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The past academic year was Mark Nordenberg's fifteenth year of service as Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. It was a year that presented a broad range of serious challenges – for the world's economy and for higher education generally, as well as for the University. It also was a year of extraordinary accomplishment for Pitt, clearly reflecting a determined commitment to ensure that institutional momentum was maintained and that Pitt continued to build strength, even in the aftermath of what now is known as the "Great Recession." Consider the following telling examples of position and progress.

- For the fourth consecutive year, Pitt was ranked in the very top cluster of the nation's public research universities in *The Top American Research Universities*, an objective assessment undertaken annually by the Center for Measuring University Performance. The other distinguished universities in that top group were Berkeley, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, UCLA and Wisconsin.

- Pitt was among the top five universities, private or public, in terms of the research grants competitively won by members of its faculty from the National Institutes of Health – joining Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn and the University of California at San Francisco.
- Pitt also ranked among the top ten universities nationally in terms of total federal science and engineering research and development support. The other universities in that "top ten" are Johns Hopkins, Washington, Michigan, Penn, UCLA, Duke, Columbia, Stanford and the University of California at San Francisco.
- For the third time in five years, a Pitt undergraduate was named a Rhodes Scholar. Since only thirty-two Rhodes Scholars are selected annually from among the very best students at the country's best universities, this is a truly noteworthy accomplishment. In fact, only four public universities have claimed three Rhodes Scholarships in the last five years – Florida State, North Carolina, UCLA and Pitt.

- Pitt was ranked as the nation's top public university in last year's edition of *Saviors of our Cities: A Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships*, a well deserved acknowledgment of a very strong record of community commitment. The University also received national recognition as one of the best places for biomedical researchers to work, as one of America's most "veteran friendly" universities, and as one of the country's best employers of people over fifty.

Pitt's progress over a more extended period of time can be measured in a number of ways. Because the University's principal missions are education and research, two indicators of growing stature, as measured by the marketplace, are especially telling. From 1995 to 2010, applications for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Oakland campus have nearly tripled, climbing from 7,800 to more than 22,600. During that same period, the University's annual research expenditures more than tripled, growing from \$240 million in 1995 to \$735 million in 2010. Those dollars not only fund pioneering work and are a recognized sign of institutional strength but also support large numbers of local jobs. In fact, applying standard conventions, Pitt now supports, directly and indirectly, close to 26,500 jobs through its research expenditures alone.

Any institution of higher learning makes many of its most important contributions through the work of its graduates, and the recognition earned by Pitt alumni would be the envy of any university. Among many other honors, during the past decade graduates of the University of Pittsburgh have claimed the Nobel Peace Prize, the Nobel Prize in Medicine, the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the National Medal of Science (this country's highest scientific honor), the Fritz Medal in Engineering (that discipline's highest honor), the Shaw Prize in Medicine (awarded in Hong Kong and also known as "the Nobel of the East") and the Albany Prize in Medicine (this country's largest award in that discipline).

The stature of any university also is directly dependent on the achievements of its faculty, and Pitt faculty members continue to claim the highest honors in their fields. Examples reflecting the breadth of faculty accomplishment include election to such prestigious societies as the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Academy of Education, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Educational Research Association, and the World Academy of Art and Science. Looking to the

future, it may be especially telling that more junior members of the Pitt faculty regularly claim the most prestigious “early career” awards for their high potential work.

Over the course of his years in office, Chancellor Nordenberg has received many forms of professional recognition for his own accomplishments. Among other honors, he has been named Pittsburgh’s Person of the Year by both Vector’s Pittsburgh and *Pittsburgh* magazine. Even more recently, he was named a History Maker by the Senator John Heinz History Center, was awarded the Homer S. Brown Law Association’s Spirit Award, and received the Presidential Leadership Award from six national foundations and professional organizations for his efforts to promote a vibrant intellectual and social campus climate that de-emphasizes alcohol.

