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## Features

### 8 SECOND-ARY EDUCATION: SIMULATION AND DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT STUDENTS STUDY IN SECOND LIFE



While in their first life, they are students in the Simulation and Digital Entertainment program's Applied Simulation class, in Second Life they are whatever they want to be—from purple-haired humans to alien dragons to Kool-Aid men. Using Internet-based 3-D virtual world Second Life, these students (and their avatars) are learning how simulation can help them accomplish amazing real-world feats.

### 10 WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ...



Have you ever wondered what it's like to be on a reality TV show? To climb Mount Kilimanjaro? To raise bison as a hobby? To spend time on the presidential campaign trail? We found six alumni who can say they've done things the rest of us only *think* about. Step into their shoes—just for a bit—and find out what it's really like.

### 17 TEN HUT! UB G.I. BILL ALUMNI REPORT IN

Their days in the service might be behind them, but Charmane Baker, B.S. '00, and William A. Stout Jr., B.S. '70, M.S. '77, will always be UB alumni, thanks to the G.I. Bill.

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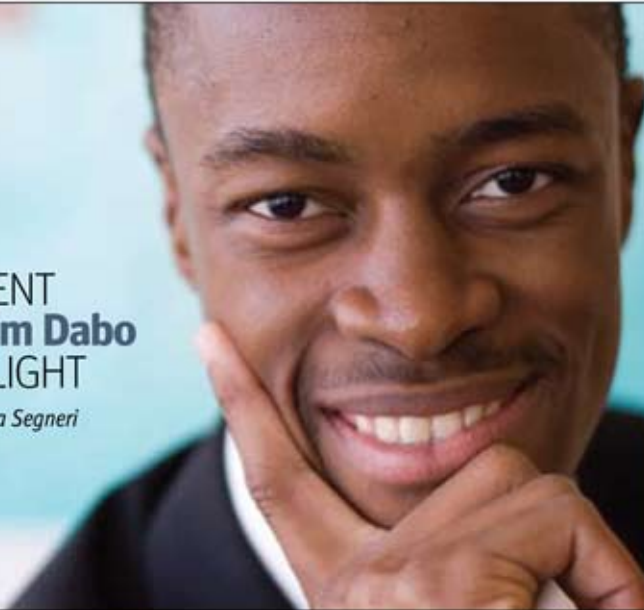
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## STUDENT Ibrahim Dabo SPOTLIGHT

By Giordana Segneri



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

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

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

### NOTABLE QUOTABLES

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"It took a coalition of about 90 women's groups three years to get the first law against human trafficking in New York state. We just got it this year."

## GLORIA STEINEM

FEMINIST ACTIVIST, WRITER AND EDITOR



in her keynote speech at the UB School of Law's Feminist Legal Theory and Feminisms Conference in March