



The President's Message



Last Friday I was happy to bring you the exciting news of the Board of Regents' recommendation in response to the question of merging our University with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). After many months of study, the board announced the creation of the University of Maryland Strategic Alliance, an innovative and structured collaboration that will enable our University and UMCP to work together even more closely to serve students and the state.

I heartily endorse the regents' decision. Today, allow me to tell you why.

The alliance will provide an exciting 21st-century framework for collaboration between our two great universities, something I have espoused since the early days of my presidency. I've always been a big supporter of teamwork and this alliance will enhance our opportunities to work together, not only with College Park but also with the rest of the University System of Maryland (USM).

At the same time, we retain our autonomy as an institution, enabling our University to continue its real-world thinking and worldwide reach as we provide excellence in health, law, and human services both for our friends, neighbors, and business partners in West Baltimore and around the globe.

The University of Maryland Strategic Alliance is a win-win for our University, UMCP, and the system, and I look forward to collaborating with President Loh of College Park and Chancellor Kirwan to develop a detailed plan by the end of March.

As envisioned by the board, the alliance will leverage the combined resources of each institution, enabling USM to:

- better prepare students to fill the region's workforce needs through joint academic programs.
- attract more research funding to the state.
- create more opportunities for innovation, technology transfer, and commercialization.
- develop capacity to better implement joint appointments between the two campuses.
- create more opportunities to compete even more successfully for star faculty and researchers.

You can learn more about the alliance and the merger study by reading the <http://www.umaryland.edu/merger-study/result> statement from the USM Board of Regents.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the chancellor, the regents, and all who participated in the study for their hard work, their open minds, and their wise recommendation. I want to thank Senate President Miller and the Maryland General Assembly for engendering the discussion that led to the alliance. I also thank all of you. The groundswell of support the University enjoys is due to what its faculty, staff, and students accomplish every day, such as the laurels that begin on Page 2.

Also please take a look at the recap of the special public safety Q&A we held in November, including some new comparative crime statistics on Page 12. My next monthly Q&A will be tomorrow, Dec. 15, from noon to 1 in Davidge Hall. I hope to see you there.

And going into the holidays, I wish you all the blessings of the season.

Jay A. Perman, MD
President

Laurels

CAMPUSWIDE



Kathryn Lothschuetz
Montgomery

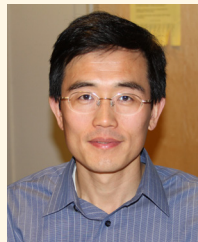
Appointees to the Maryland Health Care Commission include **Claire Fraser-Liggett, PhD**, director of the Institute for Genome Sciences at the School of Medicine, and **Kathryn Lothschuetz Montgomery, PhD, MSN, RN**, associate dean for strategic partnerships and initiatives at the School of Nursing. The

commission's role includes promoting informed decision-making and access to care among health care consumers.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY

Jonathan Landers, MBA, executive director, recently received an award from the Rouse Co. Foundation for the dentistry museum's MouthPower Healthy Smiles Outreach Program. The program provides oral health education resources for Baltimore City schoolchildren, as well as toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and a travel subsidy for children to visit the museum.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



Dongyuan Cao



David Seminowicz

Dongyuan Cao, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, and **David Seminowicz, PhD**, assistant professor, have each received a \$10,000 grant from the University's Organized Research Center on Persistent Pain.



Joel Greenspan



Ronald Dubner

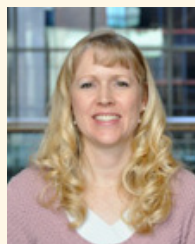
Joel Greenspan, PhD, chair of the Department of Neural and Pain Sciences, and **Ronald Dubner, DDS, PhD**, professor in the department, co-authored a series of eight articles on a seven-year, multicenter study of temporomandibular disorders that was published in a special issue of *The Journal of Pain*.



Marion Manski

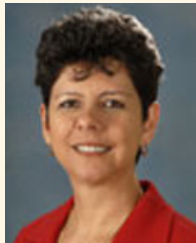
Marion Manski, MS, RDH, director of admissions and recruitment for the dental hygiene program, has been named president of the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association.

Abraham Schneider, DDS, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences, received a Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award from the American Association for Cancer Research. Schneider attended the association's conference on tumor microenvironment complexity held in Orlando, Fla., in November.



