Environmental advocates at BU are taking action to reduce the school's environmental impact in response to a National Climate Report released Nov. 21 by the United States Global Change Research Program. The report, which is the USGCRPs fourth since 2000, describes the current and projected impacts that climate change could have on the United States. The 2018 report predicts detrimental impacts on the economy, infrastructure, tourism, agriculture and air quality, among other areas.

Anthony Janetos, director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future and chair of the Department of Earth and Enviornment, has worked on all four reports and said that people should take its findings seriously.

“It’s a pretty stark reminder that the U.S. is already experiencing these impacts,” Janetos said. “They’re serious and warrant a response.”

BU’s Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in Dec. 2017, focuses on decreasing the university’s greenhouse gas emissions and increasing its resilience to environmental changes. Janetos said the plan includes a goal to reduce the university’s net carbon emission to zero by 2040.

In September, BU announced that it had signed an agreement to purchase renewable energy from a wind farm in South Dakota. The purchase will offset all of the university’s emissions from electricity — which is more than half of its total emissions — according to Janetos.

Lisa Tornatore, sustainability director for Sustainability@BU, said that one way the university is responding to climate change is by constructing flood-resistant buildings with mechanical and electrical equipment on higher floors to eliminate potential damages in the future.

Both the Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering, which opened in September 2017, and the planned data sciences center to be constructed at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Granby Street, follow the “eleva- tion for resilience” recommended in the university’s Climate Action Plan, Tornatore said.

“This means our buildings and our people will be able to recover from extreme cold weather and winter storms can put homeless people, who may suffer from medical and behavioral health conditions, at risk,” the tweet said. “If you see one of our neighbors in the cold today please call 911.”

In a statement released in October, the City announced that the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Boston Public Health Commission’s Homeless Services and the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Services are coordinating efforts with a goal to ensure the safety of people who are homeless.

The City said these groups would work together on emergency shelters, outreach providers, substance abuse services and other community or municipal partner agencies.

BPHC stated that winter storms and extreme cold weather put dangers to individuals who are homeless and suffer from medical or behavioral health problems.
As the end of the semester approaches, Boston University student organizations are looking for ways to help students better cope with their academic stresses.

"The purpose of R and R is to help students de-stress, and all of our programs are designed to complement their academic lives," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said she hopes the students who come to the HTC leave having learned how to better handle their feelings and fears. In addition to the HTC, BU offers year-round support services for students, such as academic advisers and tutors. BU spokesperson Colin Riley said students should take advantage of these resources in order to feel less stressed and more prepared for their assignments and finals.

"Make sure that from here to the end of the semester that you have been able to receive all the types of support to help you complete your semester as strong as you like," Riley said. "If students have been somewhat conscious all semester, hopefully they won't be under extreme stress."

Riley said it is the university's "daily intention" to help students manage and cope with stress, not just an end-of-the-year goal.

"We put extra emphasis on [weekly programs] near the end of the semester in preparation to help [students] through any anxieties they may be feeling," Riley said. "We feel all of our programs are there to help students on a daily basis and deal with the demands of the academic life."

BU students said they feel more stressed out toward the end of the semester, though they do not plan to attend the stress management events.

"It always conflicts in the stress-buster activities," Tylla said. "I feel like a lot of it is personal management in my own opinion — I just put too much on myself."
Recreational marijuana stores open for business in Massachusetts

BY KYLE MCADAMELD
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Boston Mayor Martin Walsh announced a new partnership with Verizon on Nov. 20. The alliance will make Boston one of the most technologically advanced cities in the United States, according to a press release from Walsh’s office.

The partnership is an expansion of Verizon’s 2016 commitment to bring its fiber-optic Fios network to Boston, according to the release.

Under the new 10-year wireless agreement, Verizon will expand its wireless small cell network in Boston to make its existing 4G LTE network more efficient in terms of speed and capacity.

