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# Dear Boston University Parents,

The spring semester at BU is full of vibrancy—this is always a community where young people are plunged into color, music, and conversation. I get real joy in watching students come together, find passion, write music and poetry, reinvent themselves, refresh, and start to make their way.

In this issue, you'll see our students engaged in high-caliber research projects throughout our schools and colleges. Making unique connections with faculty creates an enhanced and meaningful environment for learning. I always enjoy reviewing and listening in on the undergraduate research presentations that take place during Parents Weekend and other times during the year. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm students show for their work.

Another way you will see vibrancy on our campus is in the places our students get together to do one of the basics—eat. A walk through our dining halls will give you a snapshot of students gathering, talking, scheming, and learning from one another over a meal. Our dining facilities are places of true community. In this issue, you will read about our dedicated Dining Services staff and the way they build experiences for our students.

Our community is kept safe through the work of our steadfast Boston University Police Department. Chief Tom Robbins has enacted proactive safety measures and education that make a difference in this community. Since safety is always our concern, I am sure you will find this issue's piece on the BUPD's work comforting.

I sincerely hope your special student is deep in a vibrant community experience. Keep in touch via our website ([www.bu.edu/dos](http://www.bu.edu/dos)) or by contacting my office ([dos@bu.edu](mailto:dos@bu.edu)). Much strength to you as you go forward. I offer you and your family best wishes for every success throughout the year.

With best regards,



Kenneth Elmore  
Dean of Students



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# Dear Fellow Parents,



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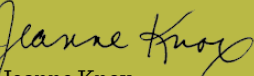
If spring is in the air, it must mean Commencement 2011, and Boston University's happiest weekend of the year. I remember last year, as my son Bobby and his friends celebrated their many accomplishments here at BU; I think about all the smiling parents, walking the campus and sharing their students' stories and the excitement of their life to come. My daughter Merrill, also a BU grad, recently commented to me how much she had underestimated the value of a BU diploma in the working world. That, plus all those memories, is what BU means to its graduates. As parents, aren't we lucky?

In this issue, *BU Parent* covers two basic necessities for our children: food and safety. We look at Dining Services and the incredible quality of food service they provide to our students. You'll also learn about Dining Services' sustainability efforts and plans for state-of-the-art dining facilities at the future East Campus Student Center. Through an overview

of the services that the BU Police provide, you will get some insight into the great lengths they go to every day to keep your student safe. I hope this knowledge will help you sleep a little better at night!

I want to congratulate the students of the Class of 2011 on their upcoming graduation, extend heartfelt thanks to all the parents and family members who supported them, and wish the entire BU community a happy, healthy, and safe summer! We will think of you all often as we welcome in the Class of 2015 next fall.

My best wishes,



Jeanne Knox  
Chairwoman, Parents Leadership Council  
Mother of Merrill (COM'06) and Bobby (CGS'08, SAR'10, SPH'12)



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# BU on the iPhone



Photo by Vernon Doucette

Riding the BU Shuttle got a little easier—and a lot more hi-tech—this academic year, thanks to the new BU Mobile application. The app lets iPhone and iPod touch users track the location of BU buses and gives arrival-time estimates for each bus stop. It's a particularly handy tool on cold winter mornings, when delays can leave students tapping their numbing toes and wondering where their bus is.

The free application also offers quick access to some of BU's most commonly used web pages and programs, including the campus calendar, campus maps, course descriptions, the BU directory, and *BU Today*. The app is available online at Apple's App Store, where it's been downloaded nearly 10,000 times to date.

Almond Dhukka (ENG'12) uses the app frequently and gives it a positive review. "I think the fact that BU is willing to make an app that'll help students get what they're looking for, faster, is great," Dhukka told *BU Today*. "It shows amazing progressive thinking. This is something BU's been good at for a while—CourseInfo and Blackboard are proof of that. I think it's a nice, succinct app."

The BU designers and developers who built the iPhone app are now working to create more mobile tools for the BU community. While many students have requested a version of the BU Mobile app for their Android phones, the University plans to focus on mobile tools that can be accessed online,

rather than creating more device-specific applications, says Jon Brousseau, associate creative director for BU Interactive Design.

"Mobile services can be designed as part of an application or as part of a website," Brousseau explains. "The advantage of an application is that it's built to run on a specific device, so it can take advantage of features particular to that device—its camera, for example. The advantage of a mobile web service is that it can reach more devices: it'll work on Android; it'll work on BlackBerry. We're turning our attention to the mobile web because we can reach a greater number of people that way."

In the long term, says Brousseau, BU students can expect a customized mobile version of the BU homepage that will provide many of the same services the iPhone app currently offers. Also in the development pipeline is a framework that will make many school, college, and department websites easily readable on any mobile device. ☞

—Corinne Steinbrenner



## WEB EXTRA

Download the BU iPhone app at <http://itunes.com/apps/bumobile>.

## Did You Know?

BU received 41,758 applications for fall 2011 freshman admission. That's a record number of applications—up 9.1 percent over last year's total. Applicants hail from all 50 U.S. states and from 135 foreign countries. The University expects to enroll about 4,000 of these applicants in September as the Class of 2015.

