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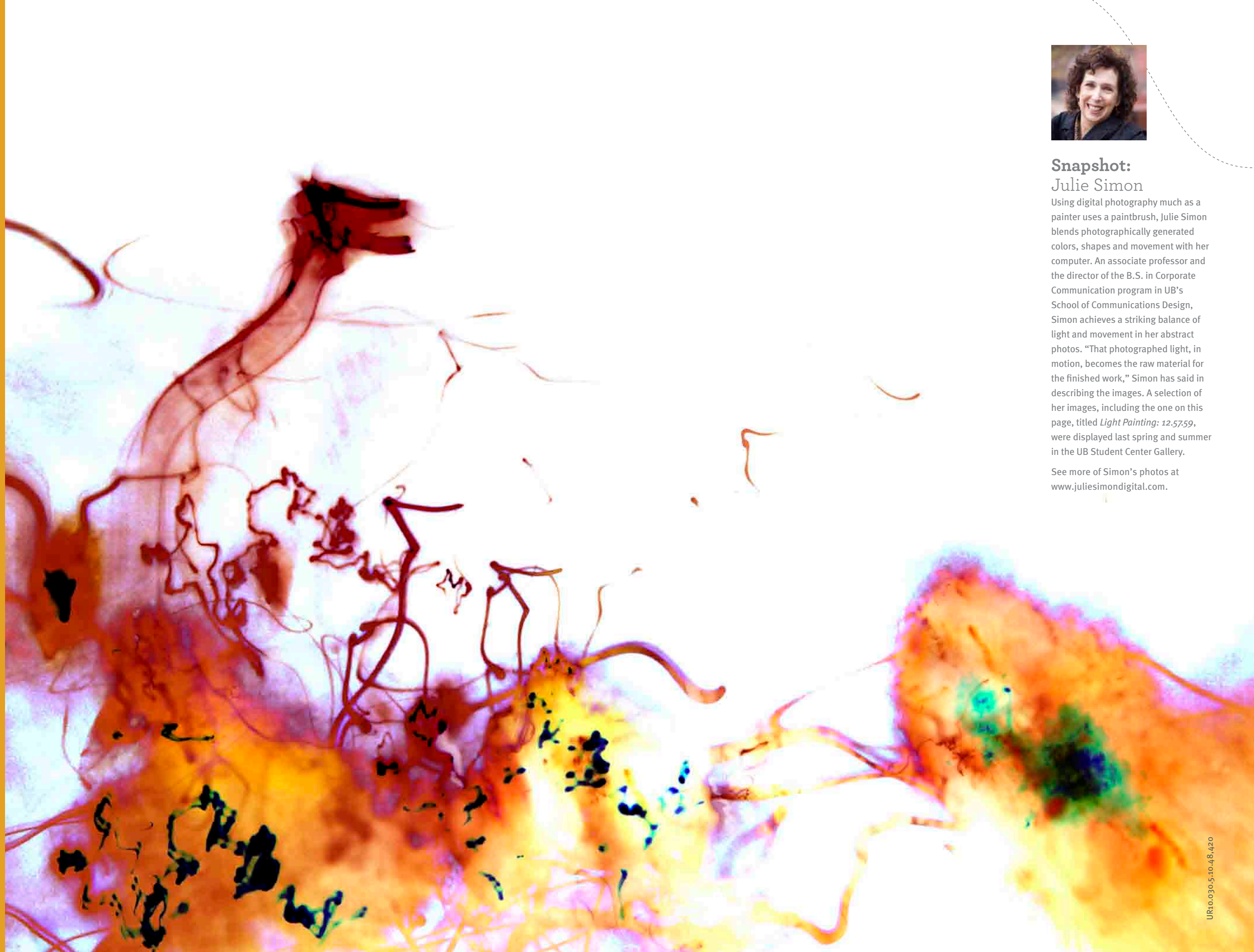
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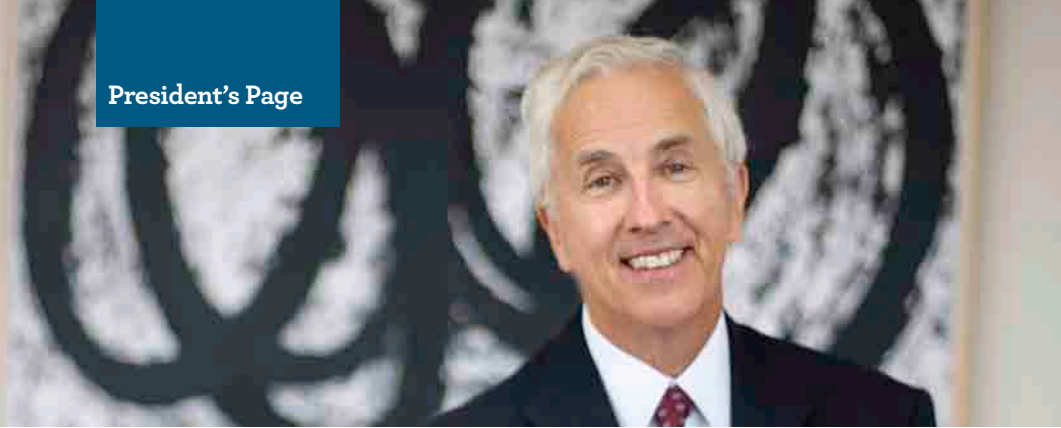


Snapshot: Julie Simon

Using digital photography much as a painter uses a paintbrush, Julie Simon blends photographically generated colors, shapes and movement with her computer. An associate professor and the director of the B.S. in Corporate Communication program in UB's School of Communications Design, Simon achieves a striking balance of light and movement in her abstract photos. "That photographed light, in motion, becomes the raw material for the finished work," Simon has said in describing the images. A selection of her images, including the one on this page, titled *Light Painting: 12.57.59*, were displayed last spring and summer in the UB Student Center Gallery.

See more of Simon's photos at www.juliesimondigital.com.





Dear UB Alumni and Friends,

One of the University of Baltimore's defining characteristics is its ability to adapt to meet the changing needs of our students, city and region while remaining true to our core educational mission. This ability is evidenced most recently by UB's return to four-year undergraduate education, the continued creation of innovative degree programs and the ongoing development of UB Midtown.

This year, thanks to the leadership of Provost Joseph S. Wood and the creative work of our faculty, the University continues its tradition of forward-thinking change with the establishment of two new colleges: the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Public Affairs. See page 8 for additional details.

This realignment is about more than a renamed school or an added college. It signifies UB's commitment to ask and answer a fundamental question: How can we best fulfill our mission of providing high-quality, accessible education to current and future generations of students?

Our faculty members are asking this and related questions to inform the future of education at UB. What do UB students need to learn in their first year? What do UB students need to learn before they graduate? What will distinguish the UB graduate in the workplace and in the community? Our need to continually define the answers to these questions is the real impetus for this change.

Our strategic plan underscores this challenge and commitment:

Career-focused education faces distinct challenges in today's marketplace due to global competition and the rapid pace of change and innovation. Today's graduates must be prepared for more than a career, as skills in communication, problem-solving, collaboration and technical literacy will be required in all professional disciplines. These skills enable more than job entry or career advancement: They are key to a fully realized life experience.

As our 21st-century world changes, higher education cannot cling to 20th-century models and philosophies. Because the University of Baltimore's historic focus is one of responding to real needs—those of both our students and our community—we have the ability and the agility to embrace new ideas. That explains in part why UB is experiencing unprecedented growth during a time of uncertainty and change. In many ways, the University of Baltimore is better positioned to meet the needs of future generations of students than are more traditional universities.

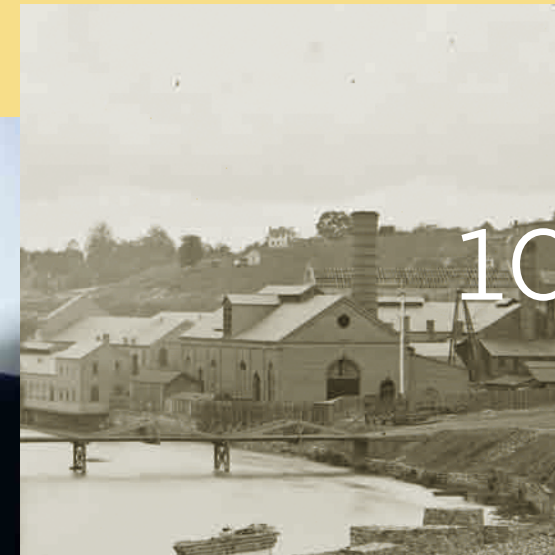
UB alumni, faculty, students and staff all contribute to the University's dynamic energy. I invite all of you to take pride in our past accomplishments, as I do, and ask that you join us in fulfilling our future potential.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bogomolny
President, University of Baltimore

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10 Their Best Idea

by Giordana Segneri

It may be their best idea yet (other than attending UB). Preserving, protecting and promoting what has been called "America's best idea," three UB alumni work, in various capacities, to support the National Park Service. Whether it be as park ranger or park advocate, these graduates have dedicated themselves to embracing the country's historic, cultural and wild spaces that compose our national parks.

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by Mary Medland

Though UB's campus is in the middle of a substantial—and sustainable—transformation and its academic programming is constantly expanding, one thing about UB that remains consistent is its ambitious graduates. The five young alumni we profile here are proof positive that age is only a number and that it's never too early to achieve success.

16 What's the Buzz About?

There's an audible buzz throughout UB's campus these days, and it's all thanks to the University's favorite insect. We're talking about the UB Bee mascot, of course; he's back on campus after a 30-year absence—with a new look, no less—and is quickly making bee-lievers out of the entire University community.

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Meet a Student

Adam Robinson

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Adam Robinson, a student in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, gets other people's writing read through his publishing company, Publishing Genius. His own writing, *Adam Robison and Other Poems* (missing N intentional), is available at www.adamrobisonisabookofpoems.com.