David Weismann, public relations manager for Verizon, said the company is very excited to further its relationship with Boston. “This is really just an extension and a growing of that existing relationship that has been beneficial to both the city and Verizon,” Weismann said.

Verizon plans to expand relationships with universities in the Boston area to attract young talent, according to a press release from the company.

“Boston [University] and the other universities in Cambridge and the surrounding areas are giving us high-quality employees who are designing our network and creating an opportunity for us,” Weismann said.

Verizon also made an original $950 million investment to build a 100 percent fiber-optic network platform across the city. With the expansion of Verizon’s wireless cellular network, their total investment nears $600 million.

The City of Boston will implement a streamlined permit process for Verizon for installing new small cells. The City’s press release stated the partnership is a reflection of the City’s commitment to enabling a more competitive broadband marketplace to ensure that Boston residents and businesses can choose from a more varied and affordable range of high-speed internet options.

Other efforts by Walsh’s office regarding technology include continuing to protect net neutrality, supporting Boston’s Digital Equity Fund and expanding WiFi hotspots to be accessible outside through the Wicked Free Wi-Fi initiative.

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The company plans to expand their local wireless network and to provide remaining neighborhoods in the city with access to Fios Internet and TV, according to the Verizon release.

Kyle Malady, chief technology officer at Verizon, said the City of Boston has been a great partner to Verizon in building the digital capacity of the city.

“Together we’re creating a platform of innovation with the latest technology that will benefit Boston residents, businesses, universities, first responders and visitors for decades to come,” Malady said in the Verizon release.

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Project that we will be engaged in once we are finished with the data gathering process.”

BU students had several suggestions for changes that could be implemented as part of the new strategic plan.

Pedro Henrique Junqueira, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, said he appreciates the task force’s willingness to take community suggestions.

“I think BU should give more scholarships to international programs,” Junqueira said. “I think they should renovate at least Warren, and I think they should improve the BU shuttle program and make it more regular.”

College of Communication junior Hannah Schweitzer said that the most important change she wants to see is the availability of feminine hygiene products in bathrooms on campus.

“My No. 1 thing, and I know that this won’t be that hard to achieve, is that all the bathrooms don’t have tampons or feminine hygiene supplies,” Schweitzer said. “It just seems crazy to me that you can build a whole new building, but you can’t provide tampons in bathrooms.”

Erin Neville, a graduate student in Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, said that she feels her college does not receive enough funding.

“It’s one of the best colleges in the country for healthcare and there’s no money that’s ever put into it,” Neville said. “The school [building] is pathetic compared to Questrom, so if there’s one thing that should be changed, it’s that.”

Howard, who is a member of the task force, said that while it is too early to tell what the focus of the next strategic plan will be, a large majority of the suggestions so far have focused on BU’s teaching, research, service and outreach missions.

Daniel Dahlstrom, another member of the Strategic Planning Task Force and a philosophy professor in CAS, said that while it’s too early to tell what the focus will be, a large majority of the suggestions so far have focused on BU’s teaching, research, service and outreach missions.

“Above all, Janetos said, students should understand the urgency of climate change.

“University prepares for projected climate change impacts”

Zoe Dewitt, a College of Communication sophomore, said that she hopes the report will encourage people to take sustainability more seriously in the future.

“We already see things like the California wildfires, hurricanes and the fact that it hasn’t really snowed here in Boston,” DeWitt said. “It’s scary. It’s just going to get worse. We really do need to do something to stop it.”
Students’ on-campus lifestyles put them at greater risk for flu

BY ROSHINI KOTWANI

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Painting workshop helps BU community practice wellness

Whether it’s sleeping, studying or eating, college students are constantly in close contact with one another. While this proximity allows social interactions to grow, it simultaneously catalyzes the spread of viruses.

Carlos Acuña-Villalduena, an infectious disease specialist and assistant professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, said key causes of this trend are young people’s high amounts of social contact and activity.

According to Acuña-Villalduena, the influenza virus colonizes in the respiratory tract through respiratory droplets, which can be produced when coughing or sneezing. These droplets then congregate on surfaces open to a number of people, including tables, computers or the floor.

