

for instance, to download 750 copies of the complete works of Shakespeare every second.

With central hubs in Chicago and Los Angeles, the network will connect PSC and four other research centers in a unified national resource called the TeraGrid. Analogous to an electrical power grid, the TeraGrid will make computational power available to scientists and engineers, who will be able to submit their work without regard to the geographical location of the systems.

"This award will create the first wide-area computational grid encompassing tera-scale systems of differing architectures," PSC scientific directors Mike Levine and Ralph Roskies said in a joint statement. "This heterogeneity, which results from linking Pittsburgh and the TeraGrid, will enable new forms of science by coordinat-

powerful computing resource for public research in the country, will now be linked with other powerful systems on the fastest public research network. It's one more statement that the high-technology assets of this region are second to none."

"The Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center is well-known for pushing the boundaries of computational science and advanced networks," said Congressman Mike Doyle (D-18). "This expansion of technological infrastructure is good news for the country and for the Pittsburgh region because, once again, PSC is recognized as a leader in high-performance computing."

For PSC, the award also augments LeMieux with a new system based on "Marvel" servers from Hewlett-Packard.

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The new Helene Barco Duratz plaza, dedicated Oct. 3 at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville (UPT), contains both a clock similar to one that once stood in the entrance of the Chicago Stock Yard and the University of Pittsburgh insignia embedded in a brick walkway. Participating in the ceremony are (from left) Pitt Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Resources Management Robert F. Pack; UPT President Michael A. Worman; James J. Duratz, a member of the UPT Advisory Board and husband of the late Helene Barco Duratz; Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; and Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Maher. The plaza connects two portions of campus that divide the former McKinney estate and the J. Curtis McKinney II Student Union.

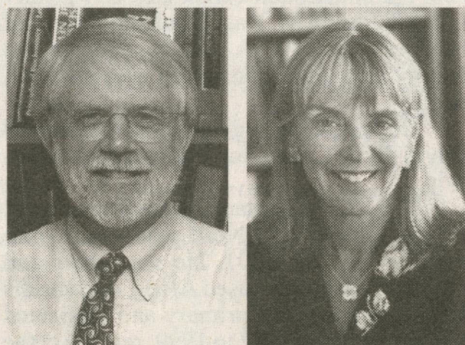
Matthews, Roberts Elected to Institute of Medicine

Their selection brings Pitt's IOM membership to 15

By Michele D. Baum

Two University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine faculty are among the 65 new members of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies, an organization with a broad mandate involving health care-related research and policy. The academies are the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the National Research Council.

New members include James M. Roberts, M.D., professor and vice chair for research in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, professor of epidemiology and director of the Magee-Womens Research Institute; and Karen A. Matthews, professor of psychiatry, epidemiology, and psychology and director



James M. Roberts and Karen A. Matthews of the cardiovascular behavioral medicine research training program at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and of the Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center.

"The Institute of Medicine is a leading body of accomplished and pioneering medical thinkers. Membership is earned and awarded by peers who are IOM members," said Arthur Levine, M.D., Pitt's senior vice chancellor for health sciences. "It is truly a tribute to the talents and expertise of Dr. Roberts and Dr. Matthews that they have been selected to join this influential group."

Current active members elect new members from among candidates chosen for their major contributions to health and medicine or to related fields such as social and behavioral sciences, law, administration, and economics. Election to the IOM is a sign of respect and an obligation to work on behalf of the organization's governance and studies.

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Women's Studies Marks 30th Anniversary

By Sharon S. Blake

From a handful of academic courses offered in 1972 to a robust curriculum that includes approximately 100 courses taught by 60 faculty members from diverse disciplines, Pitt's Women's Studies Program has made significant strides in its 30 years.

Women's Studies will commemorate that anniversary with a lecture and reception at 3 p.m. Thursday in The Pitt Club, 4010 O'Hara St., Oakland.

Guest speaker Rickie Solinger, historian and author of *Beggars and Choosers: How the Politics of Choice Shapes Adoption, Abortion, and Welfare in the United States*, will deliver a talk titled *Nine Ways of Looking at a Poor Woman*.

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care Without Coverage: Too Little, Too Late, a report summarizing the life consequences for Americans who have health insurance coverage and those who do not; *Dietary Reference Intakes for Energy, Total Fat, Fiber, Fat, Fatty Acids, Cholesterol, Protein, and Amino Acids*, which provides recommendations for appropriate intake of nutritional substances and calories

professor in the Department of Surgery, who was elected in 1994; Thomas E. Starzl, M.D., a pioneer in transplantation and professor of surgery, 1999; Nathan Hershey, professor of health law, Graduate School of Public Health, 1974; George H. Taber, former Pitt trustee and chair emeritus of the UPMC Health System board of directors, 1983; David J. Kupfer, M.D., professor and

professor of computer science, philosophy, and medicine, 1997; and Thomas Detre, M.D., distinguished service professor of Health Sciences and former senior vice chancellor for health sciences, 1998.