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

For more than three years, Adam Robinson, a student in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Publishing Arts program, has been bringing power to the people. Through his Baltimore-based publishing company, Publishing Genius, he allows creative writers like himself to share their novellas, chapbooks and online journals with the masses. And nothing represents the concept of *spreading* literature as much as Robinson's project *IsReads* does: He stages guerilla poetry dissemination, attaching submitted poems to various surfaces around the city.

Q. I like your company's name. Is it aspirational or, um, self-descriptive?

A. Ha, no, "Publishing" is a transitive verb here. I'm *in the act* of publishing the genius of others. I'm kind of uncomfortable with the swagger, but I can't bring myself to change it.

Q. How many and what types of publications have you published?

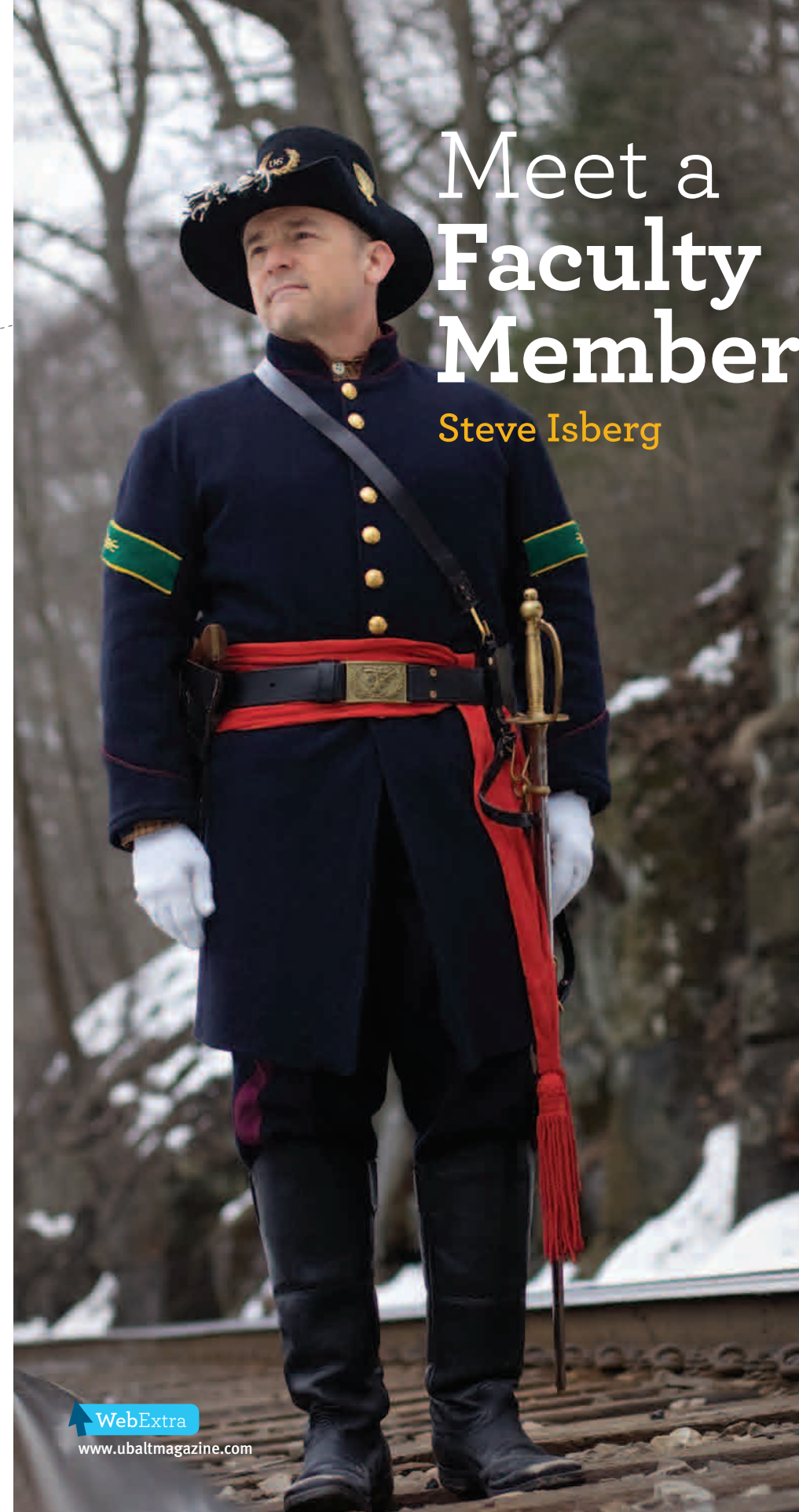
A. By June, Publishing Genius will have put out 13 paperback books, ranging from 24 to 240 pages. The first novel I did, *Light Boxes* by Shane Jones, was contracted to Spike Jonze to produce as a movie, then was sold to Penguin and translated into, I think, eight other languages. Also, there have been a couple dozen electronic chapbooks, short works that can be read online or printed off at home. Then there's *Everyday Genius*, a guest-edited online journal that gets updated daily. Several works from this series are going to be republished in a collection called *The Best of the Web* from Dzanc Books.

Q. Are you still publishing *IsReads*? Can you briefly explain the concept and motivation behind it?

A. Not only is the outdoor journal, *IsReads*, still being published, but it is expanding across the country. As of the start of 2010, poems are being posted on light posts and in shopping carts and on abandoned buildings (and so on) in 10 different cities, like L.A., Chicago, Phoenix, Louisville and, of course, Baltimore. The idea is to disseminate fetching poetry to people who wouldn't otherwise think to think about it.

Q. What is your advice to someone who wants to be published?

A. Work hard and know the community. I can think of several writers who started publishing in small online journals just a couple years ago and now have big book deals. Their talents took them to a point, and the community carried them farther.



Meet a Faculty Member

Steve Isberg

by Catherine Leidemer

Steve Isberg's penchant for strategy, analysis and risk management extends well beyond teaching UB students the ins and outs of corporate finance and credit management. Turns out those same skills come in handy on the battlefield, where the longtime professor of finance can be found several weekends a year taking part in large-scale re-enactments of famous Civil War engagements.

Q. How did you become involved in Civil War re-enacting?

A. When my son expressed an interest in Civil War history, we contacted a local re-enactment group and visited them during an event at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Within several minutes, he was fully outfitted in a Union infantry uniform, and they were making plans for him to serve as a flag bearer.

When the re-enactors found out that I had experience as an emergency medical technician, they introduced me to their field medical officer, who provides actual first aid and other emergency medical services in camp and on the field. That afternoon, I was on the field wearing a Union infantry uniform and carrying 21st-century EMS equipment in my field bags.

Within a month, I was an official member of Company B, 3rd Maryland infantry (Union) and the 53rd North Carolina infantry (Confederate), carrying the rank of hospital steward. By the end of the year, I owned about \$5,000 of uniforms, equipment and Civil War camping gear. I was hooked.

Q. What keeps it interesting—the thrill of battle or the idea of being a part of living history?

A. What really keeps my interest is the opportunity to interact with the public and teach them about the U.S. Civil War. My favorite re-enactment events are those involving living history exhibits, presentations and discussions. These range from manning an exhibit station at Harpers Ferry National Park to talking with visitors around the campfire.

Q. Do you think your students have any idea that the same person who tweets about homework assignments also moonlights as a Civil War-era medical officer?

A. On the few occasions in which it has come up in class, the students have been interested in hearing about it. I have always found that students are interested in knowing who you are outside of the classroom; it makes you seem like more of a human being, which is a good thing (most of the time!).

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Steve Isberg at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum: Ellicott City Station

210,000

Students in the Business Consulting Services program within UB's Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center have provided more than \$210,000 worth of consulting and research services to area ventures and social enterprises during the past three years.

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UB has 15 Fulbright award recipients among its current faculty and administrator ranks and hosted its first Fulbright student during the 2009-10 academic year.



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UB will introduce two new degree programs this fall—a B.A. in International Studies and a B.A. in Environmental Sustainability and Human Ecology—plus one graduate certificate program in strategic management and public accountability systems.

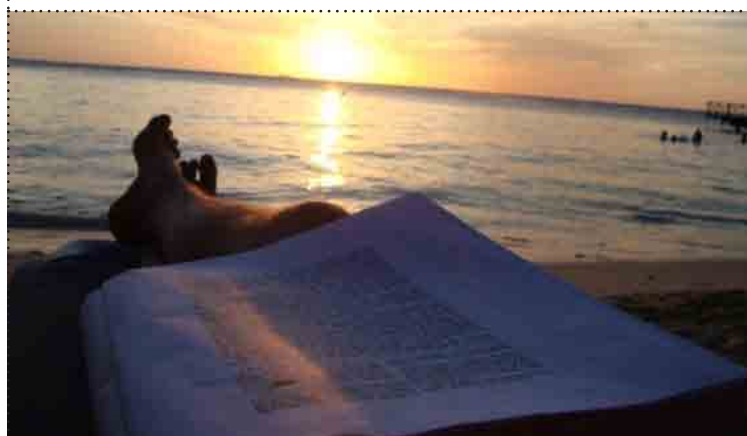
825

UB's 42 student-run organizations hosted a whopping 825 events last year.



45

UB alumni can now search through 45 years of *The Reporter*, the University's yearbook, online at www.ubalt.edu/yearbooks.



64

Sixty-four UB law students have traveled to Curaçao in the eight years of the Comparative and International Law Winter Abroad Program, hosted by the University of the Netherlands Antilles.



100

Nearly 100 actors took the stage as part of the Spotlight UB performing arts series in 2009. For upcoming events, visit www.ubalt.edu/spotlightub.



60

Sixty new trees will soon be planted in the landscape phase of UB's current streetscaping program, enhancing UB's green space while creating a more welcoming and defined urban campus.



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UB's undergraduate students have the option of adding one of nine new minors—business management, creative writing, economics and public policy, entrepreneurship, marketing communications, popular culture, psychology, security and network administration, and social entrepreneurship—to their studies.

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One hundred and fifty area high school students came to campus on Oct. 2 for UB's annual Higher Education Readiness and Orientation for Exceptional Students—or HEROES—Academy, which gives students a taste of college life through special programming. This year, UB expanded this initiative to take place in both the spring and fall semesters.