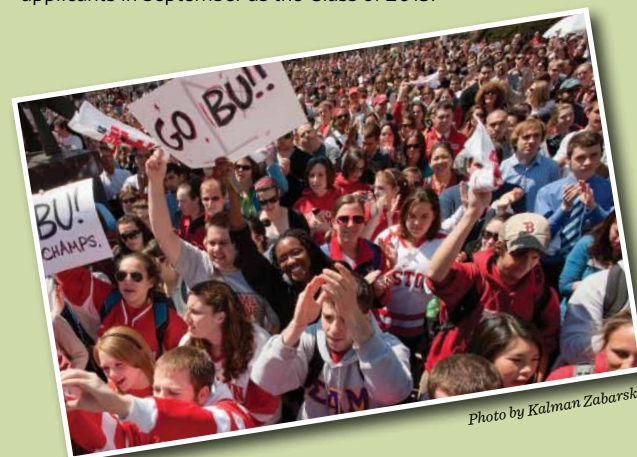


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Compiled by Melissa Wackes (SMG'11)

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*BU Parent* is going digital! In an effort to better serve you while dramatically reducing our carbon footprint, we will no longer be circulating our biannual magazine in hard copy. The upcoming fall 2011 issue of *BU Parent* will only be available digitally on the Parents Program website.

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## RESEARCH:

# Not Just for Grad Students

BY KARINE ABALYAN AND  
CORINNE STEINBRENNER



Alex Leung (ENG'11) conducts research on engineered blood vessels.

Photo by Kalman Zabarsky

Academic research at major universities—an exciting world of excavations, sediment sampling, and high-level lab tests—is typically reserved for graduate-level work. But at Boston University, many faculty members are giving undergraduates a key role in ongoing research projects. From archaeological explorations to tissue engineering, BU undergrads are learning firsthand how to gather, analyze, and report data at the forefront of endeavors in their academic fields.

### BUILDING BLOOD VESSELS

Alex Leung (ENG'11) donned his first lab coat when he was 16 after landing a summer job at a medical research lab in his hometown of Denver, Colorado. He worked in the lab for the next several summers, and when he came to BU as a biomedical engineering student, it seemed only natural to seek out a research position on campus.

Leung read up on the research interests of BU's engineering faculty, and he was intrigued by the work of Associate Professor Joe Tien. Tien runs a tissue-engineering lab focused on

creating artificial blood vessels that can be incorporated into artificial organs. Leung emailed Tien, asking if he could be of assistance in the lab, and soon he was volunteering with the professor's research group.

Leung eventually applied for—and won—a research grant from the College of Engineering to conduct an independent research project within Tien's lab. He has since received grants from BU's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program to continue his experiments. His research explores the effects of plasma expanders—drugs often used in emergency rooms to restore a patient's

blood pressure—on the stability of engineered blood vessels.

Having such significant research experience, he says, enhanced his application to BU's ENGMEDIC program, which gives biomedical engineering students early admission to the BU School of Medicine. In addition, he says, “getting to know Professor Tien and having him give me a letter of recommendation was great.”

Leung was accepted to the ENGMEDIC program, but he's not sure he's ready to trade his lab coat for a physician's white coat. He hopes instead to wear them both—he recently applied to the School of

Medicine's combined MD/PhD program, which trains physician-scientists who will split their time between medical research and medical practice.

### ROCK OF AGES

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but garnet is the mineral proving most helpful for a team of budding earth scientists trying to map the Earth's chronology.

Using a special method of garnet dating, Associate Professor of Earth Sciences Ethan Baxter and the undergraduates in his lab are gaining insight into tectonic processes—such as mountain building and plate movement—that occurred millions of years ago.

Garnets are minerals that grow over long periods of time and preserve information about geologic changes through a series of concentric spherical shells, not unlike the growth rings on a tree. One way to determine the age of individual rings is through a method known as samarium-neodymium isotope dating. The labor-intensive approach involves measuring the ratio of decay of a radioactive samarium isotope to a radiogenic neodymium isotope found in the garnet.

When Julie Barkman (CAS'07) began working in Baxter's lab during her senior year, she had no background in the sophisticated chemical procedures that garnet dating requires. Soon, she had not only mastered the procedures, but had begun seeking ways to improve them.

Her efforts to refine the garnet-dating method, says Barkman, now a PhD student at the University of New Hampshire, taught her “a lot about problem-solving and how to be more innovative.” They also helped her win a National Science Foundation fellowship to pursue graduate studies. “I know



it was a huge part of why I got the fellowship,” says Barkman. “A lot of my reviewers pointed out that it's really great undergrad experience.”

Baxter agrees. Getting students into the lab early is important, he says, because there “they really get to experience what science is all about. You can be told how science is done, but you don't really learn it until you try to do it yourself.”

### LOOT AND PLUNDER

While studying for an archaeology-themed section of WP150—a writing seminar required of all undergraduates in the College of Arts & Sciences—art history major Ali Clark (CAS'11) became interested in the way the plunder and sale of antiquities undermines a people's ability to understand and preserve their cultural past.

“I've always been interested in art history, but I had never been exposed to that aspect of it before,” Clark says. Toward the end of the semester, she contacted her writing instructor, Christina Luke, who is also a research fellow in the Department of Archaeology, about other opportunities to study looting and its impact on cultural heritage.

Luke invited Clark to join a group of undergraduates involved in the Central Lydia Archaeological Survey, a project Luke co-directs with Associate Professor of Archaeology Christopher Roosevelt. The survey explores human activity from the prehistoric age to the present in an area near Istanbul, Turkey.

