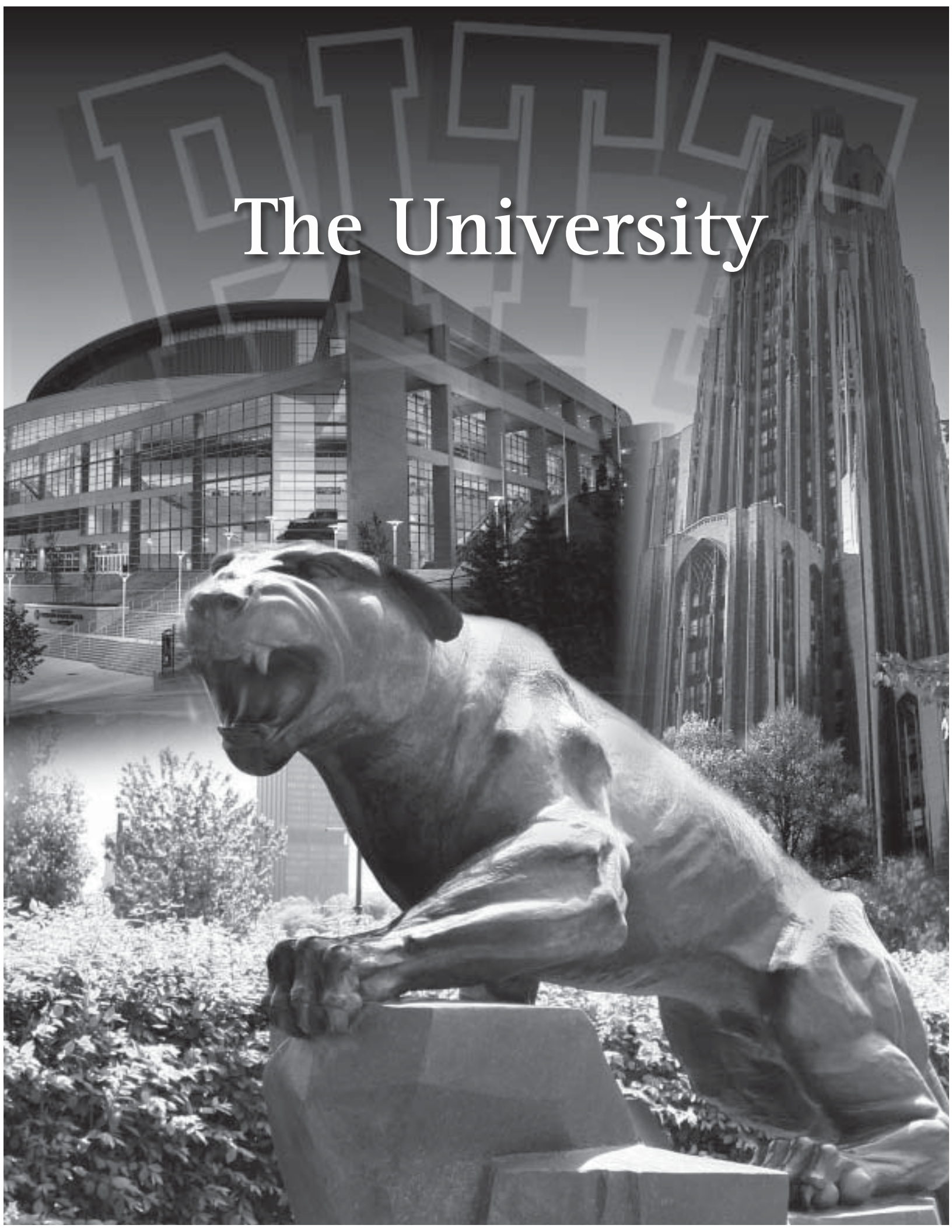


The University



CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mark A. Nordenberg



This past year was the 12th year of Mark Nordenberg's service as Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. It also was another very big year for Pitt.

It was big in terms of goals achieved, as we burst through the billion dollar mark in our capital campaign. It was big in terms of milestones observed, as we celebrated Pitt's 220th birthday. And it was big in terms of historic projects launched, as we began efforts to preserve the exterior of our signature building, the Cathedral of Learning.

According to Chancellor Nordenberg, however, this past year was another big year mainly because it brought continuing levels of very high performance. "In virtually every key area of institutional activity," he has said, "the people of Pitt added to our already enviable record of impact and achievement." Consider the following examples.

