U Ctr., 8:30 am-5 pm (keynote: “The Novel Astray: The Picaro in the World,” Katie Trumpener, Yale, Wyndham U Ctr., Schenley rms. I-IV, 12:30-2:15 pm; & keynote “Vanity’s Residue,” Tom McCarthy, UClub ballrm. B, 7 pm; www.sns2016.com/#!/schedule/cec5)

Molecular Biophysics/Structural Biology Research Symposium
Keynote: “Synthesis at the Interface of Chemistry & Biology,” Peter Schultz, Scripps Research Inst., 3:30 pm; FFA, 9 am-7 pm (mbsb.pitt.edu)

Saturday 14

A&S/Society for Novel Studies Conf.
“Novel in or Against World Literature,” Wyndham U Ctr., 8:30 am-5 pm (keynote: “How the West Was One, From Huck Finn to Hollywood,” Jed Esty, Penn; Wyndham U Ctr., Schenley rms. I-IV, 12:30-2:15 pm; www.sns2016.com/#!/schedule/cec5)

Monday 16

• **Summer 12-week, 6-week-1, 4-week-1 sessions enrollment period ends, classes begin.**

SAC/Benefits Refresher & Open Enrollment Updates
WPU ballrm., noon (register: sac.pitt.edu)

Senate EPC Mtg.
826 CL, 3 pm

Tuesday 17

• **Benefits open enrollment period ends.**

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Behavioral-Based Interviewing,” Mark Burdsall; 342 Craig, 9 am-12:30 pm

Senate CRC Mtg.
Homewood Children’s Village field trip, noon-2 pm, departing campus at 11:30 am (lhartman@pitt.edu or pet3@pitt.edu)

UPCI Research Seminar
“Intratumoral Heterogeneity: Cooperation of Cancer Cells in Breast Cancer,” Mei Zhang, developmental biology; Hillman Cancer Ctr., Cooper Conf. Ctr. rm. D, noon (toyg@upmc.edu)

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Starting or Completing an Undergraduate Degree or Certificate,” Kaitlin Jacob & Kim Phillips; 1400 Posvar, 12:30 pm (register: hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

Wednesday 18

• **Summer 4-week-1 & 6-week-1 sessions add/drop period ends.**

Pulmonary Hypertension Conf.
Pathology conf. rm., Montefiore 7 East, 7 am

SBDC Workshop
“The Mystery of the Cloud,” Ruth Wepfer, Wepfer & Assoc., & John White, Expedient; Rivers Club, 301 Grant St., Downtown, 7:30-10 am (register: www.entrepreneur.pitt.edu/events/the-mystery-of-the-cloud/)

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“P-Card Administration,” Rachel Walsh; 116 Atwood, 2nd fl. conf. rm., 9-11 am (register: www.hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Leadership & Effective Talent Development,” Ron Magnuson; 532 Alumni, 9 am-noon (register: www.hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

Engineering Seminar
“Quantitative Understanding of Microseismicity for Characterization & Development of Hydrocarbon & Geothermal Reservoirs,” Serg Shapiro, Freie Universitaet Berlin; 102 Benedum, 11 am

Pathology Seminar
“Making Large Group Teaching Interactive,” Carla Spagnoletti & Jennifer Corbelli, medicine; 1104 Scaife, noon (412-648-1040)

CTSI Workshop
“Implementing Ethical Conduct of Human Participant Research,” Karen Schmidt, 7039 Forbes Twr., noon (www.ctsi.pitt.edu/registration.aspx?number=194)

SAC Mtg.
102 Benedum, noon

Senate Council Mtg.
2700 Posvar, 3 pm

Dental/Oral & Maxillofacial Lecture
“Implants,” Mark Ochs; G33 Salk, 4-6 pm

Thursday 19

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Using Social Media for Career Development,” Kyshira Moffett; 342 Craig, 9-11 am (register: www.hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

Senate EIADAC Mtg.
826 CL, 11 am

Thrival Third Thursdays
Forbes Digital Plaza, Forbes & S. Bouquet, 11 am-2 pm

CTSI Workshop
“Building a Lab Culture,” Paula Davis, 7039 Forbes Twr., noon (www.ctsi.pitt.edu/registration.aspx?number=195)

Immunology Eberly Distinguished Lecture
“LC3-associated Phagocytosis: How Autophagy & Phagocytosis Collide at the Crossroads of Inflammation, Innate Immunity & Aging,” Douglas Green, St. Jude’s Children’s Hosp.; Scaife lect. rm. 6, noon

Friday 20

• **Summer term add/drop period ends.**

Bike to Work Day Commuter Cafe
Schenley Plaza, 7:30-9:30 am

Memorial Service
For Daniel Russell, professor emeritus in French & Italian languages & literatures, who died April 10; Heinz Chapel, 11 am

