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on new East Campus student center

By Alex Nawar Daily Free Press Staff

Construction for the new East Campus Student Center, which is scheduled to open in Fall of 2012, will begin in January, Boston University officials

Boston University President Robert Brown broke ground for the center, which will be located at 100 Bay State Road, on Dec. 3.

BU Spokesman Colin Riley said a brownstone located next to the parking lot will be demolished before construction begins, he said.

According to a BU announcement from April, the six-story building will serve as East Campus' primary dining facility.

The center will also have College of Arts and Sciences advising services for freshmen and soph-

Kimberly DelGizzo, the director of BU's Career Services, said she thinks the new student center will increase student traffic to their advising services.

"I believe the new student center will be an exciting and vibrant hub of activity," she said. "It will provide a range of rich resources for students, in addition to housing a tremendous dining facility.'

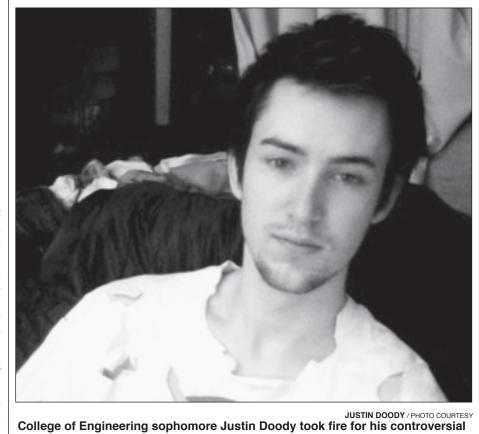
The new facility is designed to draw students to these essential services early in their college years, according to BU's April announcement.

"The [Educational Resource Center], the central career center and the CAS advising offices that are moving to the new building are all in the business of supporting student success," DelGizzo said. "The ERC and our office are partnering to provide students with resources for successfully navigating their academic experience and for positioning themselves for the future."

"We want to help students to maximize their

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Ground breaks RateBU creator: 'You're always going to be judged'



website RateBU.com By Sydney Shea

College of Engineering sophomore Justin Doody, the creator of the controversial website RateBU.com that allows Boston University students to rank the attractiveness of their female classmates, defended himself and the site at a student meeting Wednesday night.

About 25 people debated RateBU at The Women's Resource Center for a "Rate This!" discussion.

Doody remained defiant despite the majority of the crowd denouncing the premise

"You're always going to be judged – it's the culture we live in," he said.

"[RateBU.com] fosters the conditions for women to be a specific target of objectification," the WRC states on its site. "The website uniquely places individuals in a position to be judged solely on the criteria of

physical attributes and attractiveness. Not only is this a faulty standard by which to judge an individual, it is specifically targeted towards a group of people: women."

"The problem arises because there is no consent to put the pictures up," said College of Arts and Sciences sophomore Jennifer Kole.

Some attendees said safety is also a big

"We were scared we would be looked at by random people we didn't know - it's a legitimate fear," said CAS junior Lizzie Whetstone. "It pisses me off that we're paying \$50,000 to be in this environment. I'm pissed at Dean [of Students Kenneth] Elmore and the administration for not having the balls to put an end to this.'

Student Union members, some of whom also attended the WRC meeting, passed a resolution at their final meeting on Monday condemning RateBU.

'We think a website like this is not

doing any good for the university," said Union President Arthur Emma, a CAS senior. "If you have pride in your school, why wouldn't you discontinue the website?'

No formal plans against Doody were made at the "Rate This!" discussion.

Students can join the site, which launched Friday, by using their BU email addresses. Once they confirm their username and password, they can log on and begin voting for who is "hotter."

So far, 1.5 million votes have been cast on more than 800 women.

Doody remained anonymous until Sunday when an article by the online student magazine The Quad showed that he had indicated himself to be the site's founder via Facebook posts on a friend's wall.

Doody said he came up with the idea for RateBU.com after watching "The Social Network," a film about Mark Zuckerberg's journey to creating social networking site

"The concept is the same as Zuckerberg's FaceMash but executed in what I hope is a legal way," he said. "It's a gray area of the law."

Like Zuckerberg, Doody has received an overwhelming amount of both negative and positive feedback for the website.

"I knew that there would be some negative feedback, but over 400 people like my site," he said. "It's grown so much faster than I'd expected."

Doody said the site is "not meant to be malicious" and that he plans on adding male BU students to the site eventually.

"It wasn't meant to be sexist at all," he said. "There's a very vocal minority, I just created a channel for it." However, though the site is popular,

many students and members of the BU community said they find it offensive.

About 50 women have already asked Doody to remove their photos off the site, he said.

In addition, 30 people are members of the Facebook group "BU Students Against RateBU.com," and 126 have signed an online petition looking to end the website.

College of Communication junior Ni-

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FourLoko looks to revamp, but copycats may still exist

By Meaghan Beatley Daily Free Press Staff

Having weathered a media frenzy spanning several months, a national inquiry into the safety of its content and general outcry from the public at large, Four Loko is taking an extended vacation until its restoration to the shelf – sans caffeine, that is.

On Nov. 16, the Chicago-based manufacturer of the drink, Phusion Projects, released a statement declaring that it would remove caffeine, guarana and taurine - three of the four principle ingredients that gave the name "Four Loko" from the beverage.

'Going forward, Phusion will produce only non-caffeinated versions of Four Loko," the state-

But that hasn't stopped other extreme alcoholic products from taking up the controversial beverage's mantel.

More recently, safety inquiries have been turned to another alcoholic product, manufactured by Maple Grove Products. Whipped Lightning, popularly called "whipahol," is an alcohol-infused whipped cream distributed in aerosol cans.

"While it won't be knocking any socks off with its 36.5 proof alcohol content, it should be enough to kick up your Irish Coffees, Mudslides,

and especially kinky trips to the bedroom," a description of the product states on the manufactur-

Boston University School of Public Health professor Michael Siegel said that although it's unclear whether "whipahol" will become the new Four Loko, "there's definitely a reason for con-

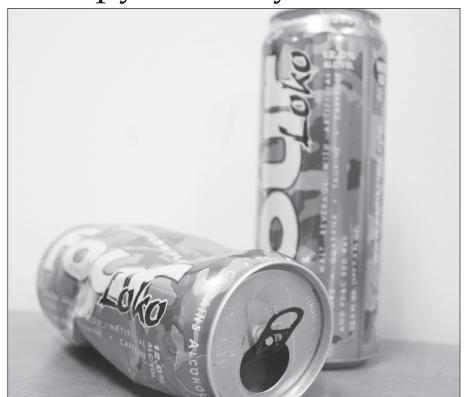
"First, because it's in a form that's easily consumable and because the alcohol content is very high, it would be easy for youths to abuse," he

"Second, because the product is so sweet, it's not like drinking hard alcohol which is bitter, that's not the case. It's really possible you could reach a high level of intoxication."