- In terms of student attainment, Pitt was the only public university in America to claim both Rhodes and Marshall Scholars in 2007, underscoring the fact that the development of truly outstanding students is one of our defining qualities.

- In terms of research strength, Pitt now ranks 7th among all American universities in terms of research grants competitively awarded to members of its faculty by the National Institutes of Health and is poised to climb even higher on that elite list.
- In terms of international impact, all four of Pitt's area studies centers, as well as its international business center, were re-designated national centers of excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. Pitt also was named one of the country's leading producers of both Fulbright Scholars and Peace Corps volunteers.
- In terms of community commitment, Pitt received national recognition as a "best neighbor" urban university, one of just seven major research universities identified as "saviors of our cities" for efforts dramatically strengthening the local economy and improving the quality of life in neighboring communities.

Perhaps the biggest news of the past year came when the Center for Measuring University Performance released its annual report on *The Top American Research Universities*. Building on a belief that "top universities have strength in research, private support, faculty, graduate and post-graduate programs, and quality undergraduates," the Center assesses institutional performance across nine objective measures. Pitt placed in its very top group of America's public research universities — joining Berkeley, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, UCLA and Wisconsin, which is very good company.

Chancellor Nordenberg consistently praises the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Pitt for all they have contributed to the University's dramatic and ongoing rise within the ranks of the nation's finest universities. Others have been quick to add that an exceptional senior leadership team also has been an essential ingredient. Acting on that belief, University trustees, alumni leaders and other key friends marked the end of the Chancellor's first decade in office by contributing \$2.5 million to endow

a faculty chair in his name. In announcing that unique gift, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ralph J. Cappy, who chairs the Pitt Board of Trustees, said of the Chancellor, “Your commitment to excellence, your valuing of people, your high personal integrity, and your plain, old-fashioned hard work have set a standard that is the foundation for our future.”

Chancellor Nordenberg joined the Pitt faculty thirty years ago, with what initially was just a nine-month appointment as a visiting assistant professor of law. When that first contract was extended, he quickly rose through the faculty ranks and served as Law School Dean of the School of Law from 1985 to 1993 and as Interim University Provost from 1993 to 1994. In 1994, he was elevated to the special faculty rank of Distinguished Service Professor. He was elected Interim Chancellor in 1995 and Chancellor in 1996.

While still a young faculty member, Chancellor Nordenberg was the initial recipient of the Law School’s Excellence-in-Teaching Award, which now is presented annually. The following year, he became one of the first recipients of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award. His area of academic specialty is civil litigation, and he has served as a member of both the U.S. Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Civil Procedural Rules Committee.

Among his many civic activities, Chancellor Nordenberg has chaired committees and commissions focused on such matters as the challenges facing the state’s urban schools, the development of an action plan for regional work force development, issues of governance in the Pittsburgh public schools, and the efficiency and effectiveness of city-county government. Reflecting his strong commitment to technology-based economic development, he is the founding board chair or co-chair of the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, the Pittsburgh Robotics Foundry, and The Technology Collaborative.

Chancellor Nordenberg serves on the board and executive committee of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and is a director of the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. He has received many special forms of recognition for his leadership within the University and the broader community. Among them, he was named Pittsburgh’s Person of the Year by both *Vectors Pittsburgh* and *Pittsburgh* magazine. He also has received the Chief Executive Leadership Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, Division II.



Chancellor Mark Nordenberg and wife Dr. Nikki Nordenberg with Bear.

His strong interest in University of Pittsburgh athletics long pre-dates his service as Chancellor. His commitment to excellence in athletics is reflected in the facilities that have been constructed, the people who have been recruited, and the programs that have been elevated in recent years. He served as Chair of the Big East Conference during its recent period of reorganization. He currently is a member of the Conference’s executive committee and also serves as the Big East’s representative to the Bowl Championship Series. He is a past member of the board and executive committee of the NCAA.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, Chancellor Nordenberg first moved to this region as a high school senior, when his father was transferred to Pittsburgh by U. S. Steel. He is an honors graduate of North Allegheny High School, Thiel College, and the University of Wisconsin Law School. He has been married for thirty-six years to Nikki Pirillo Nordenberg, who earned her Ph.D. at Pitt. The Nordenbergs have three adult children — Erin, Carl and Michael. All are graduates of the University’s Falk School. Erin also has a master’s degree from Pitt’s School of Information Sciences. The youngest member of the family is their dog, Bear. He has no Pitt degrees but is a fearsome fan of the Panthers.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Jeff Long



Visitors to the University of Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center may notice a striking photograph displayed throughout many of the offices within the Pitt Athletic Department.

