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Kathy Anderson, dean of students, takes prospective UB students on a tour of buildings that will serve as campus housing in the future.

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UB Lands Campus Housing!

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The University of Baltimore has made arrangements with four apartment complexes in the UB Midtown to provide "UB Living" to students. The apartment complexes are within walking distance to campus, but there will be shuttle bus services for students at designated times.

The apartments are Henderson House, Public Arts Building (PAB), Sutton Place Apartments and Symphony Center Apartments. UB already held one of three scheduled housing tours a few weeks ago. The other dates are May 26 and July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kathy Anderson, dean of students, said that although UB is not a traditional campus with its own housing, the university's arrangement with several apartments around the area will bring added value to the university in terms of more student life.

Shalonda Manuel, property manager at Henderson House, described the agreement with UB as "a fantastic idea," adding that Henderson will keep some apartments unrenovated in order to make them more affordable for UB students in the form of reduced rent.

Students will sign leasing

contracts with and make payments directly to the apartment complex of their choice. Anderson said the university will provide Student Living Assistants (SLAs) who will work with students to help build a UB community, address questions and give guidance.

"The more connections that are made, and the more involvement that a student has with the university, the better they tend to do in their classes, and the better chance they have to graduate," Anderson said, adding that this development will entice students who consider only colleges that have campus housing.

Anderson added that students living in these apartments will be more inclined to stay at the university; working with the SLAs, while living with their colleagues, will help them form connections and create more supportive networks.

Financial aid may be adjusted to accommodate for rent depending on how a student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid was completed. Anderson said UB is working with leasing agents to have "student friendly" packages. For example, students could pay their rent for the semester after they receive their financial aid.

Rent would range from around \$775 to \$2,214, depend-

ing on the apartment complex, type of unit requested and whether a student wished to share the unit with roommates. These apartments have a variety of amenities, such as secure, controlled access, fitness centers, washers and dryers, cable television and a common lounge.

UB is also helping students to find roommates through information forms (see www.ubalt.edu/housing). A Facebook page dedicated to living in UB Midtown will also enable them to share information and find roommates, while preliminary plans are underway looking into providing students Saturday shuttle trips to the grocery store.

The PAB is yet to be officially opened following extensive renovations. With at least two floors dedicated to UB students, Anderson said this is a unique opportunity to create a true sense of community to students.

"It is a beautiful historic building in the heart of Mount Vernon," said Rosemary Carlson, leasing specialist at the PAB. "Anyone will be fortunate to live here; it's just a wonderful place."

"I think it's a good opportunity, and I think it makes it feel more like a college life because you don't have to commute," said Krystall Hopkins, prospective criminal justice

student who enjoyed seeing the PAB.

Richard Kanter, prospective law student from near Virginia Beach, did not know about UB or the area.

"When you look at apartments and stuff on your own, you don't really know what you're getting yourself into," Kanter said. "So, a program like this is very useful because you come in, you talk to students who have been here before, you talk to administrators who have been here [for] a while and they will be able to give you good advice."

Jeremy Cornitcher, marketing, said, "It is good that UB is working with students to secure housing near campus, making the process a lot easier."

This is the first time the university is offering a housing service to students. UB has provided passive support in the past—i.e., serving as a source for area landlords to list their offerings.

"I'm getting excited because I am ready to put my deposit down and find a place and try to find a roommate," Cornitcher said.

"I think it's a great idea, especially for UB freshmen, because that's been a huge concern in the years past," said Wayne Walsh, UB-Towson

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New Provost To Move UB Toward Signature Academic Programs

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Dr. Joseph Wood Courtesy of UB

Thoughtful educational development, a strong liberal-education approach, healthy professional and graduate programs and effective faculty development are just some of the goals of University of Baltimore's new provost, Dr. Joseph Wood, as he prepares to step into the position this July.

Wood, a professor of geography, was chosen from more than 100 applicants after a two-year national search. He is currently the interim president at the University of Southern Maine.

According to Darlene Smith, head of the 13-person provost search committee, Wood stood out all through the selection process.

"He is a strong academic, leader and a seasoned professional who has walked the road that we need him to walk at UB several times before," Smith said. "Dr. Wood's references were absolutely stellar. Everyone who has worked with him has found him to be extraordinary."

The provost provides academic leadership to the university, leading it to new frontiers while maintaining academic standards and procedures.

"The University of Baltimore has carved out an important niche for itself and is poised for really quite remarkable growth and development, but this growth has to be undertaken thoughtfully, and development needs to be targeted," Wood said. "Many pieces of what will be required are

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Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, delivers the keynote speech at the celebration.

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UB Hosts NAACP's 100-Year Milestone Celebration

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The University of Baltimore recently played a key role in the National Association of Colored People's centennial celebration. Not only did the university host the event, but several of its own were featured on the agenda.

