From designing rainforest exhibits to engineering for NASA, alumni from the 1990s reveal their life passions.
Freezin' for a reason

A jubilant Mike Maloney, UB exercise science major (with water wings), emerges from the frigid waters of Lake Erie at Hamburg Town Beach on Dec. 4, 2010. Maloney and UB student Rebecca Novick (right foreground, with curly hair) were part of Team UB that took part in the annual Polar Plunge to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes. UB’s 136 participants raised more than $10,000 for the cause.
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COVER PHOTO OF GWEN HOWARD, March ’95, at Buffalo Zoo’s “Rainforest Falls” exhibit that she designed, by DOUGLAS LEVERE, BA ’89

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REACHING OTHERS
HEN I LEARNED about the retirement of UB President John B. Simpson last fall, I felt a mix of emotions. While my feelings of course ranged from disappointment at the university’s loss to happiness for the president to be able to spend more time with his family, I couldn’t shake the wariness I felt about the future of UB 2020.

Could the UB 2020 foothold slip with Simpson’s announcement or was the initiative larger than the visionary? And then I attended the president’s annual address to the community on Sept. 29 and was reinvigorated when he emphatically stated:

“UB 2020 remains the university’s chief priority, and the commitment to achieving the goals of UB 2020 remains as strong as ever.”

“UB 2020 does not have an expiration date.”

“I want to reiterate that UB 2020 is not a short-term growth plan, but a long-range vision of this university’s sustained excellence and impact—one that will continue to guide this university and this community long after the year 2020.”

Still not convinced? Here’s one more:

“The vision we have created together is both farsighted enough to transcend leadership transitions and powerful enough to sustain setbacks from Albany. And although I am leaving, I know that UB will get the tools it needs to achieve the dream we share. This is too important, for too many people, for Albany to ignore. That day will come.”

As president of the UB Alumni Association, I implore you to take these words to heart. The plan has been set in motion, and now is the time for us to redouble our efforts to support it. UB 2020 belongs to us as alumni, friends and all those who have a vested interest in the success of this university. John Simpson’s successor will be tasked with seeing this plan to fruition, and that will require all of our support.

Finally, although President Simpson has departed, I want to acknowledge his success and thank him for setting UB on this course. His faith in and commitment to UB alumni were unparalleled, and on behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I wish him and his wife, Katherine, all the best.

Larry Zielinski, MBA ’77 & BA ’75
President, UB Alumni Association

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Walking to school may curb risk of heart disease

A simple morning walk to school could reduce stress reactivity in children during the school day, curbing increases in heart rate and blood pressure that can lead to cardiovascular disease later in life, according to a UB study.

UB researchers reported in the August 2010 issue of Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise that children who took a simulated walk to school later experienced smaller elevations in systolic blood pressure, heart rate and perceived stress while taking a short exam than children who had gotten a simulated ride to school.

Cardiovascular reactivity—including changes in heart rate and blood pressure due to stress—is associated with the beginnings of cardiovascular disease in children and atherosclerosis—the dangerous build-up of cholesterol, calcium, fat and other substances in artery walls—in adults.

“The cardiovascular disease process begins in childhood, so if we can find some way of stopping or slowing that process, that would provide an important health benefit,” says James Roemmich, UB associate professor of pediatrics and exercise and nutrition science and senior investigator on the study, which he completed with graduate students Maya Lambiase and Heather Barry. “We know that physical activity has a protective effect on the development of cardiovascular disease, and one way it may be doing so is by reducing stress reactivity.”

Because it’s not known how long the protective effect of a bout of exercise lasts, parents and educators should promote active play time throughout the day, Roemmich says.

Engineering building named for Jack and Barbara Davis

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences will name its new building Barbara and Jack Davis Hall to honor the Western New York couple who has given $5 million toward the construction and enhancement of the facility. The hall is under construction on the North Campus and slated for completion in September 2011.

Jack Davis, BS ’55, a well-known industrialist and graduate of the UB engineering school, says he and Barbara also will give a portion of his estate to the school upon his death and the balance when Barbara dies. “I have greatly benefited from the opportunity UB gave me to become an engineer,” Davis says. “What I am doing now is preparing my estate and that includes taking care of UB in return for the education the university gave me.”

The Davises, who gave $1.5 million to the school in support of the new building in 2008, have given another $3.5 million to the project, for a total of $5 million, the largest donation by individuals in the engineering school’s history.

UB Engineering Dean Harvey G. Stenger Jr. said the school is grateful to Davis not only for this generous gift, but also for his longtime support of the Western New York economy by providing good jobs at his Buffalo-area company, I Squared R.

“Jack knows from personal experience what it means to work your way through college and build your own business,” Stenger says. “As a result, he knows the value of strong companies to producing economic growth in our region. He has spent his career creating good-paying jobs for graduates. And he has hired many of our graduates and given them the chance of a lifetime: to work at what they know. For that, and for his very generous support of this outstanding facility, we thank him.”
Helping African AIDS research

For more than 10 years, UB’s HIV Clinical Pharmacology Research Program has helped fight the global AIDS epidemic by hosting visiting pharmaceutical scientists from countries like Zimbabwe and Nigeria to teach them how to conduct clinical trials and research on HIV/AIDS.

Now in recognition of its success and the need to expand these efforts, the National Institutes of Health has awarded a total of $2.3 million to the laboratory, housed in the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and UB’s New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences.

The new grants bring to more than $11 million the funds that the UB HIV Clinical Pharmacology Research program has been awarded since 2008.

With the latest funding, the UB researchers, led by Gene D. Morse, professor in the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and associate director of UB’s Center of Excellence, will be able to intensify efforts to train in-country laboratory specialists where HIV/AIDS infection rates are highest globally, test their bioanalytical proficiency and conduct quality-control analyses of HIV/AIDS clinical trials and their pharmacology-focused research studies.

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Snow Mounds

Sergio López-Piñeiro, assistant professor of architecture, partnered with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy to plow the snow in the parking lot of Buffalo’s Front Park into 15 giant mounds. “This project explores how to plow the snow in ways that result in interesting landscapes,” says López-Piñeiro. Front Park is part of the system of parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux.

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**Linking technology to the urban landscape**

How can technology cultivate a sense of community in an urban environment and connect us with the world around us?

Two new projects by Mark Shepard, assistant professor of architecture and media study, address that question, enabling city dwellers to leverage their cell phones as tools for discovery as they navigate city streets and other public spaces.

The first, Serendipitor, is a navigation app Shepard developed for the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch. Users enter an origin and destination, and adjust the complexity of the recommended route to fit their schedule and preferences. Serendipitor then generates step-by-step directions punctuated by surprising instructions: Pick a stranger and follow that person for a few blocks, for instance, or go to the nearest flower shop, buy a flower and give it to a passerby.

A second program Shepard created allows users of mobile devices to “plant” and “prune” sounds in WiFi hot zones, creating community sound gardens in urban spaces.

“The sound garden draws on the culture of urban community gardening to shape the sonic topography of cities in a collaborative way,” says Shepard, who has installed tactical sound gardens around the world. “Serendipitor is more for the individual. It encourages you to look around you, to be more aware of your surroundings. It assists with navigation, but really it’s designed to help you find something by looking for something else.”

**Academic Insight**

Law School only one in state to raise bar pass rate

The Law School is the only law school in the state to register a higher pass rate among first-time candidates taking the July bar exam, advancing its pass rate to 83 percent, 2 percent higher than the previous year. The slight increase runs counter to a drop reported by 12 of New York’s 15 law schools, which reported lower pass rates, some by substantial margins. The increase in UB grads passing the bar in 2010 compared with 2009 was welcome news for university officials who praised the increase as confirmation of the commitment of its students and the effectiveness of the law school’s ability to prepare its students for the legal profession.
Dementia, It’s Your Heart Medication,” published in the September/October 2010 issue of Scientific American Mind.

In discussing the controversy surrounding this hypothesis, the article explains that Vladutiu and her group published a study in 2006 that suggests that a small percentage of individuals who take statins may have a genetic defect related to cellular energy production that puts them at risk for developing life-threatening muscle disease.

The article explains that both brain and muscle cells are high energy users whose reaction times and functions are dependent upon cholesterol.

Vladutiu heads a research group that has received three grants from the National Institutes of Health totaling $2.5 million to explore ways to identify whether a person taking statins to treat high cholesterol may develop life-threatening muscle disease and to investigate the genetics behind these myopathies.

How rare is the fingerprint?

A UB professor—who in 2001 provided the first scientific evidence that fingerprints truly are unique—has developed a way to computationally determine the rarity of a particular fingerprint and, thus, how likely it is to belong to a particular crime suspect. The UB research represents the first attempt to determine the rarity of a fingerprint using computational tools.

By combining machine learning with the ability to automate the extraction of specific patterns or features in a fingerprint and then compare it with large databases of random fingerprints, Sargur N. Srihari, co-author and SUNY Distinguished Professor in the UB Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and co-researchers were able to come up with a probability that a specific fingerprint would randomly match another in a database of a given size. Srihari’s co-author is Chang Su, a doctoral candidate in the UB Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

“Current procedures for forensics do not provide a measured accuracy for fingerprint analysis,” says Srihari. “When we look at DNA, we can say that the likelihood that another person might have the same DNA pattern as that found at a crime scene is one in 24 million. Unfortunately, with fingerprint evidence no such probability statement can be made. Our research provides the first systematic approach for computing the rarity of fingerprints in a scientifically robust and reliable manner.”

UB People

UB grad named Somali prime minister

In a remarkable turn of events, Mohamed A. Mohamed, MA ’09 & BA ’94, has been appointed prime minister of his native Somalia. A U.S. citizen, Mohamed, 49, abruptly went from living in suburban Buffalo with his wife and four children—and working for the New York State Department of Transportation—to leading a war-torn country beset with a humanitarian crisis. His position lasts until August 2011, when the transitional government’s mandate will expire.

Mohamed acknowledges the enormous challenges in governing a land in which more than a third of the population relies on food assistance and infant mortality is among the highest in the world. “There has not been an effective government for 20 years, and you’re fighting against a highly effective al-Qaida regime without Western support,” Mohamed told The Buffalo News. “My first priority is to provide law and order, and to bring peace and stability to Somalia. The second thing is to create an effective government without any corruption.”

Somalia’s president, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, was giving a speech in New York in September, when Mohamed traveled there to offer the president suggestions on how members of the Somali community could help their homeland. The president was looking for candidates to succeed Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke; it came up that Mohamed had worked at the Somali embassy in Washington in the mid-1980s. Mohamed was “shocked” to be asked for his resume and later nominated for the position.
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**Books**

**Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History**

YUNTE HUANG, PHD ’99 & MA ’98

In a book Kirkus Reviews calls “multilayered, provocative and highly accessible,” Yunte Huang offers the first biography of the fictional Charlie Chan from his beginnings as an actual detective named Chang Apana in territorial Hawaii to his reinvention as a literary sleuth and Hollywood film icon. Packed with intriguing, little-known details, “Charlie Chan” offers penetrating observations about the Chinese experience as seen through both Chinese and Western eyes. Huang is professor of English at the University of California, Santa Barbara. (W.W. Norton & Company, 2010)

**Giving Voice to Values: How to Speak Your Mind When You Know What’s Right**

MARY C. GENTILE, PHD ’83

Mary Gentile, a consultant and business educator at Babson College, draws on business experiences and social science research to empower business leaders with the skills to voice and act on their values and align their professional path with their principles. The book was inspired by a program Gentile launched at the Aspen Institute with the Yale School of Management, and is now housed at Babson College. (Yale University Press, 2010)

**A Day on the Mountain**

KEVIN KURTZ, BA ’93

“A Day on the Mountain” is a picture book for children ages 4 to 9, written in rhyme and beautifully illustrated by Erin E. Hunter. Readers meet wildlife—such as bighorn sheep, great gray owls and marmots—while exploring how the habitats change as they travel up the mountain, from the forested bottom to the snow-covered peak. Kevin Kurtz lives in Charleston, S.C., and is the author of “A Day in the Salt Marsh,” a finalist for the national 2007 Green Earth Book Award. (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2010)

**The Secret War Between Downloading and Uploading: Tales of the Computer as Culture Machine**

PETER LUNENFELD, MA ’88

Renowned UCLA media theorist Peter Lunenfeld warns that we are engaged in a secret war between downloading and uploading—between passive consumption and active creation—and the outcome will shape our collective futures. Lunenfeld makes the case for using digital technologies to shift us from a consumption to a production model, interspersing theory and polemic with shorter narrative sidebars about exemplary people, objects and places. (The MIT Press, 2011)

**The Porcupinity of the Stars**

GARY BARWIN, PHD ’95

Gary Barwin continues and extends the alchemical collision of language, imaginative flight and quiet beauty that have made him unique among contemporary poets. The poems in this bright, bold and acutely visual book add a surreptitious intensity and wry maturity to Barwin’s trademark gifts for subtle humor, solemn delight, compassion and invention. Barwin also is the author of several books for kids, including “Seeing Stars,” which was nominated for a Canadian Library Association YA Book of the Year. He lives in Hamilton, Ont. (Coach House Books, 2010)

**Contemplative Aging: A Way of Being in Later Life**

EDMUND SHERMAN, CERT ’55

Edmund Sherman, professor emeritus of social welfare at the University at Albany, addresses the philosophical aspects of aging, often overlooked in activity-oriented advice for one’s later years. “Contemplative Aging” guides readers ages 60 and up to the existential and spiritual benefits of gerotranscendence, including positive morale, well-being and a new vision of growing older. (Gordian Knot Books, 2010)

**Music**

**Days Like These**

MARK WEBER, BA ’97

The emotionally powerful songs in this pop CD by Mark Weber are about loss, hope and love. Weber used to write music reviews for Generation magazine at UB; he began writing his own songs during his senior year. “Days Like These” represents more than a decade of life experience since graduation. “3407,” a song “founded up,” “Fubarnomics,” the author tells, that major economic trouble has almost always been the result of a hybrid failure—a combination of bad policymaking and marketplace deficiencies. The title derives from World War II GI slang for “fouled up.” “Fubarnomics,” the author states, perfectly captures the sorry state of today’s economy. Wright, who is the Nef Family Chair of Political Economy at Augusntana College, S.D., offers practical solutions as well. (Prometheus Books, 2010)
JAMES STARKS, BA ’10, not only hit the National Football League gridiron running, but he also became the first Bull in 42 years to earn a Super Bowl ring. As excited fans watched in his hometown of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and throughout Western New York, Starks was a big part of the Packers’ 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers Feb. 6 in Cowboys Stadium in Dallas.