The image features the profile of the impressive Panther statue that sits at the peak of Pitt's upper campus. Looming behind the Panther is the equally powerful Cathedral of Learning, the university's historic academic building that stretches 42 stories into the sky.

Emblazoned on a gold plaque beneath the picture are the words "Fulfilling Academic and Athletic Dreams."

The photograph was placed throughout the Events Center by Pitt athletic director Jeff Long to serve as a continuous and inspiring reminder of the department's daily mission.

The picture's blending of academic and athletic symbols is no coincidence. The image is reflective of Long's philosophy that intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of a university community that makes valuable contributions to the institution's overall educational mission.

Those principles have fueled the ambitions for Long's administration from the day he was appointed Pitt's athletic director in May 2003. *The Athletic Department will strive to help Pitt's more than 452 student-athletes achieve their goals — academically, athletically, personally and professionally.*

Lofty goals? Absolutely. But carrying such high aims has resulted in Pitt establishing itself as one of the Big East Conference's — and the country's — upwardly mobile athletic programs.

The first four years of Long's tenure have been characterized by winning performances on the fields of play, high achievement in the classroom and bold initiatives in the areas of facilities, development and overall student-athlete welfare.

One indication of Pitt's success was revealed in the *Sports Illustrated on Campus* All-Sport Rankings (December 2006), which listed the Panthers No. 17 nationally.

Still another more comprehensive view into Pitt's success was revealed when the university was visited by the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification this past year. A "certified" designation is given when an institution operates its athletics program in conformity with principles established by NCAA Division I membership.

Not only was the University of Pittsburgh recertified, but the NCAA peer review team described many areas of Pitt's program as "models for others to follow."

Under Long's guidance, Pitt is continuously looking for ways to break new ground, both in terms of achievement and in enhancing the student-athlete experience. Such thinking led to Long's collaboration with the Provost and his staff to create the new position of career and life skills coordinator for student-athletes, which has greatly strengthened the athletic department's developmental and educational efforts.

That mindset is also revealed in Pitt's ambitious facility plan for Olympic sports that includes future construction of new competitive venues for baseball, softball, soccer and track and field as well as the Pitt Band.

Such ambition and energy have led to some remarkable achievements over the last four years.

Among the highlights:

- In 2005, Pitt Athletics launched the "Quest for Excellence" campaign. The athletic department's "Quest" is focused on the enhancement of the Pitt student-athlete experience. It aims to increase endowed athletic scholarships, capital gifts for building and improvement projects and annual contributions for student-athlete scholarships. Just over two-and-a-half years into the campaign, nearly \$34 million has been raised.
- The unveiling of a sparkling new Olympic sports weight room in Fitzgerald Field House that greatly assists more than 300 student-athletes. Pitt also recently opened new training facilities for gymnastics and wrestling.

- Pitt hosting, and participating in, its first-ever women's NCAA basketball tournament. Pitt's Petersen Events Center was the site of opening-round games in 2007. The Panthers stormed to 24 victories on the year and advanced to the NCAA's second round where it gave eventual national champ Tennessee one of its toughest challenges of the tournament.
- The design of a new, yet familiar, uniform look — a block-style "PITT" logo that serves as the primary mark for each of the Panthers' 19 varsity teams. The logo is a nod to Pitt's historic tradition that maintains a style focused squarely on the future.
- A partnership with adidas that puts Pitt in an elite and exclusive group of schools nationwide. Each of the Panthers' 19 intercollegiate sports teams wear adidas shoes, uniforms and apparel, making Pitt one of the finest outfitted programs in the country.
- On the communications front, Long partnered Pitt with ISP Sports, a national leader in the collegiate sports marketing industry. Owning exclusive multimedia rights to Pitt Athletics, ISP is elevating the Panthers' program from local and regional markets to the national level. The monthly publication "Panther Eyes" was spawned from the ISP association and provides entertaining and insightful information for Pitt followers everywhere.
- Pitt continues to carry a high profile in one of the nation's largest media markets because of its radio partnership with Clear Channel Communications. Now entering its fourth year, the agreement has Pitt football and basketball simulcast on 50,000-watt 3WS and Fox Sports Radio 970. With a consistently growing network of affiliates, the Panthers enjoy unprecedented radio coverage. Significant expansion to pre- and postgame coverage for these sports has been a hit with the Panther Nation. Moreover, women's basketball games are now carried by Fox Sports 970, the program's first-ever commercial flagship station.
- Also on the media front, Long helped initiate "Panthers Weekly," a popular television program produced by FSN Pittsburgh that shines the spotlight on Pitt's entire athletic scene.