To celebrate the remarkable progress achieved during his first decade as Chancellor, University trustees, alumni leaders and special friends contributed \$2.5 million to endow a faculty chair in his name. At the time of that announcement, the late Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy, then the Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, stated: “This endowed chair indicates the extraordinary esteem in which we hold Mark Nordenberg, not only as an individual and a leader who has brought the University to an unprecedented level of success and achievement but also as a true academic at heart. And for a person who is a true academic, the highest honor one can bestow is to endow a faculty chair in his or her name in perpetuity.”

Chancellor Nordenberg joined the faculty of Pitt’s School of Law in 1977 and quickly built a reputation as an outstanding teacher. He was the initial recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award now presented annually by the School’s graduating class. He also was one of the first faculty members to receive the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award, recognizing teaching excellence university-wide. 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.

Earlier in his career, Chancellor Nordenberg served as Dean of the School of Law and Interim Provost of the University. In 1994, he was elevated to the special faculty rank of Distinguished Service Professor. In 1995, he was elected Interim Chancellor by the University’s Board of Trustees, and in 1996, following a national search, he was elected Chancellor.

Chancellor Nordenberg has long been an active contributor to the broader community, leading efforts focused on such key issues as the proposed consolidation of city and county governments, the challenges facing the state’s urban schools, the work force development needs



Chancellor Mark Nordenberg and his wife Dr. Nikki Nordenberg in one of the Cathedral of Learning’s 27 nationality classrooms.

of the region, and issues of governance in the city’s public schools. He served as the founding chair or co-chair of such technology-driven economic development initiatives as the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, the Robotics Foundry, and the Technology Collaborative. He is a past Chair of both the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities and the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education. He also is a member of the board and executive committee of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and a Director of Bank of New York Mellon.

Chancellor Nordenberg is a strong supporter of Pitt athletics. He is a past Chair of the Big East Conference and currently serves on its executive committee. He is a past member of the NCAA’s board of directors and its executive committee. He also serves as the Big East representative to the Presidential Oversight Committee of the Bowl Championship Series.

Chancellor Nordenberg has long recognized that a vibrant athletic program not only serves as a unifying force within the University but provides a critical link to the broader community. He also recognizes that success in competition is just one measure of a program’s worth.

Pitt student-athletes also are a source of pride because of the way that they represent our University, contribute to the broader community, and achieve academically. During the last year, 141 Pitt student-athletes earned a grade-point-average between 3.0 and 3.49; 93 earned GPA’s between 3.5 and 3.99; and twelve student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average. A member of our women’s volleyball team (Meagan Dooley) was named the overall female scholar-athlete of the year by the Big East Conference, and a member of our football team (Conor Lee) was named the 2008 Big East scholar-athlete of the year in that sport.

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 nearly 40 years to Nikki Pirillo Nordenberg, who earned her Ph.D. at Pitt. The Nordenbergs have three adult children – Erin, Carl and Michael – each of whom is a graduate of the University’s Falk Laboratory School. Erin also earned a graduate degree from Pitt’s School of Information Sciences.

# ATHLETIC DIRECTOR STEVE PEDERSON

2010 PITT FOOTBALL



In an increasingly challenging age for intercollegiate sports, the success of the University of Pittsburgh's athletic department is nothing short of impressive.

By any measure – be it victories on the field of play, student-athlete graduation rates or rising attendance figures – Pitt Athletics is enjoying a new golden era.

The architect of the Panthers' 21st century renaissance is Steve Pederson. Now entering his 10th year as Pitt's athletic director, Pederson's leadership has ushered in an exciting new age of heightened achievement – and an anticipation of even greater accomplishments in the future.

The key to accomplishment, Pederson believes, is aspiration – the Panthers will work hard and aim high in every endeavor. That philosophy resonates with each Pitt student-athlete and staffer, and is the driving spirit behind his department mantra of "Only Big Dreams."

His ability to galvanize people and programs prompted Pitt chancellor Mark Nordenberg to say, "In my judgment, and this assessment is shared by countless others, Steve Pederson is one of this country's most talented and accomplished athletic directors."

Indeed, each year of his tenure has witnessed new points of pride for Pitt Athletics. The 2009-10 academic year was no exception – and it has the Panther Nation eagerly anticipating the possibilities for 2010-11.