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RT's *Mumia* to open Nov. 8

By Ron Cichowicz

Kuntu Repertory Theatre will present *A Liberating Prayer: A Love Song for Mumia* Nov. 8 through 10 in the Seventh Auditorium of Alumni Hall.

Written by Sybil J. Roberts and directed by J. Morris, *Mumia* tells the story of lovers who find themselves at odds on the morning of a Free Mumia rally. The journey through time to find peace and strength in their life together and their quest to save Mumia Abu Jamal, an African American journalist whose conviction and sentence 20 years ago for the killing of a police officer has sparked a worldwide movement by thousands of people who feel unjustly convicted.

Sybil J. Roberts is a poet, playwright, and professor of theater arts at Howard University. Her work has been produced in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Grahamstown, South Africa. Her play *Dream of a Nation* was nominated for the 1999 Jeff Award for Best New Play in Chicago.

Liberating Prayer: A Love Song for Mumia recently premiered at Howard

University. Her poetry has been published recently in *Beyond the Frontier* (Black Classic Press, 2002), an anthology edited by E. Ethelbert Miller.

Morris is the managing director of Kuntu Repertory Theatre. Last season, she directed Kuntu's opening production, *Murderer on the Hill District*, as well as *Indigo Blues*, *Lifting*, *Miss Dessa*, and *Flyin' West* at Pittsburgh's New Horizon Theatre and *Get Ready*, *Checkmates*, and *Dancing on Moonlight* for the Pittsburgh New Works Festival.

Prior to the production Nov. 9, there will be a discussion of the Mumia case and the death penalty at 7 p.m. Participants include Dennis Brutus, professor emeritus in Pitt's Department of Africana Studies and an internationally known poet and leader of the struggle against apartheid in Africa; Lisa Freeland, an assistant federal public defender and advocate against the death penalty; and Marcus Redicker, a professor of history at Pitt and member of the Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty.

For more information or tickets, call 412/624-7298.



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LAUNCH KICKOFF University faculty and staff gathered in the Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall, for the Pitt-United Way Campaign 2002 kickoff breakfast on Oct. 17. The fund-raising goal this year is \$675,000, and managing the overall campaign is La Van, associate vice chancellor and national campaign manager for Institutional Advancement. Vice Chancellor for Community and Governmental Relations Gerald Clark and Jerry Martin, M.D., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, are co-chairs of the Pitt-United Way leadership effort.

Solinger is just one of a several participants in the Women's Studies Fall 2002 Speaker Series, which will run through Nov. 21. The complete schedule is at www.pitt.edu/~wstudies.

Irene Frieze, Pitt professor of psychology, was one of three women who founded the Women's Studies Program.

"When we created the program, we had to set our priorities," Frieze said. "Should we focus on outreach to the community and political issues or on academics? We decided on the latter."

Pitt Professor of English Mary Briscoe and Pitt Associate Professor of History Maurine Greenwald also were cofounders.

In addition to crafting strong academic courses, the founders established awards for scholarly research on women's issues and created a lecture series to bring leading feminist scholars to campus. As a result of those efforts, Frieze says, Pitt's Women's Studies Program enjoys a "solid academic reputation" today.

The Women's Studies Program awards certificates at the undergraduate, Master of Arts, and Ph.D. levels; current undergraduate

enrollment is 125, while 37 students are pursuing an M.A. certificate and 14 a Ph.D. certificate.

The graduate student certificate program, established in 1996, allows students who are pursuing or who already have a master's degree to earn a master's certificate in Women's Studies. Doctoral students, or those



Carol Stabile

who have a doctorate, can earn the Ph.D. certificate.

The program also awards two teaching fellowships each academic year.

"The graduate certificate is a valuable credential for those seeking teaching and research positions in higher education and those seeking careers working with women or girls in which gender issues are important," said Carol Stabile, director of the Women's Studies Program. "This could include public policy, media, community organizing, or agencies that serve women dealing with substance abuse, family violence, or other problems."

Stabile said that many employers view the Women's Studies certificate as "a professional plus," noting that the program "adds a unique intellectual dimension" to a student's course of study.