Starks led the Packers with 52 yards rushing on 11 carries—a robust 4.7 yards per carry. With the Packers’ win, Starks became the first former Bull to win football’s biggest prize since UB Hall of Famer Gerry Philbin, BA ’67, was part of the New York Jets’ Super Bowl victory over the Baltimore Colts in 1969.

In Green Bay’s mad rush to Super Bowl XLV, Starks quickly drew national attention in his remarkable spurt to gridiron prominence. He carried the ball 70 times for 263 yards and a touchdown to cap off his long ride to the apex of the football world. Indeed, Starks’ rise to the top saw him set UB records before missing his senior season with an injury. His stock had dipped into the sixth round of the NFL draft, but he poured in long hours on and off the field to fulfill his potential.

“Hard work does pay off,” Starks told ESPN. “I’m a firm believer in that.”

Now millions of Super Bowl viewers—and a delighted UB community—have witnessed his grit, determination and pride.

Bulls prove additional NFL prospects

NFL scouts are becoming firm believers that professional talent flows out of UB’s North Campus. Since 2009, six Bulls have seen time in the league: Jamey Richard, BS ’08 (Indianapolis), Naaman Roosevelt (Buffalo), Trevor Scott, BA ’08 (Oakland), Mike Newton (Indianapolis), Drew Willy, BA ‘09 (Indianapolis) and, of course, Super Bowl XLV champion James Starks, BA ’10.

Richard has played 39 games at guard for Peyton Manning’s Colts, making 11 starts, while Newton made six tackles as a rookie in Indy. Roosevelt made nine receptions for his hometown Bills, racking up 139 yards, while Scott has 90 tackles and 14 sacks in 42 games with the Raiders.

Willy’s journey has been a wild one. He led the Bulls to the 2008 MAC Championship and subsequently signed with the Baltimore Ravens as an undrafted free agent. The Randolph, N.J., native
made a pit stop in Indianapolis—advancing to Super Bowl XLIV—before helping the Las Vegas Locomotives to the 2010 United Football League (UFL) title. His performance in the UFL found Willy signing a reserve-future contract with the New York Jets.

The success of Starks and company is not a fluke, as evidenced by 2010 senior corner-back Josh Thomas and senior guard Peter Bittner’s invitation to postseason all-star games. Thomas and Bittner showcased their skills for NFL scouts at the 86th annual East-West Shrine Game and Dixie Gridiron Classic, respectively.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Forward-thinking Bulls captain

Despite a long-held, but light-hearted, fear of hugging, Kourtney Brown, BS ’10, has embraced her role as leader on the UB women’s basketball squad.

It all began early in elementary school when the hug-happy Brown offered a squeeze to a fellow classmate. “He was afraid he’d get trapped in my long arms!” Brown recalled in a recent phone interview on Buffalo radio station WECK-AM.

Those long arms have certainly contributed to Brown’s success as a player, and the rare honor of being the single captain of a college hoops squad. The reigning MAC defensive player of the year continues to taunt the opposition by pouring in double-double after double-double. In fact, the senior forward will finish her career with the most double-digit points and rebounds in the same game of any MAC player during her tenure in the conference.

That statistic, however, is nothing compared to the fire she set to the UB record book. On Jan. 26, Brown accomplished the rarest of feats, breaking the school’s all-time scoring and rebounding mark in the same game at Central Michigan. Brown finished the game with 33 points, 16 rebounds, six blocks, two assists and three steals. She passed Brenna Doty, BS ’98, in the scoring column and now has 1,730 points, breaking a record that has stood since the 1996-97 season. Brown also broke the school rebounding mark with her first rebound of the game, breaking Janet Lilley’s record of 997 that had stood since the 1980-81 season.

“Kourtney is one of the most consistent players game-in and game-out,” says head coach Linda Hill-MacDonald. “The way she is able to produce on both ends of the floor against double and triple teams is amazing.”

Brown’s athletic achievements are matched by her productivity and focus in the classroom. By the end of her redshirt-junior year, Brown had completed her computer engineering degree. Not content with this achievement alone, she is spending her senior year pursuing a second baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering.

If you ask us, that deserves a hug.

Reported by Nick Mendola, BA ’05

8.26.10 Football Bulls announce a 2011 trip to Knoxville, Tenn., to take on the SEC’s Tennessee Volunteers and a 2012 visit to Athens, Ga., to face the Georgia Bulldogs.

9.30.10 Former men’s hoopster Brian Addison signs with the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters. He is given the nickname “Slingshot.”

11.13.10 Women’s volleyball finishes season in MAC quarterfinals for the second-consecutive year after piling up 18 wins.

12.15.10 Wide receiver Alex Neutz and linebacker Khalil Mack are named to 2010 Postseason All-Freshman Teams by national football personality Phil Steele.

1.29.11 UB women’s shot-putter Becky O’Brien broke the school and MAC records as she won the shot-put competition at the Penn State National meet at the Horace Ashenfelter III Indoor Track. O’Brien set the winning mark of 56-1.25 (17.10m) on her final attempt of the day, bettering her three previous measured throws of the day, all of which exceeded 52-9.75 (16.10m).

2.5.11 UB shot-putter Rob Golabek breaks his own UB record and scores a MAC Conference record at the Sykes-Sabock Challenge Cup held at Penn State University.
FROM THE NINETIES

TO PUT THE 1990S IN PERSPECTIVE, consider the following: Most of UB’s freshman Class of 2014 were born in the year 1993. The nineties were a decade when UB students were navigating their way through uncharted technological, social and cultural changes that have created the new globally wired culture we see on campus today. For these “9 from the 90s” what a difference two decades make—from the direction of their careers to the way they look back at their experiences at UB.
Dexter Johnson, PhD ’95
Cleveland, Ohio

WHEN DEXTER JOHNSON solidified his future in aerospace engineering, thanks to one of William Rae’s courses at UB, he realized nearly all of his youthful obsessions had prepared him for this pivotal moment: his fascination with astronomy, his reading about the Apollo mission, and his pleasure in building models of rockets and jets. “It all came together in aerospace,” he says.

Now Johnson (PhD ’95, MS ’88 & BS ’87, all in engineering) works as an engineer at NASA’s Glenn Research Center in Cleveland helping to test hardware for the space shuttle, and the shuttle’s replacements, the Orion and Ares vehicles—making sure the rockets and their payload will survive the shock, vibration, acoustics and load of their environment on a mission. Rae, he says, brought personal work experience to bear on the subject, made himself approachable for questions and then, as Johnson’s talent began to emerge in class, took a special interest in his student. “He opened up to me in particular when I did well in his class, and he encouraged me to pursue graduate school. I’ve maintained a relationship with him ever since.”

D.D.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?

I think the expanded capability of the Internet and computing has enhanced technical tools, communication culture and creativity (positive). However, there is a tendency to be proficient in using technology and a lessening of the fundamental understanding of the underlying principles within that technology, e.g., engineers being able to use calculators to produce an answer but not understanding the engineering principles that are needed to solve the problem.

What’s your impression of the university today?

My impression has been broadening in the last year or so since serving on the Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council. I have become well acquainted with the UB 2020 vision and have seen the great strides that have been taken to make that vision a reality. I see the opening of the Downtown Campus, the building of the new engineering building connecting the Elliot Complex to the Spine, the quality of new faculty and students, all having been indicators of a growing, vibrant and excellent institution. I’m proud to be a UB alumnus.

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?

“The Pursuit of God” by A.W. Tozer. It is a Christian classic and was very impactful in my life. I don’t use an e-reader...yet.

What do you miss most about your time as a student?

The student associations and activities. I was very active in the UB Gospel Choir and the National Society of Black Engineers. I held lead offices in both organizations. I enjoyed the relationships that were built and the activities we participated in. The university culture is very enjoyable to me.

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I know now...”

Take full advantage of your college experience. Get advice and counsel from several sources and make decisions based on your faith and your heart. Don’t try to succeed on your own—everyone needs help.

Favorite UB class or professor?

William Rae was my best undergraduate professor. He taught mechanical and aerospace engineering courses. I related well to him and did well in his classes. He was instrumental in connecting me with my graduate school adviser, Dan Inman, resulting in my eventual pursuit of engineering graduate degrees. Dr. Inman was my best graduate school professor.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be?

Smartphone—it’s like a portable electronic toolbox allowing many tasks to be accomplished with one device (e-mail, phone, Internet, GPS, calendar, organizer, entertainment, etc.).

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?

I spent a lot of time at the library looking at journal publications, reference books and conference proceedings. I also used e-mail to contact colleagues and share info electronically.

How did UB influence your life and career?

UB was very instrumental in influencing my career choice to become an aerospace engineer. I was in a program during the summer after my junior year in high school called the Minority Engineering Program. It was a precursor to the Buffalo-area Engineering Awareness for Minorities (BEAM) and was designed to introduce students in underrepresented populations to the field of engineering. I learned about many engineering disciplines but aerospace engineering caught my attention. I then decided to pursue that discipline and consequently attended UB, obtaining a BS in aerospace engineering, and an MS and PhD in mechanical engineering.

In a more personal way, I developed many lifelong relationships with students, faculty and others who have enriched my life substantially. I am currently enhancing my relationships at UB by serving on the Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?

Absolutely!
FOR ARCHITECT Gwen Howard, MArch ’95, civic citizenship runs deep, professionally and personally. Her first post-UB job was in community planning for downtown Buffalo, launching a not-for-profit youth hostel. Next she served as a city building-code enforcement official, where she solved problems of restoring and reusing buildings while helping them meet code. Today, as an associate and project manager at the Foit-Albert Associates architectural firm, one of her clients is a civic jewel, Buffalo’s 135-year-old zoo. Among other projects, she has renovated the original elephant house and designed the zoo’s newest habitats, Rainforest Falls and Heritage Farm.

On the personal front, Howard and her family, including school-aged twin sons, are locavores who strive to use or eat regional products daily. Howard also sits on Buffalo’s Preservation Board, injecting her unique body of knowledge into issues of how Buffalo deals with its vast stock of important aging architecture. Says Howard, “A lot of my work is in the Buffalo community, and it’s like having more kids. I truly enjoy what I do because even the simplest thing affects our community in some way.”

G.L.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?

The integration of computer technology into the curriculum today means that students are required to use it. I didn’t use all of those options then; newer students do and are better professionals for it.

Favorite UB class or professor?

I took a number of Bob Shibley’s classes. He allowed us to work like professionals; our [class] ran like a small architectural practice. We did community-based projects and made presentations to the public. In other groups, you’d work for days and make your presentation without sleeping, bathing or dressing professionally, but not in his.

How did UB influence your life and career?

I got my first job with Buffalo Place because of UB. They called me as a result of an urban-design studio project I’d been involved in. They wouldn’t have known about me otherwise.

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?

I read every night with my children. They like Discover magazine a lot, and right now we’re reading “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” by Victor Hugo. I don’t use an e-reader because snuggling with your kids and an electronic device seems a little detached to me.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Proudest moment since graduating?

After the earthquake in Haiti, my kids wanted us to take tools and building materials down there because they saw me as someone who could help out. What they actually did was to walk through our neighborhood in the middle of January selling baked goods to raise money. That just seemed to take everything I’ve done and boil it down.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be?

I wish I’d had more computer-design requirements.

Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?

Yes. The studio experience is really familial; you spend days on end in a room with your classmates. There’s a core of us who still stick together.

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I know now…”

Integrate yourself into your community as much as you can. You’re entering a competitive marketplace where, in addition to what you know, it’s who you know. You need those connections.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?

I used UB’s Architecture and Planning Library. We didn’t use Internet that frequently because our projects were often more local or regional. They were based in places rather than ideas, so we could often visit the site.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?

Absolutely. I love what I do.