In addition to his efforts at Pitt, Long is also very active on the Big East and national scene.

This past spring he was named to the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group. Comprised of leading university and athletic administrators from across the country, the group is charged with developing strategies to enhance academic performance and graduation rates in Division I men's basketball.

Long has emerged as a lead athletic director voice for the Big East as it relates to the Bowl Championship Series. The Big East remains a valued member of the BCS and Pitt earned the conference's automatic berth in 2004, playing in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

He was appointed to serve as one of the Big East Conference's representatives on the 49-member NCAA Division I Management Council, which plays a vital role in legislative issues and oversees cabinets responsible for academic affairs, eligibility, compliance, championships and competition.

Long serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association, an influential organization dedicated to the welfare and future success of student-athletes.

In 2004 he was appointed to the NCAA's Sports Wagering Task Force, a group formed after a national study commissioned by the NCAA revealed a disturbing frequency of sports wagering among student-athletes.

Long's accomplishments and high aspirations during his time at Pitt are not surprising considering his outstanding professional and personal pedigree. He is cut from the mold of winners and has worked in many of the country's highest-profile conferences, including the Big 12, Big Ten, Big East and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Prior to his Pitt appointment, Long served as the senior associate athletic director at the University of Oklahoma for two-and-a-half years. He oversaw all external affairs, including development, marketing/promotions, licensing, media relations, ticket operations, radio/television and SoonerVision productions. He additionally was the primary administrator for football and men's basketball and the sport supervisor for baseball, wrestling and men's and women's golf.

Prior to Oklahoma, Long was the athletic director at Eastern Kentucky University. He significantly improved Eastern Kentucky's athletic infrastructure during his two years with the completion of several facility projects and the formation of viable corporate partnerships and sponsorships.



The Long Family (left to right): Jeff, Christina, wife Fanny and Stephanie.

Long also served a short tenure at Virginia Tech as associate athletic director prior to his Eastern Kentucky post. The majority of his career in collegiate athletic administration, though, was spent at the University of Michigan. Hired by legendary coach and athletic director Bo Schembechler, Long elevated through a number of administrative posts at Michigan before ultimately reaching associate athletic director.

Long has also held football coaching and administrative positions at Rice University, Duke University and North Carolina State University.

A 1982 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree in economics, Long earned seven varsity letters in football and baseball. He received his master's degree in education from Miami University (Ohio) in 1983 after serving as a graduate assistant football coach.

A native of Kettering, Ohio, Long is married to the former Fanny Gellrich of Ann Arbor, Mich. The couple has two children, Stephanie (13) and Christina (8).

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Big East Conference

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The 2006 BIG EAST Conference football season was one of the year's best stories. Each week seemed to bring with it memorable matchups and record-breaking feats. But it was the brilliant ending – a perfect 5-0 record in bowl games – that put the finishing touches on this BIG EAST best seller.

The league ended the 2006 regular season with a winning percentage of .800 in non-conference games (32-8 record) – the highest in the 16-year history of the conference. This mark included an 11-7 record against BCS Conference opponents. In addition, the final combined overall winning percentage of all BIG EAST football teams in '06 (.644) was the best of any Division I-A conference in the country.

Five of the eight BIG EAST teams went to bowl games and all five emerged victorious. The league captured wins in the FedEx Orange Bowl (Louisville), the Toyota Gator Bowl (West Virginia), the Texas Bowl (Rutgers), the PapaJohn's.com Bowl (USF) and the International Bowl (Cincinnati). The BIG EAST's 5-0 bowl mark was the best bowl record of any Division I-A conference in '06, earning the league ESPN's Bowl Challenge Cup. It was only the second time since the inception of the BCS that an automatic qualifying conference has gone undefeated in any one bowl season.