Whipped Lightening is not subject to FDA labeling requirements and thus has not met opposition from the administration, according to The New York Examiner.

Four Loko's high alcohol content - 12 percent in 23.5-ounce can, or the equivalent of four beers, according to the company's website – and its cheap price had been charged as a way for the company to exploit its product on college and university campuses.

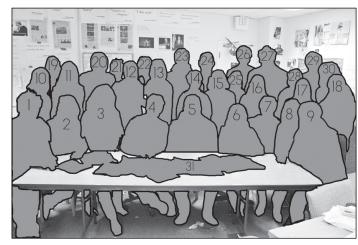
Siegel contended that it was impossible to



Though FourLoko is changing its formula to remove caffeine and other FOURLOKO, see page 5 ingredients, other extreme alcohol products may soon take its place.



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Final Word A Letter from the Editor



MICHELLE SIMUNOVIC/ DAILY FREE PRESS STAFF Editor-in-Chief Neal J. Riley discusses the finer things in

It's hard for me to imagine that there was once a point in my fledgling Boston University existence when I had no idea where The Daily Free Press' office was. I remember unsuccessfully trying to call my College of Communication peer adviser for directions as I frantically paced between Barnes & Noble and UBurger. I forget how I eventually found my way into the open house, but two-and-a-half years later, I don't know how I'm supposed to get out. As I lord over The Free Press for one last

night from my wheeled leather throne, I'm thinking about how many unpleasant things are in this office. The most coveted piece of furniture is affectionately called "scratchy couch" (there are unconfirmed reports a small animal was once found dead inside), opening the sports fridge is more dangerous than breathing in asbestos and almost everyone has had a terrible chair-with-onemissing-wheel accident. Then there's that giant purple frog...

But in the end, these things are just things. And myself and countless other editors have thrown our GPAs and whatever social lives we had to the wind, not for the bylines and bolded names in the masthead, but for the unforgettable FreeP experience. Boston is a media hub teeming with writing internships - I know that was a major attraction for many of us as prospective students. But what kind of internship lets you attend a Jack Parker press conference, interview Mayor Menino, take pictures of President Barack Obama or unleash 800 words of what you think about the new Harry Potter movie on the entire campus? And where else do you get to recognize the excitement in a new writer's eyes when undertaking the daunting but thrilling task of being responsible for updating 16,000 of their classmates on the latest news?

I suppose as editor-in-chief of BU's only newspaper for a semester, I might reasonably be expected to offer some sweeping pronouncements about the state of journalism or the secret to making the content in your paper more popular than your crossword and Sudoku. I'm not sure if that mystery will ever be solved.

But I do know what it's like to be colleagues with the hardest-working people on campus. And while I'm going to miss that office and this paper, most of all, I will miss those people who I know are going to add to The Free Press' proud legacy.

Keep on FreePin' on.

Neal of Riley

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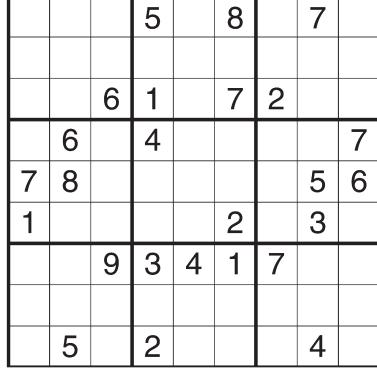
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Sudoku



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By Jamil Sbitan Daily Free Press Staff

As the first semester comes to an end and finals approach all too soon, many Boston University students experience massive amounts of stress as evidenced by all-nighters, high caffeine consumption and even study

These drugs, such as Adderall and Ritalin, are over-the-counter and typically prescribed by doctors to people with psychological disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Student Health Services representatives said.

drug ingestion.

"We see many students who are on these medications," said Margaret Ross, a psychiatrist at SHS, in an email. "Each of the prescribers at Student Health (and also at Danielsen Institute), works with a group of students followed on campus."

"I can't begin to estimate numbers [of students prescribed]."

Study drugs, however, can be typically obtained without a prescription, she said.

"Many people obtain and use these drugs even when they do not have the condition and do not obtain the medication legally," she said. "There is a great deal of controversy over the use of these drugs, whether they confer unfair advantage, etc."

The drugs, Ross said, are widely sold and used by people who want to stay awake, improve their focus and improve performance.

BU students generally agreed that study drugs are widely used on cam-

study drugs but they are heavily prevalent on the BU campus," said one student who wished to remain anonymous. "I know within my close circle of friends at least four or five people I can go to get some."

"I think people would be surprised to know how many students pop the pills casually to get stuff done," she

Others said though these drugs

are common, they aren't necessarily effective.

"I bet it is common [at BU], but just not with my group of friends," said College of Arts and Sciences junior Katherine Keegan. "We don't really buy into that stuff...I see the benefits and the downfalls to it so I don't really hold it against anyone for using it but I think it is semi-common on college campuses everywhere."

Keegan said she believes taking these drugs is a personal choice and if students choose to do that, then they will suffer the consequences. School of Hospitality Administration junior Ryan Till agreed with Keegan about the issues on academic misconduct.

"I wouldn't take them myself, it's a drug which needs prescription, you probably shouldn't take it unless it's prescribed," she said.

Bay State Dems. resist new Obama tax plan

By Jaime Lutz Daily Free Press Staff

Despite President Barack Obama's call for bipartisan agreement, no one in the all-Democratic Massachusetts House delegation has agreed to support the tax plan Obama forged with Republicans.

Some, like Rep. Barney Frank, say they will vote against the mea-

"No, I won't vote for it. I don't think that I should be coerced," Frank told MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell earlier today.

Still, he believes the plan will

"You have overwhelming Republican support and enough Democrats to do it," he told The Boston Globe.

The tax plan, presented on Monday, would extend multiple existing tax cuts while lowering the payroll tax and extending jobless benefits for 13 months. Though by and large Republicans have come out in support of the plan, many Democrats take issue with the plan's large tax breaks, including a more generous estate tax than years past.

Because of this, many Massachusetts Democrats said they agreed with Frank.