Luke and Roosevelt initially chose the site because of its proximity to Sardis, the capital of the Iron Age Lydian Empire, and its role as a vast burial ground for Lydian kings. Unfortunately, others have taken a less scholarly interest in the area: widespread looting has already destroyed a significant portion of the region's burial mounds and is now encroaching on nearby sites. To help track what has been looted and to prevent further destruction, Luke and Roosevelt have incorporated a



From sunny Sifnos, Greece, to chilly Vermont, undergraduate and graduate students in Ethan Baxter's lab are venturing wherever garnet samples can be found: (top, from left) Julie Barkman (CAS'07) and Leah Mehl (GRS'08), (bottom, from left) Nora Sullivan (GRS'15) and Michelle Jordan (CAS'09).

(Below, left) Ancient Lydian ruins attract researchers—and looters—to western Turkey.

Photos courtesy of Ethan Baxter

preservation component into the Central Lydia Archaeological Survey.

To help with that effort, Clark and a fellow undergraduate recently combed through decades of auction catalogues at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, documenting artifacts on the art market that might have been looted from Lydia. Their findings were used to construct a database of looting activity.

Roosevelt says such contributions from BU undergrads are invaluable. “It's really great to work with interested, diligent, serious undergraduates,” he says. “They're new and fresh to the material with an eagerness and curiosity that carries projects like this through.”

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Learn more about the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program at [www.bu.edu/urop](http://www.bu.edu/urop).

Photo courtesy of Christopher Roosevelt





## Urban but Secure

BU is committed to keeping campus safe.

BY VICKY WALTZ AND CORINNE STEINBRENNER

Davide Nardi is no stranger to urban crime. Growing up in Boston's Hyde Park neighborhood taught him to be aware of his surroundings—a practice he employs when making his way across Boston University's campus.

"I actually feel safer walking around campus than I do in Hyde Park, especially at night," says Nardi (CAS'11). "There are always people out on Comm. Ave., whereas Hyde Park clears out after dark."

With its subway trains and high-rise dorms, BU is definitely a city school. But despite its urban environment, the University's crime rates are far lower than the city of Boston's—a record that reassures many parents.

"I'm very happy with BU's security system," says Valerie Rojas, mother of Nikki (COM'12). "I'm confident that my child is safe, and I'm confident that I've taught her to make smart decisions."

Nikki Rojas lives in the 26-story StuVi2, which happens to be located across the street from the BU Police Department. But even before her daughter moved so close to 56 state-trained and deputized police officers, Rojas didn't worry. "There are security guards checking IDs at the dorms," she says. "There's 24-hour patrol coverage. It's a big school, but it's safe."

Keeping BU safe is the job of Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of BUPD Thomas Robbins. A 30-year law-enforcement veteran and the former superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, Robbins says he's a strong proponent of community policing, so his department meets often with BU administration and with campus groups—from fraternities and sororities to Residence Life staff—to gather and share safety information. The BUPD also maintains close working relation-

ships with the police departments of Boston and neighboring Brookline.

The BUPD prides itself on being easy to reach and quick to respond. The department's average response time is less than three minutes, and the BUPD phone number is listed on the back of every Terrier card—as is the number for BU's Escort Security Service, which operates daily from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Additionally, more than 110 security boxes across campus can connect callers directly to a BUPD dispatcher.

The BUPD also has a detective unit that is "very proactive," says Robbins. For example, detectives conduct security surveys of campus buildings and recommend security enhancements, such as adding surveillance cameras or requiring card-key access at certain entry doors.

To ensure the University is prepared for natural or man-made disasters, BU updates its emergency response plan every year and conducts full-scale emergency drills regularly. The University recently adopted the BU Alert System, a notification system that transmits text messages, phone calls, and emails with emergency information. The University considers such communication so important that it requires students to provide their mobile phone numbers for the BU Alert System before they can register for classes.

Robbins and his fellow officers, however, are most concerned about students' day-to-day safety. Every chance they get, they remind students to drink responsibly, lock their doors, watch their belongings (especially their laptops, iPods, cell phones, and other frequently stolen items), keep their wits about them in the city, and avoid walking alone at night. To communicate these and other safety tips, the BUPD



*Top: Officer Diane Smith of the BUPD talks to students in the George Sherman Union. Middle: BU Police officers participate in Bicycle Safety Day on campus. Bottom: The BU Police offer personal safety classes for students.*

*Photos by Vernon Doucette and Kalman Zabarsky*

makes presentations during freshman orientation, collaborates with *BU Today* on safety-related articles, holds town hall meetings with the Dean of Students, and recently instituted an annual Public Safety Week.

Robbins says a student once approached him after a presentation and said, "All we hear is safety, safety, safety—we get it already." But, the chief says, "I don't think we can ever overdo that message." 🍃

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Find campus safety tips at [www.bu.edu/police](http://www.bu.edu/police).

## Terriers for Life

The benefits of attending BU don't end with graduation.

BY CORINNE STEINBRENNER

Jacques Minoyan (CGS'06, CAS'08) may have graduated from BU three years ago, but he still considers himself a Terrier, and he's still tapping into BU's vast resources.

Like all BU students, Minoyan automatically became a member of the BU Alumni Association (BUAA) on his graduation day, and since then he's taken advantage of several BUAA benefits: social gatherings hosted by the Alumni Network of Greater New York, lectures organized by the Alumni Network for Real Estate & Construction, and help updating his résumé from the BU Center for Career Development. He's also making plans to give back to BU. A finance analyst at JPMorgan Chase, Minoyan is working with BU's alumni relations staff to create a formal mentoring program that will pair young BU alumni with more experienced alumni who work in the same industry.