Three BIG EAST teams wound down the '06 campaign in the top 12 of the final Associated Press and *USA Today* Polls – Louisville (No. 6/7), West Virginia (No. 10/10) and Rutgers (No. 12/12).

In 2005, three new schools – the University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville and University of South Florida – joined Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia in the BIG EAST. The additions increased the football membership to eight schools and gave the BIG EAST a presence that ranged as far south as Tampa, Fla., and as far west as Louisville, Ky.

In the first season as the "new-look" BIG EAST in 2005, four conference schools earned trips to bowl games. West Virginia (11-1, 7-0 BIG EAST) finished the regular season unbeaten in league play for the first time since 1993 to win the conference title. Earning the BIG EAST's automatic Bowl Championship Series bid, West Virginia represented the conference in the 2006 Nokia Sugar Bowl in Atlanta. The Mountaineers defeated Georgia, 38-35, to finish the year fifth in the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll and sixth in the final *USA Today* Poll. Louisville was ranked 19th and 20th, respectively, in the final AP and *USA Today* polls.

Over the last six seasons, the BIG EAST has compiled one of the best winning percentages of any BCS conference in bowl games. BIG EAST Conference teams are 21-13 in postseason play since 2000.

The BIG EAST has been a frequent contender for the national championship. Eight times in the league's 16 seasons a BIG EAST squad has been in a bowl game, playing for a claim to the national crown.

The BIG EAST has always been proud of its football student-athletes for their academic achievements. In 2006, West Virginia senior linebacker Jay Henry was named the BIG EAST/Aeropostale Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Henry, along with Louisville junior quarterback Brian Brohm, also received *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA

Academic All-America First Team accolades. WVU senior center Dan Mozes earned second team recognition. In addition, Rutgers' senior fullback Brian Leonard was the recipient of the Draddy Trophy. Known in many circles as the "Academic" Heisman, the Draddy Trophy continues to be one of college football's most sought after and competitive awards, recognizing an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership.

Since its birth, the BIG EAST has been a national power both on and off the field. Commissioner Michael Tranghese served as coordinator of the BCS for two years from 2002-03. He has spearheaded the development of BIG EAST football since its beginning.

The BIG EAST Conference's entrance into football was announced on February 5, 1991. The league gained instant notice and credibility with its level of excellence on the field and with its television and bowl relationships. The BIG EAST has been a charter member of each of the major bowl agreements with the major conferences, beginning with The Bowl Coalition in 1992 followed by The Bowl Alliance in '95. The Bowl Championship Series began in '98.

Extensive television exposure and the BIG EAST have been synonymous terms. For football, the league established its own regional television package in 1991 before it had played a game. The BIG EAST Television Network immediately was the largest regional college football network in the country.

The BIG EAST has television agreements with ABC and ESPN that run through the 2007 season. Both agreements ensure that ABC or ESPN telecasts a BIG EAST game virtually every week of the year. The BIG EAST and ESPN have already agreed on a new six-year contract that will further enhance the league's exposure. The new agreement will begin with the 2008 regular season and run through 2013.

Of the 73 games played this past season involving BIG EAST teams, 29 of them were seen on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2. In addition, 37 others were seen on either ESPN Regional, ESPNU, ESPN360, FSN, CSTV or the NFL Network.

ESPN Regional Television owns broadcasting rights for all telecasts not assigned to ABC or ESPN. ERT, which took over for the BIG EAST Network in 1996, produces and distributes additional games, including a BIG EAST Game of the Week, through syndication, local markets and pay-per-view.

The BIG EAST has always aligned itself with prestigious bowl games. The league is one of the original founders of the Bowl Championship Series and continues to be one of only six conferences that receive an automatic annual bid.

The BIG EAST Conference champion earns the league's automatic BCS bid. The BCS – which enters its ninth season in 2007-08 – is a five-game arrangement for postseason college football that is designed to match the two top-rated teams in a national championship game and to create exciting and competitive matchups between eight other highly regarded teams in four other BCS games.

If the BIG EAST champion finishes No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS standings, then that team will earn a spot in the BCS National Championship Game. Otherwise, the league champion will compete in one of the four remaining

BCS bowl games – the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl or the Rose Bowl. Each bowl hosts two games once every four years – its traditional game plus a National Championship contest approximately one week later.

