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Freshmen Help Push Enrollment Growth Into Record Territory

UB broke its own enrollment record this year: With 4,085 full-time equivalent students now taking classes, the University has never been larger. For the second year in a row, no institution in the University System of Maryland grew at a greater rate. Even more impressive, however, was the double-digit increase in freshmen—who constitute only the second class of UB freshmen in 33 years.

BY THE NUMBERS:
- This freshman class is 14 percent larger than last year’s.
- Among the ranks of the class of 2012 are graduates of seven area high schools, including some of the city’s best.
- Slightly more than 50 percent of the student body is male—the reverse of national trends.
- Nearly 37 percent of the class of 2012 hails from the city—an indication that UB continues to be popular among Baltimore students even as it recruits more students from surrounding counties.
- Though freshmen have to wait a year until they declare a major, nearly 40 percent say they plan to enroll in Merrick School of Business programs, while about 60 percent say they plan to choose programs in the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts.

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Dear UB Alumni and Friends,

The University of Baltimore is growing. Total student enrollment this fall is 5,974, and the number of full-time equivalent students—4,085—is the highest in our history. This follows last year’s recruitment cycle, when UB led all University System of Maryland institutions in percentage of enrollment growth.

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With uncertain state budgets, private giving will play an increasingly important role in our ability to continue our careers without the significant debt that burdens so many college graduates today. Finally, we must increase the financial support available to our students so they can begin or complete a degree in marketing.

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Science of the Times

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Anyone who believes NFL cheerleaders don’t have much in the way of brains should think again. “One of the requirements to be a cheerleader is … to have a professional degree and a professional job or [to] be a full-time mother,” says DEBBIE FLORES-NARVAEZ, B.S. ’03, a UB/Towson M.B.A. student who has been a Washington Redskins Cheerleaders ambassador since fall 2007. “We have doctors, attorneys, CPAs and so on.”

Flores-Narvaez explains she has year-round cheerleading responsibilities. “There is a lot of charity work involved,” she says. “Redskins cheerleaders go overseas to entertain American troops, and when troops come home to Walter Reed [Army Medical Center], we visit them.” Since the NFL pays her for these appearances, “this has also been a good way to pay for my M.B.A.,” Flores-Narvaez says, adding that when she earns the degree, she wants “to move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in fashion and dance.”

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MERRICK SCHOOL REAFFIRMS AACSB STATUS

Talk about increasing the value of your degree: The University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business’ accreditation was reaffirmed by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This prestigious ranking is currently held by less than a third of U.S. business schools and by only 15 percent of business schools worldwide.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ibrahim Dabo

By Giordana Segneri

While IBRAHIM DABO, a student in UB’s Management Information Systems program, never “really” played soccer, he says, “for many people who suffered as a result of war [in Africa], soccer brought them together. It was seen as a sport of unity.”

“I used that as an opportunity to reach out to thousands of people on the African continent,” says Dabo, who graduated from high school in The Gambia at 16 and promptly began writing for SoccerAge.com, now Goal.com, as its correspondent for Africa. A native of Sierra Leone, he had moved to The Gambia with his older brother after rebels invaded his homeland during a civil war.

Dabo continued to write for Goal.com after relocating to the States in 2004, eventually becoming its Africa editor; in November 2007, he resigned to focus on his UB studies and on NeonCirc, a Baltimore nonprofit focusing on HIV prevention for the next generation, which he founded with a friend.

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Bahaar Babcock and his entourage, some of whom have blue hair or even blue skin, arrive on a deserted beach punctuated by a sign reading, “If you’d like to see what a tsunami is like, click this button.” The button is clicked; the ocean water before them recedes. And suddenly they’re facing a massive, terrifying wave.

Here in Second Life, however, no one is hurt because it’s a digital world—a simulation of the real world—that unloads on a computer screen. Bahaar Babcock is an avatar, or digital representation, of Damian Hart, B.S. ’06, a graduate of the University of Baltimore’s Simulation and Digital Entertainment program, a student in UB’s M.S. in Interaction Design and Information Architecture program and instructor of the SDE Applied Simulation class that meets in Second Life.

Not a video game, since there’s no objective or way to win, Second Life is a “3-D virtual world created by its Residents,” according to www.secondlife.com. “Since opening to the public in 2003, it has grown explosively and today is inhabited by millions of Residents from around the globe.” Commerce is completed in Linden dollars, which are traded at a rate of about 265 Linden dollars to $1.

“Second Life simulates life, and there are now companies that hire people to manage their Second Life sites,” says Kathleen Harmeyer, D.C.D. ’05, director of the SDE program (and avatar Charmed Chafe in Second Life). Such companies may be motivated to do so, she says, because there is no charge for people to create avatars that interact in Second Life, whereas tele- and videoconferencing necessitate additional costs.

A company employee “uses simulation tools to build a conference room, tables and chairs,” she explains, so others can “go to this location (as) their avatars, sit down and conduct their meeting—and they can be anywhere in the world.”

These Second Life sites are called islands, and Hart rents space on an island for about 8,000 Linden dollars, or approximately $30, a month. “My little section of land is beachfront property,” he says. “I acquired a 3-D model of a house—it’s called the Beach House—and I put up a couple of palm trees.” His students can then enjoy the view while learning, and not in any sort of traditional environment.