“(College students) are always mixed together, which is not a bad thing, but when they do get the virus, they infect the people more easily,” Acuña-Villalduena said. “The other reason is that students are young healthy people. If elderly people get sick, they isolate themselves, but young people keep working and fueling the virus transmission.”

Joshua Barocas, who is also an infectious disease specialist and assistant professor of Medicine at Boston University, said the virus can be spread additionally through inhaling when an infected nearby person talks.

Even touching objects that an infected person has touched with the flu comes in contact with, such as a doorknob, puts someone at risk for contamination, according to Barocas.

Villaorduña and Barocas highlighted the importance of vaccinations. “From Resiliency to Expression,” the first event of the series, was held in October and led by Scarlet Soriano, a doctor at Boston Medical Center. According to Patel, attendees wrote letters to themselves about the challenges they overcame in life.

A month later, the letters were sent back to the attendees to remind them of their resilience.

Moisés Fernández, an associate professor of psychology and Rehabilitation Sciences, said that artistic expression can be therapeutic for people. “The point of art is not only to express themselves and be face-to-face with others, but also connecting in and leaning into what is going on with you,” he said.

“Artists and architects,” said Ferández, “show me that dance and other visual arts help people return to Triumph,” will be led by IvySTEM, a student-run health services organization in BU’s School of Medicine. “The problem with the flu is that every year, it changes,” Acuña-Villalduena said. “Normally, once we get the flu, our body produces antibodies. Every year, after the virus changes, your body can no longer protect you.”

According to Acuña-Villalduena, viruses and bacteria are rapidly evolving species. Predictions are difficult to make and, thus, effective preventative methods cannot be prepared beforehand.

According to Barocas, health advocates and classes should constantly inform students of preventive information, even when they are healthy, rather than wait until students get sick.

“Once college students learn how to interact in the real world, I think there is potential for decreased infection with precautions,” he said.
COMMUNITY

BU graduate makes global impact with The Amal Alliance

BY MICHELLE BRANDABUR
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For Boston University alumna Danielle De La Fuente, helping displaced children in refugee camps around the world seemed to be the best use of her degree from Boston University's Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.

In 2013, La Fuente founded The Amal Alliance, a non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering displaced children through social development programs at refugee camps and informal settlements around the globe, according to the organization's website.

La Fuente discussed her role in the NGO at “Plight of Refugees: Social Inclusion in a Migration Context,” which was hosted at Pardee.

She said her time in Greece, where she first saw the lifelessness and despair among children in refugee camps, inspired her to create The Amal Alliance.

“Moving past extreme poverty were the eyes of the children,” La Fuente said in the talk. “These children had nothing to live for. That is a reality I choose not to accept, and I decided to do something about it.”

After this experience, La Fuente decided the Amal Alliance was needed. She has expanded the reach of the organization’s efforts by working to empower and bring people together, La Fuente said in an interview.

Since 2017, La Fuente said she has expanded the reach of the nonprofit to work with children in the United States, Greece and Lebanon with projects in Kenya, Mexico, Uganda and Turkey on the horizon.

She said The Amal Alliance takes on a holistic approach to education and helps provide a sense of normalcy to childhood.

La Fuente discussed several of the programs the Amal Alliance offers, including Smile 4 All, which offers informal educational programs for children that help them learn to read and that are considerate of language barriers.

All of the programs emphasize developing motor and cognitive skills as part of the children’s education, La Fuente said.

“Movement is the foundation for all learning,” she said in the talk. “We use yoga, dance, arts and crafts to relax the nervous system to make learning fun and approachable. The idea is to restore their identity that they have lost. Mindfulness and play counter the effects of stress.”

La Fuente told the story of a woman she worked with in a teacher training who had been abducted by the Islamic State.

She said the woman said “I am going to fill out an application for a job.” La Fuente said, “I am taking a class on refugee policies and was interested in learning more,” she said.