Any distinct memories about Buffalo winters?

Buffalo is the only place I know where a winter storm that’s a disaster doesn’t result in rioting and looting. We get together and make dinner.

Favorite Buffalo food?

Anything grown or produced locally.

I miss the time in the studio with my friends. We really did live there, in large rooms with 15 drafting tables. You don’t leave—you might eat there or even sleep there on a couch. I miss the sense of “we’re in this together,” of growing together in a very sleep-deprived way! It was fun—exhausting, but fun.
STEVE MARCHESE, BA ’97, is a self-proclaimed “total media junkie.” After directing the Webby Awards (the leading international event honoring website excellence in both content and design) for five years, Marchese was recently named the executive producer for Internet Week New York and Internet Week Europe, two weeklong festivals presented annually by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences to celebrate the thriving Internet industry.

“I’ve always tried to track things down or discover new things and tell people about them,” says Marchese, who also runs an ad-free music blog at www.scissorkick.com as a hobby where he posts his finds for readers and other music aficionados.

Marchese started out at UB as a mechanical engineering major, but his love of music led him to start writing reviews for The Spectrum and he switched to English. He took classes with UB stars, the late Ray Federman, Leslie Fiedler and Robert Creeley, and Susan Howe. Federman inspired him to become interested in graphic design by teaching him to experiment with the way words looked on the page. “Music has always been there, but I left UB with other interests in writing, editing and design. My career combines them all. Do what you love—it really works.”

Favorite career moment so far?
Meeting and honoring the inventors of the World Wide Web—Vint Cerf, Robert Kahn and Sir Tim Berners-Lee—at the Webby Awards is an incredible memory. And interviewing Scottish electronic music pioneers Boards of Canada in Edinburgh was definitely a personal highlight.

How did UB influence your life and career?
It was absolutely essential to my development and success. My time at The Spectrum editing the now-defunct Prodigal Sun Friday entertainment supplement, and classes with Raymond Federman and Susan Howe taught me how to push the limits of creativity and be provocative while still appealing to the masses. It’s what I tried to do with the Webby Awards.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?
I had a Brother word processor and around 1994 started to spend more time in the nascent computer lab. I found any and every reason to use microfiche just so I could say the word “microfiche.” It’s an excellent word.

Favorite UB class or professor?
Susan Howe had a very passive yet subversive intellectualism. She taught me you could stir things up without being too showy and histrionic. And she had a great voice. I never thought much of poetry until I took her classes.

What do you consider your greatest personal achievement?
It’s a tie between managing to convince my wife [Andriana Azarias, BA ’98 & BS ’98] to say “yes” [we met at UB, lost touch and ran into each other years later in New York’s Union Square] and not passing out during the birth of our son Nicolas.

Anything you miss about UB?
Three things—the Music Listening Room, the Arcade and the Tennessee Turkey at Putnam’s, all of which were found in the Student Union. And Schussmeisters—unlimited skiing for $100!

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I know now ...”
When they say “freshman 15,” it’s not the 15 pounds you will gain, it’s the 15 years it’ll take to lose them.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?
Affordable tuition. The cost of tuition and room and board has gone up 50 percent since I was a student.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be? The Internet, of course. It was around in my junior and senior years in the on-campus computer labs, but was no comparison to the experience we currently enjoy.

What’s your impression of the university today?
Still an amazing value and education. I only wish the city of Buffalo evolved the way UB has over the past 15 years.

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?
“All the Pretty Horses” by Cormac McCarthy. I don’t use an e-reader, but read a lot of news and magazine articles on my phone via a great app called Instapaper.

When was the last time you visited UB?
June 2010.

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the day, he has been refining and promoting voice recognition technology to let medical caregivers dictate information on individual patients immediately into an electronic database, in real time as they work, which he hopes will fuel the growth of a national medical data bank—enabling a quantum leap in accuracy and quality of care. He thanks the UB Libraries for his polymath life—it’s where he learned not only how to find exactly what he knew he wanted to learn, but also to chance upon widely divergent fields, such as, yes, electrical engineering.

D.D.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?

I think it’s a lot easier to access information in general. Mobile devices and the Internet have made that possible. These devices are as powerful as yesterday’s supercomputers so simulations and calculations can all be done on them instead of the university’s mainframe computers, which is what we used to use.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be? Laptop computers.

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I know now…”

Broaden your horizons! Take interesting classes outside your main discipline. They may help you in ways you can’t imagine yet.

Favorite UB class or professor?

Evolutionary Biology taught by Professor Clyde Herreid.

How did UB influence your life and career?

It had a major impact on my life and career choice. I matured intellectually and socially in the environment, learned to seek out and find information, and learned how to network. I also gained tremendous leadership skills by participating in multiple student organizations as president and by working as a tour guide for the university.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?

I would add a third major (electrical engineering).

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Proudest moment since graduating?

Developing my first patent—it’s for a third forward-looking catheter-based ultrasound device.

When was the last time you visited UB?

Two days before Christmas!

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?

Jack DuBrul’s “The Medusa Stone”—I am into historical fiction and am writing my own novel that is tentatively titled “The Seventh Anomaly.” It will be based on some of the discoveries of Nikola Tesla that were never commercialized.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?

Spending a lot of time in the library reading books and journal articles. Homework was done by consulting the class notes and textbooks. In fact, the UB Libraries allowed me to browse in a way I can’t on the Internet. In the library, everything is there. You can just pick it up and look at it. On the Internet you have to know the search term to discover something. At the library, I would pick up a journal that looked interesting. I didn’t need to know anything about the field. I learned to appreciate computational linguistics. It wasn’t related to my major at all, but later on in my work with speech recognition, it came in extremely handy.

What do you miss most about your time as a student?

I loved UB during my undergraduate years and felt I could spend a lifetime taking interesting classes. I was completely comfortable in the environment and felt challenged and experienced my intellect evolve. I felt I would flourish here academically and be able to work at my own pace without artificial barriers or limitations.

What’s your impression of the university today?

It has evolved and flourished, and I wish I could go back now and do it all again! It’s bigger and better now.

Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?

With a few. It’s been hard to keep in touch, but Facebook has made it a lot easier to find them!

Any distinct memories about Buffalo winters?

The first time my car skidded in the middle of a busy intersection!
Dilek Cindoğlu, PhD ’91
Ankara, Turkey

DILEK CINDOGLU, PhD ’91, is a fun conversationalist, lucid, witty, deeply thoughtful and driven by her Muslim faith that is married to a classically liberal sense of optimism and ambition. In other words, she’s much like her homeland these days: Turkey. Throughout her career, as a scholar at Bilkent University in Ankara, Cindoğlu has worked to promote equality for Middle Eastern women in the workplace.

Her bio is remarkable: Fulbright Scholarship to study medicine, dozens of published articles on gender equality, and now a fellowship at Columbia University to focus on a repressive conundrum of Turkish life. Westernized cities, like Ankara and Istanbul, have banned Muslim headscarves in public institutions, such as schools and government offices. And yet the country is 98 percent Muslim. Through her examination of this discriminatory issue she has been a persuasive voice helping to bring reason to the table: Since she began her activism on this issue, Turkey has finally shown signs that it may begin to allow Muslim headwear for women, giving them the chance to find fulfillment in careers outside the home. Cautiously hopeful, Cindoğlu says: “We need to realize the headscarf ban is no good for women.”

D.D.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?

Actually not much. Young people today and of my time are pretty similar. They want to learn, explore and be connected to the world that they live in. Two decades ago, the distances between the places were measured by the hours that take you to get there, now in seconds. As a matter of fact, I don’t think that I would have returned to Turkey if all the communication technology would have been available to be in communication with Turkey. It was around $5 to make a three-minute phone call to Turkey in 1986; now it is virtually free to talk on the phone and chat online.

Favorite UB class or professor?

There were so many, all had their own character and style of teaching and mentoring in sociology. Probably Professor Ben Agger influenced me most both as a mentor and as a prolific writer and very impressive lecturer. Needless to mention are Beth Anne Shelton, Michael Farrell, Russell Stone, Barbara Howe, Lionel Lewis ... who introduced new dimensions of academic work. They are all very precious to me.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?

Of course, I would choose sociology again. I knew since freshman year that I had a quest to understand the complexity of the social life in Turkey and in the world. Sociology was the best tool to reach that goal—still is.

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I knew now...”

I should have enjoyed the cities of Buffalo and Toronto more but I couldn’t; I didn’t have money or the time to do so. I would advise the students to explore the colors of Niagara Falls and the downtown art galleries more. If I knew that such a busy life was waiting for me, I might have even lingered in graduate school a bit more.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Proudest moment since graduating?

I can mention a couple of milestones. ... One is a recent publication of mine. I published a report on the headscarf and the labor market discrimination in contemporary Turkey in the fall of 2010. This research had very significant press coverage both in Turkey and overseas. Currently, I am extending this research project to the U.S. and looking for funding to conduct comparative research on the headscarved pious Muslim women and labor market discrimination.

How did UB influence your life and career?

I had a good and realistic idea of what an academic life was all about. I was surrounded by hard-working and talented academics and graduate students. ... The professors were demanding and had fair evaluations for us. The library was magnificent. The key motto that I learned in Buffalo was that I can reach my goals if I work hard enough.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?

Funny question, I prepared my work in the old way. I had a yellow Olivetti typewriter, which I carried from Istanbul to Buffalo with me. The Department of Sociology was located in Park Hall, probably the first years of its new residency. In the first months of my graduate study, I was a TA and sharing an office with two other graduate students. When they were not around, I was using my typewriter and the prof in the office next door was stepping in and commenting on my hard work. I didn’t get the clue for some time, then she had to tell me openly that I should get used to using the lab next door to type up my work. Because the walls were too thin she couldn’t stand the noise any more. ... Later she became my mentor.

What do you miss most about your time as a student?

Having free time to read, to reflect, to write and to rewrite. ... As a student, you don’t have to put on make-up and dress accordingly to engage with students and attend meetings and be a part of the power-play of academia; rather you can live in your sweatshirt and pants and camp in the library, or (stay) in your room for days. In real life, though, you are caught up with the classes to teach, papers to grade, meetings to attend and deal with office politics and all of that leaves little energy to reflect and write.
Randy Asher  
BS ’95  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

AS PRINCIPAL of Brooklyn Technical High School, the nation’s largest specialized public high school for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, Randy Asher, BS ’95, often starts his day online at 4:45 a.m. and ends it after 11 p.m.

“It’s not a job, it’s a lifestyle,” says Asher. He embraces the challenges of running the extremely competitive school, which enrolls 5,200 of New York City’s brightest students, because of the rewards in watching them graduate knowing he had a hand in giving them the tools for success.

Previously, Asher founded the High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York, creating it “from scratch” and becoming the youngest high school principal in New York City at that time.

His UB degree in architecture (he customized his major to focus on facilities management) has been useful in his current position since he also oversees Brooklyn Tech’s 600,000 square feet of space. His master plan includes such projects as a DNA lab for advanced genetics courses and wind tunnels for the aerospace majors. “We are working to create a 21st-century learning environment with the best instructional facilities possible.”

M.M.

Favorite UB class or professor?

Gary Scott Danford for Environmental Design, Robert Shibley for Introduction to Architecture, the late Charles Ebert for Disasters: The Study of Hazards and Donald Glickman for Foundation Studio.

Do you have a favorite career moment?

There are so many, but they all revolve around working with students. It’s incredible to see the intangible look in the eye of a student who finally understands a new concept, which is like an awakening.

What do you most about your time as a student?

Freedom and the lack of time constraints.

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?

The campus is far better developed in terms of technology, equipment and overall facilities, including academic space and housing.

How did UB influence your life and career?

I learned to get involved in extracurricular activities and pursue areas of interest that I continue to engage in 20 years later. I also learned a great deal about public speaking and formal presentations from those brutally competitive “critiques” in design studio.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be?

Portable technology like iPads and smartphones. I carried a pager when I first moved to campus.

What’s your impression of the university today?

UB is bigger and better than ever—it’s a place on the move. The UB 2020 plan has brought new recognition and prominence to an already outstanding institution. UB as a whole continues to excel, and I am proud to be an active alumnus.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?

Maybe. There are so many new and exciting fields that have emerged in the last 20 years that it is hard to say.

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?

“The Desert Spear” by Peter Brett, who graduated from UB in 1995. I have used the Sony e-reader but prefer an actual book.

What advice do you have for current UB students?

“If I knew then what I know now…”

Work hard and learn, learn, learn. Don’t study to “get through” the exam—master the content. College is about more than transcript grades. It is about building skills, relationships and character.

Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?

I regularly talk to many of my friends from UB, and social media have made it much easier to stay in casual contact. Some of my closest friends today are people I met at UB.

When was the last time you visited UB?

I was on campus in fall 2010 and return semi-regularly. I’m a member of the UB Alumni Association board of directors so that brings me back to campus four times a year.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?

Many hours in the library and days in the architecture studio.

Any distinct memories about Buffalo winters?

