Largest Individual Pledge Ever for Sargent
Alumna donates $1.5 million for research fund

GAYLE R. BERG (SAR’74), an alumna of Boston University’s Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, has committed $1.5 million to the college to create an endowed fund for interdisciplinary research in psychiatric rehabilitation, the largest individual pledge in Sargent’s history.

Berg earned a master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling at Sargent and a doctorate from New York University. In April, she was elected to BU’s Board of Overseers.

“The establishment of this fund allows Sargent College to maintain its world-class reputation in the area of psychiatric rehabilitation,” says BU President Robert A. Brown. “We are extremely grateful to Dr. Berg for this generous gift.”

BU Timeline
Want to know exactly when BU’s beloved Terrier mascot was dubbed Rhett? Or when the alum who inspired Wonder Woman graduated? (1922 and 1918, respectively.) Both fun facts and important University milestones are included in the new Boston University Timeline, an interactive year-by-year look at BU’s history. Launched in August, the timeline is online at www.bu.edu/timeline.

Terriers Finish Top in Conference, State, in Director’s Cup Rankings

Athletics also earns fourth straight America East Commissioner’s Cup

Boston University earned its highest Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup finish in twelve years and its fourth consecutive Commissioner’s Cup after the 2008–2009 banner year for BU sports.

The Directors’ Cup is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Learfield Sports, and USA Today to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country in NCAA Divisions I, II, and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Out of 348 Division I schools, the Terriers earned 305.8 points based on season records, including an NCAA championship in men’s ice hockey, and finished sixty-eighth — first among schools in Massachusetts and second among New England institutions.

The Terriers also captured the America East Stuart P. Haskell, Jr., Commissioner’s Cup as the top athletic program in the conference, earning a conference-best seven championships, four regular-season titles, and four runner-up finishes during the 2008–2009 season.

BU swept the regular-season and tournament titles in men’s and women’s soccer and women’s lacrosse, and won championships in women’s indoor track and field, women’s swimming and diving, women’s tennis, and softball. The women’s basketball team made history as the regular-season champion by becoming the fourth squad in America East to complete the conference slate unbeaten.

“This news is a fantastic way to close the books on what has been a stellar year in Terrier athletics,” says Mike Lynch, assistant vice president and director of athletics. “It is a testament to all of our coaches and student-athletes who have been determined to help their programs make a mark on the national level.”

“I am very excited to be a part of the process of establishing a permanently endowed research fund at Sargent College that will promote research into the use of psychosocial approaches in the recovery from severe mental illness,” says Berg. “This fund will support and make viable the continued development of multifaceted, interdisciplinary research which is the critical next phase of its growth, while at the same time ensuring Boston University’s and Sargent College’s position at the cutting edge of this important research.”

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