Success was plentiful in the athletic arena this past year. Pitt's most visible sports, football and men's basketball, boasted Top 20 rankings. Football won 10 games, including a stirring bowl victory over North Carolina, and finished 15th in the final polls. Basketball continued its remarkable run by earning a ninth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth, the longest active streak in the Big East.

This success prompted CBS Sports to list Pitt as one of the five best combination football and basketball programs in the entire country.

Other notable achievements included a historic campaign for the Pitt wrestling team, which captured its first-ever Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) championship; a 38-victory season for baseball, which spent the majority of the year in the Top 25; and a fifth consecutive postseason berth for women's basketball.

Individually, Pitt student-athletes earned All-America and Academic All-America honors, while continuing to graduate and achieve in the classroom at unprecedented levels. An impressive 269 student-athletes earned grade-point averages of 3.0 or above this past year, including 12 who achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Volleyball's Meagan Dooley exemplified the best of both academics and athletics at Pitt. An All-America performer on the court, Dooley was also a 4.0 student while earning a dual degree in special education and liberal arts. An NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, she was honored as the Big East's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Volleyball Player of the Year.

And Pitt student-athletes continued to make their presence felt in the community, contributing more than 2,600 hours of charitable work for various organizations around Western Pennsylvania and beyond in 2009-10.

Momentum for Pitt Athletics under Pederson's watch was obvious in other areas as well.

The Pitt Athletic Department was the recipient of a generous and substantial gift from alumnus John Petersen and his wife Gertrude for the construction of the Panthers' new Olympic Sports Complex. The facility, to be named the Petersen Sports Complex, is being built on 12 acres at the peak of Pitt's upper campus, and will provide state-of-the-art homes for the Panthers' baseball, softball and men's and women's soccer teams. The Petersen Sports Complex will not only give Pitt student-athletes nationally competitive facilities, but it also will rejuvenate a previously untapped area of land that neighbors the University of Pittsburgh campus. The facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 2011.

On the media front, Pederson orchestrated a partnership with CBS Radio Pittsburgh, giving Pitt football and basketball a powerful new flagship home in KDKA-FM 93.7 The Fan beginning in the fall of 2010. With coverage that blankets the tri-state area, 93.7 The Fan will broadcast not only Pitt games but also an array of compelling ancillary programming.

Additionally, Pitt women's basketball gained a new radio home in 1320 WJAS-AM. One of Pittsburgh's most historic radio stations, WJAS will provide live play-by-play action of each regular-season and postseason game for the Panthers in 2010-11, marking the first time the Pitt women's basketball program has enjoyed such coverage.

Pederson's efforts also produced a new athletics apparel partnership with NIKE, making the Panthers one of the finest outfitted programs in the country. Each of the Panthers' 19 intercollegiate sports teams wear NIKE footwear, uniforms, practice gear and equipment. The long-term agreement outfits more than 450 student-athletes at Pitt.

The excitement surrounding Pitt Athletics is also evident at the turnstiles. Pitt men's basketball once again enjoyed a strong homecourt advantage with the 12,508-seat Petersen Events Center soldout for an eighth consecutive year. Moreover, attendance for Pitt football at Heinz Field has jumped 60% over the past two years, a trend that figures to continue into the 2010 season.

This success – on the field, in the classroom and various other areas – comes as no surprise to those familiar with Pederson's track record. His return to Pitt in November 2007 gave the Pitt Athletic Department an instant shot of adrenaline that continues to be felt, and built upon, three years later.

His initial Pitt tenure, from 1996-2002, was characterized by a dramatic revitalization of the Panthers' fortunes, building the foundation for the success the Pitt Athletic Department enjoys today.

During his first Pitt tenure, Pederson hired six Big East Conference Coach-of-the-Year honorees (football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, track and field and volleyball), an unprecedented achievement by a Big East athletic director.

In 1999 he charged an unknown coach from Northern Arizona University with the task of resurrecting the Panthers' struggling men's basketball program. That coach, Ben Howland, would build Pitt into a Big East power and was named the consensus National Coach of the Year in 2002.