Changing the Face of Education at UB

A decade into the 21st century, UB continues to redefine itself to meet shifting demands in higher education and workforce preparation and to forward its commitment to providing innovative, relevant education to current and future generations of students.

In a giant step toward changing the face of education at UB, Joseph S. Wood, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, announced in early October a proposal to create a new College of Public Affairs, to be founded in July, and to refocus the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts as the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences.

The realignment will allow UB to strengthen and enhance general education within the College of Arts and Sciences as the University grows and expands in its role as a four-year institution. A search is under way for a dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, which also will be responsible for academic elements of UB's Freshman Experience, previously housed in the Office of the Provost.

The College of Public Affairs, to be led by current College of Liberal Arts Dean Larry W. Thomas, will emphasize UB's distinction in the fields of public administration and criminal justice and will incorporate a

variety of existing graduate, undergraduate and doctoral programs in government, public administration, health systems management, human services administration, criminal justice, forensic studies and negotiations and conflict management. UB's new B.A. in International Studies and Certificate in Strategic Management and Public Accountability Systems programs will round out the College of Public Affairs' offerings.

For more information, visit www.ubalt.edu/future.



New Barnes & Noble to Open in July

Talk about an expansion: In early July, the much-anticipated Barnes & Noble College Booksellers Superstore will open at Mount Royal Avenue and West Oliver Street as part of the Fitzgerald at UB Midtown residential/retail site. The first Barnes & Noble "college superstore" in the University System of Maryland, the new store is four times as large as the current UB bookstore. The store will carry

20,000-25,000 popular titles—best-sellers, how-to publications, fine literature and more—and will also feature a nearly 50 percent increase in the amount of square footage dedicated to UB merchandise and textbooks, a Starbucks cafe with free Wi-Fi and outdoor seating, and events such as book signings and children's story times.



Steve Forbes Talks Capitalism at UB

On April 7, Forbes Media CEO and former Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes shared his thoughts on capitalism and the real-world economy at the University of Baltimore as part of the Merrick School of Business Dean's Speaker Series.

Bonus: Read online our exclusive interview with Forbes, the editor-in-chief of *Forbes Magazine* and author of the new book *How Capitalism Will Save Us: Why Free People and Free Markets Are the Best Answer in Today's Economy*. Merrick Dean **Darlene Smith, B.S. '78, M.B.A. '80**, and **Nina K. Yudell, B.S. '81, M.B.A. '82**, partner, portfolio manager and equity research analyst at Brown Advisory, serve as guest interviewers.

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UB's Alma Mater Finds Its Voice Again

The only clue we had was a date stamp—Oct. 22, 1958—on a yellowed sheet of parchment that also includes the words to "Auld Lang Syne." But there on that sheet are the nautical-themed lyrics to a song titled simply "Alma Mater," encouraging graduates to "sail on with the tide" and noting that the University of Baltimore "set their course for life's most distant shore."

This past fall, however, **William E. Clift, B.S. '51**, contacted the Office of Alumni Relations with information that the alma mater had been included in the senior banquet program from his graduation year.

Still, no one knows who wrote the song or when it was written, and few knew it even existed until Tom Hollowak, associate director of special collections in UB's Langsdale Library, ran across the aging document, together with its accompanying sheet music, in 1990 while doing work in the University's archives. Now no one knows why it disappeared.

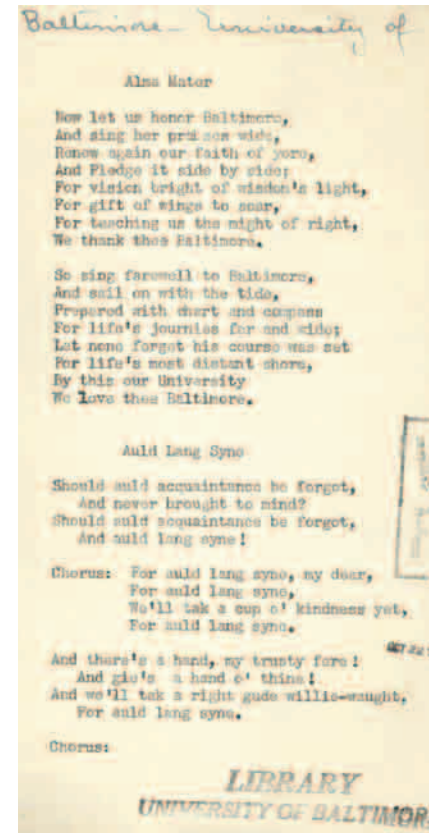
Bob Pool, M.B.A. '85, faculty liaison and reference librarian at the UB Law Library, doesn't recall the alma mater being sung when he came to the University in 1974, so he guesses it fell out of use between 1951 and 1974.

With his background in music theory and composition, Pool has created a variety of instrumental accompaniments for the sheet music, and now the official score—for full orchestra—has caught the ear of the student population. During last fall's student orientation, incoming freshmen learned the song, then performed it for new transfer and graduate students.

The alma mater was also included in the commencement program this year for the first time since its rediscovery.

Do you know more about UB's alma mater? Fill us in: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

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courtesy of special collections, Langsdale Library

A New Kind of Campus Life

With Central Baltimore edging into the status of a hot neighborhood, the University of Baltimore is making it easier for students who want to live in nearby UB Midtown apartment buildings. Those who choose to live in any of five area buildings will be supported by student living assistants, each of whom is trained as a liaison for campus life, apartment issues, local attractions and so on. The plan, now heading into its second year, is making these walkable neighborhoods even more attractive for students of all kinds.

"UB is drawing more and more students who want to live near campus," says Kathy Anderson, dean of students, "and UB Midtown is our campus. We have a different model of living; you can come here, have the support of the student living assistants and the campus, and start to build learning and living skills."

For more information, visit www.ubalt.edu/housing.



a student apartment in the Professional Arts Building

THEIR *Best Idea*



Working In Support of the National Park Service, Embracing America's Best Idea

by Giordana Segneri, M.A. '10

While park ranger **Janet L. Schwartzberg, B.S. '85**, is technically an interpretive assistant, which, she says, "is a fancy word for tour guide," she prefers to think of herself as a storyteller. And she tells stories at diverse sites throughout Virginia's expansive, multifaceted Richmond National Battlefield Park, a unit of the National Park Service. When she works at the Tredegar Iron Works, she likes to talk about the James River's canal system. At the Chimborazo

Medical Museum, she discusses medical care during the Civil War. When she works at the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, "I concentrate on her life," she says. "She was the first African-American woman to found and be president of a bank. I focus on her handicap, her hardships, her *actual story*."

Called America's best idea by writer and historian Wallace Stegner, national parks tell *our* story, says **Theresa Pierno, B.S. '89**, executive vice president of the 90-year-old National Park Conservation

(opposite): view of the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Va., April 1865; Library of Congress

The Tredegar Iron Works—now part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park, a unit of the National Park Service—was heavily damaged during the evacuation fire of April 1865, when Confederate forces abandoned their capital in Richmond during the Civil War. Janet L. Schwartzberg (opposite inset) conducts tours of the Tredegar Iron Works in her position as park ranger for the National Park Service; Theresa Pierno (below, left); Donald J. Hellmann (below, center)



Association in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit organization has 325,000 members and 300,000 e-advocates who take action annually in support of the parks. "If you think that about two-

thirds of our national parks are cultural or historic parks, it's a history that's rich and important to preserve to teach our children and our children's children," she says. Founded in 1916, the National Park Service has grown to include nearly 400 parks, almost 2,500 national historic landmarks and 40 national heritage areas for the enjoyment of more than 275 million visitors every year. Writer Stegner described U.S. national parks as "Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst."

And keeping the parks running are nearly 30,000 employees, including **Donald J. Hellmann, J.D. '85**, National Park Service assistant director for legislative and congressional affairs. His office serves as the main liaison between the National Park Service and Congress, a role that is farther reaching, Hellmann says, than many people may imagine. Since national parks make their home in every state except Delaware (and Delaware is close to getting its first national park), issues related to the parks impact congressional representatives' districts across the country. "Among all federal agencies, we are among those with the largest number of bills—about 350 are introduced in any two-year Congress," Hellmann says. "The workload of preparing for congressional hearings and working with congressional staff on preparing these bills can be an enormous challenge."

Hellmann coordinates much of this legislative work, which involves such issues as expanding the boundaries of existing national parks; studying additional resources—natural, cultural or historic—for potential inclusion in the park system; working with community members to preserve rivers and trails; and promoting and preserving important historic resources, which can range from individual buildings to entire districts or regions of a major metropolitan area.

At its core, Hellmann's work involves drafting bills and developing testimony for congressional hearings. "We spend a lot of time on Capitol Hill educating members of Congress about certain pieces of legislation—how it would work for [the National Park Service], both the positives and negatives," Hellmann says. And by the way, national parks can be created only through presidential proclamations or acts of Congress. Luckily, Hellmann says, the parks "tend to be very bipartisan. They're popular—people love history and they love talking about the beautiful places we have in this country."



Park ranger Schwartzberg, who also provides administrative support when not out in the field, loves talking about her particular beautiful places with Richmond National Battlefield Park visitors. "This is definitely my calling," she says. "Talking to different people and sharing my interests and their interests ... what I learn from my visitors, I store in my memory banks. You're always learning in this position, and that's what makes it so neat." Schwartzberg got her start with the National Park Service

nearly 30 years ago at Baltimore's Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine; she held an internship there while studying outdoor recreation, a major no longer offered at UB. "When I retire from the park service in about five years, I'll probably still volunteer because I really like it," Schwartzberg says.

A passion and an appreciation, developed early in her childhood, for the national parks has inspired executive vice president Pierno to help expand the National Park Conservation Association's reach from 12 field offices to 24—from Anchorage to New York, she says. The organization, which was founded just three years after the National Park Service got its start, is a nongovernmental, independent voice that advocates on behalf of the parks, often lobbying Congress or developing programs and policies to protect and preserve them.

"All parks have issues," Pierno says. "Some of them are based on a lack of resources or staffing. Some of them are based on threats outside the parameters of the park: wilderness area designations to adjacent land use to transportation issues. The parks have had to withstand a lot of cuts, so we've had to work to get them more resources."