Sheryl Syme

School of Dentistry and Graduate School alumna **Sheryl Syme, MS '93, RDH, BS '88**—director of dental hygiene curriculum management and director of the Degree Completion Dental Hygiene Program—has been appointed chair of the Research Grants Review Committee of the American Dental Hygienists' Association Institute for Oral Health.



Clemencia Vargas

Clemencia Vargas, DDS, PhD, associate professor, has received a 2011 Women's Leadership Award from the Hispanic Dental Association. The award recognizes women for helping to advance the association's mission, for displaying exceptional character, and for serving as outstanding role models in the field of dentistry.

FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



Danielle Citron

Danielle Citron, JD, the Lois K. Macht Research Professor of Law, testified in October before the British Parliament about misogynistic cyberhate. Citron is preparing a book about cybermobs, hate, and the rule of law.

Michael Greenberger, JD, professor and director of the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security, is among 25 members recently appointed by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to the newly created Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence.

Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS, associate dean for academic programs and director of the Law and Health Care Program, was recently elected to the American Law Institute. The organization produces scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.



Renée Hutchins

Renée Hutchins, JD, associate professor, is featured in the American Bar Association's *ABA Journal* article "Sky-High Spy: With GPS Probing, the Zone of Privacy Is Getting Even Smaller," which addresses warrantless GPS tracking conducted by law enforcement agencies. Hutchins has

written extensively about this subject.



Robert Percival

Robert Percival, JD, MA, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and director of the Environmental Law Program, delivered the opening keynote address during the ABA Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Summit, held in Indianapolis in October. Percival's presentation—"The Global Transformation of Environmental Law"—highlighted the dramatic strengthening of environmental standards in most countries while such standards are being attacked in the United States.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The following are included on the recent *U.S. News & World Report* list of top doctors: **Maria Baer, MD**, professor; **John Gottdiener, MD, FACC**, professor; **Stephen Gottlieb, MD**, professor; **Bruce Greenwald, MD**, professor; **Marc Hochberg, MD, MPH**, head of the Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology; **Michael Miller, MD, FACC, FAHA**, director of the Center for Preventive Cardiology; **Aaron Rapoport, MD**, director of lymphoma gene medicine; **Elijah Saunders, MD, FACC, FACP, FAHA, FASH**, head of the Section of Hypertension; **Stephen Shorofsky, MD, PhD**, director of the clinical electrophysiology program; **Alan Shuldiner, MD**, John L. Whitehurst Endowed Professor and head of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition; **Kristi Silver, MD**, acting director of the Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology; and **Saul Yanovich, MD**, clinical director of the blood and marrow transplantation program.

Jonathan Bromberg, MD, PhD, head of the Division of Transplantation in the Department of Surgery, delivered the presentation "Clinical Immunosuppression and Drug Monitoring" during the American Society of Transplant Surgeons' Fifth Annual Surgical Fellows Symposium, held in Tucson, Ariz., in September.

Student **Aric Colunga**, under the mentorship of professor **Laure Aurelian, PhD**, received the first-prize award in the Life Technologies Poster Contest during the 2011 American Association for Cancer Research annual meeting

in Orlando, Fla. Colunga's poster, "HSV-2 Oncolytic Virus Delta PK Induces Multiple Death and Inflammatory Programs Associated With Inhibition of Melanoma Tumor Growth," was chosen out of 5,900 posters.

Matthew Cooper, MD, director of clinical research in the Department of Surgery's Division of Transplantation, joined Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and legislative leaders in Annapolis to announce a recent all-day blood drive and organ donation sign-up at the State House. Cooper also delivered the presentation "Long-Term Effects of Living Kidney Donation" at Methodist Dallas Medical Center in Texas on Nov. 8.

Raymond Cross, MD, MS, director of the inflammatory bowel disease program in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, was given a Chairman's Citation in November from the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. Cross was recognized for his leadership as chair of the Mission Committee for the foundation's local chapter.



Alessio Fasano

Alessio Fasano, MD, director of the Center for Celiac Research, has been elected vice chair of the Growth, Development, and Aging Section of the American Gastroenterological Association. Fasano will serve as chair of the section for two years starting in May 2013.