The class meets remotely every other week in Second Life, communicating in real time—thus requiring a live discussion—via headsets (or speakers and microphones), and in person in a real-world classroom on alternating weeks. “Rather than having a conventional classroom, the class prepares them for what might be the next big windfall,” he says; in fact, technology analysts at Gartner Group estimate that by 2011, 80 percent of office workers will be members of virtual worlds like Second Life.

Hart says the students’ experience in the class prepares them for what might be the next big windfall. “Second Life is getting a lot of press coverage, and businesses are starting to discover it,” he says; in fact, technology analysts at Gartner Group estimate that by 2011, 80 percent of active Internet users will be members of virtual worlds like Second Life.

“If you have basic skills in Second Life, the flood gates are about to open,” he says.

**SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Simulation and Digital Entertainment

Students Study in Second Life

By Giordana Segneri
“Wow, I wonder what that’s like” is exactly what the University of Baltimore Alumni Magazine staff found ourselves saying earlier this year when we first learned about the extraordinary alumni experiences recounted here (usually followed by another, even more awestruck “wow”).

It’s no secret that UB alumni have long been making their mark everywhere from Baltimore to Singapore and in nearly every field imaginable, collecting plenty of stories worth sharing along the way. We invite you to spend a few minutes in the shoes of some particularly adventurous, out-of-the-box UB alumni whose experiences—sometimes career related, sometimes not—truly take the cake (pun intended). …

WHAT IT’S LIKE TO:

STARRY ON THE REALITY-BASED TV SENSATION ACE OF CAKES

As an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Mary Alice Yeskey, M.A. ’05, made friends with fellow student Duff Goldman years before he opened Charm City Cakes and effectively cornered the Baltimore market on artistic cake creations. Little did she know that Goldman would go on to achieve national celebrity as the “bad boy of baking” on the Food Network show Ace of Cakes—and that she would bring her along for the ride.

“Three years ago, I had burned out on my job, and Duff needed someone to fill in as an administrator,” Yeskey says. “We’ve always been very busy, yet when I started here, I could finish all of my work by 3 p.m. and then have fun decorating the cakes.”

But the Food Network changed all that by chronicling the hectic creative process at Charm City Cakes—which makes everything from traditional wedding cakes to those that pay homage to the likes of construction tools, Wrigley Field and acoustic guitars—and sharing the high (and low) points with a national audience on cable TV.

The show completed its fourth 13-week commitment this spring and has signed on for another 13 episodes. “Now I work more than full time and have two people helping me,” Yeskey says. “The show changed everything for all of us.”

The best part of her job, says Yeskey—whose “other life” includes competing in the Charm City Roller Girls roller derby league—is being able to work with people she counts as friends. “Working in a creative environment, I realize, is really crucial for me,” she says. “We have a lot of artistic talent here, which is really inspiring.”

BY MARY MEDLAND

Mary Alice Yeskey, M.A. ’05
A few years ago, Carole Boston Weatherford, M.A. ’82, saw her book **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom** on The New York Times’ children’s best-seller list. These days, she’s hoping her newest book, **Becoming Billie Holiday**, will do the same.

“I think Billie Holiday was my muse even before I knew I wanted to be a writer,” says Weatherford, who today is an associate professor of English at North Carolina’s Fayetteville State University. “My father had a couple of her records, including the last one she recorded, Lady in Satin. As I got older, I explored a lot of other types of music but got reintroduced to Billie when the film about her, **Lady Sings the Blues**, came out.

“I became a hard-core fan and wrote a couple of poems about her,” she adds.

While standing by a likeness of the singer in Baltimore’s Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Weatherford listened to a teenage girl talk about how much she loved Holiday. That was all it took to convince the author it was time to write a young-adult book about Holiday.

“I was only concerned with her life up to the age of 25, which was when she recorded ‘Strange Fruit,’” Weatherford says. “After that, she began to decline due to heroin and alcohol. I didn’t want to touch the more sordid aspects of her life, but instead to show a young, vibrant woman in love with jazz and with life.”

**Becoming Billie Holiday**, published in October by Boyds Mills Press, is a series of poems, each of which is titled after one of Holiday’s songs and written in the singer’s voice. “It’s as if these poems are really being spoken to me… She is singing the story of her life to the reader,” Weatherford says.

Arnold T. Blumberg, M.A. ’96, D.C.D. ’04, swears he is “absolutely normal,” even though you might expect otherwise from the co-author, with Andy Hershberger, of **Zombiemania: 80 Movies to Die For**.

A longtime fan of pop culture, comic books and sci-fi memorabilia, Blumberg explains zombie films are a subgenre of horror movies in which the dead return to life to wreak havoc on the living. Other types of films also make an appearance in the zombie anthology, namely Haitian voodoo movies.

For **Zombiemania**, Blumberg and Hershberger researched 150 movies and watched—at least twice—all 80 films that appear in the book. “We describe all of the plots, and we did a lot of in-depth research,” he says. “We also give readers a critical review.”

Do not, however, expect to see only the critics’ top picks here. “We picked some really lousy movies that are so bad, they’re actually enjoyable,” says Blumberg, who also works as the curator of Geppi’s Entertainment Museum in Baltimore.