HSLs Workshop
“Painless PubMed,” Rose Turner; Falk Library classrm. 1, noon (rlt@pitt.edu)

UCSUR Seminar
“Exacting a Pound of Flesh: How Neighborhood Environments Contribute to Childhood Food Insecurity & Obesity,” Anna Santiago, U of MI; 3343 Forbes, noon (rsvp: swpa@pitt.edu)

Psychiatry Lecture
“Researchers on the Rise,” Marianne Seney & Ryan Logan; WPIC aud., noon (patrickfm@upmc.edu)

Senate Research Committee Mtg.
156 CL, 1 pm

Senate BPC Mtg.
1817 CL, 2 pm

Saturday 21

Dental Medicine Diploma Ceremony
Heinz Hall, Downtown, 1 pm (amb001@pitt.edu)

Monday 23

• **Summer 12-week add/drop period ends.**

Medicine Diploma Ceremony
Soldiers & Sailors, 4 pm (rlm33@pitt.edu)

Tuesday 24

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Different Like You,” Warren McCoy; 342 Craig, 9-11 am (register: www.hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

HR Workshop
“Microsoft Excel 2013 Fundamentals,” Vernon Franklin; 302 Bellefield Hall, 10 am-noon (register: hr.pitt.edu/fsdp)

SAC/Life Solutions Presentation
“The Opiate Crisis: Managing the Impact of Heroin & Other Drugs,” WPU Assembly Rm., noon (sac.pitt.edu)

Wednesday 25

Critical Care Medicine Grand Rounds
Steven Shapiro, UPMC; Scaife 1105AB, noon

Pathology Seminar
“Interplay Between the Mucosal Barrier & Leukocytes: New Paradigms & Challenges,” Charles Parkos, U of MI; Scaife lecture rm. 6, noon (412-648-1040)

Bernard Fisher Lecture
“PD-1 Blockade in Cancer Treatment: Precision Medicine Meets Immunotherapy,” Suzanne Topalian, Johns Hopkins; Scaife lecture rm. 6, 3:30 pm

Thursday 26

Pathology Fetterman Lecture
“Malignant Gastrointestinal Neuroectodermal Tumor as a Paradigm of Oncogenic Molecular Promiscuity,” Eduardo Zambrano, Stanford; Children’s Rangos 3rd fl. conf. rm., 8 am (412-648-1040)

Faculty/Staff Development Program
“Managing Staff Performance: Addressing the Need for Improvement,” Jane Volk; 211 Lawrence, 9-11 am (register: www.hr.pitt.edu/training-development/faculty-st)

HSLs Workshop
“Painless PubMed,” Rebecca Abromitis; Falk Library classrm. 1, noon (baa@pitt.edu)

Technology Planning Forum
WPU Assembly Rm., noon (www.pitt.co1.qualtrics.com)

Defenses

Public Health/Health Policy & Management
“Evaluating the Safety & Effectiveness of New Oral Anticoagulants in the Medicare Population,” Inmaculada Hernandez; May 13, 109 Parran, noon

A&S/Philosophy
“Planning for Failure,” Robert Steel; May 16, 1001B CL, noon

Medicine/Cellular & Molecular Pathology
“Leukocyte Specific Protein-1: A Novel Regulator of Hepatocellular Migration & Proliferation in Liver Regeneration & Cancer,” Kelly Koral; May 19, 520 Eye & Ear, 2 pm

Medicine/Chemistry
“Enantioselective Synthesis & Cycloisomerization of Bicycle [1.1.0] Butate,” Yongzhao Yan; May 19, 307 Eberly, 2 pm

SHRS/Rehabilitation Science & Technology
“Timing & Coordination of Gait: Impact of Aging, Gait Speed & Rhythmic Auditory Cueing,” Maha Almawani; May 24, 4060 Forbes Twr., 10 am

Exhibits

Falk Library
“Pictures of Nursing” postcard collection; main fl., through May 13

Barco Law Library
“Oracles & Vesicles,” Michael Walter; through May 27

Deadlines

People’s Oakland Gala
RSVP by May 16 for May 26 event

“Celebrate Recovery,” Schenley Plaza, 6-9 pm. (412-683-7140 x234; www.peoplesoakland.org/Home.html)

Benefits Open Enrollment
Changes must be made online by May 17. (www.hr.pitt.edu/open-enroll)

UPCI & IPM, Precision Medicine in Cancer & Other Disciplines Pilot Awards
Application deadline is June 1. (www.pwdbypinch.pitt.edu/PrecisionMedicine)

Event Deadline

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