Working with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service itself, Pierno's organization helps defend against attacks on the parks. "A lot of people think, 'Why do [the parks] need an advocacy organization?'" Pierno says—a logical question, since the national parks are a government entity. "Every year, we lose an extraordinary number of acres to development. As we become a more populated country and there are more demands on our land, it's more important to protect them."

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by Mary Medland

As these up-and-comers demonstrate, the University of Baltimore sends its grads out into the world armed with the skills and the drive they need to get ahead in the workplace. Here, we profile a few who are quickly making a name for themselves—even before turning 30.

ADAM RUTHER, J.D. '07

Adam Ruther, an assistant state's attorney for Montgomery County District Court, faces a fast-paced schedule nearly every day. He typically tries two to four trials, usually before a judge, every week. "I handle the lower-level felonies, low-level burglaries and low-level sexual assaults," Ruther says. "I figure out which cases to drop because of a lack of evidence, which ones will most likely take a plea bargain and which ones will be continued. I have a fantastic boss and a great team."

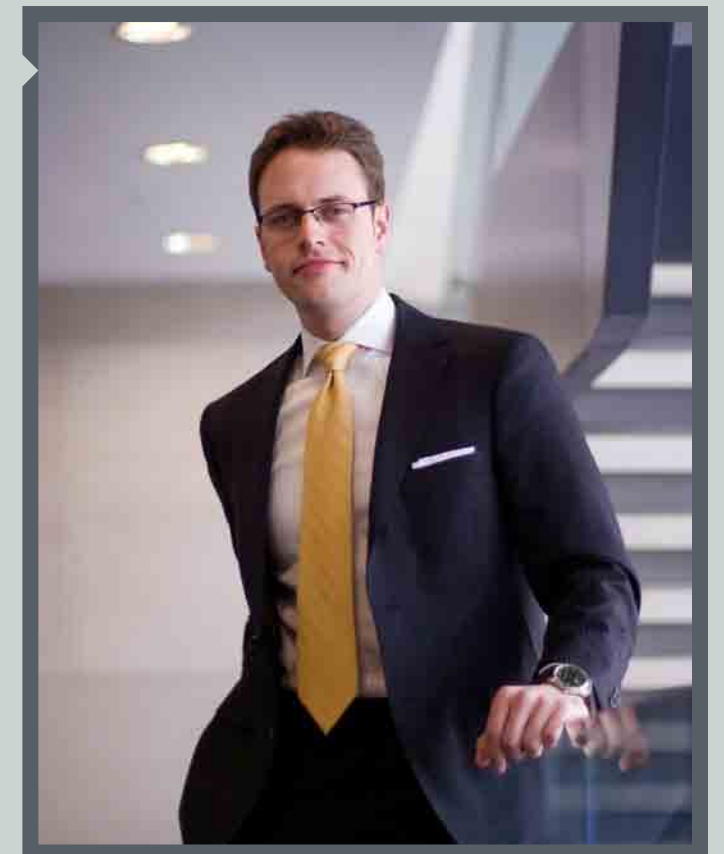
And in August, Ruther will serve as co-chair for the prosecution on a case of attempted murder—a career first that he eagerly anticipates.

The job involves challenges as well as great responsibilities, he says. Leading the list is making the right decision as to those cases to prosecute and those to let go. "Prosecutors by and large are given extraordinary responsibility right out of law school," Ruther says. "The authority to decide whether a prosecution will go forward is up to the prosecutor.

"If I decide not to continue with a case, there can be serious consequences for the community."

Ruther is quick to praise his UB moot court competition experience. "I learned how to present an argument in an intelligent way and how to behave in court. ... Not a day goes by that I don't walk into a courtroom and remember how grateful I am to have had such an experience," he says.

"Any success that I have isn't all that extraordinary," he adds. "I just got lucky."



STEPHANIE KINNEAR, B.S. '06

Equipped with a degree in simulation and digital entertainment, Stephanie Kinnear landed a job as a production coordinator with Big Huge Games, a 10-year-old computer game developer based in Baltimore County.

"What I do as production coordinator is track the progress of the game, help organize company events and generally help out wherever I'm needed," she says. "I help keep track of the designers, programmers and artists to make sure that things are on time and that everything will be finished by the deadline."

For those not into computer games, Big Huge Games is a force to be reckoned with: Its *Rise of Nations* was named GameSpot's Best PC Strategy Game of 2003.

Kinnear, who had "messed around with multimedia courses" at CCBC, Essex, discovered her interest in gaming after transferring to UB. "I got into animation and really loved it, so I ended up getting my degree in this brand-new simulation and digital entertainment major," she continues. "We had to make our own game during the last semester. It was really fun to see the different roles the people on my team played."

The students also had to present their games to a group of industry professionals. For Kinnear, this opportunity gave her a chance to learn what it would be like to actually pitch a game idea, a skill that is important to her colleagues.

"People who work at Big Huge Games are really passionate about what they do. ... It is wonderful to work with people who really want to be at this company," she notes.



ANDREAS PRASETIYA, M.B.A. '08

As the senior project associate and co-director of international programs for Wall Street Without Walls, Andreas Prasetiya is already putting his M.B.A. to good use on a global scale. The Washington, D.C.-based social enterprise works to "connect senior and retired financial services volunteers with community development organizations and cities who have complex community economic development challenges."

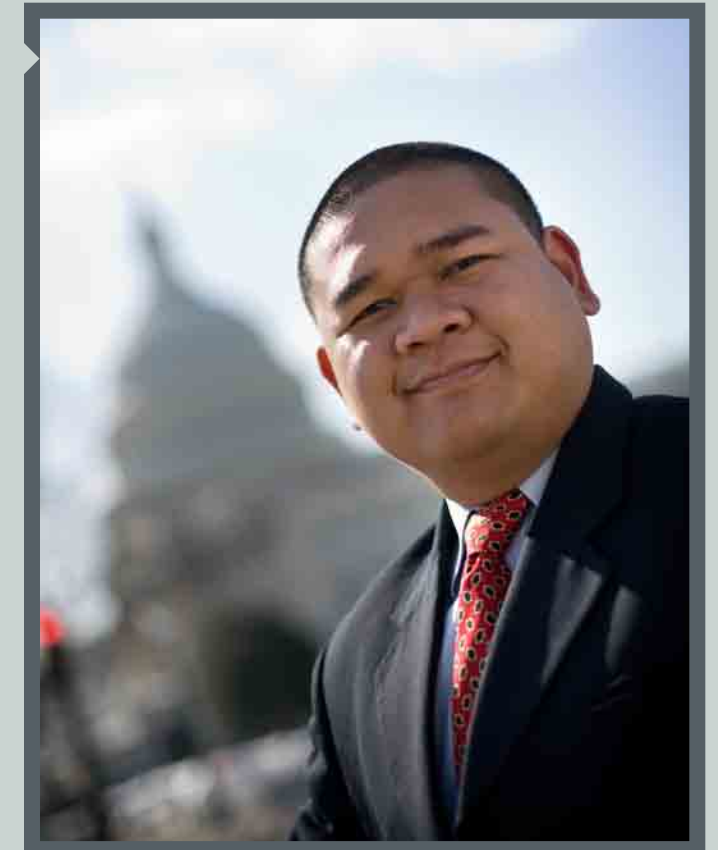
"In a nutshell," he says, "we work in community investing."

"We work with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors to provide training and financial technical assistance for low- and moderate-wealth community development organizations," he explains. "We also work with the board and its member banks around the country to aid U.S. nonprofits."

He estimates that the \$3 million the organization received from one foundation managed to help community-based organizations gain access to \$1.5 billion over the course of the past three years.

Wall Street Without Walls is now expanding its assistance to other countries, and Prasetiya is exploring how best to do so. "We are partnering with Investors Without Borders, another social enterprise, and working with financial institutions in Ghana to increase the access to capital for small and medium businesses," he says. "This isn't easy in a country where there is little financial transparency, little liquidity and a lack of financial discipline."

Ultimately, Prasetiya "[looks] forward to seeing more involvement from investment bankers using their skills to enhance economic community development in the international markets."



SAM RICKS, M.A. '09

Sam Ricks completed his undergraduate degree in political science at Brigham Young University and came east to earn his M.A. in Publications Design at UB before launching himself as a freelance illustrator. While those degrees might seem rather counterintuitive, Ricks points out that Bill Watterson earned a political science degree before launching his syndicated cartoon, *Calvin and Hobbes*.

Today, Ricks—who hails from Winslow, Ariz., a town not much of anyone had heard of until it made its way into the lyrics of the Eagles' "Take It Easy"—is hard at work in his chosen profession. He creates the shapes in his illustrations in two ways: one is entirely digital through the use of Adobe's Illustrator software, and the other involves the traditional pen-and-ink sketches that he does by hand before scanning them into Photoshop and coloring them on the computer.

"I really like quirky types of designs and making things look funky, rather than traditional styles of illustration," he says.

Now based in Salt Lake City, Ricks is teaching at Provo College, a local community college, and doing illustrations for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints' publications, as well as illustrating books written by others. "I enjoy taking a story that someone else has created and putting my own spin on it through the illustrations," he says. "I'm able to add my own flavor to the book."

And the best part of what he does? "Having the freedom and independence that comes with being self-employed," he says.



RHONDA BAYLOR, M.B.A. '08

Rhonda Baylor, a research assistant for the Harvard Graduate School of Education, works to identify how high school students and those with a General Educational Development diploma approach higher education and the workforce. "I visited 11 GED programs in Boston and spoke with teachers and administrators about what the barriers are that keep these students from successfully being able to complete college-level work," Baylor says. "We identified a program—X-Cel Education—that prepares students for the Accuplacer test, [which] indicates whether or not a student is really ready for college-level work."

As a nonprofit organization, X-Cel Education has received grant money from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. For 14 weeks, students are drilled on basic math, algebra, geometry and writing skills. Not surprisingly, Baylor says, students who successfully complete the program are better prepared for college-level classes and are less likely to have to enroll in remedial courses or to drop out.