Blumberg counts among his favorite classics 1932’s **White Zombie**, starring (no surprise) Bela Lugosi. “There are echoes of Dracula here, and it is a brilliant mood piece,” he says. “My all-time best ever is George Romero’s **Night of the Living Dead**, which was made in 1968 and really defined zombie movies to a modern audience.

“That was followed in 1978 by his **Dawn of the Dead**, which is also terrific.”

For those who scoff at such films, Blumberg maintains zombie movies often reflect the cultural and societal norms of the day. “These films are often allegories that explore the collapse of society,” he says, “and frequently show how we are our own worst enemy.”

**WHAT IT’S LIKE TO: CHANNEL A JAZZ LEGEND**

Carole Boston Weatherford, M.A. ’82

Arnold T. Blumberg, M.A. ’96, D.C.D. ’04
March 2008. Columbus, Ohio. The public and the media were abuzz with anticipation of the state’s hotly contested Democratic primary election. The European press corps was on hand, as were Al Jazeera, the presidential candidates themselves and—thanks to a last-minute e-mail push for volunteers—Paula Whisted, M.B.A. ’89.

“As I’ve gotten older, I’ve gotten more involved in politics, but I had never done anything outside Maryland,” says Whisted, who works as the director of research and database management for the University of Baltimore’s Office of Institutional Advancement. “On the Sunday before the Ohio primary, I got an e-mail about volunteer opportunities for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. I remember thinking that it might be fun to do something outside Maryland.”

Two days later, Whisted arrived in Ohio and became immersed in the campaigning experience. “There were tons of volunteers from other states, and everything was remarkably well organized,” she says. Whisted visited a number of neighborhoods and knocked on doors before working the phone banks at Clinton’s headquarters, urging voters to get to the polls. “When we needed more phones, one law firm sent its employees home early and let us use their phones,” Whisted says. “Then we went to polling places that we heard were closing, although there were people still in line waiting to vote. … You sort of did whatever you were asked to do.”

Whisted’s spontaneous trip paid off; by night’s end, she had celebrated Clinton’s key Ohio win over Sen. Barack Obama at a live-victory party. “Hillary and Chelsea were there, [and] the energy was amazing; everyone was unbelievably excited,” she says. “What really struck me was being able to be part of something where everyone has the same goal and the same passion for politics. … I was on a natural high for weeks after the Ohio primary.”

By day, Trevor “Chip” Lewis Jr., B.S. ’73, is the managing director of PSA Financial. But when he trades in the three-piece suit for more casual attire, he’s likely to be found working with his son, Trevor Lewis III, and his daughter-in-law on the family’s bison farm in Monkton, Md.

“My son always made it clear that he did not want to have an office job,” Lewis says. “About five years ago, he came up with the bison thing, which turned into Gunpowder Bison & Trading Co.”

After doing a good deal of research—and rubbing elbows with media mogul Ted Turner, who owns some 45,000 bison—Lewis and his son launched Gunpowder Bison nearly two years ago. “We have probably 50 or 60 bison,” Lewis says. “My wife [pictured below] and I live in one house on the farm we bought in the 1980s, and my son and his wife live in another house on the property. We all have dinner together once a week and go over how sales are going, what needs to be done and so forth. … I’m often out there mowing grass for the animals.”

Lewis says his animals are raised naturally, and once the bison reach about 22 months—and weigh roughly 1,100 pounds—they are sent to a farm in Pennsylvania to be “harvested.” After being dry-aged for 24 to 27 days, the meat is packaged in the form of burgers, Italian sausage, breakfast sausage, New York strip steaks and Delmonicos and returned to Maryland for sale to restaurants or in the farm’s retail store.

“The meat is very healthy,” Lewis says. “We don’t use hormones or any other additives.”
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LEARN TO CLIMB YOUR FIRST MOUNTAIN—WHEN IT'S MOUNT KILIMANJARO

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UB Foundation Fast Facts:
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Background
The University of Baltimore Foundation was created in 1969 to provide leadership in obtaining and managing private financial support for UB and its academic programs. Funding sources include annual donations, special gifts, grants and permanent funds known as endowments.

What are endowments?
An endowment is like an interest-earning institutional savings account, but endowment funds are not set aside for a rainy day. Instead, the donated gifts are kept in an account, and only annual interest earnings are distributed according to an agreement with the donor. The generated income contributes to UB’s financial stability while providing funding for special initiatives.

How are endowed funds used?
“Endowed scholarships, student awards, professorships and faculty development funds form the core of the foundation’s financial support for UB,” says Vernon Wright, B.S. ’69, chairman of the University of Baltimore Foundation.

The foundation manages about $37 million in endowed funds; many of these are named funds established with significant donor gifts. Others honor a respected member of the UB community and are the result of many gifts of various sizes.

For more information about endowment giving, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 410.837.6271 or annualgiving@ubalt.edu.

UB Foundation Profile
Behind the success of the University of Baltimore Foundation is a solid team of dedicated alumni who recognize that the University’s continued success depends on its ability to grow and adapt constantly to the changing needs of tomorrow’s students.

Here’s the first of several snapshots introducing you to the talented folks spearheading this project and, ultimately, increasing the value of your UB degree.