Cold and windy. I never minded the snow, but the wind … In 1994, when I returned to campus during winter break as a resident adviser, the wind chill was nearly 50 below zero. That was the coldest I have ever been in my life.
THE TERMS might differ—equal opportunity, equal access, anti-discrimination—but attorney Bridget Cullen Mandikos (PhD ‘01, MA ‘01, JD ’94 & BA ’91) is intimately familiar with the process of making law and its benefits accessible. She taught equal opportunity (EO) law in her adopted home of Queensland, Australia; practiced EO law in the U.S. and Australia; and now sits on the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, a gateway through which the community accesses justice via civil case hearings. As the mother of three children, one of whom is severely intellectually impaired and autistic, she also knows well the issues that can surround a family’s access to specialized support and education.

Mandikos’ ability to explain complex subjects ideally complements her particular career path. “I enjoy getting students to look carefully at how the law operates, stressing that life is not fair and the law can affect different groups in ways that aren’t always equitable,” she says. As well, people in front of her at the tribunal “are often not represented, and I try to explain the law so that, even if they don’t like the outcome, they understand the process.”

G.L.

**Favorite UB class or professor?**

I adored the entire UB geography department—Professors Smith, McConnell, Woldenberg and Fotheringham, and the late Professor MacPherson—but must give a special mention to the late Charles Ebert and his oceanography subject. I worked as his teaching assistant in graduate school and was in charge of his slide projector. Oceanography was not the most useful subject I took but (it) was taught with such zeal that not enjoying it would have been unthinkable.

**How did UB influence your life and career?**

There are two tangible skills I gained at UB. The first is an appreciation of appropriate research methodology. I can read academic research and separate the wheat from the chaff. The second is attributable to the fact the UB Law School is a “critical legal studies” faculty: I learned to not just accept the law as it was drafted (often badly), but to ask the “why” questions about whether the law was achieving social justice.

**When was the last time you visited UB?**

In the summer of 2009, I drove my children through all the campuses, and we raided both the North Campus bookstore and medical/dental bookstore for UB paraphernalia to bring home to Australia.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

My three children: Nicholas (10), Daniel (7) and Meghan (4). Daniel is severely intellectually impaired and autistic. Like all young children, they have at times behaved in ways that have caused me considerable public embarrassment. That said, living with a disabled sibling is a hard slog for any kid. I am very proud that Nicholas and Meghan are kind children, who understand that life is not perfect, compassion for others is a gift and that all people deserve love. Professionally, my appointment to Queensland’s Civil and Administrative Tribunal has been a privilege.

**Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?**

Probably, because I am happy with my career. There are days, however, after a particularly difficult mediation over a trivial matter, that I wish I had become a vet.

**Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?**

Yes. My friend Ursula (Eddy, BS ’00 & BS ’94) remains my closest girlfriend, despite the ocean between us. She is the sort of friend where you always pick up the phone and have a conversation after not speaking for ages, and not feel that you have lost your “context.” There is an understanding between some people that time and distance cannot erase.

**What advice do you have for current UB students?**

“If I knew then what I know now…”

I know that I wasn’t good at this in my early 20s, but I have taken a leaf out of my father’s book later in life and tried to hone this skill: “If you say you are going to do it, do it.” I try to be reliable.

**What’s your impression of the university today?**

I’ve always loved the “Ye Olde English” Oxford feel of the South Campus, and I feel only envy when I look at the housing options now available to students on the sprawling North Campus. I also am aware that the UB law faculty is dynamic, housing many top legal scholars, and with a bent toward social justice issues (of which I thoroughly approve).
NOW ONE of the world’s leading composers, Rodney Sharman, PhD ’91, was first introduced to UB in the 1980s when he would travel from Toronto to hear lectures by the legendary Morton Feldman in the music department.

“The university had the second largest music library in the U.S., and I certainly took advantage of it as a student.” Years later, he says, the amount of orchestral repertoire he learned at UB gave him an enormous advantage when serving as a composer in residence with three orchestras.

Sharman’s more than 100 works, which take many forms including opera and ballet, have been performed in 30 countries, but he also is proud of how he has improved the environment for Canadian composers in his home city of Vancouver. Since he became composer in residence in 1997 (holding this post until 2001), the Vancouver Symphony has premiered more new Canadian pieces than any other orchestra worldwide.

Listed among “Canada’s most respected experimental composers” by The Toronto Globe and Mail in 2010, Sharman says his ideas often come from the acoustical properties of instruments. “I am a sensualist, and my music reflects my love of instruments and voices.”

M.M.

Do you play any instruments?
Flute. I used to play clarinet and I play piano badly. I sing too.

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?
Much as good music students do their work now—with scores, recordings and books! When I went to UB, there was emphasis on original research. I wasn’t permitted to do my academic dissertation on a deceased composer’s work. I had to write a paper with the full cooperation of a living composer who would give me firsthand information.

Favorite UB class or professor?
Without question, the late Morton Feldman’s orchestration class, which was followed immediately by his composition seminar. This was often delivered as a five- to seven-hour lecture, filled with insights, provocation and comedy. Morton Feldman was a talker, and said we students thought of him as a cross between [philosopher] Ludwig Wittgenstein and [actor] Zero Mostel, which was not far from the truth.

When was the last time you visited UB?
About five years ago, when David Felder took me on a tour of the Center for the Arts. Marvelous!

Proudest moment since graduating?
One was the performance of “The Ruins Proclaim the Building Was Beautiful” for choreographer James Kudelka danced by the San Francisco Ballet at San Francisco’s War Memorial Opera House. The ending of the music is arresting and the choreography is amazing. You could hear a pin drop in the hall during the last three minutes of the piece.

Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?
Yes, with pianist Anthony de Mare [MFA ’83], for whom I have written most of my piano music. I’m also in touch with former professors and friends who are working artists in Buffalo.

What advice do you have for current UB students?
“If I knew then what I know now...”

Go to Slee Hall for the ongoing cycle of Beethoven String Quartets gratis! [The series is still free to UB music majors, with a nominal charge for non-majors.] The Slee family has ensured that all the Beethoven Quartets are played every year. I only went to a couple of these concerts. If I had my degree to do over again, I would have gone to every concert.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be?
A cell phone!

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?
The music program is now located in a marvelous facility. We had two concert halls with excellent acoustics in the late 1980s when I went to UB and a fine electro-acoustic music studio, but the facilities now are remarkable.

Describe your latest composition.
“Notes on Beautiful,” a piano piece commissioned by the Banff Centre for New York pianist and UB graduate Anthony de Mare as part of the “Liasons” project, based on music from Stephen Sondheim’s “Sunday in the Park with George.”

Most memorable UB class?
“Transcribing Medieval Notation” with the late James McKinnon, which had at least 10 hours of homework a week and my only B in four years!

How did UB influence your life and career?
When my teacher, Morton Feldman, died suddenly after my first year of study, David Felder could not have been a more sensitive or good professor for me that semester. The music department then hired a series of star composers: the late Lukas Foss, Louis Andriessen and Frederic Rzewski, and each had an influence on me as an artist and person.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
My opera “Elsewhereless” with text and direction by Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan.

What do you miss most about your time as a student?
So many things. The warmth of the faculty in particular, and the many times I was invited into the home of Jan and Diane Williams [UB percussion professor and his wife, who played in the Buffalo Philharmonic, especially “the last pesto of summer” with basil from their garden], David Fuller [musicology], the late Yvar Mikhashoff [piano and my dissertation supervisor] and Morton Feldman [composition].

What is your favorite piece of music?
It changes constantly, but these days I am revisiting “Julius Caesar” by G.F. Handel.
What do you consider your greatest achievement? Proudest moment since graduating?
There’s no better professional feeling than to participate in a process that holds perpetrators accountable for abusing a child, especially when he didn’t believe he would be caught. It’s equally rewarding to support a victim who has been hurt—to help someone believe in themselves when up until this point oftentimes no one else has. Most victims have lived their whole lives not believing in themselves, and they can leave court feeling empowered.

How did UB influence your career?
The drive to help people who might not believe in themselves was affirmed at UB. The feeling at UB wasn’t about how much money we would make. It was about the difference we could make.

What advice do you have for current UB students? “If I knew then what I know now...”
Be the best “you” that you can be. UB opens up doors and can help you find out in which area of law your passion lies. Be the best professional you can be. Invest in yourself and your future. If you love what you’re doing, it’s a gift.

What do you miss most about your time as a student?
I miss having less responsibility. I’m 40 now, and people expect me to do well!

What do you think is different (both better and worse) for students today compared with when you went to UB?
Things are tougher for them because of the economy. But I tell people the same thing I was told: “Make sure this is what you want.”

How did you do your homework and/or research papers before Google or the Internet?
I did lots of research on Westlaw.

Favorite UB class or professor?
Professors Susan Mangold and Suzanne Tomkins ran clinics that offered practical experience. The clinics helped me define what I wanted to do with the rest of my career.

Would you still select the same major if you had to do it all over again?
Absolutely, hands down.

Do you keep in touch with UB friends today?
I don’t, but I should have.

If you could have had one technological advancement/device here now that wasn’t around in the 1990s, what would it be?
Devices on cell phones for recording “controlled” calls—conversations between a victim and perpetrator that can help uncover evidence and are legal to record.

What’s your impression of the university today?
I smile when I find out what UB is doing today, especially when I see pictures of students now and remember what it was like. I’d be curious to know what the current [New York State] Bar passage rate is now—it was around 94 percent when I was there.

Last book read? Do you use an e-reader?
“The Power of Now” by Eckhart Tolle. I don’t use an e-reader.

Any distinct memories about Buffalo winters?
During my first Buffalo winter, I was driving my red Toyota Tercel on the I-290 in whiteout conditions. I pulled over to the side of the road and, within minutes, you couldn’t see my car. I didn’t think my car would survive. A really nice tow truck driver gave me a ride to a hotel that was offering reduced rates during the storm. He called me the next day, and we got the car and towed it to my house.

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Remember tossing leftover chicken wings into the trash at Putnam’s, or chucking your foam takeout box along with your half-eaten Bert’s burrito as you rushed to class? According to Campus Dining and Shops (CDS), each UB student produces an average of four pounds of waste every day, and CDS serves approximately 11,000 meals daily. That’s a lot of wings and foam containers!
UB has been a national leader for decades among colleges and universities in energy conservation. But in the past three years, it also has made significant strides in collecting unused food from its campus cafes, dining halls and restaurants and turning it into compost, a natural mixture of decomposed organic matter.

CDS has done a commendable job at conserving food, says Tom Ludtka, manager of the UB Commissary and a lead member of UB’s composting efforts. But, he adds, before the university developed its current composting program, a good portion of unused kitchen scraps and postconsumer waste had to be trucked off campus to landfills.

That all began to change about seven years ago, when UB Facilities began collecting food waste in heavy-duty, recycled plastic buckets at the suggestion of Megan Lawler, BS ’07, a student assistant for UB Green, the university’s sustainability office. A university-wide recycling committee was taking shape, and UB Facilities, CDS and UB Green eventually partnered to develop a composting program. Using Ithaca College’s successful program as a guide, UB Green and University Facilities began hand-delivering the buckets to an outdoor compost pile, first located on the South Campus.

When Ludtka got involved, says Erin Moscati, BA ’00, an environmental educator for UB Green and one of the university’s recycling experts, he turned composting into an internal competition among kitchen managers. Together, staff from the founding departments and UB’s dining facilities embraced the challenge, and the program took off. “Everyone began requesting more bins,” Moscati recalls. (Today, the collection process has been streamlined, and CDS uses its own food-delivery trucks to retrieve between 400 and 650 buckets of raw food waste every week.)

By 2008, the compost pile had been moved to the North Campus, five campus kitchens were participating and the amount of raw food waste had grown too large to manage. “We hadn’t planned on getting into the composting business,” says CDS general manager Jeff Mott, so the project had to stop unless UB could find a way to process its growing amounts of compost.

The key to the new system’s success is UB’s commercial “composting” machine, called a decomposer. After food scraps are taken to the Statler Commissary and ground into a shredded slaw, the mixture is fed into a dehydrator unit that heats the contents to 180 degrees Fahrenheit, essentially sanitizing it and killing harmful bacteria. When cooled in trash barrels, packed in plastic tubs and labeled, it’s ready to go. Essentially an inert, organic soil fertilizer, the end product is light and fibrous, rich in calcium and phosphorus (from those chicken bones), and available free of charge for anyone at UB or in the community who requests it. Campus landscapers use it to mulch trees and dress flowerbeds.

In fact, the public is welcome to stop by the commissary to collect some of the material, says Ludtka, who can be contacted at 716-645-2832 for details. He proudly gives tours of the facility, including shelves of the fertilizer labeled by “vintage” and the ingredients of its former lives as eggshells, pumpkins, lettuce—even hot dogs.

After extensive research, UB purchased the $25,000 decomposer system from a manufacturer in South Korea called Eco-Smart Co. Ltd.—one of the few companies in the world that were making such machines, according to Ludtka. The investment was a pioneering move, and CDS officials say the payoff has been huge. “Only a few schools were doing it this way at the time,” says Ludtka. The machine went into service in June 2009 and now processes 660 pounds of food waste a day, producing a whopping 43,000 pounds (21.5 tons) of soil amendment a year.

What used to take more than two months to break down in the outdoor composting pile, Ludtka says, now takes just 14 hours to be sorted, ground and dried.