Avisha Goyal, a junior in Pardee, attended the talk and said she was drawn to it because she wanted to expand her knowledge on the topic.

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Goyal said that as an international relations major, she is interested in non-governmental organizations and politics. After hearing La Fuente speak at the event, Goyal said she was looking to get involved with The Amal Alliance herself.

“I am going to fill out an application shortly,” she said.
CFA lecture explores mislabels, misnomers of Impressionist artists

BY CANDICE LIM

Music and Impressionist art collided Monday night in the College of Fine Arts, as a lecture delved into the words and misnomers of French composer Claude Debussy. Pierre Nicolas Colombat, a doctorate candidate in CFA, presented "Music, Monet, and Misnomers" and took to the podium to give a lecture on Debussy's controversial status as a member of the Impressionist movement. Colombat, who first began playing piano at age five, said he found a "passion" for composing Debussy's music. As the son of a French father and American mother who both teach French, the language was an integral part of his upbringing as a child and a musician.

"I felt like I really feel when I play music. I was always looking for something—beautiful, unique—what French society would think was beautiful," Colombat said in an interview. "It's food for thought." Colombat said in the lecture that Debussy was both the definition and antithesis of French culture at the artist's time. It was Debussy's ability to blend genres while creating an intrinsically French soundscape, Colombat said, that made him "one of the most significant French composers in the history of French composers."

"Debussy is one of the leading figures at a time when the cross between the arts was increasing more and more," Colombat said. "And now the door is blown wide open, so anything is anything." The crux of Colombat's presentation marked the distinction between Impressionist painters and the musicians who lived during the Impressionist era. Gila Goldstein, chair of CFA’s Music Department, said that the lecture would encourage students to explore the implications of calling an musician an impressionist. "It's food for thought," Goldstein said. "The musicians who wrote at the time were titled by the government, but it's actually a topic for discussion, because Debussy—" Colombat himself represented that name." Goldstein, who organized the lecture, said she found Colombat's presentation helpful in defining the Impressionist movement itself.

"Impressionism is very crazy. There's no defined line — it's all about color and different shapes of colors," Goldstein said. "It's not just about describing a specific object, but more about — what does it evoke, and what does it make you feel?"

In between his PowerPoint slides, Colombat took to the grand Steinway piano behind him. As he played the first notes of Debussy's "Nocturne No. 5 in B Flat Major," he explained too many technical terms to the point where you put labels on things" for Colombat, humility is the best method of approaching another composer's work.

"Being humble, for me, in this taking-over-the-culture by a type of art, you feel like you're not that good of an engineer, especially when the exam averages in most classes are in the 90s and 100s," Colombat said. "But being able to actually build a team and product, and then use it to solve a real world problem, it's really cool."
Imagine one day you wake up with a cough. After several hours, you develop a fever and get the chills. You think to yourself, “this is probably strep throat, nothing too serious.” So you head to the closest urgent care facility, describe your symptoms and get a strep test.

Whether the test is positive or not, you are charged an astounding $300. You are angered, since you only expected to pay $50 — your standard co-payment. But there is a $250 off-site hospital fee. In Massachusetts, this is not an uncommon occurrence.

As detailed by The Boston Globe, there have been several complaints submitted to Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey’s office relating to multi-hundred dollar bills faced by some patients after they visited a physician’s office or urgent care facility.

These health care centers are able to charge such enormous costs by listing, for example, a “hospital” fee on a patient’s bill. In Boston, many physician offices and urgent care facilities are owned by large hospitals such as Brigham and Women’s Hospital or Massachusetts General Hospital.

It is rarely discussed, but according to the Globe, outpatient and similar fees have increased over the last 10 years. Medicare and some insurers have scrutinized these charges, yet more needs to be done on the state level to prevent this pricing malpractice.

Healthcare is not a transparent sector of our economy. In a July survey by the New England Journal of Medicine, only one clinic in the state. Now, six years later, they’ve established 16 centers in Massachusetts — five of which are under the UMass Memorial Health Care umbrella.