Kenneth R. Shutts, J.D. ’80, president and chief operating officer, Penn National Insurance; board member, UB Foundation (since 2008)

Why he’s involved with the foundation:
“My UB School of Law education emphasized not only the study of substantive law through the coursework and curriculum, but the ability to think critically, analyze objectively, reason thoroughly and utilize independent judgment. I began my career with the tools I needed to become a successful legal practitioner.

“I am excited about the opportunity to help further the mission and vision of the University in any way I can. I believe strongly that we should give back to the various constituencies that have played such a prominent role in shaping, developing and nurturing our individual growth and development. By doing so, we are fulfilling a fundamental responsibility to help those constituencies provide equally enriching opportunities to the next generation.”

What’s the story behind this UB photo?
We recently stumbled upon an archive of old, unlabeled UB photos that prompted us to do a little sleuthing, and we need your help. Do you know the people pictured above? Were you at this event?

Fill us in: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.

The Gang’s All Here
Those avid golfers and UB graduates don’t wait for reunions to reconnect with their fellow alumni. During the golf season, they schedule tee times every few weeks at various courses in and around Maryland to test their golf skills and catch up on old times. Pictured below, l. to r.: Robert A. “Bobby” Sekelis; Michael Walsh, B.S. ’69; J. Donald “Butch” Wiltse, B.S. ’66; Brian Moyer, B.S. ’63; Ross E. “Nip” Nippard, B.S. ’60; H. Wayne Walters, B.S. ’67; Stuart Harrison, B.S. ’69, J.D. ’79; and Kenneth Johnson, B.S. ’60, at Maryland’s Wakefield Valley Golf Club, owned by Hank Majewski, B.S. ’61.
**QUESTIONS**

1. In what year did Country Joe and the Fish perform at UB? 
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   - True or false? Edgar Allan Poe studied at the University of Baltimore.

2. According to a 1997 article on UB's history, which former U.S. vice president attended UB?
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   - True or false? Poe died in 1849, well before UB was founded. Many people think he has a connection to UB because his statue sits on the original site.

3. William “Red” Holzman (who was also the first player to be selected in the NBA draft) and who coached at UB?
   - In which sport did UB win three NCAA championships (1961, 1963 and 1975)?
   - Which legendary John Waters movie premiered at UB's Langsdale Library?
   - Which former University of Baltimore professor was inducted into the University of Baltimore Athletic Hall of Fame for lacrosse and soccer.

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**Did You Know?**

UB alumni fill the ranks at nearly every level of state government.

- 10 of 23 Maryland state’s attorneys are alumni
- 16 of 130 Maryland county commissioners/council members are alumni
- 4 of 7 Anne Arundel County council members (another is a student)
- 3 of 15 Baltimore City council members
- 5 of 7 Baltimore County council members
- 2 of 5 Howard County council members
- 1 of 9 Montgomery County council members
- 1 of 5 Queen Anne’s County commissioners
- 18 of 188 Maryland General Assembly members are alumni:
  - 5 of 47 state senators
  - 13 of 141 state delegates

**Remembering Chip Silverman, B.A. ’66**

By Christianna McCaulsland

In 1977, coach Howard “Chip” Silverman, B.A. B.A. ’66, faced a small, hard-charging group of UB lacrosse players with nicknames like “Dit” and “Drunkin’ Duncan.”

“How he was going to handle us was beyond us,” laughs Frank Glorioso, B.S. ’79, a former player and friend of Silverman. Silverman took that team to the playoffs led by two of the leading scorers of all time. It’s the kind of underdog sports triumph that movies are made of, which was nothing new for Silverman, who died in March of melanoma at the age of 66.

Silverman was an addictions clinician and behavioral health consultant who rose through the ranks of the Maryland state Department of Health to deputy director and oversaw substance abuse public policy under former Gov. William Donald Schaefer, LL.M. ’51. But it was his life outside the office that was fodder for the silver screen. Silverman was born and raised in Northwest Baltimore and was one of the original “Diner Guys,” upon whom Barry Levinson based his 1982 film, Diner.

In 1970, Silverman had another brush with renown when he formed a lacrosse team at Morgan State University that went on to rank in the top 10 four times between 1970 and 1975. The team became part of sport legend in 1975 when it trounced Washington & Lee, which had not lost a regular-season game in three years.

At UB, Silverman stepped in as interim coach to keep the lacrosse program alive when the previous coach left for a post at Army. In that year, he also established a feeder program to recruit new players from junior colleges to ensure the sport’s survival when he left. “He didn’t take the job thinking, ‘I’m just going to stay here for one year and leave,’” says Frank Szynaski, M.S. ’77, former director of athletics at UB. “He helped perpetuate our lacrosse program rather than let it deteriorate.”

Even after he left UB, Silverman organized alumni games. Eventually he went to the University with an idea that burgeoned into the creation of today’s UB Athletic Hall of Fame; he was posthumously inducted in May.

According to Glorioso, Silverman was charismatic and straightforward. “He was a guy who would tell you how it was,” he says. “He did it coaching and he did it in his drug abuse counseling. He never sugar-coated things.”

But, says Glorioso, his friend never shied away from embellishing a story. Silverman was a journalist and author who wrote eight books, including Diner Guys and Ten Bears (about the Morgan State team).

**Carrying On a UB Tradition**

When Stefan Ades, J.D. ’05, was accepted to the University of Baltimore School of Law, he had an advantage over most of his classmates: his mother.

