Always on call
Meet the People of Residence Life at BU
Dear BU Parent,

The last we saw you, it was a bustling, buzzing time at Boston University. My staff and I were busy welcoming your student to our campus for the 2009/2010 academic year. We were unlocking residences, handing out keys, rolling blue and orange carts, hosting tailgate parties, ceremonially welcoming you at Parents Convocation, and chatting with you about the impressive experiences your student will have at BU.

The activity and excitement have yet to slow down—in fact, I think the pace has picked up! Students are exploring their classes, and bunkering down to compose their first large assignments, while joining student organizations and becoming engaged in our larger community. They are watching soccer matches and field hockey games, and getting excited for the upcoming basketball and hockey season openers. Your student is exploring all that the University has to offer, and my staff and I could not be happier.

I hope you will take a few minutes out of your own busy schedule to read this copy of BU Parent magazine. It will connect you with happenings at BU, and help you visualize what your student is doing during the fall semester.

I also hope that you can join us during another hopping time at the University—our annual Parents Weekend, October 16–18. We welcome you back to experience some of the best of what the University has to offer, and to see your student thriving in his or her second home.

Also, I encourage you to check out my website (www.bu.edu/dos) and BU Today (www.bu.edu/today)—both great places for you to get a sense of the campus buzz from wherever you happen to be.

Thank you again for being a part of our community. Keep in touch.

With best regards,

Kenneth Elmore
Dean of Students

Dear Fellow Parent,

Last year was incredibly exciting for Boston University—Times Higher Education named BU one of the world’s top 50 universities, the School of Medicine received a $10.5 million pledge to create a Breast Cancer Research Center, and our men’s ice hockey team won the national championship. And 2009/2010 promises to be equally full of exciting moments. The academic year kicks off with the opening of StuVi2, our newest (and tallest) residence hall, which you’ll see on page 8. In this issue, we also highlight BU’s brand-new Sustainability department.

At the same time, we will introduce you to a few of the many accomplished students thriving at the University. You’ll meet the founder of the Women’s Resource Center and a member of our championship hockey team. We also want to highlight Parents Leadership Council members, Richard and Marie Carr, along with their daughter Elizabeth (SHA’10). Marie and her daughter joined forces to research, write, design, and publish the Prepared Parent’s Operational Manual specifically for Boston University. Each year, they prepare a new edition of the manual and donate thousands of copies to parents of incoming students during Summer Orientation. (See page 16.)

We wish you and your BU student(s) a happy, healthy, and successful fall semester and we look forward to meeting you during Parents Weekend, October 16–18, 2009. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Parents Program at parents@bu.edu.

Warm wishes,

Jeanne Knox
Chair, Parents Leadership Council
Mother of Merrill (COM’06) and Bobby (CGS’08, SAR’10)
Did You Know?

An estimated 4,000 Terrier fans filled Marsh Plaza on April 14 to cheer on the men’s ice hockey national champions’ victory parade. The BU Today live webcast of the celebration drew 30,000 viewers—enough to crash the server! Click on the “Looking Out” and “Lining the Route” links at www.bu.edu/today/sports to see photo slideshows of the event.

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What experiences do you remember most?

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What are your hopes for the Future of the Center?

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Segways

Compiled by Meredith Niles

PARENTS WEEKEND 2009

See Boston University through their eyes.

OCTOBER 16-18

www.bu.edu/orientation/parents
With a new sustainability director and a host of green initiatives, BU is making it a priority to save resources. BY GREG KWASNICK

At the end of the last academic year, BU students discarded 6.75 tons of clothes in dorms across campus. In terms of sheer mass, that’s a mature African elephant worth of last season’s jeans and tube tops.

The clothes—all 13,500 pounds of them—were donated to the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation of Boston, which sold them to fund its programs for at-risk youth. A perfect ending, right? Not completely.

To BU Director of Sustainability Dennis Carlberg, those clothing heaps represent the elephantine task of making BU environmentally sustainable.

“It’s great that we’re finding ways to take that and use it for good causes,” Carlberg says, “but it’s much better not to have all that waste to begin with.”

For Carlberg, making BU eco-friendly means going beyond University initiatives like recycling and ride-sharing programs, or the new bike lane along Commonwealth Avenue. For an institution so large that it burned enough electricity in 2008 to power nearly 15,000 single family homes for a year, becoming truly sustainable means going beyond University initiatives that focus on energy conservation, waste management, building construction and operations, and communications. Recent projects include the replacement of five power plant boilers with a 30 percent more efficient combustion management system, lighting retrofits at the McGuire Memorial Library and Prudhoe Center, a geothermal heating and cooling system at 888 Commonwealth Avenue, and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified George K. Makechnie Study Center at the College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College).