Pitt, which had not been to the NCAA Tournament in nine years, advanced to the "Sweet 16" in 2002 after posting a school-record 29 victories. The following season, Pitt would reach No. 2 in the polls, capture its first Big East Tournament championship and again advance to the NCAA regional semifinals. Since that time, Pitt basketball has become one of the nation's most consistent winners. Over the past eight seasons, Pitt has earned an RPI ranking of No. 3, trailing only No. 1 Duke and No. 2 Kansas.

Pitt basketball coach Jamie Dixon, a two-time National Coach of the Year, recalled how instrumental Pederson was in helping to lure him to Pittsburgh to serve with Howland a decade ago.

"Steve was the person who originally convinced me to come to the University of Pittsburgh back in 1999," said Dixon, who enters his eighth year as Pitt's head coach and 12th overall. "He has continued to be a tremendous friend and a person I have regularly sought out for advice and direction over the years...Everyone in our department is going to benefit from his leadership."

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Pitt football also was renewed under Pederson's watch. Upon his arrival, the Panthers were coming off seven consecutive seasons without a bowl. By the end of his tenure, Pitt earned four bowl berths in six years, including back-to-back postseason wins in 2001 and 2002. The '02 team finished 9-4, the program's best mark in 20 years, and ranked No. 18 in the final polls.

One of the stars of that 2002 team was receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who would become a unanimous All-American and now is an All-Pro performer for the Arizona Cardinals.

"When I decided to go to Pitt, it was for many reasons – a great school, a great football tradition and great people," Fitzgerald said. "Steve Pederson was one of those great people who made me feel like Pitt was the place for me. I couldn't be happier that Steve is back."

While Pederson was instrumental in helping to revive Pitt football's present, he was very attentive to honoring the program's historic past. One of his first major steps as athletic director was to retire the jerseys of all-time Pitt greats Mike Ditka, Marshall Goldberg and Joe Schmidt. Pederson later initiated the Pitt jersey retirement of Mark May, the Panthers' lone Outland Trophy winner.

Pitt enjoyed tremendous achievements in attendance under Pederson. In NCAA Division I men's basketball, Pitt ranked among the nation's top five schools in attendance increase for two consecutive years (2001-02 and 2002-03). The 2002-03 basketball season – the inaugural campaign in the 12,508-seat Petersen Events Center – was sold out. Capitalizing on the exciting and unanticipated success of the 2001-02 basketball team, Pitt held a highly successful "select your seat" campaign for prospective season-ticket holders that simultaneously achieved customer satisfaction as well as enhanced fundraising.

In football, Pederson formed a marketing and ticket pricing plan that resulted in record attendance for the 2003 season. Season tickets were sold out for the '03 campaign as the Panthers averaged an all-time record 59,197 fans for their home season, surpassing the previous mark of 54,818 set in 1982.

Pederson's tenure has witnessed a major strengthening of Pitt's athletic infrastructure. With Chancellor Nordenberg, he helped shape the vision of the Petersen Events Center, the state-of-the-art convocation center that dramatically revolutionized Pitt's campus upon its opening in 2002.

The Events Center is widely considered one of the finest college basketball venues in the country and has also been a major asset for student life, providing outstanding recreational facilities and a fitting place for graduation ceremonies.



The Pederson Family (left to right): Daughters Kari and Kristin; Steve and wife Tami; son Mark with his wife Brooke.

Pederson was at the forefront of the football program's move into the UPMC Sports Performance Complex, which included the forging of a unique relationship between UPMC, a professional sports franchise and college athletic program. He personally oversaw the design and layout of the Panthers' Duratz Athletic Complex, which houses Pitt's football offices and training areas, and has been described as the finest facility for a college football program in the country.

Pitt football gained a sparkling new home in Heinz Field under Pederson's watch in 2001. The Panthers gained a prominent presence at the new stadium with their logos on the seating, gates and signage. Pederson additionally initiated the renaming of Martindale Street to "Tony Dorsett Drive" to further enhance Pitt's identity on the North Shore.

"Steve Pederson made many important contributions during his first tenure as Pitt's athletic director from which the university is still seeing the benefits today," said Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney. "He played an integral role in the development of Heinz Field and the UPMC Sports Performance Complex where both Pitt and the Steelers run their football operations."