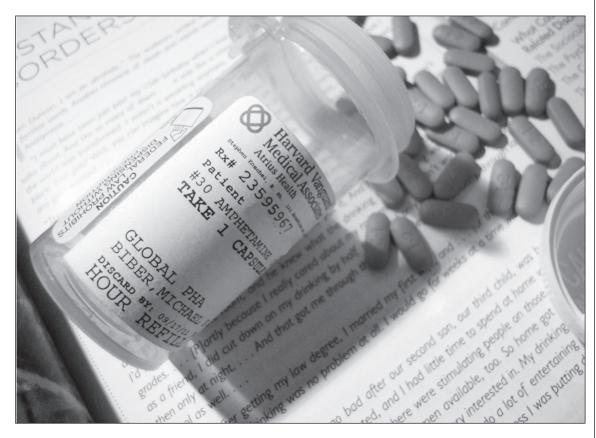
"I don't believe that caving in to the Republican position is in the best interest of the American people right now," said Rep. Stephen Lynch.

Rep. Michael Capuano, who represents the district that covers Boston University, said he hasn't yet decided how he will vote on the measure.

However, he told The Globe that he doesn't like the package, and that he is disappointed in

Obama's negotiating skills. "I do know one thing: you never get anything unless you fight," Capuano said. "And my analogy has been, I'm not going to bring President Obama with me to buy my next car. I'll end up paying more, and it won't have a radio in

"Losing is one thing," he added. "Losing without a fight is not a smart move."



"I have never personally taken Adderall usage common during finals.

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With help of BU, Free Press launches new site

more control of our

website.

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By Saba Hamedy

Daily Free Press Staff

The Daily Free Press launched its new website on Monday after about a year and a half of planning, members of The Free Press Board of Trustees

Former Board president Evelyn Ratigan, who served as head of the Board from 2009-10, said The Free Press has always wanted to improve its website.

However, she said, it wasn't until Fall of 2009 that the Board began seriously discussing moving away from College Publisher, a newspaper network that provided a content management system for college media sites.

"At the time we thought it would improve our coverage, make it more reader-friendly," she said.

However, with CP, board members said they had less control over both advertising and design.

"We wanted to take more control of our website," said Andy Facini, a member of the Board who helped pioneer the re-design of the site. "College Publisher had the top ad and two other prominent ads and they got all

the revenue from. We didn't pay for the website before, they [College Publisher] just got their ads. This wasn't good for us because to have a good modern website, we need to take control of the ad space."

Rusty Lewis, CP director of newspaper rela-

tions, said in an email that the company's business model has changed since the original Free Press decision about six months ago "such that The DFP could have more control over the ad inventory with us."

"We welcome The DFP to re-

engage our services on the business side if the revenue projections for the next couple semesters do not go as planned," he said in an email. "That said, we have 10 years experience in supporting student media so we are not deaf to the desires to control more

ital aspect the "We wanted to take publication, but we are focused on <u>DFP</u> board member creating a sustainable solu-

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tion that will weather the high staff turnover from semester to semester.'

Dean of Students Kenneth Elmore and the Board then began meeting to discuss The Free Press' online future.

"We had conversations with The

Daily Free Press about any assistance we could provide to students," Elmore said.

After a series of meetings, The DFP and Boston University agreed on a plan where the university would help build the site in exchange for ad space, Elmore and board members

"The Daily Free Press [remained] in control of how the site looked," Elmore said. "All we did was give technical expertise behind the scenes."

With the help of BU's New Media, the site redesign became a real-

"We have more flexibility," Facini said. "[The new site] was designed with that in mind. A big part of staying alive, in float, is to have a big web presence."

"I commend The Daily Free Press' new site," Elmore said. "It has a modern look, more of a current design."

MBTA fatalities don't faze students

By Susan Zalkind Daily Free Press Staff

Though there have been five fatalities in the past two months caused by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority trains, students say they are for the most part unfazed by this figure.

Jonathan Lo, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston University, said that though there have been a lot of incidents recently, he couldn't think of a way to prevent future accidents from happening.

"Some of the causes you can't really prevent," Lo said.

On Oct. 12, the Commuter Rail in West Newton hit a man after he slipped and fell into the tracks. A month later, on Nov. 15, a woman was hit by the Orange Line in

Only days after, on Nov. 18, a man was struck by a commuter rail in Lynn.

And last week on Nov. 29, a man was killed by the Red Line train after he fainted and fell in the tracks. On Oct. 24, School of Management alumnus Joshua Stimson was killed by the Green Line between the Longwood and Fenway stops. The area where he was hit was fenced in on both sides.

This was not the first time BU lost students to train tracks. In 2005, freshman Molly Shattuck and sophomore Andrew Voluck died after they were hit by the commuter rail passing under the BU Bridge.

Joe Pesaturo, an MBTA spokesman, said that both the death of Stimson and the deaths of Shattuck and Voluck serve as a warning.

"Both incidents are tragic reminders of the inherent danger associated with walking along active train tracks," Pesaturo said.

Pesaturo was not able to provide an official number of fatalities of the MBTA this year, or state whether or not the numbers have

Brandon Kesselly, a CAS freshman, said that he tries to be careful when crossing MBTA lines.

"I'm usually just cautious when I'm crossing," he said.

Ideally, Kesselly said, there would be an alternative way to cross MBTA tracks on the BU campus, although he brushed the idea off as "wishful thinking."

Still, Kesselly said that students encounter more problems with car traffic than with subway cars.

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Facebook groups, online petition started against RateBU

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cole Rojas, founder of the RateBU. com protest group on Facebook, said she created the group because she thinks the website is sexist.

'As a woman at BU, I find it utterly disgusting that this site was put up," she said. "As a women's studies minor, I had to take ac-

However, some students found the site more entertaining than offensive.

"It's just funny and entertaining," said Miguel Valdez, a CAS freshman. "If you can see yourself, it means you're hot, so why be mad?"

"It's not offensive, it's just funny," added CAS freshman Alex Mecattaf.

School of Management fresh-

man Sam Visser said the site is a "good idea" because it is "very addictive."

Faculty members and administrators generally disapprove of the

"It's depressing to me that young women, or any women, are 'judged' by others solely on the basis of their looks," said women's studies professor Barbara Gottfried. "I see from the website that the creator's idea of equality is to objectify guys in the same way. But as I argue in my WS 340 class, while men have many ways of accessing power and expressing their power in the world, women have far fewer, especially from the perspective of a sexist society."