At the same time she is conducting research, Baylor is pursuing a graduate degree from Harvard in education with a concentration in higher education.

"I'm [also] working on writing policy briefs that will help Congressional Black Caucus members make decisions about educational funding in impoverished school districts," she says. "I'll be looking at different educational institutions, including charter schools, to identify ways to establish a more efficient school system."

Meet The New Bee

Not the same old bee, to be sure. UB's new mascot, inspired by bees from decades past, exudes the same friendly (yet fierce!) demeanor he always has, but with a little bit more of a contemporary ... well, sting. The UB Bee debuted at the spring block party on April 22—making University history, as he graced the scene in the form of an exponentially-greater-than-life-size bee costume worn by an anonymous student with excellent people skills. A crowd of students, faculty and staff was on hand to greet the new bee, embracing what the mascot represents: friendliness, enthusiasm and immense energy and excitement for the University of Baltimore.

Look for the new bee to show up on merchandise in the UB Bookstore, at alumni and student gatherings and, of course, wherever UB pride is buzzing. Find out more about the UB Bee at www.ubalt.edu/mascot.



1934



1949



1957



1960



1960



1972



The UB Bee's debut, complete with escorts and a red-carpet rollout, was the highlight of the bee-themed block party.

UB in 1973



Mel Tansill, 1973

A few issues ago, we asked you to submit your favorite memorable moments from your days at UB. **Mel Tansill, B.A. '76, M.A. '84**, wrote in to share a memory that dates back to 1973. We thought we'd pair his story with a little UB history lesson—a peek at University life in 1973, courtesy of the yearbook, *The Reporter*. Enjoy!

In 1973, during the height of the Watergate era, two students and I organized an afternoon "Impeach Nixon Rally" at the Langsdale Library. Hundreds of students and scores of faculty attended. A law professor spoke about the legal aspects of impeachment and about the manner in which President Nixon ignored the U.S. Constitution.

We sang Bob Dylan songs. A student poet read his self-penned satirical, humorous verse, "I am Not a Crook." We sang Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young songs. Representatives from nearly every student club and from the Student Senate spoke, as did several undergraduate and graduate school faculty members. We sang Arlo Guthrie songs. A good time was had by all—or though it seemed.

Little did we know that FBI agents had attended the rally. The FBI sent agents to the University to obtain the school records of

rally organizers. The late George McDevitt, who was the dean of students at the time, refused to turn over the school records and had the FBI agents escorted off campus.

The *Student Press* immediately published an editorial that said the University proudly stood for freedom of speech and that called for the FBI to go away and stay away. The FBI retreated, perhaps realizing that since none of the rally's organizers could pass the late Professor Hyman Ginsberg's Business Law class, it was a waste of taxpayers' money to seek their school records. ...

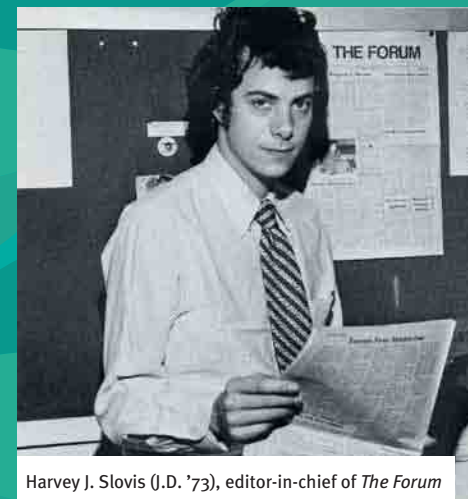
I am forever grateful to Dean McDevitt for his support and friendship and to the University for what it stood for then—and now.

—Mel Tansill

Editor's Note:

Tansill served for many years as an adjunct faculty member at UB's Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts. He is now the director of corporate relations for Erickson Retirement Communities. He lives in Catonsville, Md., with his wife, Paulette, and their four cats: Katie, Charlie, Molly and Mr. Socks. He still enjoys the music of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.

Do you have a memorable moment to share? It's easy; just write to us at alumni@ubalt.edu.



Harvey J. Slovis (J.D. '73), editor-in-chief of *The Forum*



Merrick School of Business seniors



a Black Student Union and UB Peace Coalition fundraiser



the Senior Banquet



Oscar Berryman and the UB Bees take on Catholic University.



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Emily Arrison, M.A. '07



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In Her Own Words...

While my first crayon-sketched horses and watercolor puppies may not have made viable products, even my childhood years were filled with artistic ventures. I got into graphic design more seriously in my undergraduate years at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and developed a real passion for the practice of design. The University of Baltimore M.A. in Publications Design program then cemented that love and made it possible for me to make a career of it.

While at UB, I secured my first paid positions in the marketing end of graphic design. In successive years, I moved jobs and homes a couple of times and eventually settled with my husband, Michael, in Drexel Hill, Pa.

It was in the process of getting married that I learned how much people admired my creations. I hand-made every piece of our save-the-date information, wedding invitations and programs. Many people told me how much

they admired my work, and several even asked for me to repeat the process for their events.

Lingering in the back of my mind was the dream to work for myself, and this encouragement provided the push I needed to start my own business. Timeless Paper was founded in December 2008 to make handmade embellishments for weddings and parties. With

“I often step back from my design work and ask if it would be good enough for a critique in my UB classes.”

the help of my husband, we slowly found a customer here and there who enjoyed the stationery and place cards I designed.

The first major leap came when I listed my products for sale on Etsy.com, a site that caters specifically to artisans of handmade crafts and brings in buyers from all corners of the globe. I found that by relentlessly advertising my diverse product line, buyers warmed to me, and sales increased rapidly.

The Etsy editors also repeatedly placed my products in their feature section and in e-mail promotions.

In December 2009, Timeless Paper launched a Web site, TimelessPaper.com, which has brought in more international customers as well as stores that have asked about carrying our products. Several online and print publications have also started to take note of our success. In April, Etsy selected Timeless Paper as its featured seller, commending us on both our designs and solid business practices.

Our goals for 2010 include printing a catalog for stores, finding more stores to carry our products and attending trade shows where higher-volume sales might be made. Timeless Paper is just over 1 year old—an infant really. But already, we see its potential to be our careers for a long time to come.

I often step back from my design work and ask if it would be good enough for a critique in my UB classes. The thousands of lessons learned about balance, alignment, typography—and the list goes on—have guided me in creating products people love.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Donors Meet Challenge as Groundbreaking Nears

by Chris Hart
and Beth Bohac



Sayra Meyerhoff

In late summer, construction will begin on the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center. Crowds will gather at the corner of North Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue to watch massive machines moving earth, steel, rock and concrete on the compact, triangular site. Among the onlookers, no doubt, will be those who donated to this landmark effort. They may wonder: What is my gift doing to make this first day of work—and every day thereafter—a success?

“Donations have leveraged our state funding to secure the services of designers, engineers and builders,” says Steve Cassard, UB’s vice president for facilities management and capital planning. “We work alongside them to make sure the project stays on schedule and on budget. Regardless, all of us involved in this challenging project can say one thing for certain: We wouldn’t have that first day of construction if it weren’t for the

generosity of our donors. They are the lifeblood of the new School of Law building, and we owe them our time, energy and expertise to make it great. I believe everyone’s going to be quite proud of what we build here.”

That lifeblood is showing itself in some impressive ways: There have been dozens of large gifts to the project, including four that are setting new standards for the School of Law—the original \$5 million dollar-for-dollar matching gift from **Peter Angelos, LL.B. ’61**, and now a second \$5 million gift from this longtime benefactor of the school; and two additional \$1 million gifts—one from **Sayra Meyerhoff, J.D. ’78, M.S. ’04**, and her husband, Neil, and another from Willard Hackerman’s Whiting-Turning Contracting. The latter two gifts were made in support of Angelos’ challenge gift, part of a successful \$15 million donor effort that undergirds significant state support.

Every donor has his or her own reasons for giving to UB through its current Uniquely UB capital campaign. For some, it may be the simple truth that their legacy will live in the classrooms, lecture halls and public spaces of a great new building. For others, a strong sense of institutional pride and hope for the future shines through. It’s about not only the bricks and mortar, but also a higher quest for the University.

“My vision for the School of Law is that it will continue to see change as opportunity and to make the most of these opportunities,” says Meyerhoff, a member of the UB Foundation Board of Directors, the Law Advisory Council and the capital campaign committee. “I would like UB to continue to encourage its graduates to strive to reach their highest potential as professionals in the legal fields.”

For his part, Hackerman envisions the new law center as an important element of the University’s ascending reputation.

“Under President Robert L. Bogomolny’s tenure, the University of Baltimore is growing and becoming an increasingly important part of the city community,” says Hackerman, a Baltimore native and longtime friend of UB. “I am proud to be a part of this growth and to show my support for a high-quality, Baltimore-based institution of higher learning.”

Meyerhoff echoes this sentiment: “UB has never lost sight of the role it plays in the community,” she says.

Again and again, the law center project and its fundraising campaign prompt UB graduates, donors and even those who are relatively unfamiliar with the institution to weigh in on where UB is going. And the consensus is clear: Just like the cranes that soon will park themselves on campus, UB is heading up.

“This campaign will help give the institution the recognition it deserves,” Hackerman says.