*Photos by Kalman Zabarsky*

Minoyan knows what many recent BU graduates are discovering: through its career tools, networking events, and other benefits, the BUAA can help ease the transition from college to "real life."

### CAREER TOOLS

The mentoring program Minoyan is developing will be added to the many professional resources the BUAA offers its members. Among these is Career-Beam, a valuable online tool available free through the association. Career-Beam, says Associate Director of Alumni Relations Kirsten Lundeen (CGS'01, CAS'03), is a rich source of information for job seekers: it includes research on hundreds of industries and millions of companies, self-assessments, a résumé builder, and more.

BUAA members also retain access to many of the helpful career tools they used as students, including the BU Career Advisory Network (an online network of alumni who've volunteered to speak informally with students or fellow alums about their professions) and the BU CareerLink, which provides job and internship listings. Job posts on CareerLink ([www.bu.edu/careers/careerlink](http://www.bu.edu/careers/careerlink)) are more valuable than listings on public job boards, says Lundeen, because the employers and recruiters who post to CareerLink are interested in hiring BU students and graduates specifically.

### NETWORKING, NETWORKING, NETWORKING

The BUAA also maintains more than 60 alumni networks across the globe that offer regular opportunities for social and professional networking. Most of the networks are based on geography (for example, the Alumni Network

of Seattle or the very active Alumni Network of South Korea). Director of Alumni Networks Quentin Derryberry says these groups are popular among young alumni just starting out: "When they move to a new city and they don't know anyone, these networks help them connect with people who've had similar experiences," he says.

The BUAA also sponsors a growing list of networks based on "affinity." These include cultural affinity groups, such as the Latino Alumni Network, and professional affinity groups, such as the Alumni Network for Entertainment in Los Angeles and the Alumni Network for Financial Services in London. These groups meet for socializing and networking, says Derryberry, and also gather for informative lectures and panel discussions.

### MORE GOOD STUFF

Terriers care about more than working and networking, and the BUAA offers benefits for other aspects of post-college life. The association offers several types of medical, life, auto, and home insurance at special rates. BUAA members can also receive discounts on Zipcar memberships, gym memberships, Boston-area hotel stays, and services from the BU Dental Health Center. Of special interest to parents: BU's elegant Trustee Ballroom and the Castle, a Tudor Revival mansion in the heart of campus, are available for alumni weddings and receptions at a 15 percent discount. 🍃

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Discover more BUAA benefits at [www.bu.edu/alumni](http://www.bu.edu/alumni).







# We want them to eat their **broccoli** too.

**With tasty, healthy menus and state-of-the-art dining facilities, Dining Services ensures BU students are eating well—and enjoying every bite.**

BY VICKY WALTZ

When Barbara Laverdiere attended Dartmouth University in the early 1980s, dinner was her least favorite time of day.

“You know the old lady with the blue dress and the hair net?” Laverdiere asks. “She was real, and she served the worst food imaginable.”

Once upon a time, bad food was a rite of passage for college students, who subsisted on boiled vegetables and mystery meat, served assembly-line style. Things began to change a little in the ‘90s, when campus food courts began upgrading to brand-name fast food restaurants and fancy salad bars. But it takes a lot more than chicken nuggets and fries to impress today’s students.

“These kids have highly sophisticated palettes,” says Laverdiere, director of Boston University Dining Services. “They’ve been raised on the Food Network. And they expect their food to be fresh, local, organic, and—above all—tasty.”

To that end, BU Dining Services has upped its ante. Wood-fired pizzas, Mongolian barbecue, sushi, and whole grain bread are standard fare. Food is cooked to order, and large barracks-style halls are being replaced by smaller, cozier, restaurant-style dining rooms.

*Photos by Vernon Doucette, Kalman Zabarsky, and Stephanie Zollshan*



“The college dining experience has come such a long way since I was in school,” Laverdiere says. Back then, there were no vegetarian or vegan options, no gluten-free menus, no low-fat selections. “Ethnic food was spaghetti and sauce,” she says, with a laugh. “Chinese? Middle Eastern? Mexican? Are you kidding me?”

Classmate Tiffani Burks (SAR’12) adds, “The dining halls have a set of staples they always keep, and then a variety of meals that change day to day. The food is pretty good and always fresh, which is very important.” Burks continues, “Last year I became vegan for Lent, and I never had a problem finding some-

show student approval is steadily growing. Students rated their overall dining experience 11 percent higher than in the 2008–2009 survey, and ratings for food variety soared nearly 31 percent.

Currently, BU has six dining halls, in addition to a multi-restaurant food court inside the George Sherman Union

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— Barbara Laverdiere

Chances are, there were no lobster dinners, either. Each September, Dining Services hosts its annual lobster night, serving 8,000 lobsters—the largest single lobster purchase in the country—along with steamers, corn on the cob, and crab chowder. “It’s a special treat, particularly for students who aren’t from New England,” Laverdiere says. “Most of them have never even had steamed lobster.”

“BU’s food is a lot better than the food I’ve eaten at other colleges,” says Erin Quinlan (SED’12). “Really, there’s no comparison.”

thing to eat. There is always at least one vegan meal provided, and when I didn’t like that, there was always salad, cereal, veggie sandwiches—once they even had vegan pizza.”

Approximately 16,295 people eat in the dining halls each day. That’s a lot of hungry tummies to satisfy, and Laverdiere admits the task can be overwhelming. To stay abreast of student opinion, Auxiliary Services and Dining Services sponsor an annual online dining satisfaction survey, in which students may voice their preferences on everything from taste and variety to convenience and hours of operation.