A recent grad of the School of Law herself, Renee Bronfein Ades, B.S. ’74, J.D. ’00, was able to recommend classes and professors to her son. “My professors made law come to life,” Renee says. “I told Stefan that if he wanted to practice law in the Baltimore area, UB was the place to go.”

Now a partner at Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Henderson, Renee speaks highly of her years at UB, especially regarding her work with the law school’s Family Law Clinic, for which she received the School of Law Clinical Excellence Award in 2001.

A UB Foundation board member, Renee has also served as a member of the Law School Advisory Council and received the H. Nebane Turner Service Award in 2004 and 2007. She was recently appointed to the Maryland State Bar Association’s Family Law Section.

In 2001, Renee and her family established the endowed Arthur G. Bronfein Law Clinic Fund, which provides annual support for UB’s clinical law faculty. In giving back to her alma mater, Renee is ensuring that the educational excellence she experienced at UB will continue. “UB gave me the tools I needed to succeed, and it did the same for my son,” she says.
Record-Setting Gift, New Law Building for UB

By Chris Hart

In just four years, the University of Baltimore School of Law will move to a brand-new home, just across from its longtime location off Gordon Plaza to a much more visible site at the intersection of North Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue.

The new John and Frances Angelos Law Center will be named for the parents of Peter Angelos, LL.B. ’62, who in June unveiled a $5 million dollar-for-dollar matching pledge that will go toward construction of the building, signifying the largest private gift in UB’s history. The structure will complement the midtown skyline, cementing the University’s place along the Jones Falls corridor and providing law students, educators and alumni with a modernized home.

This gift followed the Maryland Legislature’s approval earlier this year of Gov. Martin O’Malley’s request for design and planning funds. The total cost of the project is currently estimated at $107 million.

In an open letter to the community, UB President Robert L. Bogomolny set out a vision for a new law school building, signifying the largest private gift in UB’s history, “The competition helps us to ensure that our building will be a major development for the center of the city,” says Steve Cassard, UB’s vice president for facilities management. “Now we have five world-class firms and their partners competing for the opportunity to join us in this work.”

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Announcements about the look and feel of the projected 190,000-square-foot building are forthcoming. An international design competition, supported by a donation from the Abell Foundation, attracted nearly two dozen architecture and engineering firms from across the country as well as overseas.

School of Law Dean Phillip J. Closius says the timing is ideal for UB to undertake this initiative, as expectations for the impact of a law degree continue to climb, and more alumni recognize the lifelong value of their UB education.

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When Janice Jackson, B.A. ’02, M.S. ’05, heard last spring that the University of Baltimore psychology class she typically teaches as an adjunct professor was cancelled, she knew something was in store. “My faith is what keeps me going,” she says, “Everything I do, I know there’s a reason.”

That reason came about during a visit to The BET Foundation’s Web site, where Jackson read about a casting call for the Every Woman is a Queen campaign promoting Queen Latifah’s make-up line, the CoverGirl Queen Collection. She submitted her essay and photo immediately. “I went in spin, and I lost by a car of the age 21,” Jackson says. “A young guy was smoking a cigarette, dropped it in his lap and lost control of the car. I flew 40 feet and broke my neck. The doctors told me the only thing I’d be able to move was my shoulders, but I spent the last 24 years moving negative stereotypes about women with disabilities.”

The accident didn’t stop Jackson, a quadriplegic, from earning four degrees in seven years or from becoming a CoverGirl. As one of four finalists chosen from among 4,000 entrants, she flew to Chicago last spring to be photographed for an ad that appeared in Ebony magazine’s June issue. Lifetime television network then filmed the finalists in New York for a profile that aired in May.

The spotlight on Jackson hasn’t dimmed since. In June, she headed to Hollywood for a cover photo shoot, this time as one of 100 women finalists in Nabisco’s Everyday Extraordinary Contest who will appear in People, InStyle and Real Simple magazines. “It was exciting to win,” it was, but more exciting to change the stereotypes of women with disabilities,” Jackson says. That’s what Jackson has been doing since 2005, when she founded nonprofit Women Embracing Abilities Now to help “W.E.A.N. women back into their communities,” she says. Volunteer director, W.E.A.N. operates via donations and fundraising under another Baltimore nonprofit, Making Choices for Independent Living. “We give hope to women that there’s life after disabilities,” Jackson says. “Here they are, their world’s changed, and society’s telling them, ‘You’re not beautiful. We focus on empowerment.’”

In running her organization, Jackson constantly applies what she learned about grant writing and program planning in UB’s graduate and undergraduate Human Services Administration programs. “My big goal is to have a sister program to W.E.A.N. in every hospital in this country,” she says, “This is a wonderful mission, and I’m glad I was chosen for it. It will finally help women with disabilities take their rightful place in society.”
IN MEMORIAM

Edward L. Jett, LL.B. ’41
Virginia Decker, LL.B. ’43
Sol J. Friedman, J.D. ’44
John P. Frankenfield, B.S. ’48
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Philip Sherman, J.D. ’53
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Robert P. Richmond, J.D. ’54
Allen F. Cosgrove Sr., B.S. ’57
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James W. Curran Jr., J.D. ’61
Marshall Shure, J.D. ’61
Melvin L. Mallonee, B.S. ’62
Hugh Burgess, J.D. ’63

Joseph H. Jenkins, J.D. ’66
Howard “Chip” Silverman, B.A. ’66
Hewes L. Aronstamn, J.D. ’67
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Paul D. Behringer, B.S. ’79
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John W. Brownling, J.D. ’81
Richard E. Galicki, B.S. ’90

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WANTED: energetic UB graduates interested in networking with their professional peers, volunteering for alumni initiatives and giving back to UB

Every University of Baltimore graduate is a lifetime member (no dues required) of the UB Alumni Association, an organization of more than 50,000 UB graduates. Each UB school also has its own alumni organization that provides opportunities for enthusiastic individuals to be involved with their alma mater.

