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DOUGLAS LEVERE

The Green below Hayes Hall is the scene for summer fun on the South Campus.

UB on the Green kicks off third season

Free family-friendly concerts for the neighbors

The UB on the Green concert series, now in its third year, is kicking off another season of free, family-friendly music and dance performances by local and national artists on the vast lawn in front of Hayes Hall on the South Campus.

UB neighbors may remember the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's last visit to the South Campus lawn in 1997 when conductor Paul Ferington held the baton at a post-Fourth of July concert. He'll return with the orchestra on July 21 with tenor Jay Louis Dref performing an eclectic mix of classical, pop and folk selections.

Buffalo's Neville Francis appears with his Jamaican-influenced reggae-ska band, the Riddim Posse, July 28 with the Budos Band from Brooklyn, featuring raucous soul and deep funk.

On August 4, the series presents variations on a theme with performances by the award-winning local ensemble Taylor Made Jazz, and Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, a famously inventive dance company that has pushed the boundaries of jazz dance, an indigenous American art form, for more than 40 years.

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UB 2020 means jobs

Bringing more Western New Yorkers into the University at Buffalo workforce now and in the future was the focus of two Career Pathways information sessions held May 9 and May 12 in Allen Hall on the South Campus.

The sessions drew 150 participants.

UB anticipates adding up to 6,700 new jobs in the next 15-18 years to meet the needs of UB 2020, the plan to expand UB and increase its economic impact on Western New York from \$1.7 billion to \$3.6 billion annually.

Jerry Linder, a manager with University Human Resources, says that one of the main purposes of the sessions was to let people know that UB, which is one of the region's largest employers, has a great variety of job types.

Linder says that she has been at job fairs where people don't bother to stop at UB's job

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FIRST UB COMMUNITY DAY

Armed with scrapers, ladders and paint buckets, more than 300 residents and friends of the University District, including UB students, staff, alumni and faculty, painted 16 homes throughout the South Campus community on June 27.

The event was held in partnership with Brush Up Buffalo, a nonprofit organization that each year dedicates a day to painting the homes of low-income, owner-occupied, single-family homeowners. Brush Up targets Buffalo homeowners who are not physically or financially able to paint their own homes.

UB was a major partner and facilitator and site host of this year's Brush Up event, which kicked off the university's new season of community programming. It also marked the first annual UB Community Day, a new initiative of the Office of Community Relations designed to celebrate UB's impact on the community by encouraging university students, faculty and staff to get involved with the



LAUREN MAYNARD

UB student Catherine Agyemfra-Kumi paints.

neighborhoods around UB's three campuses.

"Each year we plan to partner with a major Western New York entity in a day of service, and this year we chose Brush Up Buffalo," said Linwood Roberts, UB's neighborhood outreach coordinator who served on Brush Up Buffalo's steering committee. UB helped select home sites on Dartmouth, Heath, Highgate, Lisbon, Montrose, Nicholson, Winspear and West Winspear.

Volunteers and professional painters rose early to meet at Clark Hall on the UB South Campus, where they were bused to their assigned

home sites. Registrants received a T-shirt, breakfast and lunch, and a healthy dose of civic pride.

"This is my first year, and it's been a lot of fun," said Catherine Agyemfra-Kumi, a biomedical sciences student and member of CSTEP (Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program)—UB's largest Brush Up team. Happily covered in white paint, she paused from her work on Lisbon Avenue, where UB painted three homes. "It's all about giving back to try and help others," she said.

Brush Up was postponed for the first time in its 13-year history due to rain, so Roberts' office helped alert volunteers about the rain date through mass e-mails and phone calls. "We pushed word of this event out to our community,

because we want to help improve these homes: the health of our surrounding neighborhoods is a high priority," Roberts said.