Overall, the survey reflects a high rate of satisfaction, according to Webb Lancaster, director of operations for Auxiliary Services. Last year, almost three out of four students said that Dining Services provided a “good to excellent dining experience.” And survey results

(GSU). Three of the residential dining halls—the Towers, Myles Standish, and Shelton—will close when the East Campus Center for Student Services opens in 2012. The first two floors of the six-story, 106,000-square-foot structure will house state-of-the-art dining facilities.

“We knew that East Campus dining options paled in comparison to others,” says Laurie Pohl, vice president for enrollment and student affairs. “When we ran the numbers, we found that renovating the dining areas in Shelton, Myles Standish, and the Towers would be more expensive than building a new facility.”

While Laverdiere knows that some students will be displeased with the closings (say goodbye to walking downstairs and having breakfast in your pajamas), she suspects the new dining rooms will more than make up for any disappointments. “It’s going to be amazing,” she says.

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A cash-and-carry café on the basement level will specialize in gourmet coffee, soups, salads, sandwiches, and baked goods, while the first floor will serve full meals. “The new dining hall will have a heavy emphasis on international cuisine,” Laverdiere says. “There’s going to be a Mediterranean station, tandoori ovens, pasta made from scratch.”

Much like West Campus dining, meals will be prepared in front of the students, and seating will be broken up into tiny rooms. “We’re looking for a more intimate setting,” Laverdiere says. “There will be a fireplace, soft lighting, nooks and crannies to curl up in with a book.”

As excited as she is about the new dining hall, though, Laverdiere says the proudest accomplishment of her BU career has been Dining Services’ conversion toward an eco-friendly, sustainable operation. “We’ve recycled for years,” she says, “but we’re way beyond that now.”

The University currently partners with Save That Stuff to recycle cardboard, paper, plastic, aluminum, and food scraps, and its decision in 2008 to eliminate trays in the dining halls saves approximately 35,000 gallons of water a week.

In last year’s annual Dining Services survey, 85 percent of respondents said they would sort their trash into the appropriate bins if given the option, so last fall the University began recycling postconsumer compost at several dining locations across campus. “The students have been very receptive,” says Sabrina Harper, sustainability coordinator at Dining Services. “Food is the heaviest component of waste, and I’m just grateful it isn’t going into the landfill.”

Dining Services recycled a total of 783 tons of waste last year—a 39 percent increase from 2009—including 133 tons of cardboard; 531 tons of food waste and organic materials; 99 tons of glass, plastic, and aluminum; and 40,000 pounds of fryer oil. And with the addition of composting at the GSU, Harper hopes to expand that number by at least 150 tons in 2011.

“We can even compost our to-go containers now,” Harper says, “because all of our disposable products are made from corn, potatoes, and recycled milk cartons.”

Additionally, Dining Services uses only green cleaning products, it’s gradually converting all of its appliances to Energy Star models, and whenever possible, it buys locally to reduce fuel usage and greenhouse gas emissions.

“I think the efforts Dining Services has made toward greening the campus are commendable,” says Joseph Nangle (SMG’12). “The green movement isn’t a trend; it’s a way of life, and I’m glad BU recognizes that.”

Having spent five summers on a working farm in Pennsylvania, Nangle is particularly passionate about eating locally—so much, in fact, that last fall he paired up with Harper to create a community-supported agriculture (CSA) group on campus. For \$20 a week, members receive fresh-picked, in-season fruits and vegetables from the Sharon, Massachusetts-based Ward’s Berry Farm.

“Most CSAs have drop-off points relatively far from where I live,” Nangle says. “And they also cater to year-round residents. I just wanted to find something that was practical for students.”

During the growing season, 20-pound boxes are available for pick-up every Thursday at the GSU plaza. As with any CSA, the farm selects the vegetables, based on what is ready for harvesting. But unlike most CSAs, which require members to pay a flat fee upfront in the spring, students pay as they go, and they may opt out at any time.

“I think it’s fun to bring back a seasonal approach to eating,” Nangle says. “It changes week to week, and that’s part of the charm.”

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Visit [www.bu.edu/buniverse](http://www.bu.edu/buniverse) and search for keyword “dining” to find videos about BU’s visiting chef series, lobster night, student Iron Chef competition, and healthy Sargent Choice options—and to learn the secret of the West Campus burger.



## 20 Questions with Hillary Babick (CFA’11)

Hillary Babick is one busy senior—and loving every crazy minute of it. She’s involved with the Student Alumni Association and Class Gift Committee, among other BU activities, and somehow still finds time to work on her senior thesis for a visual arts degree while holding two art-related jobs: one at a Boston art gallery and one at the regional office of Christie’s, the renowned art auction house. “I love meeting new people,” says the Texas native. “It’s what got me into the business of art.”—*Allyson Galle (CAS’12)*



Hillary Babick (center) visits the Reina Sofia museum in Madrid with classmates Anna Bishop (CFA’11) and Dana Gannon (CFA’11) during her semester abroad.  
*Photo courtesy of Hillary Babick*