The Merrick Alumni Network hosts networking events like Merrick After Five and contributes to building a new generation of business professionals through initiatives that link alumni with Merrick School of Business students.

The College of Liberal Arts Alumni Society sponsors programs such as Backpack to Briefcase, through which alumni return to campus to share their professional experiences with current students.

The Law Alumni Society brings together alumni and students to exchange ideas, gain knowledge and reach out to the UB School of Law community.

All three organizations are looking for active volunteers with innovative ideas to increase opportunities for alumni interaction. Time commitments vary, but the rewards are always immense.

Get involved now: Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6331 or alumni@ubalt.edu for more information.

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H e’s married with two children and met his wife the old-fashioned way: They attended the same college. But that hasn’t deterred Frank Gorton, B.S. ’96, from setting up shop in March with the online dating service www.loovy.com. “I worked in the Web industry for a number of years and worked on love.com for AOL,” he says. “Web-based dating sites are the No. 1 content industry on the Web, and I liked the idea of helping people find love.”

While he eventually expects the site to generate income—through membership fees, advertising and local events across the country—currently membership is free. “There are about 100 people—half men and half women—who have signed up,” Gorton says. “In addition to the Web site, we’re going to be hosting socials for members, and we are going to be hosting socials for members of the Jewish community.”

After answering general questions about age, education and religious affiliations, for example, members can respond to open-ended questions, and everyone who joins gets his or her own blog. Unlike other matchmaking sites, Gorton says, Loovy does not discriminate and is open to everyone. “I’m also working on creating different niches, such as a niche for Jewish members,” he adds. “We are going to be competing with jdate.com.”

Loovy members can even get their friends and family into the act. “Inside Scoop” enables members’ friends, for instance, to respond and let the Loovy world know what sort of people they are. “If I set up a profile, I know who my friends are,” says Gorton. “If I set up a profile, I know who my friends are.”

Other features include “Dear John” e-letter options that say, in essence, “I don’t think this is going to work out; we’re like oil and water,” as well as “Morning After” letter models for times when things look promising: “Had a great time, hope to see you again soon” or “I think I’m falling in love.”

Though he’s always hoping for happy endings, Gorton acknowledges the potential risk of meeting people online. “We have articles on safety tips for dating, and I’m working on a safety feature,” Gorton says. “If you are going to meet someone, for example, you will prepare an alert in the system for your friends that says where and when you will be meeting and what time you will be home. When all goes well and you arrive home, you can check back into the site and delete the alert.”

“However, if you do not return by the designated time, your friends will receive the alert that something might be wrong.”

Gorton says he’s relishing his role as a modern-day matchmaker. “I’m just trying to make it easy for people to meet, find love and get married,” he says.
We know that, as alumni, you’re proud of the University of Baltimore’s tremendous global reputation. Show your pride in a new way: The next time you travel abroad, take a photo in which you’re wearing any kind of UB apparel and send it in; we’ll include selected photos in future issues of the alumni magazine.

Send your photos to the University of Baltimore Office of Alumni Relations, 1130 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or to alumni@ubalt.edu.

Time to update your supply of UB gear? Check out all the new merchandise at UB’s Barnes & Noble bookstore on the first floor of the UB Student Center, or order online at http://ubalt.bncollege.com.

Above: In late May, William “Bill” R. Levasseur Sr., J.D. ’61, and his wife, Joanne, traveled to Europe to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary; they began in Amsterdam and ended in Budapest. This photo was taken atop the ruins of Germany’s Wertheim Castle, which overlooks what Levasseur describes as an “honest-to-goodness fairytale town.” “To get there, we had to climb lots of steps—but the view was worth the effort,” he explains.

After they conquered the historic German landmark, Levasseur and his wife headed into the town of Wertheim to indulge in the local delicacies. “The merchants in town are known for their bakery and butcher products,” he says, “but we decided to try some of the best Bratwurst and incredible German beer.”

KARYN S. BERGMANN, et al.,
Plaintiff Class Representatives,
Plaintiff Class Members,
v.
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND,
et al.

Defendants.