James Hunter's house on Winspear Avenue was one of several on the street that received a fresh face-lift. "They were absolutely fabulous, swift and courteous," Hunter said of the crew from M&T Bank and Crowley Webb and Associates. "I've seen this done in the past and never thought it would happen to me. I just had no idea what a difference it would make."



No smoking

UB's 100 percent smoke-free policy will take effect on Aug. 1, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on the grounds—including parking lots and green spaces—of the university's three campuses.

The policy, which was announced last November—on the day of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout—was endorsed this spring by the UB Council, which approved changes in the Student Conduct Rules necessary to implement the smoke-free policy.

UB joins a growing list of U.S. colleges and universities—305 at last count, according to the lobbying organization Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights—that have enacted 100 percent smoke-free policies.

From now on, it will be easy to remember where you can and can't smoke when you're on the South Campus: No smoking anywhere, please.



UB on the Green Concert Series 2009

JULY 21

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Paul Ferington, conductor

JULY 28

Neville Francis and the Riddim Posse, and the Budos Band

AUGUST 4

Taylor Made Jazz and Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago

For more information, call 829-3099 or go to www.buffalo.edu/community/ub_on_the_green.html.

NEW OFFICE WATCHES OFF-CAMPUS LIVING



Dan Ryan

UB has a new face in the neighborhood: Dan Ryan, director of UB's new Office of Off-Campus Student Services. He recently moved into Allen Hall where UB's Office of Community Relations is located.

"It's much better being down the hall to partner with my colleagues in the Office of Community Relations," Ryan says.

Ryan is a lifelong North Buffalonian. He lived nearer Hertel than UB (and still does), but he says, "I grew up playing baseball with kids in the streets around UB." He likes the South Campus community because it's "a nice, walkable neighborhood."

Ryan's office provides services for students living off campus—with a focus on those living in University Heights—to promote an enjoyable quality of life for them and also to help the students develop good citizenship skills.

Mary Clare Fahey, who is well known in the South Campus neighborhood for her work with students in the community—among

other means, watching Facebook for party announcements that look like trouble for the neighbors—is part of the new office.

"Word is reaching students that they'll be held accountable for their actions, regardless of where they occur," Ryan says. "The university's code of conduct doesn't stop at the border of the campus."

Ryan's office will lead a safety information campaign for returning UB students this fall.

It will kick off at UB Neighbors Day, a block party and safety fair for the entire community on Sept. 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. on the Green in front of Hayes Hall on the South Campus. The event, co-presented with the Office of Community Relations, will feature live music, free food and presentations by police and other city departments and community groups on safety, noise, trash removal (garbage and recycling totes will be available), property maintenance and other quality-of-life issues. Tables and chairs will be set up by street name, so neighbors and students can get to know each other.

To contact Ryan's office, go to www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/offcampus/. There is a form on the Web site for reporting any concerns.

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In addition to the stage shows, each evening event features fun demonstration tents and information booths where kids and adults will find a number of hands-on activities.

The concerts are free. They begin around 6 p.m. Guests are welcome to picnic on the lawn. Nonalcoholic drinks and other refreshments will be available.

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recruitment table because they think the only jobs available are for faculty.

"We want people to know there are a wealth of job types at UB including clerical, administration, staff positions that support faculty research, maintenance, motor vehicle operation and many, many others."

She also says that jobs at UB bring opportunities to advance up the university's employment ladder.

Linder says that UB will be holding more Career Pathway information sessions at community centers and faith-based organizations. Her office is also teaming up with UB's Division of Continuing and Professional Studies to promote job and career training opportunities through the division's Educational Opportunity Center on UB's Downtown Campus.

Remarking on the career information initiative, Buffalo mayor Byron W. Brown said he's encouraged to see that one of Western New York's largest employers is continuing to hire and is providing valuable information about future job opportunities available to our community.

Buffalo Common Council member Bonnie E. Russell said, "I'm pleased that UB is providing these opportunities for the people of Western New York and particularly for the citizens of Buffalo."