Nancy Fossett



Feng Jiang



Deanna Kelly

Nancy Fossett, PhD, assistant professor, received a four-year, \$1,351,500 renewal of her grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for her work "Genetic Regulation of Drosophila Hematopoiesis." **Feng Jiang, MD, PhD**, associate professor, was awarded a three-year, \$955,535 National

Cancer Institute grant for work regarding noninvasive biomarker panels for early detection of lung squamous cell carcinoma. **Deanna Kelly, PharmD, BCPP**, associate professor, received a four-year, \$668,757 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her research on adjunct aripiprazole for symptomatic hyperprolactinemia in female schizophrenia. Kelly also received a two-year, \$400,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for the study "Adjunctive Minocycline in Clozapine Treated Patients for Psychosis and Cognition."

For his invention of a minimally invasive device for mitral heart valve repair, **James Gammie, MD**, associate professor, was awarded a \$50,000 prize for best technology during the recent annual joint meeting of commercial advisors from the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. Co-inventors of the device are **Rahul Patel, MD**, assistant professor, and **Mehrdad Ghoreishi, MD**, postdoctoral fellow.



Peter Gaskin



Les Katzel



Emmanuel Mongodin



Alan Shuldiner



Henry Silverman

Peter Gaskin, MBBS, assistant professor, presented "Left Ventricular Non-Compaction Cardiomyopathy in Childhood" during the

International Academy of Cardiology's 16th World Congress on Heart Disease Annual Scientific Session in Vancouver. **J. Les Katzel, MD, PhD**, associate professor, presented a lecture on research in decisionally impaired populations at the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs national conference in Washington, D.C. **Amal Mattu, MD**, vice chair of

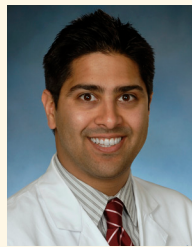
the Department of Emergency Medicine, was the keynote speaker at the Emergency Medicine Update Europe, held in Tuscany, Italy, in September. **Emmanuel Mongodin, PhD**, assistant professor in the Institute for Genome Sciences, was an invited speaker at the 9th International Workshop on Advanced Genomics, held in Tokyo. **Alan Shuldiner, MD**, John L. Whitehurst Endowed Professor and head of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition, presented “The Genetic Interface Between Gestational Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes” during the 4th Nanjing University Forum on Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorders in Nanjing, China. **Henry Silverman, MD, MA**, professor, was a keynote speaker during the Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon.

Brian Hayes, PharmD, DABAT, clinical assistant professor at the School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacy specialist in emergency medicine and toxicology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, received the Jeffrey Ensor Emerging Leadership Award from the Maryland Society of Hospital Pharmacy.

Michael Makley, MD, assistant professor, wrote the chapter “Sleep Disturbance and Fatigue” in the *Textbook of Traumatic Brain Injury*, second edition.

Elijah Saunders, MD, FACC, FACP, FAHA, FASH, head of the Section of Hypertension, has received the 2011 Herbert W. Nickens Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. The award honors outstanding contributions to the promotion of justice in medical education and health care equality.

Sunni Houston Scott, OD, FAAO, instructor, was recently named a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. Optometrists qualify for the designation after meeting high standards of professional competence in a broad range of eye disease issues.



Devinder Singh



Thelma Wright

Devinder Singh, MD, assistant professor, was appointed to the Maryland Board of Physicians for a four-year term. **Thelma Wright, MD**, assistant professor, has been appointed to the Maryland Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Monitoring.

Emergency medicine faculty collaborated to produce the book *Emergency Department Resuscitation of the Critically Ill*, published recently by the American College of Emergency Physicians. **Michael Winters, MD**, associate professor, was the editor-in-chief; **Michael Bond, MD, FACEP, FAAEM**, assistant professor, served as associate editor; and **Linda Kesselring, MS, ELS**, technical editor/writer, was the book’s copy editor. Chapters were written by Bond; **Fermin Barrueto, MD**, clinical associate professor; **Benjamin Lawner, DO, EMT-P**, assistant professor; **Amal Mattu, MD**, vice chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine; **Joshua Reynolds, MD**, resident; **Robert Rogers, MD, FACEP, FAAEM, FACP**, associate professor; and **George Willis, MD**, instructor.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Alumna **Denise Choiniere, MS '09, RN**, was presented with the inaugural Nursing Leadership in Environmental Health Award during the Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment’s recent Environmental Excellence in Health Care Conference. Choiniere is the sustainability manager at the University of Maryland Medical Center. **Barbara Sattler, DrPH, RN, FAAN**, director of the School of Nursing’s Environmental Health Education Center, was given the Environmental Health Visionary Award.