IN THE
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BALTIMORE CITY

Civil Case No. 24-C-02-005740

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR BALTIMORE CITY ABOUT A CLASS ACTION INVOLVING A TUITION REFUND THAT YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE

A class action has been certified by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City and steps have been taken by the parties to notify all class members of their rights and involvement in the case. The class action seeks partial tuition refunds for students charged out-of-state tuition after applying for in-state tuition at any one of the following University System of Maryland (“USM”) schools: (1) University of Maryland, Baltimore; (2) University of Maryland, Baltimore County; (3) University of Maryland, College Park; (4) University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; (5) University of Maryland, University College; (6) Bowie State University; (7) Coppin State University; (8) Frostburg State University; (9) Salisbury State University; (10) Towson University; and (11) University of Baltimore. Students who qualify as members of the class include those who: (1) petitioned any USM school for re-classification from out-of-state status to in-state status for any semester from the Spring 2001 to the present and (2) were denied in-state tuition status based upon a failure to overcome the “financial dependence” or “residence at application” presumptions of the relevant USM policies, but otherwise met the requirements of the policy and the school’s procedures for obtaining in-state tuition status, including exhaustion of the institution’s administrative process. Class members are entitled to have the original decision to charge out-of-state tuition reconsidered by the institution, based upon revised standards for determining how these presumptions should apply (Those standards may be found at www.usmd.edu/regents/bylaws/SectionVIII/VIII270). Depending upon the results of that review, you may be eligible for a refund in the amount of the difference between the out-of-state tuition that you paid and the in-state tuition rate applicable at that time.

If you believe you are a member of the class but have not received a personal notice and wish to be part of the class, you should immediately contact the class plaintiffs’ attorney Anthony M. Conti at CONTI FENN & LAWRENCE LLC, 36 South Charles Street, Suite 2501, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, to learn more about your possible rights in this matter, as you may be entitled to a tuition refund.

To learn more about your possible rights and to make a request to be considered as a member of the class, please contact Anthony M. Conti, CONTI FENN & LAWRENCE LLC, by calling (410) 837-6999 or by e-mailing info@lawcfl.com. All e-mails should include the following information: full name, day and evening telephone number(s), current mailing address, name of constituent institution attended, and the years applied for and denied in-state tuition.

Judge M. Brooke Murdock
On June 7, UB graduates headed back to campus for an alumni reunion and crab feast. Pictured: 1) Earl Heim, B.S. ’68; 2) guests enjoying a perfect day on Gordon Plaza; 3) Sharon Johnson, J.D. ’98; Joe (J.D. ’88) and Corinne Gianello; 4) Andreas Prastiya; Klara Yurenkova; Mirella and Ricardo Trivello; Ewan Simpson, program coordinator for UB’s Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center; Lingaraju Virupaxappa; Carlos Fernandez; and Astarte Dalley, M.A. ’68; 5) Aileen Heinz; Navetta Callison; Lesley O’Brien; Lenora Giles, B.S. ’05; and Michael Swaby-Rowe, M.A. ’02; and 6) Vern (B.A. ’93) and Tanya James.

David Cordish, chairman of the Cordish Co., hosted a Merrick After Five event for alumni, graduate students and friends at the company’s downtown offices on June 19. Pictured: 3) Cordish; Jeff Gluck, B.S. ’88; and Darlene Brannigan Smith, B.S. ’78, M.B.A. ’80, dean of the Merrick School of Business; 4) Joi Stanley, associate director of the Office of Alumni Relations, and Kimberly Nelson, M.B.A. ’06.

Baltimore hot spot Red Maple played host to a UB Alumni Association happy hour on March 28. Pictured: 4) Andreas Prastiya; Klara Yurenkova; Mirella and Ricardo Trivello; Ewan Simpson, program coordinator for UB’s Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center; Lingaraju Virupaxappa; Carlos Fernandez; and Astarte Dalley, M.A. ’68; 5) Aileen Heinz; Navetta Callison; Lesley O’Brien; Lenora Giles, B.S. ’05; and Michael Swaby-Rowe, M.A. ’02; and 6) Vern (B.A. ’93) and Tanya James.


The UB Athletic Hall of Fame 5th Annual Induction Ceremony brought a lively crowd of former athletes and friends to a new venue, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, on May 9 to honor this year’s inductees. Pictured: 6) Al Mank, B.S. ’65; Joseph Binder Jr., B.S. ’64; and Don Newbery, coach of UB’s 1961 championship baseball team; 7) Charles J. McGeehan III, B.S. ’62; George Burger Jr., B.S. ’62; and Ronald G. Barco, B.S. ’62; front row: Charles B. Cisterna, B.S. ’81, M.P.A. ’86; Jim Morgan, B.S. ’64; McGeehan; Barco; Binder; and Newbery; back row: Berger; Harold H. Dorsey, J.D. ’66; Joseph B. Nieberding, B.S. ’65; Ron Mather, B.S. ’64; and Gary J. Hurley, B.S. ’62.

On Aug. 22, the annual UB Night at Camden Yards drew a stellar turnout of UB alumni and friends to watch the Orioles take on the New York Yankees. Pictured: 7) UB alumni, friends and family gathering for the pre-game bullpen party; 8) Al Mank, B.S. ’65; Joseph Binder Jr., B.S. ’64; and Don Newbery, coach of UB’s 1961 championship baseball team; 9) guests mingle at the post-lecture networking reception; 10) Basu and Marcus Newton.

The Office of Alumni Relations celebrated the numerous staff members who are also UB graduates at a staff alumni breakfast in the UB Student Center on April 2. Pictured: 12) Marsha Hogan, director of development and external relations for the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts; Phillip Korb, M.S. ’78, associate professor of accounting; Oswie Pajety, M.B.A. ’84, adjunct professor of ethics; Susan R. Zucar, interim provost and professor of management; Ogechi Nwafor, M.B.A. ’06; and Joi Stanley.