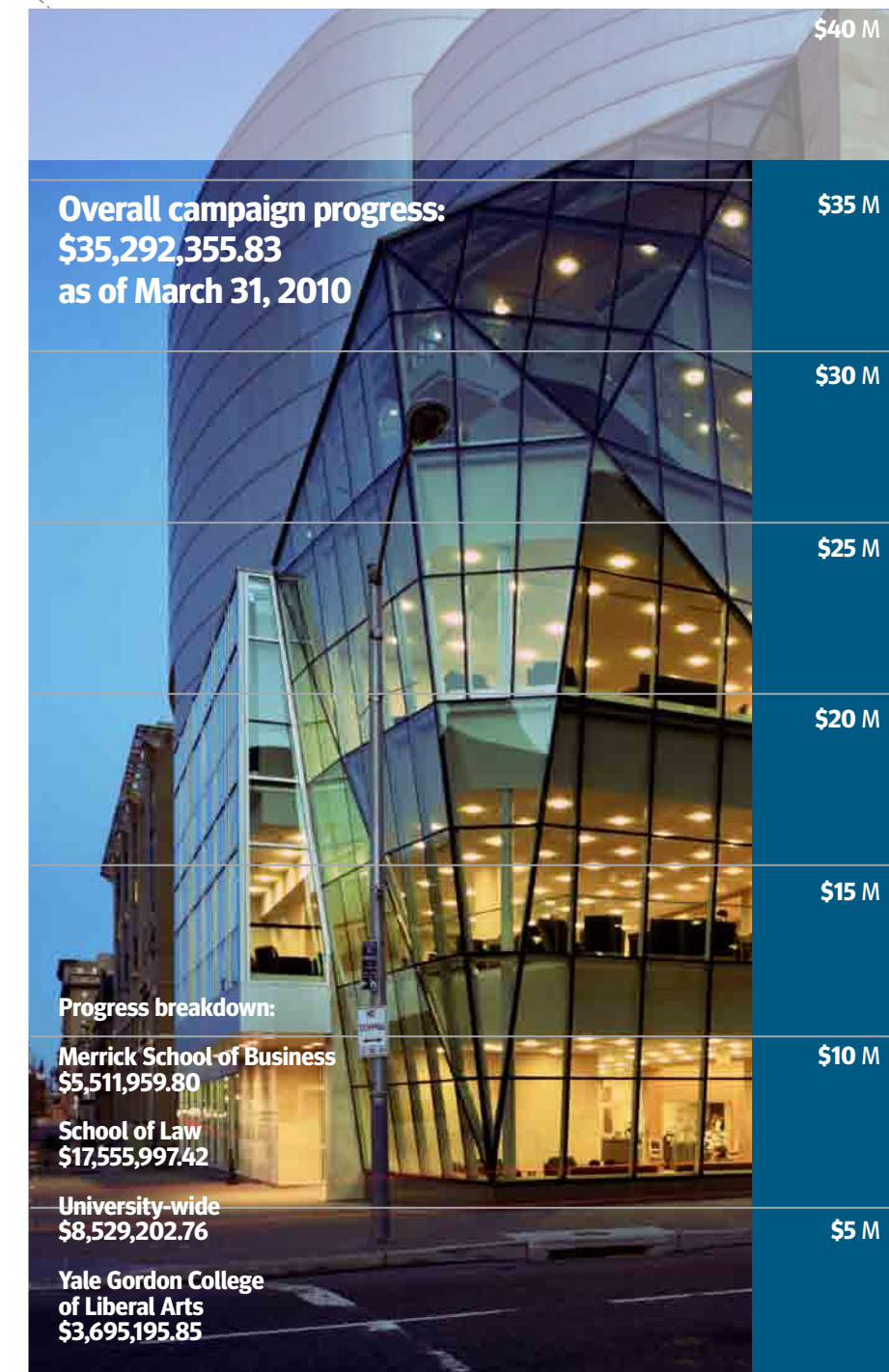
So as the project’s architectural plan—by the internationally acclaimed firm of Behnisch Architekten of Stuttgart, Germany, in partnership with Baltimore’s Ayers/Saint/Gross—nears completion, the excitement is growing.

“We can’t wait to start construction,” Cassard says. “You can feel the energy and anticipation when you’re out talking to the community about the project. This enthusiasm invigorates us and our donors. Their

support was essential from the start and will continue to be a driving force through to completion in 2012.”

The new law center is expected to be completed in late 2012, with law classes

to be held there the following spring. Between now and then, we hope you’ll check in on our progress and join the fun. It’s your dollars at work, from the first shovel in the ground to the cutting of the ribbon.



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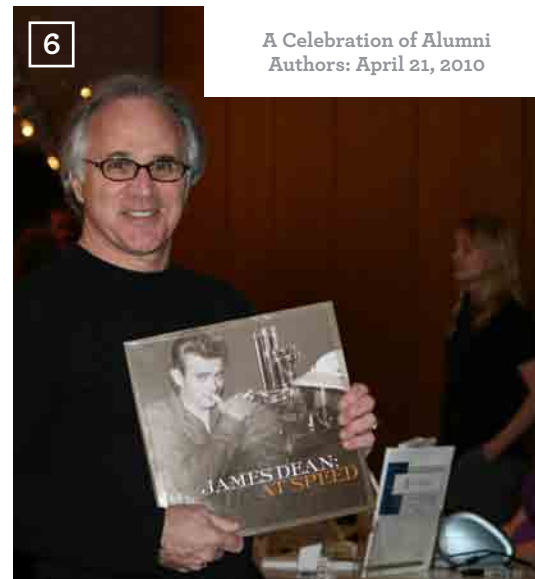
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1. The UB Alumni Association's spring happy hour—complete with UB-tinis—drew a crowd of nearly 50 graduates to Lemongrass.
 2. Kathleen Jarmiolowski, J.D. '03, and Gitu Mirchandani, B.S. '05
 3. Bill Nelson, assistant vice president, Office of Human Resources; Stan Kemp, lecturer, Division of Liberal Studies; Tim Thompson, undergraduate student, English program; Carol Vaeth, interlibrary loan coordinator, Langsdale Library; Daniel Tebo, B.A. '10; Daprena Boyd, B.A. '02, M.S. '05; and Jeff LaNoue, project and sustainability planner, Office of Facilities Management and Capital Planning
 4. Lazita Morris and Lisa White, B.S. '05
 5. Matthew E. Fox, J.D. '06; Stuart Goldberg, B.A. '70, J.D. '74; and Darren Margolis, J.D. '95



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6 A Celebration of Alumni Authors: April 21, 2010



8 Talk by "Lyin' Tamer" Janine Driver, body-language expert: Nov. 19, 2009



7 Second Annual Ladies Tea: Oct. 10, 2009



9 UB Scholarship Celebration Luncheon: April 30, 2010



10 Third Annual UB Night at the Vienna Inn: Feb. 21, 2010

pictured, l. to r.:

6. Lee Raskin, J.D. '72
7. April Randall, J.D. '06; Nazhin Beiramee, M.A. '03; and Micheline Meyers, M.A. '06
8. Karen Malinowski, J.D. '08, and Shiva Kashani, J.D. '08
9. Robert Reed Sr.; Rosalind David, undergraduate student, Business Administration program and recipient, David A. Adey Scholarship; and David A. Adey, B.S. '72
10. Daprena Boyd, B.A. '02, M.S. '05; Torian M. Johnson, student, Graduate Business Certificate program; Yasmin N. Harris, M.S. '83; and Ryan Howard, M.B.A. '06

Where Are They Now?



Then



Now

Fred Guy Jr., associate professor and director of the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics

THEN: Thirty-eight years ago, Atlanta native Alfred “Fred” Guy Jr. had no idea that the University of Baltimore existed. Thirty-seven years ago, he took a job at UB as an untenured assistant professor of philosophy with an appreciation for Baltimore’s quirks and a penchant for cheesesteaks. “I liked the people here immediately and believed UB to be the kind of place in which I could teach and engage in philosophy with few restrictions,” Guy says. “At the time, UB was a very down-to-earth, unpretentious, fairly wild and woolly place. What wasn’t to like?”

Also, there was entertainment: “UB was surrounded by bars and strip clubs, which were always a source of jokes and interesting goings on. ... I think a few [of the ladies] tried to sneak into class a couple of times,” Guy recalls. He got “the best cheesesteak subs you ever ate” at nearby Little Caesar’s grill and ordered pizza and beer from a loud-mouthed Marge at the Rathskeller. He remembers “a lot

wilder” block parties held where the Fitzgerald at UB Midtown now sits, and soccer and basketball teams that did the University proud.

NOW: Guy eventually became a tenured associate professor, served a short stint as acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts, was chair of the Department of History and Philosophy for 10 years during the ’80s and, as of 1994, is the director of the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics. Guy finds he’s reliving history, teaching students whose parents were once in his classes. “The best thing about teaching is to hear your former students, after many years, tell you that you made a difference in their lives,” he says.

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“As a child, I had two great desires—to become an attorney and to be of service to others. I initially pursued a career in nursing, during which time I also enrolled at the UB School of Law to fulfill my lifelong goal. I graduated with honors and achieved my dream of combining my desire to serve others with a rewarding legal career.

“I could not have done this without the support of the UB community. My experiences at the University helped shape me into the person I am today; that’s why I stay involved through my service and financial support. I was able to reach my goals, and I want to help current students do the same, so I make it a priority to give back to the University each year.”

Nancy Grimm, J.D. ’02
2005 recipient, Thomas J. Pullen Jr. Outstanding Young Alumna Award

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Ralign Wells, B.S. ’08



by Barbara Pash

Ralign Wells, B.S. ’08, can laugh about it now, but it hardly seemed amusing in December when, only a few weeks after he was named administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration, a record-setting blizzard nearly paralyzed much of the state. Two more equally catastrophic snowstorms would soon follow, creating a veritable trial by snow for the 42-year-old Wells.

“The challenge was to continue service,” he says, referring to the Light Rail, commuter rail, bus and Metro Subway. “You can’t say, ‘Sorry, we’re closed for bad weather’—especially when you’re talking about the country’s ninth-largest transit system, which served about 105 million passengers in 2009. Though whiteout conditions inevitably caused service interruptions and some customer frustration, Wells weathered both the literal and figurative storms. He is now settling into the MTA’s top job—a role in which he has envisioned himself for decades.

As a child, Wells was fascinated by vehicles of all kinds—buses, trucks, cars. After high school, he enrolled in a local community

college while working for a courier service. He heard that the MTA, a division of the state Department of Transportation, was hiring weekend bus drivers, and he applied as soon as he turned 21.

“That was something I wanted to do,” he says, “but in the back of my mind, I wanted to go into management.” With that goal in mind, Wells made good use of the MTA’s

“I was able to bring those concepts back to the MTA to improve the system.”

tuition-reimbursement program and enrolled as a business student at the University of Baltimore in 1994.