Women's studies assistant professor Carrie Preston also expressed concern over the site.

'I absolutely feel that posting

photographs of women on a rating website without their consent is unethical and disrespectful," she said. "It is further evidence of our damaging culture of beauty worship, and it indicates a troubling assumption that the images of women are available to be manipulated/posted by others."

Elmore said although he is "disappointed that a site like this has that kind of power," BU cannot take it down because it is an independent site.

"We try hard not to tell BU students what to do in cyber world," he said in an interview with The Daily Free Press.

However, he added, "Sites like this get their power from people going on to them and using them. [RateBU] is a site filled entirely of user generated content."

New ECSC won't change number of student jobs, BU official says CONSTRUCTION: From Page 1

time here, in preparation for lives of fulfillment and success," DelGizzo

Dean of Students Kenneth Elmore said BU has already begun meeting with student groups such as presidents of The Towers, Shelton Hall and Myles Standish Hall

"We are discussing the possibilities for the new space," Elmore

Some students said they would miss the East Campus dining halls.

CAS freshman Sarah Blair, who lives in Towers, said she will miss "the smaller, more personal nature of the dining halls" in East Cam-

"I don't really think the new student center is necessary," she said. "We're already close enough to the GSU and I don't like the idea of tearing out existing dining halls."

Riley said students should not worry about construction disrupting daily life.

"We've had lots of construction in the last 20 years, but we've learned to keep disruption minimal," he said.

Riley said he does not expect any change in the amount of student jobs in dining services once the construction is completed.

"Essentially what we're creating is a short term construction project, but after that, we'll be bringing in existing units from offices around campus," he said.

The \$50 million construction will continue BU's trend of green development, Riley said.

Architecturally, the building is designed to fit in with both the modern style of Kenmore Square and the more classical, brick style of Bay State Road, he said.

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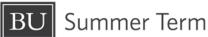
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School Pride for Superman

Michael Butvinik MUSE Staff Writer

Why is it that Americans are more and more frequently portrayed as a fat, lazy and stupid people? How is it that we've transformed in the half-century since the baby boomers moved out to the suburbs to settle down?

"Waiting for Superman" director Davis Guggenheim claims he knows the answer: it's our lazy system of education, where students are shuffled up and out of high-school system underprepared for colleges or specialized employment.

Presented through a combination of interviews with important leaders of the education sector, and a barrage of animated statistics, the film is not a simple "ooh and ahh" documentary, but rather a call to arms for the audience.

Geoffrey Canada, creator of a New York City charter school that sees children "from cradle to college," appears as a sort of mythical Charter School Savior to Harlem.

The film applauds charter schools aim, following the (sometimes heartbreaking) stories of several adorable young students in their experiences in a charterschool lottery.

The film presents an excellent question: "how can we make the education

system better for our children?" but we would need a five-part film series in order to come up with any answers. Not only does Guggenheim cover the charter school option, but he suggests eliminating the

teacher's unions, closing failing schools, and firing poor teachers. OK, assuming for a moment that all of this is possible, what happens now? This is "Superman's" biggest issue: it is ultimately a preachy film

that simplifies both the causes and solutions for our problems in education.

Throughout the film, Michelle Rhee, recently-resigned former Chancellor of D.C. Public Schools seems to be making

> widespread change in her district in a way that simplifies the work that she does. Underperforming teachers? She successfully fires them. Failing public schools? She closes 23 schools and fires their principles. But missing from Guggenheim's voiceovers is the educator's greatest weapon: love for education.

The film is too quick to denounce failing teachers, and seems incapable to admonishing those who support children. Incapable only because Guggenheim's first film has this already covered, and he refers back to his older work several times throughout.

So, my suggestion? This documentary will definitely be on the Oscar's short list, and will be appearing on many Netflix queues next semester. I only hope that those future teachers out there are listening.

"Waiting for Superman" receives 3 "Up, Up, and Away's!"



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REPAIR THE WORLD





Alcoholic whipped cream could replace Loko

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determine whether companies such as Phusion Projects specifically target college students to make a profit.

"The speculation is that college students are more likely [to drink Four Loko] because for the price of one drink you can have five and you can reach intoxication much more quickly. But the real answer is we don't know because we don't have any surveillance system," he said.

Siegel said he's compiling a grant request to study what kinds and brands of alcohol are being

"We don't know what specific types of alcohol, in particular, what kinds of brands, youths are consuming... Despite the fact that we have a good idea of what amount youths drink, we have no idea what they drink," he said. "Four Loko got a lot of attention but we don't have a sense of how many kids are actually drinking it."

Regardless of the number of consumers, some Four Loko enthusiasts did not let the ban stop them from seeking out the prized drink through other means: namely, through Craiglist.

"I have every single flavor all 7 of them," a Dec. 2 post on the website from a user in Rhode Island states, offering a single can of Four Loko for \$7.00 and a case for \$75.00.

The beverage was banned following a United

States Food and Drug Administration investigation which concluded that it was unsafe.

On Nov. 17, the FDA issued letters to four beverage manufacturers, including Phusion Projects, warning them that their caffeinated alcoholic drinks were being "marketed in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act" and could be seized under federal law, according to an FDA press release.

In the statement, Principal Deputy Commissioner Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein said the FDA did not find the addition of caffeine to alcohol to be safe.

"To the contrary, there is evidence that the combinations of caffeine and alcohol in these products pose a public health concern," Sharf-

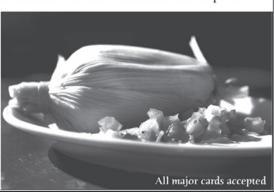
While Phusion Projects has voluntarily agreed to comply with the new FDA standards, its three co-founders have nevertheless insisted throughout the whole debacle that their product

"We have repeatedly contended - and still believe, as do many people throughout the country - that the combination of alcohol and caffeine is safe. If it were unsafe, popular drinks like rum and colas or Irish coffees that have been consumed safely and responsibly for years would face the same scrutiny that our products have recently faced," they said in a statement.

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Berating RateBU

A college undergraduate at a Boston-area university creates a website pitting photographs of college girls against each other in a contest of who is more attractive. The website spreads like wildfire across campus, triggering both enthusiasm and outrage from the student body. Sound familiar? Although the story may draw parallels to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's FaceMash, this time, the man behind the site is one of Boston University's own.

In a scene straight out of "The Social Network," BU sophomore Justin Doody launched RateBU.com, a website that poses visitors with the ever-important question of which girl is hotter. But more than simply being an issue of female objectification, the website's appearance has triggered debates on copyrights and Internet privacy.