Looking at regional employment opportunities, the Educational Opportunity Center hosted an "iSci WNY" orientation on April 22 in its ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking) Lab. Participants were introduced to various careers in the life sciences and the kinds of jobs that are available in Western New York.

For information about future job fairs, members of the community can call University Human Resources at 645-7777, or the Educational Opportunity Center at 849-6727.



NANCY J. PARISI

UB athletes, staff, faculty members, and students help paint a house at 322 Lisbon Avenue.

South Campus

ABBOTT HALL

...another man's treasure

Campus garage sale open to all

Abbott Hall will be full of unexpected finds and amazing bargains Sept. 11-12 during the Health Sciences Library's third annual Back-to-School Garage Sale. The sale is open to the public. All items for sale are donated; all proceeds of the sale go to local health-related nonprofit charities through UB's Campaign for the Community.

Donation of gently used household goods for the sale—excluding clothing, toys and large furniture items—will be accepted until Sept. 8. For more information, call 829-3900, ext. 138 or 119, or go to <http://library.buffalo.edu/hsl/> and click on "HSL Back-to-School Garage Sale."



CLARK HALL

Fun in the pool

YMCA day camp still taking sign-ups

YMCA Buffalo Niagara continues its popular UB Clark Hall Day Camp this summer for children ages 5 to 12. Each week offers daily swimming lessons in the Clark Hall pool on the South Campus, as well as basketball in the gym, arts and crafts, lots of outdoor activities and a weekly field trip to such fun destinations as Fantasy Island, the Strong Museum and local state parks. The camp is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but parents have the option of dropping off and picking up their children anytime from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.—a unique feature of the Y camps.

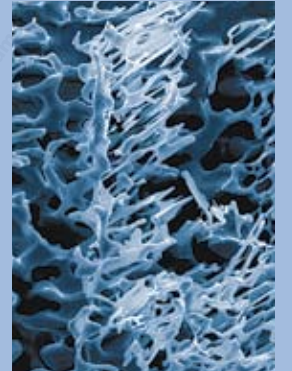
The camp's 10 weekly sessions run from late June through September 4. The YMCA is still accepting new campers. To sign up, call the Delaware Family branch at 875-1283 or download a registration form at www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org.



Analyze this!

UB center gets very close to its work

Not every business has the equipment to perform such high-end analytic work as scanning electron microscopy with X-ray microanalysis or electron spectroscopy. So they bring the work to UB's South Campus Instrumentation Center. Located within the dental school in Squire Hall, the center has some of the most advanced tools in the world for structural and chemical analysis. For some amazing pictures, go to www.sdm.buffalo.edu/scic and click on Image Gallery.



BUTLER AUDITORIUM, FARBER HALL

Study your furry friends

Veterinary lectures this fall

Wouldn't you love to take classes to learn more about your cat or dog—or your fish? UB's Mini-Vet School is an offshoot of UB's popular Mini-Medical School that presents popular lectures on the latest in veterinary science. The five-week program, taught by local practitioners, runs on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting Oct. 1 in Butler Auditorium in the medical school's Farber Hall.

Tuition for the series is \$50 per person (\$40 for students and seniors). Individual sessions are \$20. For information and to order tickets, call 829-2196 or visit www.smb.sbuffalo.edu/minimed.



One-year old and going strong

On June 16, at Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services on Kensington Avenue, the University District Block Club Coalition held a first-anniversary celebration for member block clubs, neighbors and friends.

The evening event—with a cook-out, several public service organization tables, and friends chatting

and mingling and meeting— had the feeling of a large summertime block party.

Guests included representatives from the offices of U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter, State Senator Antoine Thompson, and University District Common Council member Bonnie Russell; from the UB Office of Community Relations; and from

other organizations with interests in the neighborhood.

Doris Corley, one of the early organizers of the coalition, told the crowd that a block club can start with something as simple as a conversation between two people who have concerns about something happening on their street.