Excess raw food waste, including items like pineapple tops that the decomposer’s grinder can’t handle, is sent to Good Earth Horticulture Inc., a commercial composting facility in Lancaster, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb. “We were one of the first major institutions in Erie County to do this on such a scale,” says Moscati about UB’s composting efforts. “It’s become a sustainable business model for campus dining, and it also supports the local economy and minimizes our environmental impact.”

Furthermore, all UB retail dining shops (Putnam’s, Bert’s, etc.) and Governors, Goodyear and Red Jacket dining halls now recycle their preconsumer waste left over from food preparation and some postconsumer material thrown away by students. And, as the need for trucks to ship waste decreases, so do the corresponding “tipping” fees, Moscati explains. Fewer trucks mean a friendlier carbon footprint.

Local schools, including Niagara University, SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Fredonia, are visiting UB to observe the decomposer at work. “Other SUNY schools are considering them for their campuses,” Ludtka says. “We’re at the point where we’re looking at getting another machine to keep up with demand.”

Going hand-in-hand with composting was CDS’ decision in 2009 to go trayless, which reduces the amount of food sent to the decomposer in the first place. Without trays, students are more careful about selecting their meals and therefore less likely to waste food. Less waste also means CDS uses less water energy and fewer harmful chemicals for dishwashing.

“Through such initiatives as recycling,
organic composting, biodegradable packaging, energy management and sustainable food programs, we are working to instill sustainability principles here at UB and within the Western New York community,” says Jeff Brady, CDS’ executive director. “Our students understand the importance of energy and resource conservation. Going trayless, while simple, has had a significant positive impact on the campus,” Brady states.

This fall, CDS also introduced a new “eco-clamshell” container made of dishwasher-safe, BPA-free polypropylene. BPA, the abbreviation for bisphenol-A, is a chemical used to harden plastics in some food containers that some studies show may be linked to cancer, learning disabilities, infertility and obesity. The free, reusable containers, which eliminate the polystyrene “foam” boxes that can leach harmful chemicals and do not break down in landfills, are checked in and out at mealtimes through students’ UB cards. After each use, CDS cleans, sanitizes and redistributes them, giving students an environmentally friendly takeout option.

The composting and trayless initiatives are just two of many environmental programs designed to help UB achieve “climate neutrality,” part of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment signed by President John B. Simpson in 2007.

“We’re just getting started,” says Ludtka, smiling as he dips his hand into a barrel of soil amendment and sifts through what will be, come spring, a gardener’s best friend.

A writer and editor with University Communications, Lauren Newkirk Maynard is a member of UB’s Environmental Task Force.

UB’s Campus Dining & Shops (CDS) is taking a lead role in the university’s sustainability initiatives through composting, recycling, trayless dining, refillable beverage mugs, reusable to-go trays and local food purchasing. Here are a few food-related facts to digest:

» UB’s new state-of-the-art food-waste decomposer reduces compost and landfill waste by 90 percent.

» More than 11,000 refillable mugs have been purchased by students and faculty, and over 66,000 refills have been made since the program began in 2007.

» CDS recycles cans and cardboard from all campus dining locations. And three times per week, five-gallon bins of kitchen scraps, baked goods, breads, rice and pasta, paper towels and napkins, tea bags, coffee grounds and egg shells, and yard waste are composted at UB and reused for campus landscaping.

» CDS’ Carry-Out Club kit (including reusable plastic tray, silverware and travel mug) is a sustainable solution for students who get their meals to go. Students exchange used Carry-Out Club kits for clean ones after each meal.

» All dining locations recycle cooking oil.

» A CDS pilot has installed reverse vending machines to collect plastic bottles. The machines, currently located in the Student Union and Knox Hall, accept almost every brand of plastic containers—returnable or recyclable—with a UPC barcode.

» UB’s napkins are made from recycled paper and, along with paper towels, are housed in single-sheet dispensers, reducing paper waste.

» UB’s housing and dining’s washers, dryers, elevators, dishwashers and air-conditioners are as much as 40 percent more energy-efficient than standard industry models.

» Water-efficient spray heads used in CDS’ dish rooms save more than 50 gallons of water per minute over standard models.

» It takes about one-quarter gallon of water to wash one tray. UB’s dining centers have gone trayless, reducing food waste by 50 percent and saving thousands of gallons of water every year.
He did not hear a crack. He does not recall pain. What UB wrestler Dan Bishop does remember is blacking out for a split second after his opponent in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) championships lifted him into the air and returned him to the mat head-first.

Bishop landed on his hairline.

He lost consciousness for only a moment. When he opened his eyes, he struggled onto his stomach so his rival could not score points by pinning him on his back.

Then he began to convulse.
Jeff Catrabone, an assistant coach for the Bulls, and Allison Gammell, the team’s athletic trainer, hurried to Bishop’s side. Bishop reported that his neck hurt badly. He said he felt electricity surging through his body. On the floor, he writhed, allowing his body to rest only after the referees ended the match early, calling it in his favor.

Then everything went numb.

He exited the arena in a stretcher. When he tried to give onlookers the traditional thumbs-up to signal that he was OK, he found that he couldn’t move.

The match in question took place on March 6, 2010, at Central Michigan University. Doctors determined that Bishop had fractured two upper vertebrae, damaging his spinal cord. He underwent emergency surgery that night at the regional trauma center in Saginaw.

When he awoke, he was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

Today, less than a year later, Bishop is part bionic, with metal pins supporting his spine. He jokes that he has an old man’s bladder. But such problems are minor compared with the challenges he has overcome.

In May, he amazed his doctors, friends and family by walking at his UB graduation without assistance. In September, he teed off for a game of golf. To his mother’s horror, he hopes to wrestle again one day.

Bishop is forever an optimist. His injury was life-changing, but he says the changes haven’t all been bad. He is happy to go to work each morning, thrilled to be able to complete mundane tasks like brushing his own teeth.

“Before it happened, it was always ‘me, me, me,’” Bishop says. “Now, I want to share my story, to help younger kids appreciate and take advantage of what they’ve got. If I can change just one person’s life, that would mean a lot.

“When I got hurt, the whole city got behind me,” he adds. “People sent me cards, get-wells. A reporter for The Buffalo News wrote a story about me, and the guy still calls me to see how I am. I got to see the positive side of everybody, and now I have the opportunity to give back.”

One day he was an athlete competing for a chance at his first conference championship. The next, he was confined to bed, unable to lift a leg. His parents had to feed him. He could not bathe himself. He had a jagged scar running down his neck. His arms were a tangle of snaking, intravenous drips.

From his father, Bishop learned that doctors were saying he might never walk again. He reacted to the news by declaring that he would.

It was his senior year, and prior to the accident, he had been in the best shape of his life. He had spent his first four years of college partying, and in his fifth, he had renewed his commitment to his sport. At practice, he worked harder. Outside the wrestling room, he began to take better care of himself, refusing to drink alcohol.

Bishop had always been feisty: The way he tells it, he had ended up wrestling for his school in eighth grade after brawling in the cafeteria with a kid who had bullied another student. A wrestling coach saw the fight and gave Bishop a choice: Take a suspension or join the team.

He finished high school with 172 wins and 17 losses. In college, he took second place at the New York State Intercollegiate Championships three years in a row. He came in fourth at the 2009 MAC championships. But even considering past achievements, Bishop’s coaches and Gammell agree that his senior year was by far his best. In his last season at UB, he had trained harder than ever, and his dedication had yielded results. He went 19-7 before getting hurt.

And after his injury, he was determined to continue on an upward trajectory—even if, in those first, terrible days, he could not feel his toes.

“I’d have 18 Cheerios, and end up with one,” Bishop says, grinning, recounting how he struggled to spoon cereal after regaining some motion in his hands.

He says it is impossible to describe what it’s like to be paralyzed. Then he tries: “You look at your leg and say, ‘Move,’ but it doesn’t move. It wasn’t painful, wasn’t numb, didn’t feel heavy.” In his hospital gown, with a white brace engulfing his neck, Bishop would attempt each day to force his limbs into motion.

On March 12, he moved his left leg and both feet. Five days later, he stood up twice, for two minutes each time. He checked into Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y., in mid-March, and soon after, on March 30, he reported to his friends on Facebook that he had walked with a walker. Less than two weeks later, on April 10, he walked for 30 minutes without assistance.

In photographs and videos from Sunnyview and from the hospital in Michigan, Bishop is smiling. Even in the most difficult times, he refused to feel defeated.

His low point came one night in March when he watched a video of himself taking his first steps at Sunnyview. In the recording, he grasps a pair of metal parallel bars and staggers forward—one step, two steps, three—before returning to his wheelchair. It is a laborious walk. His whole body trembles. His therapist struggles to hold him up, encircling his torso with both her arms.

Bishop cried himself to sleep after viewing the footage. The next morning, however, he awoke with a new resolve. He told his caregivers that he wanted to intensify his
therapy. He made such rapid progress that he was able to check out and go home to Whitehall, N.Y., on April 13.

"Danny’s fighting spirit has helped everybody," says Jim Beichner, the Bulls’ head wrestling coach. “His whole family has such a positive spirit. This is a family that never once pointed fingers at anybody. They forgave the opponent. It was never about blame. It was about, ‘What do we do from here?’ I think these are valuable lessons.”

Bishop moved back to Buffalo in June.

He had a job waiting for him. Catrabone, the assistant coach, was vice president of Braendel Painting and Services—a painting and contracting company in Amherst—and wanted to bring Bishop into the business.

Over the summer, Bishop shadowed Catrabone, learning how to make painting estimates, bid for projects and file paperwork. Catrabone, a rapid talker who moves as quickly as he speaks, didn’t slow down for Bishop.

On one particularly memorable trip to inspect a high-end apartment building that needed work, the two climbed up about 10 flights of stairs. Both Catrabone and Bishop laugh at the memory.

“For the last four months up to that time, Danny had been nothing but pampered and babied,” Catrabone says. “Not that that wasn’t welcome, but he was at the point where he needed a little more of a whip, someone to say, ‘Hey, let’s get going, you’re OK. We’re not taking the elevator, you’re walking.’ He realized he could do it. Being his coach, too, I’m always pushing him to go harder and work harder.”

The encouragement helped Bishop get stronger faster, and in the fall semester, less than half a year after incurring his life-threatening injury, Bishop took a second job. He rejoined the wrestling team off the mat as a part-time office employee with duties that included arranging travel and hotel accommodations. In December, Bishop completed three final classes at UB, closing out a whirlwind senior year.

Bishop hopes his story will inspire others to focus on the good in the world, to see the kindness in people and to relish life. He has spoken to groups, including UB’s basketball team and about 150 participants in a wrestling camp UB hosted this summer. At this fall’s freshman orientation, he told incoming students about how he had partied too much in college and how the changes he made his senior year had helped him to reach the top of his field in wrestling. If he could do it all again, he said, he would have showed a greater commitment to the sport—and his education—from the start.

He is excited to be alive in a world full of opportunity. His message: You should be, too. ☮

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CHARISMATIC DEAN AIMS TO DRAMATICALLY EXPAND DENTISTS’ ROLES IN HEALTH CARE CONTINUUM

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Michael Glick attended dental school in Israel but discovered his calling in a Philadelphia clinic for AIDS patients. When he discourses on the future of dentistry, it’s with references to Greek mythology. On a table in his Squire Hall office, next to a bookshelf lined with texts on oral medicine and back issues of the prestigious professional journal he edits, the dean of the UB School of Dental Medicine has left—for students, faculty or anyone who dares—a bowl of candy. Not just any candy, mind you: lollipops and taffy, the stickiest enemies in the war on tooth decay. “It’s a test,” says Glick, who holds DMD degrees from Hebrew and Temple universities. “Come back in a year and they’ll still be there.” From his broad grin, it’s apparent that he savors the contradiction. Likewise, Glick’s career has departed from expectations—his own included.

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BREAKING THE MOLD
Initially drawn to dentistry for the prospect of autonomy within private practice, Glick has spent his professional life within academic institutions. As a young man, he also courted the idea of becoming a physician—and was accepted to medical school—but figured the dental track would fulfill his desire to care for others without requiring as much time and energy as medicine. Today, he’s one of the world’s foremost experts on the medically complex dental patient.

In his position as editor of The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA), the premier peer-reviewed publication on dentistry and dental science, Glick calls on dentists to assume a more proactive role in the health care continuum, expanding their duties beyond the prescribed scope of practice. In Glick’s progressive view of dentistry, a checklist of the future would include a request not only to open wide but to roll up your sleeve for a blood pressure reading. You might be offered a finger stick to test for diabetes and cholesterol—even a dental swab to detect the presence of HIV.

“I look at dentists as health care professionals who happen to be dentists,” says Glick, who also is the immediate past president of the American Board of Oral Medicine. “We shouldn’t be separate from medicine nor should we be a subspecialty of medicine. We need to figure out how to not marginalize ourselves as a profession but integrate ourselves into the health care of our patients.”

ENTISTRY is firmly rooted in the Glick family tree. Glick’s father, aunt, second cousin and great-uncle made their livings as dentists. His family’s apartment in Nyköping, a Swedish city 60 miles south of Stockholm, was attached to his dad’s practice; Glick only had to walk through his parents’ bedroom door to enter the waiting room.