It is easy to see why the website is offensive to many women, allowing anyone to post a picture of a girl for judgment by her peers and compiling a list of the top 25 "hottest" girls on campus. But something that many people are taking even bigger issue with than being judged based on their attractiveness is the fact that in many cases, the pictures are taken from their Facebook profiles and posted on RateBU without their consent.

There is no law prohibiting this. According to Facebook's privacy policy, any material posted on someone's profile and set to the "everyone" setting can be taken and used without that person's permission, a policy that Facebook should immediately consider revising. Websites such as Flickr allow users to protect their photographs from being used by others. Facebook should offer the same option. Simply posting a picture on one's Facebook page shouldn't make it public prop-

Although it undoubtedly brings up important issues, RateBU has gotten far more attention than it deserves. Do the girls whose pictures were put on the website without their consent have reason to be angry? Absolutely. Should crackdowns be made on the protection of private content on the Internet? Yes. But at the end of the day, RateBU is just another website that will probably fade in popularity after a few weeks.

Doody may think that he's the next Mark Zuckerberg, but his copy of FaceMash is neither innovative nor worthy of the attention it has gotten. While there is certainly reason to be angry about a site that seeks to demean women, the best way of combating the website is to ignore it until it fades away.

-INTERROBANG

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's newspaper The Badger Herald drew criticism this week for an editorial it published titled, "The Worst People on Campus." So we here at the ol' Free Press decided to take the high road and compile a list of the best people (and things) at Boston University.

- Four Loko was undoubtedly the greatest thing to happen to campus all semester. We still miss you. RIP.
- Student Health Servces is the best place to go on campus if you are not dying of stomach flu.
- The women's hockey team is clearly the best hockey team on campus.
- The GSU is the best place on campus to realize that you need to stop eating Thanksgiving for lunch everyday and hit the gym.
- In a sad fact of life, Tim Cahill is the best politician to come out of BU (sorry, Martha Coakley).
- Of course, we won't really know who the best people on campus are until we log onto RateBU.
- Despite all the competition, The Daily Free Press is still the best newspaper on campus.

Big Poppin'

And what have you learned today?

professor break down how much money we were wasting by skipping one of his transcendent lectures. It was your typical bland, general requirement, fourcredit course with three hours worth of lecturing (sleeping) and a one hour lab per week. At \$1,228 per credit hour, the final figure came to approximately \$100. With the money you lost



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by blowing off a single class you could have bought the equivalent of an iPod shuffle or a digital camera or two and a half Boston University student IDs. Or you could have gotten me to do just about anything.

As I enter the swan song of senior year, my last seven semesters with all the fixings housing, dining plan, my undergraduate student fee, whatever that does exactly - can be appreciated at a grand total of about \$175,000. It is so easy to assign a dollar value to my education and maybe at the end of my life I can even look back and calculate the utility to see if college was really worth it (see, I did manage to attend at least \$100 worth of economics lectures). The problem is that there are lessons I have experienced at BU that my 122 credits so far accumulated cannot account for. So how do I measure the value of these?

I have learned it is possible to get from the 17th floor of Warren Towers to the fifth floor of the CAS building in less than five minutes, granted of course that the residents of the first floor just drag their lazy butts down the stairs. How to cohabitate with three other girls in a room meant for half the number of occupants and more importantly, how to do so without feeling the constant desire to defenestrate one of them. How to avoid scurvy by sneaking the equivalent of a fruit basket out of the dining halls without being caught and that being nice to your dorm security guards can make your life infinitely easier.

I have learned that when Dante described his ninth level of Hell as a freezing lake of ice, he was most likely inspired by the Boston winter. That this formerly thin-skinned girl could toughen up her outer-layer to defend from the cold, from the negativity of others and from the fear of failure. That the fastest way to be seen at Student Health Services is to just throw up in the middle of the waiting room since it shows your true dedication to this stomach flu.

I have learned that my professors know a lot but they don't know everything and that I

y freshman year of college, I had a don't know everything nor do I know a lot. That exams are almost never about the facts you are given in a lecture but rather about what you are able to conclude from putting them together. That no amount of stress will help you perform better on any assignment and that sometimes you just need to close your damn book and open up that bottle of wine.

I learned that I will not always get the A. That I will not always get the job. That I will not always sink the last cup in Beer Pong. I have learned that I am OK with all of these

I learned that in victory, a body of completely different students can join together in exuberant celebration, whether it is due to a hockey national championship or the groundbreaking election of a new president. That in loss, this diverse school can unite to ameliorate the tragedy, whether it be raising money for the survivors of an earthquake or offering a shoulder to cry on when a member of our community passes away. That I too belong in the crowd and that the crowd believes I be-

I have learned how to love, how to let go and how to love again. That it is possible to sink to a level of such overwhelming darkness that you think all the light in your life will never come back. But I have ultimately learned it never disappears forever, as long as you refuse to stop looking up. I have come to the conclusion that some people think I am witty and smart while some think that my parents must have been siblings. Some people think I am attractive and some that I resemble a crossdressing Keith Richards. Some people will like me and some people will hate me for no discernible reason. I have also learned that it's not worth caring what "some" people think.

I have learned that my body belongs to me. That my thoughts, my beliefs and all my dreams belong to me. That my future belongs to me. But perhaps most importantly, that the right of way as a pedestrian on Commonwealth Avenue will never belong to me.

So, in this last semester I have \$25,000 left to put toward my education. What should I use it for? I understand this money has provided me with the chance to experience a new life, to attend BU and to live in a major city with limitless opportunities. However, I think it is impossible to transcribe everything I have gained into neat little columns of figures, like some sort of balance of payments (make that \$200 worth of economic lectures I attended!). While everything I have retained from textbooks, powerpoints and lectures will help me in my future career - I can ask "paper or plastic?" in multiple languages now - what will also hold a great amount of impact as I move forward are the things I learned outside of aca-

As I am preparing to leave Boston University I realize that I have learned to train my eye to uncover lessons no matter where I may no matter what I am doing. Mark Twain said, "I never let my schooling get in the way of my education," and I too have found that learning comes in an innumerable amount of different forms, whether you are in a classroom or not. No matter how mundane or insignificant something may seem, you can always glean some piece of wisdom or discover some new truth about yourself from it. Most of all I have learned that if you are able to measure your education with nothing but a numerical value then, well, you didn't get a very good one.

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Happy Holidays from The FreeP! Thanks for reading.