- 1. What’s it like interning at an art auction house?**  
I love it. It’s been especially interesting dealing with the changes in the art market. The art market crashed during my sophomore year while I was in the middle of an internship.
- 2. How does working at a gallery differ from working at an auction house?**  
They have a different clientele—a name like Christie’s just has a real prestige attached to it. A gallery is more of a straightforward retail venture.
- 3. What’s your role in the Student Alumni Association?**  
I’m a team member on BU Gives [a committee focused on supporting the senior class gift and on student philanthropy at BU], and I’ve also done communications and community service outreach.
- 4. What are your responsibilities on BU Gives?**  
As one of three seniors involved with BU Gives, I offer input on ways to engage BU seniors through fundraising and community-building events.
- 5. Why did you join BU Gives?**  
I’ve had a wonderful experience here. As a senior, you want to give back.
- 6. You’re a painting major. What subjects do you like to paint?**  
My senior painting thesis is focused on sleeping people. I also really enjoy printmaking.
- 7. How do you balance work and school?**  
It takes a lot of planning.
- 8. Why did you choose to come to BU?**  
BU has one of the best traditional visual arts programs, and also one of the best art history programs in the United States.
- 9. What has been your most rewarding college experience?**  
Participating in FY SOP (the First-Year Student Outreach Project) as a freshman and as a staff leader the past two years.
- 10. Where are you most likely to be found on the BU campus?**  
The College of Fine Arts.
- 11. Have you done much traveling?**  
I studied abroad on the BU Venice Studio Arts program. While abroad, I visited Madrid, Barcelona, London, Paris, Rome, Florence, and Greece. I love traveling.
- 12. Where are you headed after graduation?**  
I’m going to take some time off to work, and eventually go to London for graduate school.
- 13. Which career do you see yourself eventually settling into?**  
My ideal job would be a specialist in a department at the Christie’s or Sotheby’s locations in London.
- 14. What kind of music do you listen to?**  
Almost everything. I recently went to Austin City Limits, the big music festival. I don’t like country, even though I’m from Texas.
- 15. Aside from art, what do you like to spend your time doing?**  
Well, I used to have hobbies.... I work, paint, print, and sometimes hang out with my friends.
- 16. What’s one thing that can always make you laugh?**  
My roommates.
- 17. Where’s your favorite place in Boston?**  
The Public Garden. It’s beautiful year-round, and it’s the perfect place for a picnic.
- 18. What do you never leave home without?**  
My iPhone. I’m an Apple person.
- 19. What’s one of your hidden talents?**  
Shopping, though I don’t know how hidden it is.
- 20. What’s your favorite thing about BU?**  
Although it’s a big school, it’s easy to find a sense of community if you put yourself out there. People are very open-minded.







## Making Move-Out Eco-Friendly

As they moved out of their dorms last spring, BU students donated 35.24 tons of clothing and household goods—fans, lamps, TVs, shelving units, end tables, and more—to Goodwill Industries. In years past, such unwanted items ended up in campus dumpsters and ultimately in landfills.

The “Goodwill not Landfill” program was such a success, says BU Sustainability Director Dennis Carlberg, that the University and Goodwill—a charitable organization founded by Edgar J. Helms (STH 1893, Hon. ’40)—have teamed up to repeat their efforts this year. Beginning Monday, April 25, Goodwill employees will place large blue plastic bins inside major residence halls and in other convenient campus locations. They’ll empty the bins each day through Commencement Weekend.

The used-goods drive—which recently earned BU an Excellence Award from NASPA, a national organization of student affairs administrators—is a double good, says Associate Director of Residence Life Woodrow Freese: It provides the environmental benefit of diverting tons of reusable items from landfills and supports the noble goals of Goodwill, which uses the goods it collects to fund job-training programs for people with disabilities and other special needs. “It’s definitely a win-win,” he says.—*Corinne Steimbrenner*

Visit [www.bu.edu/sustainability](http://www.bu.edu/sustainability) for more information, including a list of bin locations and acceptable items.

## Back to the Big Apple

Students from the College of Fine Arts took the show on the road to New York City again this spring as CFA mounted its fourth annual InCite Arts Festival in venues across Manhattan. The festival ran March 10–14 and included exhibits, musical and theatrical performances, and a production of the new play *Fallujah*, written by recent School of Theatre graduate Evan Sanderson (CFA’10).

InCite received additional financial support this year from BU parents who participated in a silent auction held at CFA during Parents Weekend 2010. Jane Casamajor (CFA’09, ’11), a master’s student in theatre production management, produced the fundraiser as her graduate thesis project. The donated prizes Casamajor gathered for the auction ranged from a \$50 gift card from Starbucks to show tickets and backstage passes from New York’s Metropolitan Opera. The most popular prize, she says, was a lunch with former Olympian and BU hockey star Mike Eruzione (SED’77).

The auction raised nearly \$8,000 for InCite and, just as important, says Casamajor, raised awareness of the festival among parents and other members of the BU community.—*CS*



Photo courtesy of Jane Casamajor

**InCite 2011: art** the power of



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## CSI: BU Edition

The forensics lab is Hollywood-perfect: cramped, fluorescent-lit, skeletal remains splayed on five tables under a ceiling that’s cracked and discolored in spots. At one table, students pore over a heartbreaking cache—the tiny bones of a child—trying to decipher all they can about the human being that these remains once were.

Welcome to the School of Medicine’s Forensic Anthropology Program, which offers the country’s only master’s degree in this discipline and will graduate its first 11 students in May. Created in 2009, the program prepares students for academic and law enforcement jobs scouring fire, crash, and crime scenes for remains, then identifying them.