Despite its proximity, he didn’t venture there often. “My brothers and sisters spent time in my dad’s office, but I didn’t have any real exposure to it,” says Glick, who speaks fluent English with an accent often mistaken for Afrikaans. “Growing up, I didn’t know what dentistry was all about.”

“Back then, the only drills Glick cared about were those found in sports. A self-described jock, he excelled in volleyball during high school, qualifying to represent his country at the 1973 Maccabiah Games, an Olympic-style competition held in Israel for Jewish athletes.

After the games, Glick continued to play volleyball in Israel. But when the Yom Kippur War erupted in 1973, his conscience compelled him to abandon the sport and volunteer as a stretcher-bearer for injured soldiers. “I was 19, and these kids on the frontline were 19. They were doing this to keep their country safe, and what did I do—play volleyball?”

Two years later, Glick enrolled at Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, committing to the four years of Israeli army service required of all students in exchange for modest tuition. Upon graduation, he and his first wife moved to the States, where Glick began a residency program in oral medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

While completing his training, Glick received an offer from Temple University in Philadelphia that would forever alter his outlook on dental care: Would he be interested in opening a dental clinic for patients with infectious diseases?

It was 1988, and AIDS was on its way to decimating a generation of gay men. Seven years after its outbreak, it continued to arouse irrational fear of contagion. Even health care providers were known to ignore the medical evidence: A survey published in JADA at the time found that fewer than a third of the nation’s dentists were willing to treat AIDS patients out of fear of contracting the disease and concern that patients would switch dentists if they found out.

For his part, Glick seized the opportunity to care for a population in dire need. “It was almost impossible for someone with HIV disease to get to a place where you could get treated,” he recalls. “Or, if you could get treated, you’d be treated very differently. Dentists would suit up like astronauts and try to treat patients using infection-control procedures that made no sense whatsoever.”

The Infectious Diseases Center treated patients with conditions ranging from syphilis to tuberculosis, but mostly AIDS. Although his patients showered Glick with gratitude, outside the modest North Philadelphia clinic, the response to his work was markedly different.

“Everyone thought I was gay because why else would I do that? Either I had to be in a risk category—I was gay—or I was HIV-positive,” he says. “The stigma was even attached to the people who treated patients with HIV disease.”

In 1991, after the death of Kimberly Bergalis, the young woman who alleged that her dentist had infected her with the AIDS virus, the CBS news program “48 Hours” featured Glick in a segment about health care professionals who cared for HIV-positive patients. When the TV crew learned that Glick wasn’t gay, they drove to his home to film his wife and three children. “They were so astounded that here was this heterosexual guy who had no reason to do this—except that it was the right thing to do—that they had to put it on television.”

For Glick, this early stage of his career proved particularly productive in understanding the oral manifestations of AIDS, a disease that often first appears in the mouth. One of his first professional papers, which appeared in JADA in 1989, was titled “Detection of HIV in the Dental Pulp of a Patient with AIDS.” The same year, he organized the First International Medical-Dental Congress to encourage greater cooperation among dentists and physicians in fighting AIDS.

“In that era we defined our professional and ethical standards to a very, very high degree,” he says. “This type of dramatic event—HIV—forced us to do that. It forced us to look at ourselves and ask: How should we treat patients? What is our moral compass? What is our moral duty to our patients?”

After more than five years at Temple, he served as the director of the infectious disease program and a professor of oral

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medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. From there, Glick became chair of the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Before accepting the UB deanship, he was associate dean for oral-medical sciences at A.T. Still University’s School of Osteopathic Medicine and professor of oral medicine at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health.

One of his collaborators describes Glick as an innovative leader and a visionary. “He has a vision about oral health care and the integration of dentists into health care in a way that considers the whole patient,” says Barbara Greenberg, acting associate dean of research at the New Jersey dental school. “He was among the early champions of a patient-centered ‘health home’ in dental settings and has been a strong advocate for medical screening in those settings.”

Greenberg and Glick recently conducted a national survey that suggests such ideas are gaining traction. The results, published last year in JADA, found a majority of U.S. dentists consider medical screening important and are willing to incorporate it into their practice.

As editor of JADA, Glick addresses a global audience. The 155,000-circulation monthly has multiple foreign-language editions; in 2009, there were 2.7 million downloads of JADA articles.

“I have been given the opportunity to sit in a position where I can espouse ideas and facilitate a discussion,” he says of the position. “That is part of what you do as an editor: You start a discussion. You bring up issues that may not be popular all the time, but they’re things you want people to talk about.”

In November, Glick received a first-place editorial award from the American Dental Education Association for an editorial in which he challenged the traditional dental workforce model imposed by state dental boards that do not favor dentists performing medical screenings. In the editorial, Glick likens these regulations to the Procrustean Bed, so-named for a villain from Greek mythology who lured unsuspecting travelers to an iron bed and then, to ensure that it was a perfect fit, stretched them to death if they were too short or cut off their limbs if they were too long.

“I was talking about the different tests that dentists could do, and how the dental practice acts can change to allow us to do them. But what happens is that if something fits the dental practice, it’s endorsed. If it doesn’t, there is a struggle. That’s the Procrustean Bed, isn’t it?”

Within educational institutions, dental students are not limited by regulations set forth in dental practice acts. At the UB dental clinic, students already conduct blood pressure screenings on patients, referring those with abnormal results to a physician.

With Glick’s encouragement, third-year dental student Donald Pitcher is investigating the feasibility of screening patients for diabetes at the clinic as well. “Dental students have a lot of enthusiasm, and Dr. Glick is a great person to help us direct our enthusiasm and our curiosities,” says Pitcher. “He treats us as professionals in the field, which goes a long way with students.”

Donald Antonson, professor, associate chair of restorative dentistry and interim associate dean for academic affairs, sees Glick as both a farsighted advocate for the profession and a pragmatic dean for the school. For instance, within Glick’s short time at UB, he has secured support to make the international dentist program a priority. The two-year program, which enables dentists educated outside the U.S. to earn a doctor of dental surgery degree at UB, had previously entered fewer than five students per year. By contrast, the class of 2013 will have 16, and future classes are expected to be larger still.

“He’s leading us in a direction that will showcase UBSDM [the UB School of Dental Medicine] as unique and demonstrating innovation,” Antonson says. “He will keep us moving toward what’s best for the profession and, more importantly, for our patients and students.”

Indeed, Glick is eager to position UB at the forefront of the debate on dentistry’s future. “I want us to do things that other people are going to emulate,” he says. “I want to develop models that are going to work and that are going to provide the type of education and training that we need for our future dentists. That’s the reason I became dean.”
Each year more than 500 student-athletes wear blue and white on behalf of the University at Buffalo. Today, support for UB’s Division of Athletics is more important than ever as we strive to achieve academic and athletic excellence in the highly competitive arena of NCAA Division I athletics.

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A $7.1 million renovation of historic Wende Hall has provided new state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and research space for the School of Nursing.

A $54 million renovation of Kapoor Hall is creating a new state-of-the-art home for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences when completed in 2012.

A $10 million renovation of Kimball Hall will provide learning landscape areas, new classrooms and lab space to the School of Public Health and Health Professions.

A $4.3 million renovation of the UB Child Care Center’s South Campus site has brought new classrooms and bright spaces to UB’s youngest citizens.

A $3 million restoration of Harriman Quad includes a new plaza, enhanced landscaping with indigenous plantings and rain gardens, and energy-efficient lighting.

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The Main Event

It’s a win-win situation

The Albany chapter hosted 90 alumni, family and friends at its third annual “Day at the Races,” July 31, at Saratoga Race Course on opening day. The event proved to be the most successful yet, with the addition of 50 Western New Yorkers who traveled to Saratoga on a chartered coach. In football-related events, Bulls head football coach Jeff Quinn was introduced to alumni in Washington, D.C., and New York, N.Y., on back-to-back evening receptions May 20-21 at the National Press Club and Cornell Club, respectively. Nearly 80 attendees got to meet the coach. Blondies, a favorite spot for UB graduates in Manhattan, hosted 80 chicken wings-loving alumni and guests during the annual Wings Night, Nov. 4. A barbecue tailgate saw a total of 110 alumni and guests gather for a combined event for Houston and Dallas chapters before the UB-Baylor game in Waco, Texas, on Sept. 11. The Sabres came to Dallas on Oct. 30, and 75 area alumni and friends attended the reception.

Hey, that’s me!

To see photos of other alumni friends from recent chapter meetings, go to www.alumni.buffalo.edu/chapters

Christina Shrewsbury, MM ’92, and her husband, Ron, at Dec. 2 UB at Noon presentation.

An enthusiastic student with Marc Adler, MA ’83, MBA ’82 & BA ’79, former president of the UB Alumni Association, during a Hump Day Hangout session.

Dan Brewster, BA ’07, program coordinator in the Office of Alumni Relations. “Not only do the students benefit from the wisdom of our alumni volunteers, but the alumni benefit as well from meeting and networking with each other.”

DAN BREWSTER, BA ’07

RESHMAN MOVE-IN DAY ... Hump Day Hangouts ... New Student Orientation ... FAN (Food, Alumni, Networking) events, UB Mentors ... what do these things have in common? All are ways for UB alumni to connect with current students in a volunteer capacity.

Career Conversations are one of the most rewarding activities for alumni and students alike. Presented by the UB Alumni Association in collaboration with UB Career Services, Career Conversations are conveniently held between semesters so students can attend while home on break. Participating alumni advise students about their own profession, resume preparation, interviewing, internships and possible career opportunities in their organizations. Most important, students begin to develop valuable connections with UB alumni as they get ready to enter the work world.

“We began these events for the New York City chapter a number of years ago and, due to their success and popularity, we’ve expanded into Rochester, Albany and right here in Buffalo,” says Dan Brewster, BA ’07, program coordinator in the Office of Alumni Relations. “Not only do the students benefit from the wisdom of our alumni volunteers, but the alumni benefit as well from meeting and networking with each other.”

FAN is a similar concept on a smaller scale. Rather than the 100-plus people who turn out for Career Conversations, FAN brings in 30 to 40 alumni and students; these events are typically held on campus or at a nearby venue. “Discussions at our FAN are also geared toward jobs and great connections are made, but in a slightly more casual way,” explains Nancy Battaglia, MBA ’96 & BS ’89, associate director for special programs in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Hump Day Hangouts, meanwhile, are held one Wednesday a month in the Student Union on the North Campus. Alumni volunteers mingle with students while they enjoy free pizza and soda, test students’ knowledge of UB trivia and award prizes, and generally help build awareness of the benefits the UBAA provides to both students and alumni. “I truly enjoy these events. It’s so great to hang out with these kids, answer their questions and talk about their futures,” says Paul Hammer, BA ’78, UBAA board member and chair of the programs and events committee. “It’s really inspiring to me, and at the same time I feel like I’m helping.”

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, visit www.alumni.buffalo.edu/give-back
How did the UB Student Alumni Association (UBSAA) become one of the largest student organizations on campus in only four months? Three words: Hump Day Hangouts.

Oozefest, the annual mud volleyball tournament, certainly makes UBSAA membership attractive. But the buzz about UBSAA really began with Hump Day Hangouts, which take place one Wednesday a month in the Student Union. "We started Hump Days as a way for the UB Alumni Association to roll out the welcome mat for students while they were still on campus, and let them know that we have a lot of programs for them," says Patty Starr, assistant director for student programs in the Office of Alumni Relations.

UBSAA facilitates interaction between students and alumni and sets the stage for the students’ connection to UB beyond graduation. "Our hope is that we’ll not only promote UB pride, spirit and tradition but also foster a lifelong connection and philanthropic support, starting with supporting our alumni association," says Jay R. Friedman, EdM ’00 & BA ’86, associate vice president for alumni relations.

Today, a UBSAA leadership board of seven is in place. Plans for the near future include a bigger and better Oozefest (with the addition of 64 teams), a fall networking event for graduate students and other leadership and social programs with alumni.

More information about UBSAA, including opportunities for alumni engagement, is available at www.ubsaa.com or www.alumni.buffalo.edu/students.

More chapter news

UBSAA BY THE NUMBERS

Hump Day Hangouts for UB students

12
[Hump Day Hangouts since 2009]

7,043
[students served]

1,509
[liters of pop served]

12,288
[slices of pizza served]

5,000
[Tim Horton’s free-coffee coupons distributed]

86
[alumni volunteer participants]

1,200
[stress balls given away]

Eddie Asbie, BA ’04, helps newly arriving UB students move their gear into the UB residence halls. Each year, alumni volunteers like Asbie help students with moving-in tasks like hauling boxes, providing directions, calming parental nerves and easing the transition for all concerned.
Event topics draw crowds

Three UB Downtown lunch programs drew nearly 175 UB alumni and friends to Chef’s restaurant in downtown Buffalo between June and October.

Co-sponsored by the UB and School of Management alumni associations, the first event, held June 22, featured Bill Strauss, BA ’80, senior economist and economic adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago. He provided insights about the “Great Recession” of 2008-09 and its significant impact on the U.S. and world economies.