While attending school part time, he also moved up the ranks at the MTA to become a full-time bus operator. As taxing as his schedule was, Wells was determined to earn his degree, even if it meant taking only one or two courses a semester. Though he took a break for a few years after the birth of his

daughter in 2003, his academic focus didn’t diminish; he returned to UB once she reached school age. “I wouldn’t [have been] able to advance at the MTA without my degree,” he says.

He also realized an added bonus: The business and marketing lessons he learned at UB had real-life applications. “I was able to bring those concepts back to the MTA to improve the system,” says Wells, whose strategies helped the organization save \$8.5 million in 2009 and are expected to help save another \$11.5 million in 2010.

These days, his schedule hasn’t exactly calmed down. Wells is responsible for the MTA’s entire \$1 billion operation, from administration and engineering to finance and planning. He also oversees a staff of more than 3,000—no small feat, but one that he’s uniquely poised to handle.

“Attitude takes you a long way,” he says. “I like people. I can relate to every [MTA] position because I’ve held every one going up the ladder.”

class notes

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1960s **Irvin Flax, CERT '65**, of Gorfine, Schiller & Gardyn was honored as a 2009 "SmartCPA" by *SmartCEO* magazine in September. This award celebrates the top accountants in the greater Baltimore area.

Francis D. Polk, J.D. '66, is the provost at Ocean County College in Toms River, N.J. He was the dean of business studies at Ocean County College for 21 years.

Robert M. Titelman, A.A. '66, is president of Skylight-Creative Ideas in Bel Air, Md. He is a member of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and served as a two-term president of the Chesapeake Promotional Products Association. A previous two-term board member for the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, he was named Member of the Year in 2003-04.

1970s **Roger N. Powell, J.D. '70**, has been elected president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Barry B. Bondroff, B.S. '71, of Gorfine, Schiller & Gardyn was honored as a 2009 "SmartCPA" by *SmartCEO* magazine in September.

Alan L. Luchinsky, B.S. '71, has been a life insurance professional for 35 years in Westminster, Md., and also is a member of the Life Insurance Training Council.

J. Michael Lawlor, J.D. '73, received the Brigadier General Philip Sherman Award from the Maryland State Bar Association at a May 2009 ceremony at the Towson (Md.) Armory. This award recognizes superior service by a civilian lawyer to uniformed service members.

Henry E. Posko Jr., B.A. '73, of Humanim, a Columbia, Md.-based nonprofit social services agency, received *The Daily Record's* 2009 Innovator of the Year award in October for the restoration of Baltimore's American Brewery building.

Edwin Bustard III, B.S. '75, is an account executive for the Boomershire Consulting Group in Ellicott City, Md.

Joseph Persico, J.D. '75, received the Sister Siena Finley Ethics Award from the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa., in October.

Henry J. Sweeney, B.S. '75, an FBI agent and supervisor in Philadelphia, Pa., retired in 2009 after 39.5 years of service.

1980s **Donald C. Fry, J.D. '80**, of the Greater Baltimore Committee received *The Daily Record's* 2009 Innovator of the Year award in October for the 6-year-old Bridging the Gap initiative, which nurtures the development of minority- and women-owned business through private-sector initiatives in Baltimore.

John J. Nagle III, J.D. '80, is an associate judge for the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, 3rd Judicial Circuit, in Towson, Md.

Nancy J. Prue, J.D. '80, was elected executive vice president of the Petroleum & Resources Corp. in Baltimore by the board of directors.

Joanne L. Green, B.S. '81, of W. R. Grace & Co.'s Grace Davison Discovery Sciences in Columbia, Md., received *The Daily Record's* 2009 Innovator of the Year award in October for her team's work

on the design, development and launch of the Reveleris flash chromatography system.

Charles M. D'Amico, J.D. '82, was sworn in as the new law director of Bayonne, N.J., in September.

Zippy C. Larson, B.A. '82, taught a class called Wallis Warfield Simpson, Duchess of Windsor in February as part of The Johns Hopkins University's Odyssey program at the Center for Liberal Arts in Baltimore.

Monroe W. De Vos, B.S. '83, is a territory manager for the truck tire division of Michelin North America in Atlanta, Ga.

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UB President and Alumni Named 'Influential Marylanders'
In February, *The Daily Record* named its list of 2010 Influential Marylanders, selected by the publication's editors "to honor people who have each made truly significant impacts in their fields and continue to be leaders in Maryland." We congratulate the three members of the UB community who received this honor:

- **Robert L. Bogomolny**, president, University of Baltimore (education)
- **Joseph A. Cooper, B.S. '55**, owner, Alex Cooper Auctioneers (real estate)
- **Donald Fry, J.D. '80**, president and CEO, Greater Baltimore Committee (civic leadership).

David A. Goldner, M.S. '83, published an article called "Selling Your Business During a Recession" in the Nov. 6 issue of the *Baltimore Business Journal*.

Mark G. Allen, B.S. '81, M.S. '84, is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and currently serves as the director of security forces for the Air Force at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C.

Susan R. Gainen, J.D. '84, is the owner of three businesses—Pass the Baton, Susan-Cooks! and Nanoscapes & Other Visions—all in Maryland.

Philip G. Fridley, B.S. '85, was named president of Manitex, based in Georgetown, Texas.

Randolph P. Brown, M.S. '86, was named deputy executive secretary for the Maryland Transportation Authority in Hanover, Md.

Edward T. Pinder, J.D. '86, is the president of the Parkville (Md.) Recreation Council, which provides a variety of year-round sports for 4,000 boys and girls. He has been the commissioner of the softball league for 10 years.

Wayne M. Willoughby, J.D. '86, received the Leadership in Law award from *The Daily Record* in November for his investment in bettering the legal profession as well as the communities in which he lives and works.

Mary C. Chalawsky, J.D. '87, received the Leadership in Law award from *The Daily Record* in November.

Gayle M. Fink, M.S. '87, is the assistant vice president of institutional effectiveness at Bowie State University in Bowie, Md.

David M. Grove, J.D. '88, won the Father John McElroy Award from Friends of Catholic Education for his dedication to the Frederick County, Md., Catholic school community.

Gina M. Smith, B.S. '89, was named by Gov. Martin O'Malley's office as the new Maryland State Lottery's interim director in December.

1990s **Christopher A. Chambers, J.D. '90**, is a professor of journalism at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Nancy S. Rase, B.S. '90, was elected by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers as president and chief executive officer of Homes for America in Annapolis, Md.

Carl Strombom, M.P.A. '90, is serving as the Federal Aviation Administration's senior representative to Pacific Rim countries. He is based at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

Thomas J.S. Waxter III, J.D. '91, received the Leadership in Law award from *The Daily Record* in November.

Kimberly E. Foster, B.S. '92, is the comptroller for CSG Partners, a full-service real estate development firm in Baltimore.

Kimberly McCoy Burns, J.D. '93, was appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to the board of trustees of Anne Arundel Community College in July.

Marian D. Daniel, M.P.A. '93, was elected a member of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's board nominating committee in July and will serve a three-year term.

UB ALUMNI NAMED 'SUPER LAWYERS'

The University of Baltimore congratulates the numerous alumni named to the 2010 Maryland Super Lawyers list, published by *Maryland Super Lawyers* magazine in January. The list recognizes outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

TOP 50 MARYLAND SUPER LAWYERS

Rignal W. Baldwin Jr., J.D. '75
Baldwin, Kagan & Gormley
Caroline D. Ciraolo, LL.M. '94
Rosenberg|Martin|Greenberg
Richard B. Jacobs, B.A. '70
Hooper & Jacobs
Kathleen Howard Meredith, J.D. '78
Iloff & Meredith
Susan T. Preston, J.D. '79
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann
William F. Ryan Jr., J.D. '79
Whiteford Taylor & Preston
Kevin L. Shepherd, J.D. '84
Venable
Andrew G. Slutkin, B.S. '88
Silverman Thompson Slutkin & White
Linda S. Woolf, B.A. '82, J.D. '85
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann

TOP 25 WOMEN MARYLAND SUPER LAWYERS

Caroline D. Ciraolo, LL.M. '94
Rosenberg|Martin|Greenberg
Rachel T. McGuckian, J.D. '93
Miles & Stockbridge
Kathleen Howard Meredith, J.D. '78
Iloff & Meredith
Susan T. Preston, J.D. '79
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann
Donna M.D. Thomas, J.D. '93
Astrachan Gunst Thomas
Deborah L. Webb, J.D. '94
Lerch, Early & Brewer
Linda S. Woolf, B.A. '82, J.D. '85
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann

TOP 10 MARYLAND SUPER LAWYERS

Kathleen Howard Meredith, J.D. '78
Iloff & Meredith

Running for a Cause

Several UB alumni and student runners participate in the Baltimore chapter of Back on My Feet, a nonprofit organization that promotes running among the homeless community as a means of increasing confidence, strength and self-esteem. The organization aims to empower its members with skills that focus on leadership and self-sufficiency.

pictured, l. to r.: (back row) Brian Carter; Andrew Gross, J.D. '08; Keith McGinty; Emily Bendann, undergraduate student, Criminal Justice program; Bonnie Bradley, B.S. '81; Lauren Lake, M.P.A. '96, graduate student, Public Administration program; and Carlos Bailey; (front row) Kari Petyak, M.A. '09; and Arnold Shipman at Nikia's Nippy Nor'easter Half Marathon & Relay on the North Central Railroad Trail in Monkton, Md., on March 28.



Brad D. Gorski, M.B.A. '93, joined Ryan, a tax-services firm, in December as a principal in its high-growth property tax practice in Atlanta, Ga. He will support the property-tax consulting needs of the firm's client portfolio in the Southeast region.

Kelly A. Koermer, J.D. '94, was appointed the dean of Anne Arundel Community College's School of Business, Computing and Technical Studies in July.

Mary K. Tilghman, M.A. '94, submitted her fifth *Frommer's Maryland & Delaware* for publication in May.

Chris Donhauser, M.B.A. '95, was promoted to chief financial officer of the Clinical Trials & Surveys Corp. in Baltimore in July.

Kevin R. Dunbar, M.B.A. '95, was elected as a member of Loyola University Maryland's Sellinger School of Business and Management's Board of Sponsors in January.