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BC on Jan. 21 with a (hopefully) healthy Chris Connolly.

The women's hockey team is on a completely different path than the men's team, but they still face a huge challenge over the break. The women have won five straight games and earned the No. 4/5 ranking in the country going into Friday's matchup against Harvard University thanks largely to the fantastic play of freshman goaltender Kerrin Sperry.

Sperry has posted two consecutive shutouts and is giving up just over 1.32 goals per game. She also delivered maybe her best performance of the year in the team's most important game. BU shut out No. 6 BC 1-0 on Nov. 21 behind 22 saves from Sperry.

Unfortunately, the team's recent play

hasn't been enough to separate them in the conference from an equally hot BC team. The two teams have lost just one game in Hockey East this year. Each came when the two took road victories against each other in a weekend series last month.

It doesn't look like either BC or BU is slowing down, so the Terriers will have to keep battling and make sure not to lose focus against weaker opponents leading up to a critical game on Jan. 15th in Chestnut Hill that is likely to decide the Hockey East champ.

Luckily for fans disappointed by the BU-BC rivalry in the men's game this year, each school's women's teams are clearly at their best

Its tougher to read the direction BU's basketball teams are headed at this point in the season. Both were picked to win the America East this season, so the 6-13 combined record of the men's and women's teams would appear to be a disappointment. But because neither team has started conference play yet, it's still too early to judge their performance.

That's about to change, however, when the basketball teams start playing conference opponents over the break. The men will be five conference games in by the time students start trickling back into the dorms.

Three of those games will be played on the road, where the Terriers have struggled early. BU has lost at No. 16/17 University of Kentucky and No. 12 Villanova University, but more worrying are the games they dropped at Northeastern University and Bucknell University.

BU lost those last two games by a combined five points and although the games were competitive and tightly contested, BU

will need someone to step up and make big plays late in Albany, Orono and Baltimore.

The goal for the BU women's basketball team over the break is simple: stop the bleeding. The women lost their last four games before their win over University of Massachusetts Wednesday and although their 3-7 record is disappointing, the good news is that there is plenty of time to get themselves right. Conference play doesn't start for the women until Jan. 2. If the team plays well then, their early-season struggles will be nothing more than a bump in the road.

Over the winter break, catch up on the weeks of sleep you lost during finals, relax, and do a whole lot of nothing. But when you come back in January, expect a few changes – good and bad – for the teams you leave in December.

Nieto has now scored in three straight, four of his last five games

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period was scary bad for us."

Unlike last Friday, when BC stretched the lead to 3-0 by the first intermission, the Terriers struck twice before the zambonis took the ice.

Coyle started the charge, turning a giveand-go with classmate Garrett Noonan into BU's first tally. Coyle started the play skating from the right wing and dropped a pass to Noonan, who was trailing.

Noonan faked a slapper from the slot and slid the puck to Coyle along the right goal line. NU sophomore goalie Chris Rawlings was thrown off the scent by the fake and was nowhere near the puck as Coyle slid it into the net

Then, with 3:35 left in the first, sophomore Ryan Santana netted the equalizer for his first collegiate goal.

The speedy winger wristed a shot off Rawlings' pads, flew by a Northeastern defender and found his own rebound with enough time to deke to the right and beat Rawlings for the

"It was nice to get the monkey off my back, so to speak," Santana said. "Especially in a game like that, it's nice to contribute on the score sheet"

BU continued to roll in the second. Junior center Corey Trivino undressed Rawlings for BU's third goal, turning a centering pass from freshman Sahir Gill into a forehand-to-backhand finish.

Forty-seven seconds later, freshman Matt Nieto netted his fifth goal of the year by tipping home a centering pass from Chiasson on the rush.

For Nieto, who fought off a Cody Ferreiro hooking penalty to net the tally, the goal was his third in three games and fourth in five.

The breakout is big for the freshman, who had struggled to chalk his name in the goal column early in the season despite big expectations.

"He was getting a lot of chances earlier,"

Parker said. "I kept telling him, 'Just keep going the way you're going, and the puck is going to go in the net for you.""

Shortly after Nieto's tally, Northeastern coach Greg Cronin replaced Rawlings with freshman Clay Witt.

"For me, it was simple. They had four goals on about 13 shots," Cronin said. "It's not the goals so much as it was the way the puck was being managed. A lot of pucks came right back out into areas where guys could swipe at them.

"Like Santana's goal, that rebound came right back, and he usually doesn't do that."

Northeastern snapped BU's four-goal streak with a momentum-crushing finish to the second period. The Huskies reeled off the final 11 shots on goal in the frame, and a goal from freshman Braden Pimm cut the BU lead to 4-3 heading to the third.

The strong Husky play carried over into the final frame. The men in black attempted 24 shots to BU's 12 in the third and held the Terriers to a single shot on goal through the first 14

and a half minutes of the frame.

Less than five minutes into the third, forward Wade MacLeod (8 shots) netted the equalizer with NU on a 5-on-3 advantage. The winger beat junior goalie Kieran Millan top shelf from just under the right faceoff dot.

"The best part about this game for me is the way we came back and went up 4-2," Parker said. "The worst part about this game is how we played after we got up 4-2. We acted like everything was offset. We were playing on the wrong side of the puck and kind of let them get momentum back.

"Not only did they get the goal but they got momentum back possession-wise. [We] lost it all. Not only on the scoreboard, but in time of possession... We were very lucky to come out of this game with a W."

Millan turned away 37 shots in the winning effort — his 50th as a Terrier — and despite allowing four goals, Parker referred to the goalie as his top star for the night.

In eight games, Santana's fourth line has allowed just two goals

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down the left wing. He snapped a low shot through a defenseman's legs, won the race to his own rebound and deked around sophomore goalie Chris Rawlings before sliding the puck into an empty net.

"He works hard, and it was nice to see him get it," Parker said. "He got it the way he's going to have to get goals, and a lot of the guys are going to have to get goals on this team, shoot the puck and go to the net."

Santana said it felt good to finally pot his first goal.

"It was nice to get the monkey off my back, so to speak," said the Yorba Linda, Calif., native. "Especially in a tight game like that, it's nice to contribute on the score sheet."

Even though he had just one assist in 30 games last year and just two assists so far this season, Santana has played in all 16 games this year because of his nonstop energy and strong defensive play. In fact, the entire fourth line, which also includes sophomores Justin Courtnall and Ben Rosen, has been great on defense. In the eight games they have played together, they have only allowed two goals.