Margaret Lomonds, the current president of the Bickford-Edith-Alice club, said that something she'd recommend is a block club newsletter. She had just started one to address some neighborhood issues in the form of gentle reminders about quality-of-life matters such as leaving garbage totes on the curb or leashing pets.

Flora Williams, president of the small—one block— Connelly Avenue Block Club, said that she and a few neighbors organized the club in 2007 because they were concerned about the threat to

the equity in their property from conditions on the street.

She said the block club has made a real difference: "Landlords are putting money in their properties now and keeping up the landscaping. The street looks different now."

Williams had lived on Connelly Avenue for 20 years without ever getting to know her neighbors until the block club brought them together. Last year the club had the street closed for a block party, and Williams says the children on the street were amazed and delighted that someone would do that for them.

She offered a truism that should motivate anyone wondering whether starting a block club is worth the effort: "Where there's no activity, there's no hope."

For more information about the coalition, contact Thelma Roberts at UDBCC08@gmail.com.



Guests at the University District Block Club Coalition's first-anniversary celebration filled out surveys about their block clubs.

Man about the neighborhood: Marty Marusewski

Marty Marusewski is a 25-year resident of Merrimac Avenue in University Heights. A Delphi retiree, he spends countless hours pitching in to improve his street, his neighborhood, and the entire South Campus neighborhood community.

Marty is a board member of Gloria J. Parks Community Center and the University Community Farmers Market, and a longtime member of the University Heights Collaborative, which is active across a wide range of quality-of-life issues in the community. He has also been involved with UB's Problem Properties Task Force.



Marty spends several Sundays a year as a community ambassador on cleanups in the neighborhood, sponsored by the UB Office of Community Relations. He steers the student work crews to the correct address or pocket park for trash removal, weeding, planting and other work. More often than not, he ends up getting his hands dirty alongside the student groups.

His motivation is simple: "I like the instant gratification of the cleanups. It's really satisfying and nice to see what an immediate difference it makes on my street and other streets in the neighborhood."

On and off campus

This spring, South Campus scenes included rare baby birds, the bounty of the farmer's hand and a UB welcome to two top Buffalo Public Schools graduates.



DEC

Fly well, baby

The neighborhood falcon pair produced four chicks in May in their nest box, high on the tower of MacKay Heating Plant on the east side of the South Campus. A panel of three bird-watching pros, including the Amherst resident who first brought the pair to the attention of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, chose the names Zephyr, Athos, Kevin and Tory for the new chicks from more than 30 suggestions. The chicks were banded by DEC workers on June 3.



JESSICA BIEGAJ

Bigger and better

Now in its third year, the UB Community Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. is spreading its roots on Main Street across from University Plaza. This year's vendors include Heaven's Gift Just for You home and personal fragrance products; Independence Hill produce, jams and jellies; McHenry Produce; Pasta Temptations; Sweet Greek Desserts; Graves-DeMario Maple Syrup; Ken's Maple Products and Honey; and local wineries selling and sampling their wines. The first Saturday of each month features special events from 10 to noon.



NANCY J. PARISS

Buffalo's brightest

Recent Buffalo Public Schools graduates Amani Johnson, right, from East High School, and Jabr Nasser from Grover Cleveland High School received the 2009 UB-Bufferalo Public Schools Partnership Scholars Program scholarships. The scholarships, which are funded by UB development efforts, cover the full cost of tuition and fees for four years. The two incoming freshmen also received laptop computers. UB president John B. Simpson and Buffalo Public Schools superintendent James A. Williams congratulated the two at an Allen Hall reception on the South Campus, June 19.