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“If it’s absolutely important to get students involved,” Carlberg says, “That’s critical to the success of any sustainability program on any campus.” Just think. If students can waste 675 tons of clothes during a few frenzied days in May, they also have the potential to save a vast amount of energy and goods over the course of an entire year. With use of a limited $1 million revolving fund to finance all campus sustainability projects, Carlberg says that changing student behaviors is the first, most cost-effective path to improvement.

Fortunately, today’s BU students grew up learning about global warming and carbon footprints, and have begun to advocate for a greener campus themselves.

Rebecca Morgan (CAS’12), treasurer of the Environmental Student Organization, spent her freshman year helping to organize events and pushing for the adoption of a voluntary “Green Fee,” which would be added to student tuition bills and help fund BU’s sustainability initiatives. Morgan, an environmental sciences major interested in environmental law, says students have embraced the opportunity to learn about sustainability. “While you’re in college you want to learn so many things,” Morgan says, “and I think learning about an environmentally conscious lifestyle is a great way to do it.”

The BU Energy Club is another popular option for the green savvy. In just the past year, its e-mail listserve has increased to 500 members—up from 180 a year ago, says club President Ben Snyder (SMG’10). Sustainability is the hot new topic on campus, he adds. “Whether you’re trying to make a career out of it or you’ve just trying to understand current events, it’s something everyone’s been talking about recently.”

When students aren’t talking about energy or the environment, they’re probably eating sustainably at more than a dozen dining facilities across campus. Proving that the fastest way to a student’s environmental conscience is through the stomach, BU has made Dining Services its sustainability showcase. (In 2008 and 2009, the department earned “A” grades on the Sustainability Report Card.) Last October, BU upped the ante by hiring Kelly Dunn to serve as the first sustainability director for Dining Services. This year, Dunn plans to run energy audits on all kitchens, and will replace aging appliances with EnergyStar models when needed.

Dunn says that increased energy savings will help fund purchases of local food, compostable flatware, and green cleaning products, which all come at a premium. It’s all part of what Dunn calls a “cost-neutral” program. And in keeping with the University’s broader sustainability plan, Dining Services began enlisting students to achieve its goals. In the past year, the department removed trays from all dining halls, saving the half-gallon of water needed to wash each tray and reducing food waste by an estimated 25 to 30 percent.

If a sustainable future rests in the students’ hands, it’s encouraging that they’ve adopted the once-foreign concept of going green—as they have recycling, turning off unused lights, and taking shorter showers. “It’s just kind of a way of life,” Dunn says. “And no one thinks twice about it.”

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Growing up homeless, Atlanta native Danielle Galloway found that mathematics helped her cope.

“I love numbers,” she explains. “To me, math applies to life, because in life there are steps you have to go through. And if you skip steps, most likely you will end up with the wrong answer.

“IT can do math, I can conquer anything.”

Galloway (CAS’13) is a member of BU’s second class of Posse students and the first in her family to go to college.

“I’ve never really had an apartment since I was six years old,” she says. “My mom made some bad financial decisions. We’ve been in and out of shelters and family housing.”

Fortitude and perseverance, mental and academic, made Galloway stand out to the Posse Atlanta selection committee and BU Admissions.

“Every student brings something unique to their Posse and to BU,” says Kelly Walter, executive director of admissions. “I noticed Danielle right away because of her warm smile and the manner in which she interacted with her peers, and once I spent some time with Danielle I learned that it was her drive and determination that had contributed to her success in high school. I have no doubt these same qualities will lead her to accomplish even more at Boston University.

With programs in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, the Posse Foundation connects leadership-oriented students in urban centers with participating universities, which in turn provide full-tuition scholarships. The idea: send a group of highly talented kids from similar backgrounds to boost one another’s chances of thriving in college, which can be a culturally bewildering place.

Since 1989, Posse has placed 2,650 students at 33 elite institutions, representing $385 million in scholarships. The organization has a 90 percent college graduation rate—significantly higher than the national average—and hopes to groom the next generation of America’s urban leaders.

