



Patrick Chambers

## Terriers Hire Men's Basketball Coach

PATRICK CHAMBERS, THE former associate head coach at Villanova University, was introduced as the new men's basketball coach at a press conference April 8 at Agganis Arena. At Villanova, Chambers, whose responsibilities included recruiting, on-court teaching, and player development, helped the Wildcats earn four NCAA Sweet 16 appearances and a spot in this year's Final Four.

The new coach said he hopes to sit down with Jack Parker (SMG'68, HON.'97), BU men's head hockey coach and executive director of athletics, to learn about his recipe for success.

## ANONYMOUS ALUM DONATES \$1 MILLION TO SSW

The School of Social Work has received the largest individual gift in its history — \$1 million from an alumna who has supported the school over the years and who wishes to remain anonymous.

"This generous gift from one of our alumni will allow us to continue educating the best and brightest

in social work," says Gail Steketee, dean of the graduate school. "We are extremely grateful to the donor and excited to be able to advance the field of social work for generations to come."

Dispersed over five years, the gift will go toward student scholarships and special programs.

## Trustees, Overseers Name Four New Members

Gayle Berg (SAR'74), a psychologist and chair of Psychologists for Legislative Action in New York, Andrew Lack (CFA'68), the CEO of Bloomberg Multimedia Group, Nina Tassler (CFA'79), the president of CBS Entertainment, and



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Richard Reidy (SMG'82), the president and CEO of Progress Software, were appointed to University leadership positions at a Board of

Trustees meeting in April. Reidy, currently the chair of BU's Board of Overseers, Lack, and Tassler were elected University trustees; Berg was appointed an overseer. New trustees will begin their term in September.

## Former Trustee Peter Vermilye Dies at 89

PETER VERMILYE (HON.'07) died March 9 of complications from pneumonia and a stroke. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

For more than three decades the New York-born, Princeton-educated, Yankee-turned-Red Sox fan helped steer BU's investment portfolio, first as trustee, beginning in

1969, and then as chairman of the Board of Trustees investment committee, growing the University's endowment from about \$28 million to over \$1 billion.

In more than sixty years as an investment manager, Vermilye leveraged his considerable

stock-picking skills and international market contacts to BU's benefit — always, colleagues say, with keen ethical concern.

"Pursue excellence, using your faculties to their fullest" was his motto.

"What is amazing about Peter is he actually almost single-handedly ran the endowment from 1971 to

about 2006," says Robert Knox (CAS'74, GSM'75), chairman of the BU Board of Trustees. "What's unusual about that is that most large universities have endowments run by professional investment staffs. He ran it with a committee, but was the main decision maker. And he had a unique relationship with some of the best money managers around the world."