Fitzgerald Field House underwent a major renovation in 1998-99, providing Pitt's Olympic sports programs with new locker and training facilities. Trees Field also underwent major upgrades to accommodate both baseball and Pitt's new softball program.

During his five years at Nebraska (2002-07), Pederson was also at the forefront of significant facilities construction, including a \$51 million expansion to Memorial Stadium. The project resulted in new football facilities as well as new strength, sports medicine and indoor facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and sand volleyball. Additionally, the women's volleyball, gymnastics and rifle teams received a new office complex. Athletics fundraising doubled over his final four years, going from \$9 million annually in 2003 to \$16 million his final year.

Nebraska achieved at exceptional levels athletically and academically during his tenure. In 2006-07, the Cornhuskers won the national championship in women's volleyball, while the football team won the 2006 Big 12 North title and advanced to its first New Year's Day bowl game since 2001. Overall, 15 Nebraska teams earned NCAA invitations. Academically, Nebraska earned a school-record 94% graduation rate, the highest in the Big 12 as Cornhusker student-athletes achieved a combined 3.0 grade-point average during the 2007 spring semester.

Pederson and his wife Tami have three children: Mark, Kari and Kristin. Mark was married to the former Brooke Gillette in 2009.

# HEINZ FIELD



## Owner

Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

## Architect

HOK Sports

## Construction Manager

Hunt Construction Group/Mascaro (A Joint Venture)

## Ground Breaking

June 18, 1999

## Square Footage

1.49 million square feet

## Seating Capacity

65,050 seats (19-21 inch wide, all with cup holders)

## Club Seating

7,300 seats (20-21 inch wide)

## Suites

1,544 seats (129 suites totaling over 38,000 square feet)

## Club Lounges

3 — East & West Club approximately 45,000 square feet, North Club 20,000 square feet.

## Concessions

47 concession stands.

## Merchandise

15 novelty locations.

## Pitt Locker Room

4,600 square feet.

## Scoreboard

28 x 96 Daktronics Video Board. Two 16 x 9 or one 4 x 1 aspect ratio can be shown on the screen. The aspect ratio is two times wider than a widescreen TV.

## Television Sets

500 televisions linked to main scoreboard to automatically display special notifications about the game in progress.

## Playing Surface

The turf is a blend of four varieties of Kentucky Bluegrass, covering just over two acres. The soil is a 12-inch, sand-based root zone, meeting USGA specifications for particle size. Under the root zone approximately 40 miles of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch piping heat the soil. Below the heating system there is a four-inch layer of

pea gravel containing drain pipes that empty into a 22-inch collector pipe that surrounds the perimeter of the field.

## Sight Lines

60 feet from sideline to first row and 25 feet from end zone to first row.

## Escalators

5

## Elevators

7 Passenger and 2 Freight

## Pedestrian Ramps

4

## Coca-Cola Great Hall

Located on the ground level of the East side of Heinz Field. The Coca-Cola Great Hall is home to University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Steelers memorabilia, Hall of Fame artifacts, Benkovitz, Quaker Steak & Lube and Primanti Brothers.

## High School Murals

Throughout Heinz Field there are 60 murals from area high schools that have won a WPIAL or City League Football championship.

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

**Cast in Place Concrete:** 48,000 cubic yards

**Amount of Structural Steel:** 12,000 tons

**Augercast Piles:** 10,442 lineal feet

**Paint:** 30,000 gallons (provided by PPG Industries)

**Glass:** 50,000 square feet (provided by PPG Industries)

**Numbers of Doors:** 1,100

**Miles of Railings:** 7

**Drainage, Irrigation and Heating Pipes Under the Field:** 1.85 miles



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## HEINZ KETCHUP

**Bottles Facts:** The bottles are exact replicas – down to the embossed “57” on the bottle’s neck – of the Heinz Ketchup 14-ounce glass bottle. Each bottle includes 8,000 pounds of fiberglass, 375 feet of neon tubing and 20,500 light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Each Heinz Ketchup Bottle measures 35 feet by 9 feet and each weighs 8,000 pounds, both totaling 16,000 pounds, the equivalent of 53 300-pound linemen. If the Heinz Ketchup bottles were filled with Heinz Ketchup, they would contain 1,664,000 fluid ounces each. That is enough to give each person seated at Heinz Field at least one 14-ounce bottle of ketchup to take home. If both bottles were emptied, the entire football field would be covered in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of ketchup. Approximately 4,500 footballs could fit into each scoreboard ketchup bottle.