Holly Sadaghi, J.D. ’88, hosted a January get-together for Washington, D.C., area alumni at the Vienna Inn in Vienna, Va. Pictured: 13) Catherine A. (M.A. ’87, J.D. ’89) and Ross Bowers; 14) Laurie Tebbook, director of external relations for the UB School of Law; Christopher Adams, J.D. ’96, and Sandy Popp, B.A. ’94, J.D. ’08, assistant director of alumni relations for the law school.
Where are they now?
1973-74 “Miss UB” Cindy Berardino, B.S. ’78
By Mary Medland

THEN: In 1973, Cindy Berardino, B.S. ’78, (formerly Goloboski) arrived at UB from an all-female high school to be one of 15 or so women on the University’s campus. “Someone came up with the idea of having a Miss University of Baltimore contest, and my brother [Theodore J. Goloboski, B.S. ’75], who was also a UB student, coerced me into participating,” Berardino says. “A bunch of photos [were] displayed, and everyone at the school voted. No swimsuits, no ball gowns—it was all very casual.”

Attire aside, Berardino was voted UB’s top beauty. She received “a trophy and a dozen roses, although I don’t even recall what I was wearing,” she says.

NOW: For 25 years following her graduation, Berardino worked as an accountant before taking her current position as manager of Baltimore’s Christ Church Harbor Apartments, an independent living facility, eight years ago. “I’ve always liked the senior population,” Berardino says. “They are very kind, very caring and only want a bit of your time.”

REMEMBER WHEN: “There were so few women on campus that we formed our own sorority, which I think had about six women,” Berardino says. “We had a floor in a sorority/fraternity house on Charles Street, right across from the Famous Ballroom, where we used to hang out after classes—sometimes studying, sometimes partying—or sometimes we’d get together on the weekends for a barbecue.”

Where she is now: Dundalk, Md.
What she is doing now: manager, Christ Church Harbor Apartments in Baltimore
Where she worked since attending UB: family accounting practice
Family: one son, Brian, and a granddaughter, Adrianna

Alumni Accomplishments
UB is proud to congratulate its extraordinary alumni who have been named to the lists of “Maryland’s Top 100 Women for 2008” and “Influential Marylanders of 2008” by The Daily Record, Maryland’s business and legal newspaper.

MARYLAND’S TOP 100 WOMEN
Rona E. Kramer, J.D. ’79
Linda Thater Layton, J.D. ’84
(“Circle of Excellence” three-time award winner)
Diane Lillibridge Caslow, M.P.A. ’85
Theresa M. Adams, J.D. ’86
Randi Alper Pupkin, J.D. ’87
Wanda G. Caporletti, J.D. ’89
Carolyn Wilson Evans, J.D. ’92
Eileen M. Levitt, M.B.A. ’94
Yolanda F. Sonnier, J.D. ’97
Valerie Ervin, M.P.A. ’91
P. Ann Cotter, M.S. ‘86, CERT ‘92,
D.P.A. ’93
Anita H. Thomas, associate vice president for government relations at UB, was also named to this list.

INFLUENTIAL MARYLANDERS
Stewart Greenebaum, B.S. ’59
Donald Fry, J.D. ’80
Kristen Campbell, M.A. ’02

Mike Vitt, J.D. ’99
By Paula Novash

The career of Mike Vitt, J.D. ’99, is a study in contrasts. During Hurricane Katrina, the tugboat captain-turned-attorney faced 120-mph winds as the huge ship was like a big Clorox bottle floating on the swells. “I was a witness in a maritime collision case and realized very few of the lawyers involved understood the industry as well as I did,” Vitt recalls. “I decided I would be involved in the law someday.” Twenty-plus years later, that desire brought him to the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Law school was “the most exciting and demanding [time] of my life,” Vitt says. “Our class was great, and UB provided an incredibly supportive, friendly, egalitarian environment, which was especially important to me as a nontraditional student.” (He later completed his specialized training in admiralty law at Tulane University Law School.)

“I am so lucky to have reached a goal I’d set early on,” Vitt says. “And I couldn’t have done it without UB.”

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Bee Benefits
UB alumni are eligible for plenty of perks:
• A new lost-key protection program provides alumni with key chains containing unique identifying numbers. If someone finds lost keys attached to the key chain, they can drop them into a U.S. mailbox, and the UB Alumni Association will ensure the keys are returned to the home address on file.
• The UB bookstore, run by Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, offers alumni a 10 percent discount on books, clothing and gifts upon presentation of an alumni association card.
For more information or to receive a free alumni association card, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410.837.6131 or alumni@ubalt.edu.
We invite you to take a stroll down memory lane and think about your best UB memories. Whether it’s a favorite professor or class, down time at Poe’s Publick House or at Little Caesar’s, fraternity pranks or a big victory over a rival sports team, we want to hear about those memorable times that still make you smile. We’ll publish select stories in a future edition of the UB Alumni Magazine.

Share your most memorable UB stories of 150 words or less with the University of Baltimore Office of Alumni Relations using the contact information listed below.

• e-mail: alumni@ubalt.edu  • regular mail: 1130 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201  • phone: 410.837.6131