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration among Division I conferences and football bowl partners, the BIG EAST and Big 12 Conferences – along with Notre Dame – forged a bowl partnership beginning in '06. This agreement assures both BCS Conferences' and Notre Dame's participation in the Toyota Gator Bowl and Brut Sun Bowl over a four-year period. The Toyota Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl will pick a BIG EAST team after the league's representative to the Bowl Championship Series has been determined. The Atlantic Coast Conference will provide the opposition in the Toyota Gator Bowl (CBS) and the Pac-10 Conference will participate in the Brut Sun Bowl (CBS).

The Toyota Gator Bowl has the first selection at the conclusion of each season. During the four years of the deal, the BIG EAST (or Notre Dame) will send a team to both the Gator Bowl and the Sun Bowl twice.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl is now in its sixth year with the BIG EAST Conference. The Meineke Car Care Bowl, which is played in Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., picks after the Toyota Gator Bowl or Brut Sun Bowl.

In 2006, the BIG EAST entered into a four-year agreement to participate in the Texas Bowl versus an opponent from the Big 12 Conference. During the four-year agreement, the BIG EAST is guaranteed to play in the bowl game twice (2006 and 2008). The Texas Bowl is played at the state-of-the-art Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

The BIG EAST Conference also aligned itself with two new bowls beginning last season – the International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario, and the PapaJohn's.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. The agreements give the BIG EAST a total of six bowl deals. In the International Bowl, the BIG EAST faces a team from the Mid-American Conference. In the PapaJohn's.com Bowl, the BIG EAST plays a team from Conference USA.



Big East Conference Commissioner Michael Tranghese

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DR. FREDDIE FU

Dr. Freddie H. Fu begins his 21st year of service to the Pitt athletic program as head team physician and orthopaedic surgeon.

Freddie H. Fu, M.D., has been the chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) since 1997, where he is the David Silver Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Fu is known worldwide for his pioneering surgical techniques to treat sports-related injuries to the knee and shoulder and his extensive scientific and clinical research in the biomechanics of such injuries. Because of his reputation, Dr. Fu attracts both athletic and non-athletic patients from all over the globe.

He also was instrumental in the establishment of the Sports and Preventive Medicine Institute in 1985. Under Dr. Fu's medical directorship, the facility – now called the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine – has grown into one of the world's largest, most comprehensive and highly regarded sports medicine clinical and research centers. In 2000, this world-class center moved to its new home within the expansive, state-of-the-art UPMC Sports Performance Complex. The complex, partly designed by Dr. Fu, also houses the indoor and outdoor training facilities of the University of Pittsburgh Panthers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dr. Fu holds secondary appointments at the university as professor of physical therapy and health physical and recreational education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. He also established the University of Pittsburgh's Sports Medicine Fellowship Program, which attracts physicians from all over the world to learn surgical techniques and conduct research with Dr. Fu and his colleagues in the department of orthopaedic surgery.

More than 70 professional awards and numerous major research grants garnered by Dr. Fu are the result of his efforts in clinical, basic scientific and biomechanical research concerning sports medicine and orthopaedic surgery. In 1996, the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) honored Dr. Fu with the President's Challenge Award for his tutelage in advancing the quality of health care related to sports medicine. In 2002, Dr. Fu became the sponsor of the annual NATA New Investigator Award, and he was named as one of three University of Pittsburgh Distinguished Alumni Fellows because of his "inspiration to countless students, athletes, colleagues and the broader community."

DR. DAVID STONE

David Stone begins his 16th season as a team physician for the University of Pittsburgh, and his seventh season with the football program. He graduated from New York University in 1976 and from New Jersey Medical School

in 1980. After completing his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Rusk Institute and sports medicine fellowship, he started a practice in New Jersey and was a medical consultant for the New York Giants for two years. Since joining the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1990 he has also worked as an assistant company physician at Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and as team physician for Point Park University. Dr. Stone has published numerous research studies in major sports medicine and orthopaedic journals.

VONDA WRIGHT, M.D.