Kathryn VonRueden

Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, will receive the Society of Trauma Nurses' Trauma Leadership Award during the organization's annual conference in Savannah, Ga., in April. The award recognizes outstanding leadership in practice, research, education, and other areas in the field of trauma.



Rebecca Wiseman

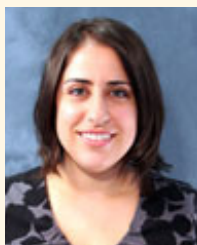
Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN, assistant dean of the nursing program at the Universities at Shady Grove, was elected a regional coordinator for the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing during its fall convention in Texas. Wiseman's region includes 38 chapters from southeastern Pennsylvania to Northern Virginia.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



Chanel Agness

Chanel Agness, PharmD, assistant professor, has been chosen to participate in the Stanford Geriatric Education Center's Faculty Development Program in Ethnogeriatrics, a 12-month program at the Stanford University School of Medicine in California.



Juliana Brammer

Juliana Brammer, MBA, has been promoted to associate director for admissions in the Office of Student Affairs. Yolanda Johnson has been promoted to business services specialist in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science.



Nicole Brandt

Nicole Brandt, PharmD, associate professor, was elected to the board of directors of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. The society promotes healthy aging and appropriate use of medication among older people.



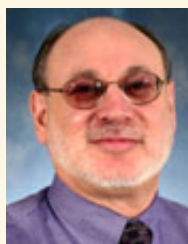
Jessica Chasler



Sarah Pierce

Jessica Chasler and **Sarah Pierce**, both fourth-year students, won the School's 2011 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Local Clinical Skills Competition.

Student **Kashelle Lockman** has been named a School of Pharmacy Student Ambassador.



Raymond Love

Raymond Love, PharmD, FASHP, professor, was part of a team that won the U.S. Pharmacopeia Award for Innovative Response to Public Health Challenges. The team was recognized for its work on Medicare model guidelines.



Kathryn Walker

Kathryn Walker, PharmD, assistant professor, received the 2011 Maryland Pharmacists Association Innovative Practice Award. The award recognizes innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



Banghwa Lee Casado



Paul Sacco

The article “Correlates of Caregiver Burden Among Family Caregivers of Older Korean Immigrants,” written by

assistant professors **Banghwa Lee Casado, PhD, MSW**, and **Paul Sacco, PhD, MSW**, was published in *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.



Kathleen Deal

Co-authors of the article “Effects of Field Instructor Training on Student Competencies and the Supervisory Alliance,” which was published in the journal *Research on Social Work Practice*, include **Kathleen Deal, PhD, MSW**, associate professor, and **Jeongha Hwang, MSW**, adjunct faculty

member. Other co-authors of the article include **Jonathan Mohr, PhD**, assistant professor at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Questions and Answers

The following are excerpts from Dr. Perman’s Q&A on Nov. 21 at the School of Nursing.

DR. PERMAN:

We are going to devote a significant portion of this Q&A to a continuation of a discussion we had the last time we got together in this way and that is campus security. I’ve asked our chief of police, Tony Williams, to make some remarks and answer your questions in that regard.

I will have a Q&A in December so we can catch up on some of the questions we have received on the Q&A line <http://um.umd.edu/president/ask/> that we don’t cover today.

I do want to update you on a corollary effort that is taking place around Lexington Market. Most of you know that I happily accepted the responsibility this past June to co-chair the Westside Task Force with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and about 50 other very good citizens. The focus is on Westside redevelopment. It’s an issue

that’s very important to me personally. I’ve been a Baltimorean for most of these past 27 or 28 years and what has or has not evolved in this area between Charles Street and this campus has always been a matter of concern to me. I made up my mind when I came back that I would look for ways to make a difference in that regard because I do think that improvement of the Westside will make a big difference to this University.