"That's huge, playing defense," Santana said. "We all know defense is going to lead to offense as long as we play it well. [Junior goalie Kieran Millan] has done an unbelievable job all season, saved our butts plenty of times. So any time we can get in front and take a shot for him, you've got to do it."

Santana said the fact that the coaches have kept him in the lineup has given him a lot of confidence.

"Just the opportunity I got to even be here and put on the BU uniform is amazing," Santana said. "I just try and go out there and work hard, and they just tell me to play my game, just be hard on the puck, keep shooting. They let me know when they're happy with my play and when they want more of a certain thing."

He had one such discussion with Parker on Wednesday morning, and the 38-year bench boss' advice clearly stuck with Santana.

"He told me instead of trying to handle the puck too much sometimes when I get in the offensive zone to just shoot it a little bit earlier," Santana said. "That's what I did tonight, and it worked out perfect. So as long as I'm listening to the coaches, it's going to work."

Partin will face former squad for first time since tranferring

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jured again."

BU has faced the likes of No. 12 Villanova and No. 16/17 University of Kentucky already this season and been blown out in both games. Things won't get any easier when La Salle comes to town. The Explorers have won four of their last six contests with two of their three losses coming to No. 9/10 Baylor University and No. 11/15 University of Missouri. The three teams that have defeated La Salle have a combined 19-2 record.

"It's a tough game, tough non-conference schedule," Chambers said. "I know this is going to help us for the America East, I just know

it. It's going to get our freshmen. They're gonna be more mature. They're gonna be ready to play come [the University of] Maine on Jan. 2. La Salle's a great team. It seems like we're playing a lot of great teams, but we're a great team too.

"We're just a few possessions away from being 7-2 so we gotta keep that mind. We're very close. We're just not there yet. We just gotta make some adjustments, play with some confidence, get a little swagger going, see some shots go through the net and we'll be alright."

Guard Ruben Guillandeaux (15.3 ppg) – who has drained at least one 3-pointer in 12

straight games – and forward Jerrell Williams (13.5 ppg) round out the rest of the Explorers' double-digit scorers. Reigning Atlantic-10 Conference Rookie of the Week Tyreek Duren runs the point for La Salle and leads the team with a season average of 5.1 assists.

Junior guard Darryl Partin played two seasons at La Salle before transferring to BU at the end of the 2008-09 campaign. He sat out all of last season due to NCAA transfer rules. Partin is third on the Terriers with a 9.6 ppg average behind senior forward John Holland (17.3 ppg) and O'Brien (10.7 ppg). It would be easy to believe that Partin might pull a LeBron James and go off against his former

team, but Chambers doesn't foresee that hap-

"Darryl's got a good way about him right now," Chambers said. "He's in a good place. He's trying to do what I'm asking him to do. We need him to score and shoot a little bit more so I hope he goes out and gets us 30."

Thursday's game marks the Terriers' first of six regular-season contests at Agganis, where they look to continue their recent success – six wins in eight games – at the new facility.

"It's exciting," Chambers said. "I'm looking forward to playing there. I think we're gonna have a really good crowd. If we can get a win, hopefully we get some new fans."

Agboola came within two points, two boards of first double-double

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versity on the bench before starting again Wednesday night. The move seems to have helped the two guard's production as both have had two strong games in a row.

"Everyone on the team is talented so I don't think it matters who starts," said Moran. "But I definitely think I wanted to come out with more fire".

Freshman Rashidat Agboola almost had

the first double-double of her collegiate career off the bench, scoring career highs with eight points and eight rebounds. Agboola is the latest Terrier player to come off the bench and perform well as it has been a recurring theme all year.

"We're really looking for some consistency off our bench," Greenberg said. "Rashidat plays with really good energy and plays hard. I'm really happy for her tonight".

Next up for the Terriers is a road game at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on Saturday. Marist has established itself as a very strong women's basketball program over the past seven years and will be a very tough test for BU as it looks to expand upon this win

"The last two years we have really played some good games against them," Greenberg said. "Marist is certainly on the map nationwide, and let's just play and build on tonight".

For now though, BU has its first few consecutive days off in a row. With all the tough games the team has in the past few days, this will be a time to recover.

"The girls really deserve a day off," Greenberg said. "The girls are tired. So we will take off tomorrow and then clean up some stuff from tonight and on Friday."

There was no puck, but we presented him with the puck.

-Men's hockey coach Jack Parker on giving Ryan Santana the invisible puck he scored in a game of shadow ball

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ends four-game losing skid by defeating UMass at The Roof, p. 7



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BACK-TO-BACK JACKS

No break upcoming for BU sports

For most of us, winter break is a time to celebrate the holiday of our choosing, sleep until sundown and, after the second week of January or so, become fantastically bored. The break is a nice change of pace after the chaotic and exhausting finals period, and it's the only time you can stay on your couch for 10 or 11 straight hours watching sitcom reruns without feeling like a complete waste of life.



JACK FLAGLER

But for Boston University's sports teams, winter break won't be relaxing in the least. All four major teams tough face stretches between now and mid-January that could de-

fine the rest of their seasons.

Let's start with the team with the most obvious challenge ahead of them. The No. 7 BU men's hockey team's performance over the weekend against No. 4 Boston College was worthy of every bad adjective you can think of. They played sloppy, lacked energy and got completely dominated by a BC team that barely looked like they broke a sweat at any time during the two

As bad as the performance was, BU has an opportunity during the upcoming weeks to build their confidence back up and show the strength of their character by playing well.

Fans who have been watching BU all season knew times would get tougher after the team's surprising undefeated run through October. Now that they have, BU has a chance to really prove how good a team they are by picking themselves up off the mat rather than letting their season fly off the rails.

Luckily, BU has a few upco matchups with weaker opponents that give the team a great chance to right the ship. Beating Northeastern at home last night was a great start, and BU will have a chance to continue that momentum against teams like Brown University and University of Vermont. Taking care of those weaker teams would give BU a chance to gain back some ground it lost to BC over the weekend.

BU will also play in the Shillelagh Tournament over New Year's in Illinois. If they can replicate the success it had at the Icebreaker Tournament in October, it may click once again and get on a roll going into their important rematch with

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Wednesday's for winning

Heading into last weekend's contest with then-No. 8 Boston College, No. 7 Boston University men's hockey coach Jack Parker said a momentous two games for either the Terriers or Eagles could provide a big lift for the victors.



He also predicted couple bad losses could be

detrimental to a team's will, and in the opening minutes of Wednesday night's contest with Northeastern University, that's exactly what appeared to happen to the Terriers.