After many decades of trying to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority-group citizens, while also attempting to eliminate racial prejudice, the NAACP held its highly anticipated centennial celebration right here on campus. Entitled "New Definitions of Civil Rights: Bridging the Generations," the event featured panel discussions on education, criminal law, economic justice, envi-

ronmental health, and civil rights.

The celebration, which took place on March 10, attracted a wide cross-section of visitors, including the UB community, educators, state administrators, and key figures within the NAACP. During the opening ceremony, which kicked off in the Student Center Performing Arts Theater, President Robert L. Bogomolny gave the welcoming remarks.

Christopher Ifeanyi-Nwanze, MBA, an international student, said it was a privilege for him to have been asked to be an Economic Justice panelist for such a significant event.

"A lot of historical things are going on in our time, and I feel it's important that the future agendas of the NAACP are directed towards educating and equipping today's

youth as they have the potential of breaking more ceilings," Ifeanyi-Nwanze said.

Bamikole Gbangbalasa Jr., a marketing major, said the celebration meant a lot to him, adding that it also showed the growing diversity of events within the UB campus and the wide range of activities the university provides.

"It allows outside organizations and individuals to see what is going on at the University of Baltimore and it shows that UB is a special place because the NAACP held one of their centennial celebrations on our campus," Gbangbalasa said, adding that attending the civil rights panel discussion helped him learn that the NAACP is about not only black civil rights but also rights for any group.

Stacie Harris, MBA and vice presi-

dent of UB's Black Student Union, sang the Black National Anthem and was also a guest panelist for Civil Rights. She said the celebration was an invaluable and awesome experience, adding that hearing NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous speak, and to be surrounded by great civil rights activists such as Carl Snowden, has added insight to her life as well as her future.

"I have a deeper appreciation of the struggles of the past and an even deeper passion for the future of human-kind," Harris said.

"Bridging The Generations' is the lapse or gap between civil rights leaders from the earlier movement to present-day civil rights leaders," Harris said. "We must come together as one in order to continue to see civil rights activist Dr. King's dream

come into fruition. We must not forget anyone. Everyone is important to civil rights."

William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland; Gerald Stansbury, President of Maryland State NAACP; and Douglas F. Gansler, Attorney General of Maryland, all attended the celebration.

"No organization in America has done more to advance equity and opportunity over this past century," Kirwan said, commending the NAACP for its historic century of progress.

Jealous gave the keynote address at a luncheon held at the Lyric Opera House.

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GSS and USS To Merge

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In a classic case of history repeating itself, the University of Baltimore's Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is scheduled to merge tentatively with the Undergraduate Student Senate (USS), beginning next spring.

In 2000, the GSS was formed from

two separate student organizations: the Graduate Business Association and the Graduate Liberal Arts Council. According to Susan Luchey, director of the Rosenberg Center for Student Involvement, before the merger, the two groups were largely ineffective as they merely duplicated each other's efforts.

Even after the launch of the sin-

gle GSS, the maintenance of active membership has been a struggle. This year, GSS members proposed the formation of a single student senate by merging with the USS to become the UB Student Senate.

This year, GSS only managed to recruit three members. Luchey thinks this collaboration will allow for more diversity and involvement within the group.

"For this year, [the candidates] will be elected internally," Luchey said. "The group will take the con-

sensus for who's going to do what. They will call themselves an 'interim government' so it's clear they are not a traditional government fully elected by the student body. They're going to use this year to build, to tweak, to write the constitution, to see what works."

Although no concrete structure has been established, members have a loose idea of the dynamic: a single graduate or undergraduate president, a graduate vice president, an undergraduate vice president and

a graduate treasurer to ensure and protect proper funding of student events.

UB students will vote on the new structure after a trial term.

"I think there will be a stronger student voice with one student government...if it's done well, the potential for a stronger, unified student voice is terrific," Luchey said.

Planning for the Student Senate is scheduled for May 15 to June 30.

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A Lone, Grand Piano

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On Saturday, April 4th, the Student Center Performing Arts Theater hosted its latest artist in the UB Great Pianist Series, Peter Serkin. Performing in front of a small crowd, Serkin played passionate renditions of classic compositions by John Null

and Claude Debussy, J.S. Bach and Johannes Brahms.

The evening started with a lone Steinway & Sons grand piano sitting cozily in its isolation on a small, pale stage, and the evening would end with that same portrait: the soft black glaze under dim house lighting. Patrons may have been few, but they treated the event as legiti-

mately as if it were held at a concert hall in midtown Manhattan. Refreshments were arranged in a sophisticated spread, and wine was the drink of choice at intermission. Sharing opinions of the featured pianist's tone and interpretations, they stared out onto the city streets that glowed four-stories below from the swirls of street lights and the distant downtown skyline.