Valerie J. Overton, M.P.A. '96, was appointed senior vice president of legislative policy for the Maryland Hospital Association in Elkridge, Md., in November.

Claudia A. Brown, B.A. '98, has been selected to provide instruction on public administration courses at Sojourner Douglass College's School of Graduate Studies in Baltimore.

Jessica L. Southwick, M.A. '98, wrote and published the pop-up book *Barnacle Carnival* in July.

Peter J. Ciliberti, J.D. '99, joined the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., as an attorney in the Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations in October.

2000s **Anna Benshoof, J.D. '00**, was appointed as a master in the Family Division of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City in July.

Charles M. Blomquist, J.D. '00, received the Leadership in Law award from *The Daily Record* in November.

Susan J. Roberts, J.D. '01, was elected a partner of the Baltimore firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston in October.

Scott D. Rodgville, M.S. '01, joined the board of directors of the American Health Assistance Foundation in Clarksburg, Md., in July.

Nancy B. Grimm, J.D. '02, joined the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in November as the director of the Office of Health Care Quality in Catonsville, Md.

Michael R. Jablonover, M.B.A. '02, was appointed president and chief executive officer of James Lawrence Kernan Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Hospital in Woodlawn, Md., in December.

Shawn M. Schoene, B.S. '02, joined BankAnnapolis in Annapolis, Md., as vice president and senior credit officer in December; he manages the commercial credit department.

Elizabeth Branker, B.S. '03, is working as a business analyst/quality indicator for the Maryland Hospital Association in Elkridge, Md.

Lauren F. Golaner, J.D. '04, is the assistant state's attorney for Baltimore City. She married David Golaner on May 25, 2008.

Sonya D. Wilson, M.A. '04, was promoted to corporate communications manager of HeiTech Services, a small-business federal contractor headquartered in Landover, Md., in August.

Jonathan P. Fuhrman, B.A. '05, was married on Oct. 10, 2009, and is currently working in South Baltimore as a quality manager for a test laboratory.

Erica M. Myers, M.B.A. '05, was named branch manager of Amica Mutual Insurance Co.'s Richmond regional office in Glen Allen, Va., in July.

Amanda M. Cole, M.B.A. '06, is the training and development manager at WESCO Distribution in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jacqueline M. Lukan, M.B.A. '06, is an executive team leader in human resources for the Target Corp. in Cleveland, Ohio.

Thomas J. Maronick Jr., J.D. '06, has his own law practice, the Law Office of Thomas J. Maronick Jr., in Baltimore. He focuses on criminal, civil litigation, family and business law. He also released his first jazz CD, *Restless Journey*, under his performing name of Tom Moore in January.

Belash Kalantari, B.S. '07, started his own tax and accounting practice, IT2 Modular, in Timonium, Md., in May 2006.

Ronni H. Monaghan, J.D. '08, joined the Towson, Md., firm of Hodes, Pessin & Katz as an associate in August.

Kimya Behbahani, J.D. '09, joined the Towson, Md., firm of Hodes, Pessin & Katz as an associate in its litigation practice group in September. She concentrates her practice in general civil litigation, insurance defense and probate estate litigation.

Christopher T. Johns, B.S. '09, joined the audit and accounting department of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates in Baltimore as a staff accountant in December.

Top 100 Women

Congratulations to the University of Baltimore alumnae named to *The Daily Record's* list of "Maryland's Top 100 Women" for 2010.

Renee Battle-Brooks, J.D. '91

Patricia Brown, J.D. '86

Caroline Ciraolo, LL.M. '94

Robyn Scates, J.D. '97

Robin Silver, J.D. '84 (Circle of Excellence three-time awardee)

Kimberly Wagner, J.D. '88

Dina Wasmer, M.A. '96

In Memoriam

Phillip E. Klein, B.S. '38

John S. Wisniewski, LL.B. '38

Frank M. Zappacosta, A.A. '46

Robert V. Rubin, J.D. '47

Roger W. Dallmus, A.A. '48

Joseph P. Rieger, LL.B. '48

Roger W. Saltzgaver, A.A. '48

Charles J. Harris Sr., J.D. '49

Philip J. Patten Jr., A.A. '49

Leonard H. Miller, A.A. '50

Casper F. Scalise, CERT '50

Edwin M. Talbott Jr., J.D. '50

H. Lee Allers Jr., J.D. '51

C. Eugene Schmidt, LL.B. '52

Melvin M. Berger, A.A. '53

William J. Geary, B.S. '53

Byron K. Risley, A.A. '53

George M. Duggan, J.D. '54

Alfred G. Franz, LL.B. '54

Donald L. Keller, A.A. '55

Richard J. Flanigan Sr., LL.B. '57

Anthony F. Olszewski, CERT '57

Herbert M. Rochlin, LL.B. '57

William V. Hartleb, B.S. '58

Samuel J. Badger, J.D. '59

Jerome A. Gross, CERT '55, LL.B. '59

William J. Hinkel, LL.B. '59

Carl J. Levitt, B.S. '59

Estelle C. Jendrek, B.S. '61

Richard S. Zelina, LL.B. '61

Raymond L. Heffernan, B.S. '63

George T. Jenkins, LL.B. '63

Frank B. LaPorte, CERT '63

Gilbert F. Fangmann, B.S. '64

Robert C. Jolliff, J.D. '64

John E. Codd Jr., B.S. '65

Albert T. VanCutsem, J.D. '65

Frank V. Del Gavio Jr., B.S. '66

Donald C. Brown, LL.B. '68

Francis A. Conlon, B.S. '68

James F. Wiesner, B.S. '68

Stanley M. Grossblatt, LL.B. '69

Eris B. Joeckel, B.S. '69

William L. Haroth Jr., B.S. '70

Jerry J. Ditzel Jr., B.S. '72

Richard W. Butt, J.D. '75

Robert J. Wagtouciz, B.A. '75

Harry A. Fountain, J.D. '76

Michael Maffeo Jr., B.S. '77

Lambe S. Akintewe, B.S. '78

Linda J. Brown, M.P.A. '80

Joseph J. Moran Jr., B.S. '80

Charles B. Farley, J.D. '81

Sister Mary Kathleen Steinkamp, M.S. '82

Jane B. Wiley, J.D. '85

Cynthia L. Sennett, M.S. '86

William F. Cecil III, J.D. '90

Ellen F. Leuchs, B.S. '94

George W. Alsfeld, M.B.A. '95

Todd D. Wheeler Sr., B.S. '95

Vernon N. Davis Jr., B.S. '97

Monica C. Doherty, J.D. '04

Louis F. Rill, B.S. '05

Joseph A. Lane, J.D. '08

Former USS Baltimore Shipmates Endow Memorial Scholarship

On the second floor of the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library rests the 1,000-pound bronze bell from the USS Baltimore. The bell, which originally came to UB in 1984, is surrounded by photos of the naval cruiser, commemorative plaques and other historical naval prints; it serves as both a memento of the cruiser's illustrious career and a symbol of the newly established USS Baltimore (CA-68) Shipmates Scholarship.

At the November dedication of the bell's return to Langsdale after being remounted—it also previously resided in the John and Frances Angelos Law Center and in the Academic Center—former USS Baltimore crew members pledged \$25,000 to endow a scholarship for an incoming freshman who demonstrates financial need and outstanding academic achievement. "This scholarship is given to honor the memory of the USS Baltimore and the dedicated officers and men who served on

it," retired Capt. Christos "Chris" Zirps says. Zirps, who served on the cruiser December 1953-August 1955, is one of approximately 350 shipmates who still gather for biennial reunions, like the one held at UB as part of the bell's dedication.

Donations from the shipmates will build the endowment to \$25,000, and eventually, income from the fund will provide an annual scholarship. Zirps has pledged funding for two scholarship awards in upcoming academic years so students will be able to benefit from the shipmates' generosity immediately.

"We are honored to be able to commemorate the service that this ship—and especially its crews—provided," says **Theresa Silanskis, M.P.A. '95**, UB vice president for institutional advancement. "UB students who receive this scholarship, as well as those who see the bell in its place of honor, will remember the commitment of these individuals."



l. to r.: Ed and Patricia Bursk, Earl Hill and retired Capt. Dick Wright at the bell's dedication in November.

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Offit (*left*) poses with a Canadian Mountie in Whistler Village.

Offit celebrates with German bobsled fans in Whistler Village.

▲ the golden "Night Train" team: (*l. to r.*) Steven Holcomb, Justin Olsen, Steve Mesler and Curt Tomasevic

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Ted Offit, M.S./J.D. '81, Brings UB Along for a Wild Ride at the 2010 Winter Olympics

As far as winter sports go, **Ted Offit, M.S./J.D. '81**, is much more likely to be found on the slopes than on the ice. But that hasn't stopped the Marylander, co-founder of the Offit Kurman law firm, from serving on the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation Board of Directors since 2007.

The U.S. Olympic Committee hand-picked Offit and seven other new board members to help revitalize a once-successful program that, by the end of the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy, was best known for its controversial leadership and lackluster performances. And, as evidenced by the now-famous "Night Train" team's gold-medal run at the 2010 Vancouver Games—the first gold for the four-man bobsled team since 1948—the program

is officially back on track.

Offit and his family made the trek to Whistler, British Columbia, the site of the bobsled and skeleton events, to catch all the high-speed action in person. Fortunately for those of us who were relegated to watching on TV, Offit shared some of his memories:

- "Our team did quite well in the sliding events. The men's four-man team won the gold medal, and the women's bobsled team won bronze. We were close to a medal in every bobsled and skeleton event."
- "We spent lots of time in the Olympic village, [which] had music and entertainment all day and all night long. The Olympic events were televised live on big screens

throughout the village. Folks spent their days and nights in outdoor cafes (with heaters), watching events."

- "The international flavor of the Olympic village was something special—everyone dressed in the colors of their countries, [and] all were friendly and interested in meeting folks from other cultures. The athletes also strolled through town and mixed with us. One of the highlights of the trip for [my sons] Sam and Max was meeting Torah Bright, the gold-medal-winning Australian snowboarder."

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