Assistant Professor Debra Prince Zinni says forensic anthropology has recently become a growth industry. The terrorist attacks of 9/11 sparked interest in the field, she says, and now many medical examiners hire forensic anthropologists rather than farming out such work to local universities. TV hits such as *CSI* and *Bones* (starring Emily Deschanel, CFA’98) have also increased interest in forensic sleuthing, but Prince Zinni warns the job isn’t as glamorous as it may appear—and some of the snazzy lab gizmos you see on TV, she adds, are pure fiction.—*Rich Barlow*

## BU Researchers Tackle Arthritis

For the 46 million Americans grappling with arthritis, the pain shooting through bones, joints, muscles, and tissues can turn the everyday—a stroll in the park, holding a dinner plate—into the near impossible. A new national center at BU’s Sargent College dedicated to tackling arthritis, the most common chronic musculoskeletal condition among adults, could restore such simple pleasures—and many others.

Funded by a \$4 million, five-year grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, the Center

## On-Campus Incubator for Social Entrepreneurs

Wendy Kopp proposed Teach For America during her senior year at Princeton. Andrew Ruben cofounded Blue State Coffee (a chain of fair-trade coffee shops that donates proceeds to charity) as a Yale undergrad. With these inspiring examples in mind, the Howard Thurman Center—BU’s multicultural center—launched an initiative this academic year to help BU students develop their own ideas for addressing social ills.

The initiative, dubbed the Council for Global Citizenship (CGC), is an incubator for socially conscious student entrepreneurs. The CGC aims to promote human rights and social justice through projects that are sustainable, replicable, action-oriented, and results-focused, says Howard Thurman Center Assistant Director Raúl Fernandez (COM’00).

All BU students are welcome to attend the CGC’s weekly meetings, either to talk about their own projects or to serve as a sounding board for other students. As students discuss and refine their ideas, says Fernandez, the best proposals will rise to the top, and then students and staff at the Thurman Center will help make the necessary connections to turn those good ideas into reality.

The CGC is still in its infancy, but the council already has several intriguing projects in the pipeline, including a student-run microfinance fund and an initiative to help reforest Haiti.—*CS*

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for Enhancing Activity & Participation among Persons with Arthritis will explore ways of keeping arthritic people active and able to pursue their regular activities.

“Advances in medication over the past decade have been tremendous, and people with arthritis and rheumatic conditions are much better off,” says the center’s director, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Julie Keysor, who is herself an arthritis sufferer. “But people still have pain and functional limitation, so there’s a huge need for effective rehabilitation programs.”

—*Andrew Thurston*

## CAS Sophomore Is Jeopardy! College Champ

Final *Jeopardy!* answer: This student won the iconic game show’s Season 27 College Championship.

Final *Jeopardy!* question: Who is BU’s Erin McLean?

McLean (CAS’13) nosed out competitors from Yale and Southern Adventist to take the College Championship edition of *Jeopardy!* that aired in November 2010. McLean wasn’t able to watch her victory on TV’s longest-running game show, but she did even better: she was at the BU–University of New Hampshire hockey game at Agganis Arena when her victory was announced.

“Having 6,000-plus people clap and bow to me was pretty freaking sweet,” McLean says.

Taxes will whittle the \$100,000 prize money she took home to about \$65,000. After her win, the marine science and English double-major said she planned to use her winnings to pay off



*Jeopardy!* Season 27 College Championship winner Erin McLean with host Alex Trebek.

Photo courtesy of Jeopardy Productions, Inc.

student loans and to travel to Florida for spring break.

To represent BU before a national TV audience, McLean had to hurdle a 50-question online test, followed by a Philadelphia audition that included a second test, a personality interview, and a mock game. *Jeopardy!* has run its special competition for college students since 1989. BU students have competed in several previous competitions, but McLean was the first to win.—*RB*

## LGBT Voices: Messages of Hope

In September 2010, we read news reports about the suicides of at least four gay teens. No doubt there were more we didn’t read about.

In reaction to these tragedies, Dan Savage, a columnist at Seattle’s alternative weekly *The Stranger*, launched a video series “It Gets Better” with a video of him and his partner talking about the pain of growing up gay and about the point at which their lives got better.

“I was really heartbroken,” Savage told National Public Radio, when he heard about Billy Lucas, one of the first young men who committed suicide in September. “I had the reaction that so many gay adults have when we hear these stories: I wish I could have talked to that kid for five minutes and been able to tell him that it gets better.”

Savage’s website, which invites all people to share their stories, now hosts



BU Today’s video “LGBT Voices: Becoming Myself.” Photo by Vernon Doucette

thousands of videos. In October, *BU Today* joined the movement by creating its own video series, “LGBT Voices: Becoming Myself.” The series includes personal stories from BU students, staff, and faculty.—*Leslie Friday*

Watch the videos at [www.bu.edu/today/node/11778](http://www.bu.edu/today/node/11778).



## You at BU: Parents Weekend 2010

Every fall, thousands of parents visit BU to check in on their children and get a taste of Boston. During Parents Weekend 2010, a record number of parents came to campus to enjoy Terrier hockey games, a Jazz Brunch at Fenway Park, the Head of the Charles Regatta, receptions with school and college deans, live comedy, salsa dance lessons, educational lectures, and more. If you missed the fun, don't worry: you can join us for Parents Weekend 2011, planned for October 21–23.

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**1** Margaux Knox (CGS'12, BU'14) and her mother, Julia Knox, attend the Jazz Brunch reception at Fenway during Parents Weekend 2010.

**2** Gurteg Singh (right, CAS'14) enjoys brunch with his parents, Charandeep Singh and Lovinder Kaur.

**3** Sarah Lopez (center, CGS'10, SMG'12) receives the support of her parents and siblings, including younger brother Michael (far right, CGS'12, BU'14), at the College of General Studies Capstone Awards ceremony.