BU’s inaugural Posse class are now sophomores. Sharron McCasky (CAS’12) says being surrounded by like-minded people has been a key to his success so far, which includes being his class representative to UMOJA, the black student union, and co-captain of a campus flag football team.

“It takes more than studying and getting good grades,” McCasky says. “I found that the true making of a college student has within or her inner circle, because if you’re not surrounded by people who share similar goals, then your journey as a student will be much more arduous.”

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CAS seniors delve into the Civil Rights Movement via the papers of famed lawyer Conrad Lynn

BY JESSICA ULLIAN

Joseph Clark didn’t spend his summer researching the American Civil Rights Movement in Muqar Library because his grandfather was one of the Sons of the Confederacy—not entirely. But the senior from Tennessee has a complicated relationship with history: he understands why some people would rather not explore the past, yet he considers it an integral part of who we are.

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It’s difficult to turn a single room shared by two strangers into “home sweet home,” but every year Boston University’s residence assistants, or RAs, help freshmen all over campus do just that.

*The on-call system never, ever, stops,* says Assistant Dean of Students Daryl DeLuca, who describes the Residence Life RAs and staff members as the “backbone” of student life at the University, which is responsible for more than 11,000 undergraduate on-campus residents. (Another 4,000 undergraduates and most of the 13,000 graduate students live off campus.)

“RAs, at the base of this hierarchy, play a vital role. They’re the ones who often prevent emergencies from ever arising. These BU upperclassmen live in the dorms and help their fellow students adjust to college life, tackle tough academic and personal problems, and make friends. In short, they help their floor mates succeed by ‘managing day-to-day student life,’ says Zamojski.

“We’re here for basically anything the students need,” says Michelle Sturbyk (CAS’09), who spent two years as an RA before graduating this past spring. “I’ve had students come to me for advice on anything from roommates to relationships to religion, classes, where to live next year.” Furthermore, “If there’s something they need that we can’t help with, we can figure out how to get them help.”

Jill Wolfson (ENG’10), an RA and senior in the College of Engineering, describes her relationship with her all-female freshmen floor last year as that of “an older sibling.” For her, being an RA is all about building community and establishing bonds among students who come from all around the globe. The key to her floor’s success was engaging her 55 residents in daily conversations. Wolfson also held a weekly Wednesday night dinner at the Myees Standish dining hall to foster close floor relationships.

“About 15 to 20 students showed up each week,” Wolfson says proudly.

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Advice to Freshmen Parents

“Give students space and let them succeed and let them fail, because it’s all about their finding what is right for them in these four years. Just have confidence in the students that they will find their way through.”
— Roberto Santos (COM’10), senior RA

“Sometimes we have to remind parents that their students are adults and there is privacy that we need to respect. We can’t just give them a roommate’s cell phone number, for example. A lot of parents get freaked out by that, but at the same time they need to realize this is the next step in their student’s growing up. They’re not out in the crazy real world yet, but they’re kind of in the college bubble, where they can start to learn how to live on their own without their parents.”
— Michelle Surdyk (CAS’09), RA

“Be proud of yourself for how far you’ve brought them. Let your children show you that they’re ready.”
— John Battaglino (MET’09), executive director of student activities and operations

1. What is your favorite topic of conversation? Hockey.
2. What books are you reading now? A book about the Crusades for my History of the Crusades class.
3. What was the last film you saw? Angels & Demons—I loved it.
4. Whom do you admire? My father is a blue-collar, hard-working, loving man whom I aspire to be like every day.
5. Who or what makes you laugh out loud? All my teammates. We have a good time when we are around each other.
6. What are your most marked strengths? My athleticism and my leadership.
7. What are your hidden talents? They are called hidden talents for a reason!
8. What is your greatest achievement? Winning the National Championship.
9. What do you enjoy most about BU? Everything! I love it here. But if I have to pick one thing, it would be that the people here are great. The tradition BU has with hockey makes for a really supportive, encouraging fan base.
10. What’s in your CD or MP3 player? T.I., Soulja Boy, Kanye West, Lil Wayne.

20 Questions with Brian Strait (MET’10)

“It was so surreal,” says 2008/2009 Terrier men’s ice hockey co-captain and defenseman Brian Strait (MET’10) of clinching the NCAA championship title in April’s overtime nail-biter against Miami University of Ohio. With his sturdy, 6-foot, hockey-star build, Strait is still the same “Boston kid” he always was. A Walhamp, Massachusetts, native who looks up to his father, lives for the game, and has big dreams of a career in the NHL. In June, Strait secured his spot in the big league by signing a contract with the Stanley Cup–defending Pittsburgh Penguins. That makes the 2009 championship his last game as a Terrier, and Strait is proud to have crowned his college career with the win he calls “the greatest moment of my life.”