And, of course, a focal point of the Westside is the Lexington Market. I remember when the Lexington Market was very much a part of this campus and vice versa—people were very comfortable about coming over to the market. It’s a landmark in Baltimore. But in recent years, concerns have evolved with regard to safety, with regard to appearance, with regard to what’s offered at the market. And I agreed with the mayor when we began this task force that our early attention would be to making a difference around the market.

Now I want to share a few of those things with you because they’re not always things that people notice. For instance, there has been power washing that has occurred with regard to the metro stop and the bus stop. There has been attention paid to things like loose bricks, to pot-holes, to storm drains.

One of the huge problems that vexes everybody around the market is the sort of free-for-all in crossing streets. It's perilous to walk; it's perilous to be a driver. One of the things we've done as part of the task force is to have some additional attention given to pedestrian safety between 11:30 and 2:30.

Now I don't mind anybody for being cynical and saying, 'That's great about potholes and loose bricks and dealing with the jaywalkers, but that's not enough.' But it's a start in my opinion and I hope it demonstrates our commitment as a University partnering with the city to make a difference around the market.

Now there's no question that what's uppermost on everybody's mind around the University is safety. I thought in view of the many questions we received since the incident in the garage about a month ago that we should have Chief Williams come and take a piece of this Q&A. Chief?

CHIEF TONY WILLIAMS:

There are a couple of things I'd like to discuss and then I'd be happy to take questions. First we will talk about some overall crime numbers around campus and then we'll talk about the aftermath of the garage shooting.

What you have before you is a spreadsheet of the overall crime statistics on this campus [see first chart, Page 12]. We report crime statistics every month to the Maryland State Police. Those statistics subsequently go to the FBI. What you see are our numbers from 2008 to date in 2011. As you can see, those violent crimes we are especially sensitive to—including murders, rapes, and aggravated assault—those numbers are very favorable. We don't say that those numbers are acceptable. But in terms of what's going on outside of our campus area, our numbers are most favorable.

There might be some people who say our campus is over-run with crime but that's just not the case. Yet the reality is if the person is afraid, it means we have more work to do. Actually the biggest crime problem on this campus is theft. The good thing about that is that those crimes can

be prevented in large part if all of us—not just the police and security force—do our part.

You might ask what can we do? The things we tell our students and others is when you leave your office, lock it and take any valuables with you. If you leave a watch or a laptop or something of value just lying around, it will get picked up.

We have also been going forth with some public information campaigns, going to all the schools and buildings on campus giving out fliers and I've been writing monthly columns for the *VOICE* newsletter. In addition to the great stories you see in the *VOICE* each month, read it and get some valuable safety tips as well.

I can tell you as a former commander of the Western District in Baltimore City, I'd be very happy to have the numbers on this chart for one month let alone a whole year if I was still in that position. So to put things in perspective, there's a lot going on that fortunately doesn't penetrate our borders. With that being said, do we have work to do? Absolutely. I'd like to talk a bit about where we are since the shooting of Oct. 13 at 6 p.m., a time and date that my force and I have stuck in the forefront of our minds.

Since that date we have put police officers right outside that garage to provide a strong police presence to dissuade criminals and reassure you. We also check the garage and the University of Maryland Medical Center security force also has been with us occasionally as we stand outside and watch and go into the garage to check. We also walk through the plaza park.

Besides that we have a plan in place that we have already initiated to conduct a full-scale security survey of every parking garage on this campus, not just the Plaza Garage. We certainly thank Dr. Perman and Kathy Byington [vice president for administration and finance, who oversees campus public safety] for blessing our plan. There is a team that has been put together that is going out to fully assess every garage and to do it objectively so it's not just someone's opinion that is emotionally based.

At the end of that assessment we'll make recommendations and then we'll take it from there. A question that probably everyone is asking is are we going to put cameras in the garage? The emotional thing to say is yes; we absolutely should do that. We'll take that into consideration. This whole survey process will collect information from focus groups and questionnaires and then the data will be analyzed. So this won't be something done in a vacuum. I'm pleased to say that the leadership here is very intent on studying the situation and helping us make the garages safer.

So we have increased visibility, we're assessing all the garages, we're closely monitoring what goes on at those garages, and we're holding talks like these to give people information.