Vonda Wright, M.D., begins her first season as team physician for the University of Pittsburgh. She is an orthopaedic surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) who specializes in sports medicine and cartilage repair. Dr. Wright sees patients in the clinic at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, and performs surgery at UPMC Shadyside and UPMC South Side. One of few women in the field of orthopaedic surgery, she is assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

With a research interest in aging athletes, Dr. Wright is the founder and director of UPMC's Performance and Research Initiative for Masters Athletes (PRIMA), a comprehensive clinical service and conditioning program for both elite and recreational athletes over the age of 40. She was the research coordinator for the 2005 Summer National Senior Games – The Senior Olympics, held in Pittsburgh. Since 2003, Dr. Wright has been looking at health research data related to Senior Olympians, with the hypothesis that athletes over age 40 who maintain high levels of functional capacity and quality of life throughout their life spans may be the best model of healthy aging, free from the variable of disuse. Such research findings may assist physicians in caring for older active adults more effectively.

Dr. Wright's research has been rewarded in the form of grants, numerous awards, peer-reviewed publications and international and national presentations. Her other research interests include muscle and tendon aging, gene therapy for the enhancement of bone healing, and osteoporosis in men.

She first came to Pitt in 1999 as an orthopaedic surgery resident. She had completed a research fellowship in Pitt's Musculoskeletal Growth & Development Lab under the direction of Johnny Huard, Ph.D., and was one of only 10 residents to participate in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Clinician Scientist Development Program. Following the 2005 Summer Games, Dr. Wright completed a one-year Sports Medicine and Upper Extremity Fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Ill.; her master's degree in oncology nursing from Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, and her medical degree from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago.

PITT SPORTS MEDICINE

More than 500 University of Pittsburgh student-athletes receive medical care provided by the University's athletic training program.

The University of Pittsburgh has a proud tradition of athletic training education. The undergraduate program is accredited by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA). Pittsburgh also provides graduate education at the master's and doctoral level.

Established in 1975, the athletic training program prepares students for a career in the multidisciplinary field of sports medicine. Upon completion of the athletic training education program, the student is eligible for the NATA administered certification examination.

Pittsburgh athletes receive treatment in two athletic training rooms. Each sport has a full-time certified athletic trainer or certified graduate assistant and student athletic trainers assigned to provide medical coverage during all practices and games. The staff is dedicated to providing all aspects of prevention, evaluation, management and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses.

The sports medicine staff also runs a sports medicine clinic at the UPMC Sports Performance Complex for all athletes to be evaluated by one of the sports medicine physicians. The South Side structure, which includes the Center for Sports Medicine, an indoor practice facility, four grass practice fields, and the Sports Performance Complex combines the resources of a major academic and clinical system with professional and collegiate sport team programs. This clinic provides the athletes with an opportunity to be seen by specialists as well as providing the student athletic trainer with an outstanding learning environment.

The clinic is staffed by Dr. Freddie H. Fu and is assisted by orthopaedic surgeons Dr. Christopher Harner, co-head team physician; Dr. David Stone, associate team physician; assistant team physicians Dr. Mark Rodosky, Dr. Robin West and Dr. Vonda Wright; Dr. Tanya Hagen, neurosurgeon; Dr. Dade Lunsford, neurosurgeon; Mark Lovell, Ph.D. and Michael Collins, Ph.D., neuropsychologists and concussion specialists; five sports medicine fellows: Sam Robinson, Matthew Pombo, Alexis Colvin, Brian Forsythe, Marvin Lo; and primary care sports medicine fellows Thomas Sisk and Scott Wissink. In addition, a staff of consulting specialists is available at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to assist in providing quality medical treatment for Pittsburgh student-athletes.

Fight on for dear old Pittsburgh

*And for the **glory** of the game*

*Show our worthy foe that the **Panther's** on the go*

*Pitt must **win** today! **Rah! Rah! Rah!***

***Cheer** loyal sons of Pittsburgh*

***Cheer** on to victory and fame*

*For the **Blue and Gold** shall conquer as of old*

So fight, Pitt, fight!



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



PITT

*The achievement of our past...
inspires our present...and drives our future.*

2007 PITT SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1	EASTERN MICHIGAN	Sept. 29	@ Virginia	NOV. 3	SYRACUSE*
SEPT. 8	GRAMBLING STATE	OCT. 10	NAVY	Nov. 17	@ Rutgers*
Sept. 15	@ Michigan State	OCT. 20	CINCINNATI*	NOV. 24	SOUTH FLORIDA*
SEPT. 22	CONNECTICUT*	Oct. 27	@ Louisville*	Dec. 1	@ West Virginia*

ALL HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT HEINZ FIELD

* Indicates Big East Conference game