BU Parent got the chance to speak with him before he left for the Iron City—MN

13. What do you do to relax? I go to the movies.
14. Who will play you in the movie of your life? Ummmm...Ben Affleck.
15. What is the strangest thing in your backpack? Protein shakes.
16. If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would it be? The Caribbean.
17. What is your favorite place to eat in Boston? T. Anthony’s is the spot I visit most, but my favorite place is Maggiano’s. I’m very Italian.
18. If you weren’t training for hockey, what would you like to do with your free time? I’d play video games or golf.
20. Red Sox or Yankees? I am a Boston kid—obviously, the Sox!
Beginning this fall, students graduating in January 2011 or the industry.

Two new concentrations at the College of Engineering will position students for some of the fastest-growing jobs in the season—signed with the Providence (see p. 11); and forward Jason Lawrence (MET'10) signed with the 2009 Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

Fuel Cells and Atoms

Like scallops and noodles? Like staying healthy? BU Executive Chef Walter Dunphy has unveiled a series of meals that are both salubrious and scrumptious. His latest creation is miso-glazed sea scallops with fresh vegetables and soba noodles. For an exotic-sounding meal, Dunphy stays fairly local, using Nantucket bay scallops. “Their sweetness happens to lend itself quite well to Asian-inspired cuisine, with its subtle yet spicy contacts,” he explains.

The series of savvy, satirical suppers is brought to students by the Sargent Choice program, a culinary and nutritional collaboration between BU Dining Services and the Nutrition & Fitness Center at the College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College). The meals are served in dining halls across campus, but you can make them yourself at home: Get the scallops recipe and watch Dunphy prepare the dish at www.bu.edu/today/sargentchoice.

Cycling Safety

Boston University’s Bicycle Safety Committee has launched a website devoted to safe biking at BU. The “crossroads of bicycle resources” for the University community, www.bu.edu/bikesafety went online over the summer. It includes an interactive map showing the locations of the bike racks proliferating all over campus; a free bike registration system to help combat theft; and a clear explanation of the rules of the road, for all types of commuters.

Led by Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Craig Hill, the safety committee formed last year, shortly after Boston’s first-ever bicycle lane opened for two-wheeled traffic along BU’s two-mile stretch of Commonwealth Avenue. One of the committee’s primary concerns is educating students; many of whom hail from suburban towns, about safe urban biking. In Boston, cyclists belong on the road and are required to follow the same laws as motorists. “This means stopping at all red lights, using proper hand signals, and not making illegal left turns or biking the wrong way down one-way streets,” says Officer Peter Shin of the BU Police Department. “Wear a helmet, and don’t talk on your cell phone while you’re riding.”

Sources include BU Today, Engineer, Builders & Leaders, Collegian, and Arts & Sciences.

“Write what you know,” writing teachers often advise their students. Now, thanks to a $2 million gift to the College of Arts & Sciences’ graduate Creative Writing Program, its students will know a whole lot more about the world.

Robert Hildreth, the vice chair of BU’s Board of Overseers and founder and president of International Bank Services, Inc., gave the funds to create two initiatives with a global focus: The Leslie Epstein International Visiting Professorship—named in honor of the longtime director of the program—will bring prominent writers from other countries to BU to lead workshops and courses; and the Robert Pinsky Global Fellowship in Creative Writing—honoring the renowned professor and past U.S. Poet Laureate—will send MFA students abroad to experience life overseas, becoming better writers for it. (Imagine if Ernest Hemingway, for example, had never left Oak Park, Illinois.) “The gift will bring another unique emphasis to our program: international awareness,” says Pinsky. “The very existence of these imaginative and substantial new programs should inspire all of our students to enrich their work with an awareness of other languages, other cultures, other possibilities.”

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Our Favorite Levins

When Aaron Levin (SMG ‘10) graduates next May, his family tree will be notched with its 22nd BU degree. And a preponderance of those degrees come from the School of Management. (Or its predecessor, the College of Business Administration.)

Aaron’s great-grandfather, B. Robert Levin, graduated from the old CBA in 1929 before earning a JD from BU’s School of Law in 1932. Several Levins followed suit: Aaron’s grand- father Henry (CBA’58, LAW’60), great uncle David (CBA’68, LAW’74), uncle Allan (SMG’86, LAW’89), and father Lawrence (SMG’84, LAW’87). Space considerations preclude listing the eleven other Terriers in Aaron’s family.