Peter Serkin is undoubtedly the consummation of talent and edu-

cation. His performance was an inspired and impassioned concert; it was something that someone who had never attempted to play even the simplest tune on piano would know wasn't like the college kids and their strumming of acoustic guitars for the sake of eyes and ears. It was a celebration of the music so many value; an intellectual experience that predates the Ramones and their tight, shredded pants. Humming to the progressions and flinching at

every inflection, his renditions were grandiose drama on a small, classical scale.

After an 80-minute performance, "Bravo" was proclaimed from the left side of the theater as Serkin took his final bows - even if it was cliché in its absolute and utter praise, it was still something to hear on a random, spring night. Something more than loud dance songs and foam parties.

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MBA program.

"It's been a challenge finding out where to live and you don't know which apartment complexes are the best for your dollars, and how to even go about doing it."

Nigel Rouse, Business Administration, said he has already made a deposit at the PAB.

"I think it's a really good program because it's trying to get a different type of lifestyle for the students," Rouse said.

Peter Privalov, prospective law student said of UB's housing project: "It's very new obviously, but it's a fresh and exciting experience you know, to feel and maybe to indulge

and get involved basically—it's nice for kids to get out of the house and live on their own, and have their own space to think."

UB Public Safety has now increased its "concurrent jurisdiction" with the Baltimore City Police Department from 20 to 40 square blocks around campus to include all four apartment complexes. Anderson said university police will have the ability to patrol those areas, make arrests if there is an issue, and respond to problems in any of the buildings if there is an emergency.

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in place, including a strong tradition of interdisciplinary programs (combining two or more academic disciplines into a program), a focus on professional education, and an innovative first- and second-year program which needs to be fully integrated into the university's curriculum. Innovative approaches must also be included in the baccalaureate program to respond to the characteristic needs of the students UB serve."

One of Wood's critical concerns is the continued academic integrity of the undergraduate program.

"Especially with its focus on 'knowledge that works,' the curriculum must be solidly based on a deeply embedded and thoughtfully developed liberal education approach, regardless of a student's major," Wood said. "I will work with the faculty to determine how best to ensure we have achieved this goal and to undertake efforts to fill curricular gaps and links to the upper-level, professional, and graduate programs through targeted faculty hiring, for instance." He added that, at the same time, UB must work to ensure the continued strength and development of its professional and graduate programs to exemplify the best of UB.

"In that regard, the curriculum is only as strong as the faculty" he

said. "UB is unusual in that, for the moment, it is one of the few institutions of higher education able to recruit new faculty. I have a broad understanding and appreciation of scholarship to include, for instance, creative activity, community engagement, and funded research, and I am convinced that effective scholarship is essential to effective teaching."



Dr. Joseph Wood Courtesy of UB

He added that recruiting and retaining faculty also requires provision of strong faculty development opportunities with respect to curriculum development, instruction, and scholarship.

Expectations of the new provost are high.

"We need a strong provost to help in developing new programs that will attract students to UB to achieve the goal of 8,000 within three years,

and in recruiting and retaining high quality faculty members," Smith said. "UB is evolving as a comprehensive university and Dr. Wood will be a key player in achieving that goal," Smith said.

Students also have high hopes. "Based on what everyone is saying, his views and plans for UB are just great and we have high expectations of him" commented Alan Tsao, marketing.

"I hope the new provost will look into the leadership program," said Tina Fringer, accounting. "I enjoy the program, but I don't think we have to pay for it. It should be embedded into our curriculum."

"He has done this before. UB is just a different environment, but the decisions are the same," said Smith.

Wood has been involved in the educational systems of the USA, Cambodia, Vietnam and China. He also served as a combat engineer in Vietnam between 1970 and 1971, of which he said, "Frankly, I was just happy to come home. That said I know the experience helped me become much more serious and self-reflective. It sharpened my political inclinations, most definitely, but it also gave me a sense of confidence that I could exercise leadership in difficult situations."

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The University of Baltimore has made arrangements with several apartment complexes right in UB Midtown, within a short walk of campus, to provide you cost-effective, convenient living options.

Choose from a variety of living arrangements, from residing solo to sharing space with up to three roommates. Most offer several leasing options (9- or 10-month leases, pet friendliness, parking) and a variety of amenities, including secure, controlled access; fitness centers; full kitchens; washers and dryers; cable tele and common lounges. All fall under the jurisdiction of the UB Department of Public Safety and are easily accessible via the UB shuttle.

When you live in one of these participating residences, you'll also have access to a student living adviser who can answer questions, get you involved in campus activities, and help you settle in.

Looking for a UB student roommate? We can help with that, too: just log on to our roommate search at www.ubalt.edu/housing. We'll also let you know about opportunities to meet other UB students and discuss housing options.

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Individual residential units are also available at Henderson House, Sutton Place Apartments and Symphony Center Apartments. Visit www.ubalt.edu/housing for more info.