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# UPMC SPORTS PERFORMANCE COMPLEX

2010 PITT FOOTBALL



The UPMC Sports Performance Complex is the finest and most complete football practice facility in the country.

The state-of-the-art training facility, which includes the Duratz Athletic Complex, features expansive training rooms, team meeting and film-viewing rooms, weight rooms and dining facilities. It additionally houses coaching and administrative staff offices as well as the Panthers' academic support personnel. In short, it has everything a football player could ever need or want to reach his highest potential.

- The Pitt football team has direct access to the finest sports medicine care in the world. The complex features a 40,000-square-foot clinical, teaching and

research facility, and a 125,000-square-foot indoor center for rehabilitation. Physicians and orthopaedic surgeons see patients on-site. The center has private examination rooms, and on-site digital x-ray units and wide-bore MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) unit designed specifically for the types of musculoskeletal conditions and injuries commonly seen at the center. The diagnostic imaging equipment is filmless and is instantly accessible on-site via computerized web-based images that can be stored as well as clearly transmitted for consultation anywhere in the world.

- The center's 6,000-square-foot physical therapy and rehabilitation area is fully equipped for physical therapists and athletic trainers to direct specific types of injury rehabilitation. The physical therapy and rehab area also has a 25-by-30-foot therapeutic pool and a functional gym providing athletes with functional assessment of their rehabilitation progress with their therapist on-site.
- The Panthers have two outdoor practice fields (one grass and one FieldTurf) at the UPMC Sports Performance Complex. Both fields have lighting, allowing for night workouts. Additionally, the complex's indoor practice facility features a regulation-size FieldTurf field and a four-lane track.
- Each Pitt coach has their own expansive meeting room for their positional players complete with state-of-the-art video capabilities. The quarterback meeting area has been named the "Dan Marino Room" in honor of the former Pitt quarterback and Pro and College



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Football Hall of Famer. The dedication was made in 2000 when Marino returned to his alma mater for a special ceremony honoring his retirement following 17 record-breaking seasons in the NFL.

- Housed in the Duratz Athletic Complex, the Pitt Football Hall of Fame is a shrine that pays homage to the Panthers' storied past and present. From the Heisman Trophy won by Tony Dorsett in 1976 to the glass encased lockers of legendary Panther players, the Hall of Fame is full of memorabilia from a proud and rich tradition.
- Pitt's locker room features 128 spacious lockers which are personalized for each player and a lounge area.
- The recently refurbished Hearst Academic Center for Student-Athletes features a computer lab and student reference library. It is staffed by academic counselors to help the Panthers reach their highest potential in the classroom.
- The "Pitt Iron Works," also known as the Panthers' weight room, is furnished with the very latest in strength and conditioning equipment. The expansive training area is utilized year-round for both offseason and in-season lifting regimens.



# UPMC SPORTS MEDICINE TEAM



**DR. FREDDIE H. FU**  
Head Team Physician



**DR. CHRISTOPHER HARNER**  
Co-Head Team Physician



**DR. DAVID STONE**  
Associate Team Physician



**DR. VONDA WRIGHT**  
Associate Team Physician



**DR. ROBIN WEST**  
Assistant Team Physician



**DR. MARK RODOSKY**  
Assistant Team Physician

## DR. FREDDIE FU

Freddie Fu, M.D., has been the head team physician and orthopaedic surgeon for the Pitt athletic department since 1986, and the David Silver Professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine since 1997.

Dr. Fu is known worldwide for his pioneering surgical techniques to treat sports-related injuries to the knee and shoulder and for his extensive scientific and clinical research in the biomechanics of such injuries. He is lauded especially for his scientific research and clinical expertise in treating the commonly injured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), the main stabilizing ligament of the knee. Because of his reputation, Dr. Fu attracts both athletic and non-athletic patients from all over the globe, and is frequently sought after as an expert by top national and international media covering sports, medicine and science.