On Sept. 30, Thomas Dee, EMBA ’96 & BS ’75, president of the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC), shared a detailed presentation on plans for the inner and outer harbor areas, including land acquisitions, infrastructure improvements, water features and substantial mixed-use development.

The final event took place Oct. 27 and featured James Gallagher-Cohen, EMBA ’07, president and CEO of the Buffalo-Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, who shared details of Buffalo’s new branding campaign, the Buffalo Niagara Marketing Initiative, and world economies.

From Robert G. Shibley, president of Canisius College, Lawless earned a bachelor’s degree in college student personnel administration.

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

New alumni relations

Erin Lawless has joined the UB Office of Alumni Relations as associate director for affiliate programs. Her primary focus is to engage alumni in meaningful and beneficial relationships with UB by designing and implementing programs, activities and events. A graduate of Canisius College, Lawless earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 2000 and a master of science degree in college student personnel administration in 2004.

The Baltimore chapter gathered 30 alumni and guests together Oct. 24 for a pregame indoor tailgate party followed by the Bills vs. Ravens game in M&T Bank Stadium.

On Oct. 20, 50 people watched the matchup between the Sabres and Atlanta Thrashers in Philips Arena after an informal pregame gathering at the Headliners Bar and Grill.

UPDATES FROM GRADS BY THE DECADE

Christopher Leventhal, MD 1980, formerly a professor of dermatology at Emory University School of Medicine, has named chair-elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Lawless is president of Emory Medical Care Foundation and serves on the board of the Emory-Children’s Center. He lives in Atlanta, Ga. Michael B. Berger, JD 1973, MSW 1971 & BA 1969, has been included in Stanford Who’s Who for exceptional effort in the legal services industry. He has been an attorney and partner with Berger and Berger for the past 20 years. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Raven, BA 1974, received a 2010 Muse Award given annually by New York Women in Film and Television, a nonprofit membership organization for professional women in film, television and digital media. Raven is president and CEO of Arts and Entertainment Television Networks. Craig Blum, MD 1975, was honored in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, for his service as a surgeon to those in need. Blum and his colleagues donated more than 100 surgeries for people who could not afford health care services. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Joseph P. Esposito, BA 1975, has been listed in the 2010 edition of Chambers USA in recognition of his litigation experience in Washington, D.C. He resides in Bethesda, Md.

Kenneth E. Kendall, PhD 1975 & MBA 1970, has been named 2010 Educator of the Year by the Education Special Interest Group. A distinguished professor of management at Rutgers School of Business, Kendall was recognized for his efforts to lead the field of information systems education. He is a founder of the International Conference on Information Systems and a fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute. Kendall resides in Voorhees, N.J.

James Newton, MS 1976, MS 1974 & BS 1971, was named the 2010 Government Engineer of the Year by the Delaware Engineering Society. He lives in Milford, Del.


Edna Baehre, PhD 1977 & MA 1973, is president of Napa Valley College in Napa, Calif. Previously, she served as the president of Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg, Pa. Baehre is a member of the National Governors Association Academy and director of the National Institute for Leadership Development for women in community colleges. She lives in Napa. Mark G. Pearce, JD 1978, received the 2010 Trailblazer Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York for demonstrating the highest standards of her profession through inspirational leadership, legal and community service, and commitment to diversity. She is office managing partner of Nixon Peabody in Buffalo, N.Y., where she lives.

Mary St. Mary, BS 1979, is a trade commissioner at the Canadian Consulate General in Buffalo, N.Y. She assists Canadian companies with information and communications technology, building infrastructure and green build-

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The Center for the Arts, with its two-story atrium lobby and vaulted skylight, is a visual focal point of UB’s North Campus and is long familiar to UB alumni for its diverse shows and invigorating array of artistic performances. Home to four theaters, including the 1,750-seat Mainstage, the Center for the Arts also houses two art galleries, video production and sound studios, dance studios, a foundry and a screening room, along with classrooms, faculty offices and studios for sculpture, painting, etching and printmaking.

The UB departments of Art (now Visual Studies), Media Study and Theatre and Dance moved into the Center for the Arts in September 1993, despite the fact that performance and exhibition areas were not yet complete. One year later, the center’s full opening marked the first time in UB history that all of the university’s arts departments were located in close proximity, creating new possibilities for collaborative ventures by students and faculty members.

A Grand Opening Festival offering numerous dance, theater, music and literary performances ran from Oct. 28-Nov. 20, 1994, and formally introduced the spectacular new Center for the Arts to UB and all of Western New York.

Festival audiences enjoyed performances by the Canadian Brass, the Amherst Saxophone Quartet, the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The Department of Theatre and Dance staged Bertolt Brecht’s “The Threepenny Opera,” and the Zodiaque Dance Company performed “Monument,” a tribute to the music of Miles Davis. Tanzfabrik, the Berlin Dance Company, performed a dance theater interpretation of “The Voice in the Closet,” a book authored by the late Raymond Federman, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the UB Department of English.

Before the grand opening celebration, UB’s 13th president, the late William R. Greiner, observed that the Center for the Arts held “a lot of promise for Western New York artists and cultural institutions.” He predicted that it would become “the base for fuller, more effective cooperation between UB and the community we serve.”

At 16 and counting, the Center for the Arts continues to fulfill its promise by supporting a broad spectrum of campus and community artistic endeavors.

—Kathleen Quinlivan, MLS ’87, University Libraries


**OozeFest**
04.30.11
Mud Pit, St. Rita’s Lane, North Campus

**Commencement Weekend**
05.12 - 05.15.11
Various locations

**Jog for the Jake**
06.19.11
Delaware Park, Buffalo

**Ride for Roswell**
06.25.11
North Campus

**Linda Yalem Safety Run**
09.25.11
North Campus

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**Distinguished Speakers Series**

Cory Booker, Mayor of Newark, N.J.
35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Event
03.30.11
Center for the Arts, North Campus

**Hump Day Hangout**
04.06.11
Social Hall, Student Union, North Campus

**UB Alumni Association Achievement Awards**
04.08.11
Slee Hall and Center for the Arts, North Campus

**Distinguished Speakers Series**

J. Craig Venter, Pioneering Genomic Researcher
04.27.11
Alumni Arena, North Campus

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All dates and times subject to change. Visit www.alumni.buffalo.edu/events for updates.

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Stuart P. Gelberg, JD 1980, was selected as one of Long Island’s “Top Legal Eagles” by Pulse Magazine in October 2010. He resides in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. Barry H. Kohn, MD 1980, is medical director of the Center for Health Education, Medicine and Dentistry in Lakewood, N.J. He lives in Lawrence, N.Y. Kalpana Yalamanchili, BA 1980, has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Nettie Cronise Lutes Award. Yalamanchili is a trustee of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and was instrumental in securing funding for the newly established Law and Leadership Institute. She resides in Hilliard, Ohio. Craig Dye, BA 1981, is director of the Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute’s VentureAccelerator Program in College Park, Md. He has more than 15 years’ experience building and mentoring start-up companies. Dye lives in Washington, D.C. Pano M. Tsekis, MD 1981, received the 2010 Health Champion Award from the Whittier Street Health Center’s men’s health collaborative for his leadership in promoting men’s health and securing healthier futures for Massachusetts residents. He resides in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Steven P. Greiner, BS 1982, is director of portfolio risk research at FactSet Research Systems Inc. Greiner focuses on the strategy and development of FactSet’s multi-asset class risk offerings. He lives in Forest Park, Ill. Norman E. Levine, BA 1982, is a training manager for FJC Security Services in New York, N.Y. He resides in Roseland, N.J. *Marc Adler, MA 1983, MBA 1982 & BA 1979,* is director of marketing for Katz Americas in Sanborn, N.Y. Adler also teaches several courses at UB that focus on marketing, advertising and social media. He is immediate past president of the UB Alumni Association and serves on the School of Management Alumni Association board of directors. Adler lives in Williamsville, N.Y. Ellen P. Fink-Samnick, MSW 1983 & BA 1982, president of EFS Supervision Strategies LLC and adjunct faculty member of George Mason University, has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in clinical social work, case management across the health and mental health continuum, professional resilience, and transdisciplinary ethics for health and human service professionals. She resides in Burke, Va. Robert W. Fishback, MBA 1983, is chief financial officer of Torvec Inc. in Rochester, N.Y. His responsibilities include business and financial system implementation, financial and public company controls and reporting, and assisting management in developing and implementing business strategies. Fishback lives in Penfield, N.Y. Joel D. Meyersohn, JD 1983 & BA 1981, has been appointed co-practice group manager of corporate and business services for the law firm of Roetzel & Andress LPA in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Meyersohn resides in Weston, Fla. Mark D. Rasch, JD 1983, is the director of cyber-security and privacy consulting for Computer Sciences Corporation’s North American public sector business unit. He lives in Bethesda, Md. Robert Smolinski, MD 1983, was honored in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, for his service as a surgeon to those in need. Smolinski and his colleagues donated more than 100 surgeries for people who could not afford health care services. He resides in Orchard Park, N.Y. Michael Hanuszczak, JD 1984, was reelected to a second term as an Onondaga County Family Court Judge. He resides in Syracuse, N.Y. Daniel P. Joyce, JD 1984, is a partner at Hodgson Russ in the firm’s immigration and international and cross-border practice groups. He has more than 20 years’ experience advising U.S. and Canadian companies on cross-border transactions. Joyce lives in Washington, D.C.
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Govindaraju recognized

Awards are nothing new for Venugopal Govindaraju, PhD ’92 & MS ’88, but 2010 was a particularly stellar year for the UB professor. Founding director of the Center for Unified Biometrics and Sensors (CUBS) and the associate director of the Center of Excellence for Document Analysis and Recognition (CEDAR), Govindaraju is a specialist in pattern recognition.

He also is a UB Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, and in 2010 was named a SUNY Distinguished Professor, the highest faculty rank in the SUNY system. For his pioneering contributions to biometric systems, Govindaraju was one of just five technologists in the world to receive a 2010 Computer Society Technical Achievement Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, an organization of which he is a fellow. For the third consecutive year, he was selected for the prestigious 2010 HP Labs Innovation Research program, which is designed to encourage breakthrough, collaborative research between HP and the academic community.

Nearly 250 engineering school alumni, students, faculty, staff, family and friends attended a pregame tailgate party Sept. 18. The event preceded the UB Bulls-Central Florida football game in UB Stadium and was hosted by the Engineering Alumni Association (EAA). EAA board member Rick Rink, BS ’80, (left), chaired the event, and Joe Frandina, BS ’78, (right), EAA vice president, was head chef.

Award-winning UB professor Venugopal Govindaraju, PhD ’92 & MS ’88, works with computer science and engineering students.
Doctor of Nursing Practice program

A new program in the School of Nursing will prepare graduates for leadership roles, provide enhanced knowledge for improving nursing care and patient outcomes, establish parity with other clinical practice health professions, and provide a graduate nursing degree for those interested in advanced-practice knowledge but who do not want the research focus of a PhD.

Generally considered the wave of the future in nursing, the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program, approved in November by the New York State Education Department, will begin being offered this summer to students with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, and in fall 2011 to advanced-practice nurses who have a master’s degree. The innovative program, which replaces all current master’s degree programs within the School of Nursing, combines DNP and PhD students in the first year of courses. For more information, visit www.nursing.buffalo.edu.

Celebrating the 75th

UB’s School of Nursing is marking its 75th anniversary with a year-long celebration that includes a number of guest speakers and events that began last fall and continue through the spring. The celebratory events—from presentations by pioneering nurse educators to recognition of alumni who have served in the armed forces—reflect the school’s rich legacy of service, education and research.

To commemorate many of the school’s outstanding milestones, accomplishments and individuals, Janice Cooke Feigenbaum, clinical nursing professor, created seven posters with photos and facts that illustrate the school’s journey—from its founding to its current, state-of-the-art home on UB’s South Campus.

To make Canada a health

Congressman Mike Rodgers was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year award by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce for his efforts to advance India’s prosperity and to make Canada a health tourism destination.

