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 terascale 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-

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 of the cardiovascular behavioral medicine research training program at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of the Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center.

James M. Roberts and Karen A. Matthews

“Just as the new Heine 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 Heine Barco Duratz; Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg; and Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor James V. Mahler. The plaza connects two portions of campus that divide the former McKinney estate and the J. Curtis McKinney II Student Union.

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, Late, a report summarizing the life between Americans who have health insurance coverage and those who do not.

Nutrient Reference Intakes for Energy, Carbohydrate, Fiber, Fat, Fatty Acids, Cholesterol, Protein, and Amino Acids, which recommendations for appropriate intake of nutritional substances and calories

AIGN KICKOFF University faculty and staff gathered in the Connolly Ballroom, Ti Hall, for the Pitt-United Way Campaign 2002 kickoff breakfast on Oct. 17. Fundraising 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 G. W. Clark and Jerry Martin, M.D., assistant professor Obstetrics and Gynecology, cochairs of the Pitt-United Way leadership effort.

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Solinger is just one of a several participants in the Women's Studies 2002 Fall 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 co-founders.

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 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.

RT's Mumia to open Nov. 8

By Ron Cichowicz

RT's Kuntu Repertory Theatre will open "A Liberating Prayer: A Love Song from 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 a woman who finds herself at odds morning of a Free Mumia rally. Her story through time to find peace in her life together and their to save Mumia Abu Jamal, an African American journalist whose conviction and sentence 20 years ago for the killing of a police officer sparked a worldwide movement by thousands of people who feel unjustly convicted.

Roberts is a poet, playwright, and professor of theater arts at Howard University. Her play "Dream of a Dream" was nominated for the 1999 Jeff for Best New Play in Chicago. "A Liberating Prayer: A Love Song from 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, "Get Ready, Checkmates," at Pittsburgh's New Works Festival, 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.

Carol Stabile

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