Dr. Fu sees patients in his clinic at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, one of the world's largest, most comprehensive facilities of its kind, located within the UPMC Sports Performance Complex. Partly designed by Dr. Fu, the complex also houses the indoor and outdoor training facilities of the Pitt Panthers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## DR. CHRISTOPHER HARNER

Christopher Harner, M.D., co-head team physician and orthopaedic surgeon for the Pitt Panthers football team, is the Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania Professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine. He's also chief of the division of sports medicine at UPMC, medical director and director of education at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, where he also sees athletic and non-athletic patients in his clinic.

Dr. Harner specializes in the clinical research and surgical treatment of sports-related injuries, especially those to the knee ligaments and cartilage. He was among the first surgeons in the country to perform knee meniscus transplants in the early 1990s. (The meniscus is the crescent-shaped cushion inside the knee joint commonly damaged along with ligament injuries.) Dr. Harner's extensive clinical, scientific and academic leadership has been recognized through numerous international awards and grants.

## DR. DAVID STONE

David Stone, M.D., is the associate team physician for Pitt Panthers football and an assistant team physician for the Pitt athletic department. A fellowship trained primary care sports medicine physician, Dr. Stone specializes in diagnosing and treating all types of athletic injuries and illnesses and is in many cases the

first physician Pitt athletes see before a determination is made on the course of action to treat an injury or manage a potential injury.

Dr. Stone sees athletic and non-athletic patients in his clinic at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine. He is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine.

## DR. VONDA WRIGHT

Vonda Wright, M.D., is an associate team physician and orthopaedic surgeon for the Pitt Panthers football team. One of few women in her field, along with Pitt's Dr. Robin West, she is assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine.

In addition to her work with young athletes, Dr. Wright has a special clinical and research interest in masters athletes (over age 40) and how physical aptitude affects mobility, independence and other aspects of general health as people age. She is the director of the Performance and Research Initiative for Masters Athletes (PRIMA), the first program of its kind in a medical setting. She sees patients in her clinics at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine and UPMC Shadyside.

Dr. Wright is frequently quoted by local and national media as an expert in sports medicine, orthopaedic and healthy aging issues in active older adults.

## DR. ROBIN WEST

Robin West, M.D., is an assistant team physician and orthopaedic surgeon for the Pitt Panthers football team. One of few women in her field, along with Pitt's Dr. Vonda Wright, she is assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine.

Dr. West is also the head team physician for the Pitt men's basketball team, a consultant to the medical team for the Pittsburgh Steelers and member of the NFL Team Physicians Society. A specialist in treating all types of musculoskeletal athletic injuries, Dr. West is especially interested in researching the biomechanics of knee ligament injuries, aimed at improving prevention and treatment methods. Dr. West sees athletic and non-athletic patients in her clinics at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine and UPMC South Hills in Bethel Park.

## DR. MARK RODOSKY

Mark Rodosky, M.D., is an assistant team physician for the Pitt Panthers football team, specializing in the treatment and rehabilitation of shoulder and elbow injuries. He is the chief of the division of shoulder and elbow surgery at UPMC, and an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine.

Dr. Rodosky sees athletic and non-athletic patients in his clinic at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine.

## PITT PANTHERS FOOTBALL/ UPMC SPORTS MEDICINE TEAM

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, and four grass practice fields, 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 UPMC clinic for Pitt athletes is led by Dr. Freddie Fu, Pitt head team physician, and Dr. Christopher Harner, co-head team physician. Other clinic physicians are: Drs. David Stone and Vonda Wright, associate team physicians, and assistant team physicians Drs. Robin West and Mark Rodosky; Dr. Jeanne Doperak; and sports medicine fellow Dr. Jeffrey Macalena.

The world-renowned UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program is also available to Pitt athletes. The program is led by neuropsychologists Drs. Mark Lovell and Michael Collins, assisted by neurosurgeon Dr. Dade Lundsford.

In addition, a comprehensive staff of consulting specialists from throughout UPMC are part of the sports medicine team caring for all Pitt athletes.

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