Now on a broader scale, a lot of the concern is about communication, especially emergency notification: When do we do it? How do we do it? That whole process and system is being revamped. The whole idea is to get you actionable information in a timely fashion. So we're working on that. In the meantime, we have an interim mechanism in place where if something happens and we need to get you information I can directly send a message to everyone on this campus in a timely manner. So that's the game plan as we prepare to move ahead to a permanent solution that will be multi-modal. By that, I mean we will be able to notify you through text message, email, or public address announcement systems in our buildings. If I could by a show of hands, how many of you are signed up for UM Alerts? That's great. The few of you who haven't signed up can do so online on the UM Alerts page. Only a little over 2,300 of the 10,000 or so people we have at this University are signed up for UM Alerts so we need to keep promoting that. The best system in the world won't work if people aren't signed up for it.

We have some programs we've been working on. Some of those involve increased enforcement. We've been out doing more traffic, looking at intersections. We've been giving out more tickets quite frankly. We've been running radar and got some positive feedback from that. We'll continue to do those things that keep us safe. Some

people say, 'Hey, why are you stopping me? I work at the University.' Unfortunately we can't be that selective. We cast that net and we want everyone to obey the rules. Quite frankly we should be setting the example by following the rules, not looking for a way out.

I know I gave you just a brief quick overview of where we are today pertaining to public safety and where we are headed. I'd be happy to take a couple questions.

DR. PERMAN:

I promised them that you would update them on our plans around Lexington Market.

CHIEF WILLIAMS:

Our University Police Force is part of a program to increase enforcement and to have an increased police presence around the market. The problems at the market go back a long time and those issues are more than strict crime problems. They are also socioeconomic problems and while we don't propose we can solve every one of those problems overnight, we also recognize that going in and making a bunch of arrests and then pulling out isn't a solution.

So we are committed to doing some things to help over the long haul. For example, we have a commitment for the next two years to work in concert with the Baltimore Police Department and the Mass Transit Administration police to walk around and in Lexington Market.

Now what we've also done, especially in light of the recent incident that we had in the garage, we've increased our presence there to be there later in the day. So we will have officers around that market until about 8 at night. I invite you if you have to walk to your car past Lexington Market, whether it's day or in the evening, if you don't see us please call us because we can get someone there to escort you. The request for escorts has not increased since the shooting. So what that's telling me is though we are concerned we are not fully utilizing the services that are available.

We have made a few arrests in the market, but what we're really trying to do is change a culture that has been in place for a long time. We want to be visible, we want you to feel better about being around the market.

DR. PERMAN:

Let me just mention on this point that there is some very good teamwork going on between the officers of the three agencies and a drug counselor who has been made available by the Downtown Partnership. I'm oversimplifying this and getting into my friend Chief Williams' business, but basically for those who are doing drug deals they get something of a choice. You go to Central Booking or you arrange for treatment in a drug prevention program.

QUESTION:

Chief, you alluded to statistics outside the University. In the future would it be possible for you to share with us the crime statistics outside the campus so people can get a better picture of where we are?

ANSWER:

The answer is yes. We've already begun to work on that [resulting in the second chart, Page 12]. I've personally met with the deputy commissioner of administration from the Baltimore Police Department and we're working on a way to get those statistics sent to us every month. Not only do I believe it will help us and make people feel better about what we have here in terms of our conditions, but we also can maybe use it as a marketing tool for this University to allay the fears of those who've maybe seen "The Wire" or "Homicide on the Street" on TV and think they don't want to attend a university, even one as great as ours, in Baltimore.



QUESTION:

In keeping with the same point and Dr. Perman's desire to have a positive effect on the surrounding community, on behalf of the Staff Senate, and I think I can speak for the students, too, we'd like to be part of that teamwork. If you have more eyes and ears on the street perhaps we can help you and in the process elevate UMB.

ANSWER:

CHIEF WILLIAMS:

I agree 100 percent. There are a couple mechanisms to do that. We have a Safety Awareness Committee that's comprised of people from all areas of the University. We invite you to become a part of that because not only does that allow us to communicate our information out, but it's a great way to get information as well.



QUESTION:

With the VA Medical Center and the hospital right in the middle of our campus can you comment on what the numbers would look like if you added those two? And are there any plans for more of a communication exchange between those institutions and us?

ANSWER:

The hospital has its own security force. If something happens crime-wise in that hospital, for our purposes of reporting, those stats would be captured under public property because the University does not own the hospital.