**4** Pouya Dabiri (CGS'10, CAS'12) and his mother, Azar, attend the CGS ceremony.



Above, from left, Richard Haigh (SMG'11, varsity track) and Jean Uwilingiyimana (CAS'11, varsity track, Howard Thurman Center Ambassador) check out the view of the Fenway playing field during the Parents Weekend Jazz Brunch at Fenway Park.



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## Summer Send-Offs

Summer Send-Off receptions, hosted by parents and alumni, give us a chance to welcome incoming students and their families to BU, wherever they are in the country or the world.

**1** BU moms Carol Tucker, mother of Megan (COM'14), and Carmen Zumwalt, mother of Denee (CGS'12, BU'14), enjoy a Send-Off in Los Angeles.

**2** Los Angeles-area freshmen take in Pacific views at a Send-Off hosted by Jason Moskowitz (SMG'86) and his wife, Wendy.

**3–4** A new crop of BU students attends a Summer Send-Off in Laguna Beach, California, hosted by James and Katherine (MET'85) Flynn.

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Feeling Close—from Chicago

BY HOLLY BARBER (COM'12)

As their children assimilate into college life, parents often struggle to strike a balance between “hovering” over their children and respecting their growing independence. Elaine Szujewski, mother of Peter (CAS'12) and a member of the Parents Leadership Council (PLC), knows this all too well.

As her son prepared to leave Chicago to attend BU, Szujewski sought a way to stay connected with him without being overly involved. At Peter's orientation in summer 2008, Szujewski met Christy Loring, associate director of the Parents Program, who offered a way to stay connected through the PLC. Szujewski attended the PLC's fall meeting during Parents Weekend 2008 and was impressed with how BU administrators “truly wanted to hear the parents' thoughts and opinions,” she says, and she subsequently joined the council.

As a member of the PLC, Szujewski works with the Parents Program and BU administrators to offer a parent point of view on important decisions. She exemplifies a dedicated PLC member through her extensive fundraising and volunteer work, including hosting a Summer Send-Off event for Chicago-area freshmen and providing Alternative Spring Break (ASB) students with a homemade dinner for an evening.

Summer Send-Offs help students create a connection with BU before they even arrive on campus, Szujewski says. In addition, the events give her opportunities to interact with other parents, share her own BU experience, and help others prepare for the BU world. Hosting ASB dinners, she adds, allows her to hear perceptions of the University from many different students—perspectives she can consider when advising the Parents Program and University administrators on their endeavors.



Although she lives hundreds of miles away in Chicago, Elaine Szujewski still feels close to the University. The BU community is grateful for her involvement in the Parents Leadership Council.

Photo courtesy of Elaine Szujewski

While she gives her time and resources to the PLC, Szujewski says that in return she gains a sense of closeness with the BU community, a feeling she particularly appreciated last semester, when her son was studying abroad in Niger, Africa.

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Learn more about the Parents Leadership Council and how you can become involved at [www.bu.edu/parentsprogram/about/plc](http://www.bu.edu/parentsprogram/about/plc).

Parents Leadership Council

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Academic and Housing Calendar

Fall 2011	
Residence Move-In	Saturday, September 3–Monday, September 5
Classes Begin	Tuesday, September 6
Holiday, Classes Suspended	Monday, October 10
Parents Weekend	Friday, October 21–Sunday, October 23
Thanksgiving Recess	Wednesday, November 23–Sunday, November 27 (Residences close November 23 at noon and reopen November 27 at 10 a.m.)
Last Day of Classes	Monday, December 12
Final Exams	Friday, December 16–Wednesday, December 21
Residences Close	Thursday, December 22, noon

Spring 2012	
Residence Move-In	Friday, January 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Classes Begin	Tuesday, January 17
Holiday, Classes Suspended	Monday, February 20
Spring Recess	Saturday, March 10–Sunday, March 18 (Residences close March 10 at noon and reopen March 18 at 10 a.m.)
Holiday, Classes Suspended	Monday, April 16
Last Day of Classes	Wednesday, May 2
Final Exams	Monday, May 7–Friday, May 11
Residences Close (except for graduating seniors)	Saturday, May 12, noon
Commencement Weekend	Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20
Residences Close for Graduating Seniors	Monday, May 21, 10 a.m.

For a more detailed residence calendar, visit [www.bu.edu/housing/living/calendar](http://www.bu.edu/housing/living/calendar)





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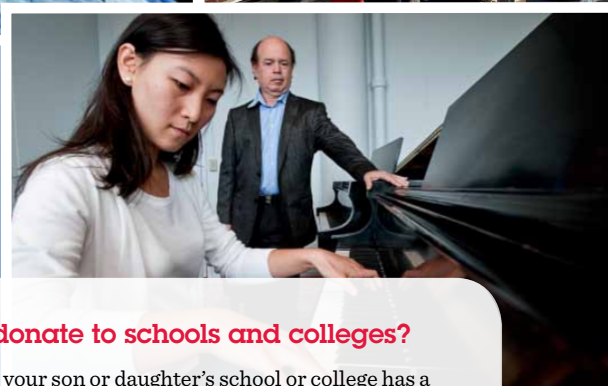
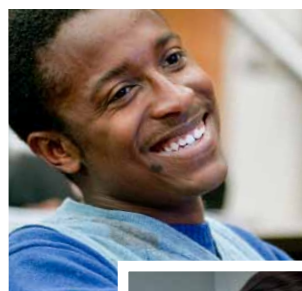
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