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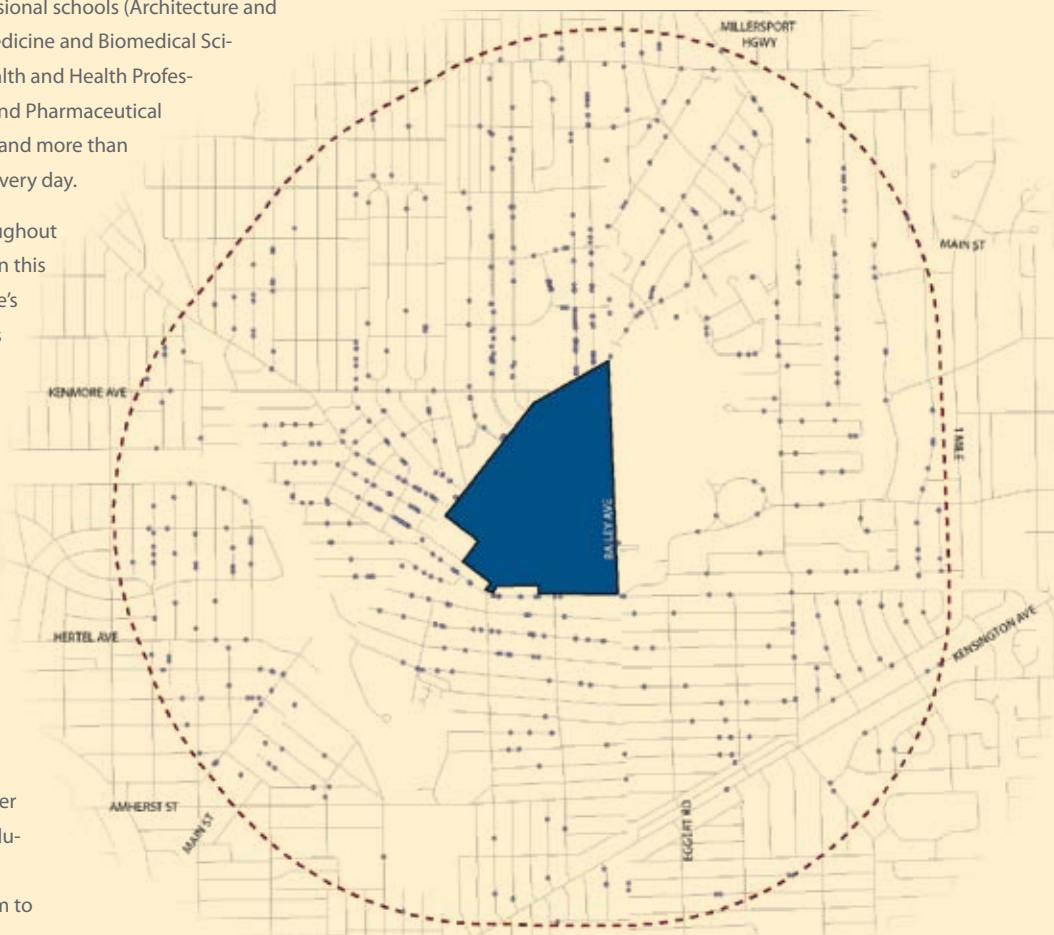
Your UB neighbors

The UB South Campus is a big presence in the neighborhood: 154 acres, 53 buildings, five professional schools (Architecture and Planning, Dental Medicine, Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, and Public Health and Health Professions) and a sixth (Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences) under construction, and more than 2,000 employees on campus every day.

But UB is also a presence throughout the neighborhood. Each dot on this map represents a UB employee's residence. These UB neighbors sit on neighborhood organizations and UB programming committees, participate in cleanups, and organize block clubs.

"As an employee of UB, I feel it is important to support and contribute to Buffalo as much as possible, and living in the city is part of how I feel we support and contribute to Buffalo," says David Cantaffa, associate director of the Teacher Education Institute in the Graduate School of Education, who recently used the loan program to buy a house near the campus.

When UB goes home at night, it doesn't leave the neighborhood.



Source: South Campus Neighborhood Context, a publication of Building UB. Residence data based on employee parking registration.