In terms of communication, Stephen Moyer, director of security for the Medical Center, and I have a great rapport. We knew each other before we came to our respective positions. In fact, the night of the garage shooting, Director Moyer and myself met and started planning what became joint patrols around Plaza Garage. So we are doing some of the collaborative activities and communication you were asking about.



QUESTION:

What efforts are being made to ensure security on behalf of employees and students walking to Howard Street for public transportation?

ANSWER:

Again what I would recommend is to let us know. People can call us and we're happy to give escorts. We also operate a van service that you can call and we'll gladly give you a ride to areas of the campus.

While we're on the topic of transportation I've begun to collaborate with Dr. Roger Ward [interim vice president of academic affairs] to come up with one good quality van program for this University. What's happening now is we have one van service operated out of student affairs and the police operate a van and shuttle service. Quite frankly, I think they both could be improved so I don't see why we can't collaborate and come up with one good van system. We've put a team together to start the talks and we plan to invite input from the entire University and come up with a recommendation for a van system that is accessible, available, meets the needs of our community, and be safe.



QUESTION:

I'm a postdoctoral student and I'd like to speak on behalf of students, many of us who have to work in labs at night and on weekends. Initially there were two Caravans on weekdays and one working on weekends. Now there's only one Caravan working on weekdays and no Caravans working on weekends. Often we have to be here til 8 at night or later so I think it would be safer to have more Caravan service available. I have written to the administration about this issue and to student services. There is an urgent need for this service.

ANSWER:

CHIEF WILLIAMS:

I certainly am aware of that issue now and I will work with Dr. Ward on the Caravan service, which is not run

by the University Police Force. But please feel free to call public safety if you need a ride or escort—be it at night or on the weekend. We never shut down so we're here to help.

DR. PERMAN:

Let me say we will solve the Caravan problem and I thank you for bringing up the point.



QUESTION:

Why can't the crime alert reports that come out from the police just go to everyone on campus at the same time instead of coming to those of us who then have to distribute them?

ANSWER:

CHIEF WILLIAMS:

Great question. The system that is in place here, quite frankly, inherently causes the delay. There are two ways to get messages to you. One is through UM Alerts, which sends texts or email via e2campus. Or we can contact you directly through the campus email network. If we use the UM Alert system to send a text message, everyone who signed up will get that text message. If you signed up for the email component of e2campus, everyone will get it, but we don't know how long it will take for you to get it. Sometimes it can be two or three hours later.

On the other hand on the campus network, as I understand it, there is a contact list that the police department uses and then that group is responsible for sending it out to other people. Part of that may be concerns about clogging up the computer network.

What we have in place today is an email application that has been put together so I or a member of my department can send an email alert to everyone here in one shot. Absolutely I agree that is what's needed: the ability to send one message one time and reach everyone. So right now we have a temporary solution and we're working on a permanent one.

DR. PERMAN:

We try to keep these to one hour so we need to wrap this up. I thank Chief Williams and all of you for your questions and concerns, which we will address. Let me just say something that leads back to my comments at the outset related to the Westside. I am very comforted, as I know all of you are, about the fact we have a safe campus with very professional policing. As the chief said, these numbers are good, but it would be best if there were nothing but zeros up there. At the same time, I will

not be comfortable until we've done some of the things in the community around us so we're not simply a safe island. I don't want this to be a 7 to 5 place or even a weekday place on campus where we're reasonably comfortable that we're safe. I think we will have succeeded when we do things as a University that make the communities around us better and more comfortable for us all to enjoy. So we've got a lot of work ahead of us and I certainly appreciate everyone's support.



**University of Maryland, the Founding Campus
Uniform Crime Report Statistics (UCR) 2008 - 2010**

Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011*	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	4	3	2	2	11
Agg. Assault	4	4	3	3	14
Burglary	0	0	1	1	2
Theft	136	85	89	110	420
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1	2	1	8
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Total	148	93	97	117	455

*through Dec. 1

**University of Maryland, the Founding Campus
UM vs. Baltimore City Statistics - 2011***

Crime	UM	CD	WD	SD	Baltimore City Total
Murder	0	15	24	32	184
Shootings	2	27	53	36	351
Robbery	2	487	225	442	3369
Total	4	529	302	510	3904

*through Dec. 1

CD - Central District WD - Western District SD - Southern District