

in Austria and helped Team USA capture the gold medal at the U18 World Championship in 2014.

Before he turned 15, he was offered scholarships by BU and Boston College. And while he admits to having once been an Eagles fan, he says his choice of school came down to the recruiting process, and his was led by former men's ice hockey coach Jack Parker (SMG'68, Hon.'97), who produced future NHL stars and Olympians during his 40-year career at BU.

"It was tough for me to decide between the two," says Eichel. "But BU is just a better fit for me. I liked everything about this place, and I could see myself more as a Terrier than an Eagle. Ever since I made that decision, I've never doubted myself."

With the end of Comm Ave determined, Eichel was eager to return to Boston from the Midwest. With tutoring, summer school class, and much encouragement from his mother, a nurse at Boston Medical Center, Eichel finished high school in three years. Because he spent the last three years away from home, his family has been making up for lost together time by being in the stands for every game they can.

They looked on in November as BU faced Maine, coming from behind to tie the game. Just two minutes into overtime, they saw their son scoop up the puck behind the BU net, skate up the left side, weave around a Black Bear defenseman and, instead of gliding past a second defender, use him as a screen and snap a shot from the left circle over the goaltender's left shoulder to end the game as a 3-2 Terrier victory.

"Eichel plays with authority," says Marr. "He always rises to the occasion. He's an amazing game breaker and scores the timely goals, and has an exceptional gear to pull away with the puck, and has the smarts and skills to deliver and finish a scoring chance."

Eichel says his approach to the game will remain the same next year, no matter what happens. "I always try to play really hard," he says. "There have been things in my career that haven't gone as well as I would like, but I try to use those things to motivate me to work even harder." **AL**

U.S. News Ranks BU 37 of Top 500 Global Universities

Princeton Review lauds LAW faculty

Boston University has been named 37th among 500 Best Global Universities in a new *U.S. News & World Report* ranking that compares the academic research and reputation of institutions around the world. The rankings, published in October, considered 750 universities in 49 countries.

"This new ranking from *U.S. News & World Report* demonstrates how strong our global competitiveness is," says Jean Morrison, University provost. "It reflects the outstanding performance of our faculty, whose commitment to excellence in scholarship and groundbreaking research continues to place BU in a very enviable spot both nationally and globally."

The new report cites BU's global score of 66, based on 10 indicators that include global and regional research reputation, percentage of highly cited papers, international collaboration, number of PhDs awarded, and number of PhDs awarded per faculty member. The University was also ranked in comparison with other leading institutions on a range of academic subjects, from medicine to economics to neuroscience to environment/ecology. In these categories BU fared best in social sciences and public health, with a ranking of 25,



The ranking is an important recognition of the quality and global reach of BU, according to Jean Morrison, University provost.

followed closely by physics, clinical medicine, and molecular biology, which received rankings of 30, 30, and 33, respectively.

U.S. News emphasizes that none of the data from its annual Best Colleges rankings, which most recently put BU at number 42 among US colleges, is used in the Best Global Universities rankings and that the methodology used to compute the Best Global Universities rankings differs from those used for Best Colleges and Best Graduate Schools.

PRAISE FOR LAW FACULTY

The School of Law continues to win high marks from the Princeton Review, placing second in the "best professors"

category in the 2015 rankings (Duke was number one) and seventh in "best classroom" experience among the 169 law schools surveyed by the test preparation and college admissions resources firm.

The Princeton Review surveyed 19,500-plus law students nationally and collected information from school administrators to come up with its annual rankings in 11 categories. Other categories besides professors and classroom experience included "best career prospects," "toughest to get into," "best quality of life," and "most diverse faculty." **RICH BARLOW**