Still, as they have seemingly all

semester, the Terriers fought back, overcoming a 2-0 deficit and a late 4-4 tie to win 5-4 on sophomore Alex Chiasson's game-winning goal.

Chiasson netted the clincher with 3:27 to play, rifling home a powerplay goal from below the right faceoff circle - a one-time finish off a pass from freshman Charlie Coyle.

Chiasson added two assists in the game for a three-point night, which was matched by Coyle's goal and two helpers.

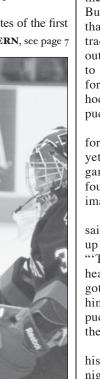
"Finally, a power-play goal," Chiasson said, alluding to BU's weak 11.9 percent conversion rate heading into the game. "It was one of those games where I thought our line played pretty well."

The Terriers fell into an early 2-0 hole when NU freshman Brodie Reid and sophomore Garrett Vermeersch netted back-to-back tallies early in the first period.

The Huskies jumped to an 11-1 shot advantage over that frame. The start was reminiscent to that of BU's 9-5 loss to BC at Agganis Arena last

"We came out like we were the Belmont Bantams and they were the Montreal Canadiens," Parker said. "We came out standing around watching them and they were dominating [sic] in every phase of the

> "That first 12 minutes of the first NORTHEASTERN, see page 7



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Sophomore forward Ryan Santana took a rebound off Northeastern goalie Chris Rawlings and deked past the netminder for the first goal of his NCAA career after three semesters at BU.

culmination of three semesters of hard work By Scott McLaughlin Daily Free Press Staff

Santana's first goal

During Monday's practice, No. 7 Boston University men's hockey coach Jack Parker decided to shake things up with a game of shadow ball - basically a regular game of hockey, except without the puck. An idea taken from Ken Burns' "Baseball" documentary that touched on the Negro League tradition of playing games without a ball, shadow ball is designed to help players get a better feel for the game and, in the case of hockey, play better away from the

In Monday's game, sophomore forward Ryan Santana, who had yet to score in a college hockey game played with a real puck, found the back of the net with the imaginary one.

"I stopped the practice and said, 'The gates are going to open up for Ryan now," Parker said. "They're going to come hot and heavy for him now. He's finally got a goal.' And we presented him with the puck. There was no puck, but we presented him with the puck."

Sure enough, Santana netted his first real goal in Wednesday night's 5-4 win over Northeastern University. With his team trailing 2-1 late in the first period, Santana took a pass from junior forward Andrew Glass and stormed

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M. hoops to face La Salle hoops beats UMass By René Reyes

By Kevin Dillon Daily Free Press Staff

The Boston University women's basketball team snapped a fourgame losing streak on Wednesday at Case Gymnasium, when it beat the University of Massachusetts by a final score of 66-49. Sophomore guard Mo Moran finished with 20

points and seven assists. "We kept saying as a staff that 49 we were just one win away 66 from just feeling better."

said BU coach Kelly Greenberg. "Tonight was the win needed to break that streak."

Despite falling behind early, the Terriers (3-7) took an eight-point lead going into halftime. The team never looked back from there and secured another home win.

"I think that being at home really gives us a lot of fire early," said junior guard Alex Young.

The guards for BU played very well, with strong play from Moran as well as 14 points for Young and 13 points from sophomore guard Chantell Alford. The three guards combined for a total of eight

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3-pointers on the night as well.

"I'm really happy with our guard play," Greenberg said. "From the get go, I thought all three guards were pretty loose and that's what we have been looking for.'

Defensively, the Terriers stepped up to the task against the Minutewomen (1-8), forcing 22 turnovers in the game, 14 of those coming in the first half. The BU defense did not allow many easy attempts as UMass only shot the ball 47 times in the entire game resulting in a 36.2 field-goal percentage.

"I thought they got a little conservative and didn't know what we were doing," Greenberg said. "We put them on their heels a little bit"

Moran, who already has one triple-double this season, played all 40 minutes against the Minutewomen. This game was another display of the talent that Moran brings to the team.

"Things really started with Mo," Greenberg said. "She was just solid all around."

Moran and Alford began last game against Northeastern Uni-UMASS, see page 7

9.5 rebounds through eight games.

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Boston University men's basketball coach Patrick Chambers recruited La Salle University sophomore forward Aaric Murray back when Murray was a senior in high school and Chambers was the associate head coach at Villanova University. But Murray chose to bring his talents to La Salle instead, and Villanova ended up with another skilled forward by the name of Mouphtaou Yarou.

Chambers knows his BU squad will have its hands full defending the 6-foot-10, 250-pound Murray when the Terriers (4-5) welcome the Explorers (5-3) to Agganis Arena Thursday night with tip-off set for

A triad of forwards - 6-foot-6 junior Patrick Hazel, 6-foot-8 junior Jake O'Brien and 6-foot-7 freshman Dom Morris - will be called upon to slow down Murray, who is averaging team-highs of 17.1 points and

Murray recorded his third double-double of the season in his last contest, scoring 23 points and grabbing 13 boards in a 92-87 doubleovertime loss to Oklahoma State University last Saturday. He ranks 10th in the nation with 3.3 blocks per game and is fourth all-time in school history with 96 career blocks.

"Pat Hazel is going to cover him. Jake O'Brien is going to cover him. Dominic Morris is going to cover him," Chambers said. "We're going to play five guys against him. We play team defense. If there's one real thing I'm pleased with, and I know we still have work to do, but our defense is pretty good and our rebounding is getting there. Aaric's a hell of a player. He's definitely got pro potential, and he has a great feel for the game. We just gotta outwork him and make life tough for him."

Junior center Jeff Pelage would have gone toe-to-toe with Murray on both ends of the floor, but he is still day-to-day with a high ankle sprain and unavailable for Thursday's matchup.

"I know he's walking around, but it is still tender," Chambers said. "It's not 100 percent yet. With a guy like Jeff who's 6-8, 250, you don't wanna bring him back or rush him to where he could possibly get in-

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The Bottom Line

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M. Basketball vs. La Salle, 7 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 11

M. Hockey @ RPI, 3:30 p.m. M. Basketball @ Harvard, 7 p.m. W. Basketball @ Marist, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12

No Games Scheduled The Red Sox's acquisitions of Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford in the same week are the biggest pickups since.

Monday, Dec. 13

No Games Scheduled Batman and The Flash joined The Justice League. Go ahead. Tell us we're wrong.