Not surprisingly for a staunch BU brood, many of the Levins are also hockey players. That includes Aaron, his father, his younger sister Laura, and grandfather Henry—who played on the varsity team that won BU’s first Beanpot in 1958. At age 72, Henry still plays pick-up hockey twice a week.

Terrier Teams Take Titles

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Delicious, Nutritious

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College of General Studies Professor and Chairman of the Division of Natural Science Peter Busher has won BU’s 2009 Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching.

A faculty member since 1982, Busher puts a premium on inspiring students to understand and explore science—even if they’re only taking the class because they have to. “In many parts of American university education, the goal for faculty is to move away from teaching undergraduates, specifically first- or second-year undergraduates,” says Busher. “For me, the opposite is true. You interact with these kids, and you don’t realize the impact you have.”

To show students the importance of science firsthand, Busher runs a studio abroad program in London. Every summer since 2004, he has taken a group of CGS students to Charles Darwin’s house, the botanical research center Kew Gardens, the Observatory in Greenwich, Stonehenge, and the chalk cliffs of Eastbourne.

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Going Global

“When you write, you put yourself in an ‘other’ space,” says Pinsky. “The very existence of these imaginative and substantial new programs should inspire all of our students to enrich their work with an awareness of other languages, other cultures, other possibilities.”

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Fuel Cells and Atoms

Two new concentrations at the College of Engineering will position students for some of the fastest-growing jobs in the industry.

Beginning this fall, students graduating in January 2011 or beyond may concentrate in energy technologies and environmental engineering. The 16-credit coursework will take advantage of ENG faculty expertise in emerging fields of research, such as fuel cells, garbage-to-fuel technology, bacteria-generated fuel, and solid-state lighting.

“Our students are entering the engineering profession at an exciting time,” says Dean Kenneth R. Lutchen. “Breakthrough energy technologies will derive from virtually all engineering disciplines. They will reshape our society and engineers will create them.”

The other new concentration is in nanotechnology. Students will explore the expanding field of engineering on a molecular scale, learning how nanotechnology affects biomedical, photonics, electronic, and atomic systems.

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"Your life will be very easy if you ignore the rest of the world—you can build a very comfortable life for yourselves," said Massachusetts Congressman Michael Capuano in his Commencement address in May. "But you'll always know that you didn't challenge yourself to something bigger, something greater. I call on you to use some of that ability, some of those talents, some of that drive to change the world."

**Above And Beyond**

The Boston University Parents Annual Campaign helps continue the tradition of excellence that defines the BU experience. Gifts to the Parents Annual Campaign may be designated to support scholarships, student life, athletics, specific schools or colleges, libraries, or the University’s area of greatest need. On behalf of President Robert Brown, deans, administrators, faculty and student members, and students of every class standing, the Parents Program would like to thank the 2,861 parents who donated more than $980,000 to the Parents Annual Campaign this year.

We would especially like to recognize the following parents who joined an Annual Fund Leadership Giving Society by giving $1,000 or more to an annual fund this year. We are grateful for their leadership. To learn about the benefits of membership or to join a Society, please visit www.bu.edu/alumni/annualfund/societies.
Taking the Lead

The Parents Leadership Council, which advises and supports the Parents Program, comprises parents of undergraduates and of alumni. Members attend campus and regional activities, act as ambassadors, and strengthen the financial foundation of Boston University. The Parents Program extends heartfelt thanks to the following members of the Boston University Parents Leadership Council for their continued support.

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Academic Calendar

Important Dates

Fall 2009

Classes Begin: Wednesday, September 2
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Monday, September 7
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Monday, October 12
Parents Weekend: Friday, October 16–Saturday, October 17
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Wednesday, November 11
Fall Recess: Wednesday, November 25–Sunday, November 29
Last Day of Classes: Friday, December 11
Final Exams: Wednesday, December 16–Monday, December 21

Spring 2010

Classes Begin: Wednesday, January 13
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Monday, January 18
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Monday, February 15
Spring Recess: Saturday, March 6–Sunday, March 14
Holiday, Classes Suspended: Monday, April 19
Last Day of Classes: Thursday, April 29
Final Exams: Tuesday, May 4–Saturday, May 8
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- Specific schools and colleges
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