The anniversary festivities will culminate with a cocktail reception May 25 at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. To learn more about this event, call Sally Sams at (716) 829-3209.

in Hamburg, N.Y. James M. Lienert, MBA 1984 & BS 1974, is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, where he has held a series of increasingly senior positions since 1974. Lienert resides in Plano, Texas. Robert T. Durkin, BA 1985, was awarded the Legion of Merit and distinguished service command of the 25th U.S. Marine Regiment in July 2010. He lives in Windham, N.H. Gene D. Emmer, PhD 1985, founded Med Services Europe, a Europe-based designer and distributor of wheelchair accessories, marketed under the brand name RehaDesign. He resides in Vilnius, Lithuania. Gary R. Larsen, BS 1985, is senior vice president, finance and chief financial officer for Power-One Inc. in Camarillo, Calif. He has more than 20 years’ experience in various financial positions with publicly traded companies. Larson lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Lawrence A. Tabak, PMCert 1985 & PhD 1981, is principal deputy director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He has served as the director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research since 2000. Tabak is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He resides in Bethesda, Md. Gagan Bhalla, DDS 1986, was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year award by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce for his efforts to make Canada a healthier nation through the practice of yoga. He is vice president of Pantanjal Yog Peeth, Canada. Bhalla lives in Mississauga, Ont. Ross P. Lanzafame, JD 1986, chair of the American Lung Association of New York Inc., is speaker of the association’s nationwide assembly. He is a member of the American Lung Association’s national board of directors, and resides in Rochester, N.Y. Bradford P. Anderson, JD 1987, is associate dean for the Orfalea College of Business at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He lives in Pismo Beach, Calif. Curt D. Sigmund, PhD 1987, MS 1984 & BS 1982, is professor and head of the department of pharmacology in the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. He is also chair of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute’s program project review committee. Sigmund resides in Coralville, Iowa. Karyn Z. Sproles, PhD 1987 & MA 1985, is dean of Carlow University’s College of Arts and Sciences. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mark J. Anders, Attended 1988, was honored in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, for his service as a surgeon to those in need. Anders, who received his MD from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, and his colleagues donated more than 100 surgeries for those who could not afford health care services. He resides in Orchard Park, N.Y. Nancy L. Boye, BS 1988 & BA 1979, is vice president of MJ Mechanical Services in Tonawanda, N.Y., where she has worked since 1979. Boye resides in East Amherst, N.Y. Andrew Cappuccino, MD 1988, is a member of the board of trustees at D’Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y. A nationally known orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist, Cappuccino lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Brian M. Kleiner, PhD 1990 & MS 1983, professor of industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, has been named the Ralph H. Bogle Professor Fellow in Industrial and Systems Engineering. He lives in Blacksburg, Va. Glenn Leonardi, MBS 1990 & JD 1989, is general manager of aviation for Asia Pacific and Latin America at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. He resides in Medina, Ohio. Tina M. Stanford, JD 1990, was appointed director of the New York State Office of Victim Services by then Gov. David A. Paterson in July 2010. Previously, she was an Erie County assistant district attorney for 14 years. Stanford lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. William M. Viscardo Jr., MD 1990 & BA 1986, an internist in practice in Aurora, Colo., is president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is also a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is also a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is also a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is also a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Viscardo resides in Lockport, N.Y. The anniv...
Alumni Association Achievement Awards 2011

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INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
*Irid Agoes, PhD ’99 & MA ’82, Jakarta, Indonesia

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Deirdre Carter (accounting), Christopher Maugans (management), Thawab Shibly (English, political science, art), and Nischal Vasant (computer engineering and business administration)

The Alumni Association Achievement Awards will be held Friday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Lippes Concert Hall in Slee Hall with a reception to follow in the Center for the Arts Atrium. Tickets are $75 each and are available by calling the alumni office at 1-800-284-5382, or online at www.alumni.buffalo.edu/events.

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Cradle of History Cruise: From Istanbul to Athens
Sept. 18-Oct. 1

UB alumni will board the Marina, Oceania Cruises’ newest ship, to explore historical sites and landmarks of ancient civilizations. Beginning in Istanbul, the magnificent city that straddles two continents, the ship sails to Volos, Greece, then Kusadasi, Turkey, where the famed Library of Celsus still stands at the ruins of Ephesus; then, onward to the fascinating Greek port of Rhodes. Explore the ancient riches of Cyprus in Limassol before cruising to historic Israel and the picturesque cities of Jerusalem, a holy city for Jews, Christians and Muslims alike; and Haifa, home to the breathtaking Bahai Gardens. Turn back the sands of time in Egypt—stopping in Cairo and Alexandria—a land of ancient temples and enduring architecture, where the Sphinx stands by the Giza pyramids at the edge of the sweeping Sahara. Enjoy the Greek island of Crete, where a panorama of lovely windmills and ancient Minoan and Byzantine villages awaits, before concluding your voyage in the ancient city of Athens.

From $4,499 per person double occupancy (including airfare), the Marina provides a casual yet luxuriously elegant ambiance, replete with impressive services and amenities. With such spacious accommodations, unrivaled attention to detail, 10 dining venues and a refined staff who deliver unparalleled service, the Marina is the perfect example of what a mid-size vessel should be.

For more information, including cost and travel dates, visit www.alumni.buffalo.edu/travel.
Bon voyage!

IN MEMORY OF UB ALUMNI

Milton Rogovin, MA ’72, of Buffalo, N.Y., social documentarian whose stark, black-and-white images are housed in museums worldwide, died 01.18.11. Rogovin photographed residents of impoverished areas of Buffalo, steelworkers, Appalachian miners, the Chilean people and others he called “the forgotten ones.” For more information, go to http://miltonrogovin.com.

Philip B. Wels, MD ’41, MA ’39 & BA ’37, of Kenmore, N.Y., died 10.01.10. A surgeon for more than 50 years, Wels was devoted to his alma mater. Chair of the UB Council from 1992-97, he was a UB Foundation trustee for 25 years and a member of the U.S. Olympic fencing team in 1936. He received many honors, including UB’s highest honor, the Chancellor Norton Medal.

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the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, N.Y. in February 2009. As Clarence Town supervisor, he coordinated the countless local, state and federal agencies that responded to the tragedy. Bylewski lives in Clarence Center. Leanne G. Lapp, JD 1998, BA 1995 & BA 1994, first assistant public defender for the Ontario County Office of the Public Defender, has been named recipient of the 2010 Kevin M. Andersen Memorial Award. The award is presented annually to a New York attorney who has practiced in the area of indigent defense for fewer than 15 years and exemplifies Andersen’s own sense of justice, determination and compassion. Andersen was a longtime public defender who died in 2004. Lapp resides in Farmington, N.Y. Robert L. LeHane, JD 1998, is a partner of the firm of Kelly Drye & Warren in New York, N.Y. He is a member of the firm’s bankruptcy department and focuses his practice on corporate restructuring and landlord creditors’ rights. LeHane lives in Pearl River, N.Y. Michael J. Kuchera, MArch 1999, is an architect at BBH Design, where he is responsible for on-site construction administration at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center East in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a guest speaker at the May 2010 American Institute of Architects “Build Pittsburgh” Conference held in Pittsburgh, where he lives.

Ifeoma J. Igboeli, BS 2000, is a surgeon at Windber Medical Center in Windber, Pa., where she specializes in weight-loss surgery. Igboeli is a resident member of the American College of Surgeons and the National Medical Association. She resides in Windber.

* Rafael Alicea-Maldonado, PhD 2001, professor of chemistry at Geneseo Community College, was named the college’s employee of the month for April 2010. He lives in Buffalo, N.Y. Jeffrey M. Fick, BS 2001, is a principal of the architectural and engineering firm Trautman Associates in Buffalo, N.Y. He has been a structural engineer for the firm since 2003. Fick lives in Cheektowaga. N.Y. Serafina M. Mitri, JD 2001, MBA 2001 & BA 1996, serves as special counsel of real estate and banking practices for the law firm of Damon Morey in Buffalo, N.Y. She resides in Williamsville, N.Y. Thomas E. Popek, JD 2002, ME 1997 & BS 1996, is an associate attorney at Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, N.Y., where he focuses his practice on intellectual property, corporate and international practices. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y. Melissa A. Foti, JD 2003 & BA 1996, is the 26th president of the Western New York chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of New York State. She is a member of the New York State and Erie County bar associations and serves as co-chair for the Young Lawyers Committee, Erie County Bar Association. She resides in Amherst, N.Y. Thomas A. Garigten, MA 2004, is a sales associate at Algonquin Studios in Buffalo, N.Y., where he focuses on promoting the company’s content management system, QuantumCMS, and its related services to companies in the legal industry. Garigten lives in Lockport, N.Y. Meghan L. Malone, MD 2004, has joined the medical staff in gastroenterology at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Horry County, S.C. She resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Kelly C. Stets, MD 2004, is on the staff at St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in New Windsor, N.Y., where she focuses her practice on orthopedics and sports medicine. She lives in New York, N.Y. Eric Walker, BA 2004, received the 2010 Community Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York for outstanding service and achievement impacting the minority community. The award also recognizes his inspirational neighborhood revitalization efforts on Buffalo’s West Side launched through ABC’s “Extreme Makeover Home Edition.” Walker resides in Buffalo, N.Y. Rachel B. Lerner, EdM 2005 & BA 2003, is assistant dean for student development at Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y. She lives in Woodstock, N.Y. Clayton Westberg, MBA 2005 & BS 2003, is a marketing manager at Ivoclar Vivadent, a global manufacturer of dental materials in Amherst, N.Y., where he resides. Amber Zito, MSW 2005, is a home care social worker for Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. She serves on the board of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network and lives in Lakewood, Ohio. Meagan E. Baco, BA 2006, is a historic preservation project assistant for Clinton Brown Company Architecture P.C. in Buffalo, N.Y. She is also co-founder of HISTPRES.com, an online job board for young professionals seeking unique opportunities in historic preservation and related fields. Baco resides in Buffalo, N.Y. Sonya N. Ephraim, MD 2006, is an ob/gyn for the SwedishAmerican Health System in Rockford, Ill. She focuses her practice on contraception, pelvic pain and minimally invasive surgical procedures. Ephraim lives in Loves Park, Ill. Kathryn A. Lisandrelli, JD 2006 & BA 2003, is an associate attorney at the law firm of Colucci & Gallagher in Buffalo, N.Y., where she resides. Brittany J. Frey, BA 2007, is an account manager in the investor relations group of Travers Collins & Company, a marketing communications firm in Buffalo, N.Y. She lives in Fredonia, N.Y. Wendi R. Kinney, EdM 2007 & BA 2005 & AAS 1999, is client services coordinator for Flynn & Friends Inc., a marketing, advertising and public relations agency in Buffalo, N.Y. She lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Ike’s Pizza in Amherst, N.Y., the official meeting place for a group of Watts Architecture and Design professors known as the Garage Scholars, is the subject of the March 2009 episode of the television series “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.” Watts professor of architecture John P. Watts, FAIA, is an executive producer of the show and lives in Amherst. N.Y. mangoes, a fruit available as a snack, a smoothie or a garnish, is a new flavor of Ice Creamery ice cream created by international practices.

Brady Cotton, BS 2010, is a project monitor and air sampling technician in the environmental department of Watts Architecture and Engineering in Buffalo, N.Y. He resides in Victor, N.Y. Kelsey M. Frank, BS 2010, is associate account executive for Mirror Show Management in Webster, N.Y., where she lives. Marshall A. Kelly, JD 2010, is the third assistant district attorney for Wyoming County, N.Y. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.
What foods do you love or miss since leaving Western New York?

NATURALLY, being born and raised in Western New York, I miss good wings, beef on ‘weck, loganberry and sponge candy. The “biggies” for me, however, are draft birch beer (best with ‘weck!), John & Mary’s “super royal” subs, Ted’s foot-longs, Anderson’s soft serve and Scime’s deluxe sausage. I usually try to bring home at least 10 pounds of Scime’s every time I visit.

Thomas Pellitieri, BA ’83
Toledo, Ohio

There was a place called the Pizza Plant. They’d deliver pizza “pods,” made with yummy fresh veggies, and chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches (like sundaes) to campus. We thought we had arrived!

Krystin Corneilson, BA ’89
Sadieville, Ky.

Beef on ‘weck, with extra-hot horseradish, is the food that I miss the most. Beef on ‘weck, sponge candy and loganberry are not locally available, but I noticed that they can be ordered for overnight delivery from www.buffalofoods.com.

Bob Roesser, PhD ’70, MS ’67 & BS ’64
Southfield, Mich.

Although I do miss the pizza, I would say that Italian bakeries and Greek restaurants are by far the thing I miss most since moving to Colorado.

Rob Jones, MUP ’08 & BA ’06
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Whenever I’m in the area, I always stop at La Nova Pizzeria for some of their finger-lickin’ barbecue wings!

Verdene Lee, MS ’95
Ithaca, N.Y.

In addition to Anchor Bar’s suicidal wings, I really miss the Friday night fish fry! There is no fresh haddock to be found in the Rocky Mountains ... but the view here makes up for it.

Susan Wedaa, BA ’94
Denver, Colo.

I miss the chocolate-covered dates from the candy store across from the campus on Main Street. I miss the hot turkey sandwiches from the restaurant/diner across from campus. And finally, I miss the cinnamon-coated apples and loganberry drinks from Crystal Beach. I imagine all those places have disappeared after I left for California 51 years ago.

*Gordon Gibson, BA ’57
Orangevale, Calif.

Duff’s wings, beef on ‘weck, orange chocolate sponge candy (from Platter’s in North Tonawanda), loganberry ... and Weber’s mustard, Ziggy’s Taco & Sub on Main Street, homemade pierogies, fresh kielbasa, Antoinette’s sundaes, and the fact that you can get anything charbroiled at Ted’s any time of year. There, I think I’ve covered all the major food groups.

Linda Pratt, BA ’82
Rochester, N.Y.
Unwrapping Dreams

When she was a small child, Sue McCutcheon unwrapped a Christmas package from her father, a general surgeon. Inside she discovered a toy medical bag, and she believes this gift helped inspire her to pursue a career in medicine. She earned her degree in 1956 from UB’s School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and practiced internal medicine and hematology for 25 years in Rochester, Michigan.

Today, she has named UB in her will. She knows her gift will support future generations of medical students with dreams of their own.

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