Urgent care facilities have many benefits: they allow for more accessibility and offer the potential for cheaper care, and they ease congestion of already overcrowded hospitals. But going to an urgent care facility is not equivalent to going to the hospital. Urgent cares facilities can sometimes be more concerned with the “urgent” aspect of their business than they are with the “care.”

While quality of care is of paramount importance, price transparency is important, too. Anyone would be outraged if they were charged $400 for treatment for an eye injury. Anyone would be furious if they were charged $800 for the removal of several warts. These aren’t simply hypotheticals. This happened in our state.

If an urgent care facility is owned by a private hospital, then that hospital has the right to charge additional fees. But is the quality of care better at a facility owned by a large hospital than at one that is not? It’s tough to say. Regardless, responsibility lies with the hospitals to prove that it is beforehand.

The largest concern with hospital ownership of these facilities is their ability to hide additional fees. These organizations must be transparent about their pricing prior to when a patient is seen.

The ownership of urgent care centers themselves by hospitals is not the issue. Greater integration of healthcare to provide better treatment is beneficial, but ownership should not lead to exploitation.

These health care centers are able to charge such enormous costs by listing, for example, a “hospital” fee on a patient’s bill. In Boston, many physician offices and urgent care facilities are owned by large hospitals such as Brigham and Women’s Hospital or Massachusetts General Hospital.
Massachusetts must address hidden fees at urgent cares. They feel entitled to what is not theirs, what Americans to this day. The Standing Rock protest is just the most recent in a long line of protests by Native Americans to the colonizers. Like many museums, the British Museum in England continues to house stolen artifacts from colonial times, such as Hoa Hakanana’a’a, a ‘mam’u’ statue from Easter Island.

Last week, Tara Taalas Rapu, the governor of Easter Island, visited the museum and pledged with its curators to give the statue back to the people of Easter Island—it’s rightful owners for whom the statue has deep spiritual and cultural meaning.

Another recent relating to colonial issues is the death of John Allen Chau, an American missionary who travelled illegally to North Sentinel Island in the Indian Ocean. He had the explicit goal of converting the Sentinelese people to Christianity. The Sentinelese are protected by the Indian government, and their island is completely isolated from the outside world.

The most inconceivable aspect of this event is that a Christian American man still believes he has the right to invade a native community and appropriate their way of life.

After all of the lessons that have been learned from the decimation of indigenous populations and cultures, a man still believed good would come from the infliction of his religion upon the native people.

It is disgraceful that we and other nations and others have not learned, from the hundreds of years of suffering native peoples endured at the hands of European colonizers, to have basic respect and regard for these communities.

It is now or never that people will finally acknowledge the evils that were committed during these shameful eras of human history and acknowledge it in a genuinely meaningful and tangible way. At the very least, this means returning stolen artifacts as a show of respect to these communities.

In the United States in particular, this means paying reparations to the relatives of Native Americans whose lives were destroyed by the colonization of this country, whether that be in the form of government benefits, returning stolen lands, artifacts and artwork, or recognizing the sovereignty of Native American territory.

The Native American Rights Fund and the National Congress of American Indians are just two of the many Native American organizations working to hold the U.S. government accountable for the destruction it caused their people and culture, and these goals can be achieved by joining or donating to the cause.

We must ensure that the voices of indigenous communities are heard and that we respect their cultures and ways of life, once and for all.

Khloe Kardashian’s daughter said her first word: “Daddy?” While here at the ol’ Free Press want to know, what would BU community members’ first words be?

There is only one word to describe the Trump administration’s recent attempt to hide the climate change report that came out Friday: cowardice. The administration refuses to look at the scientific facts and would rather continue in ignorance and stupidity as the Earth dies around us every day.

The Fourth National Climate Assessment was released Nov. 23, a whole month earlier than it was originally intended to be released. Not knowing the truth is an accident, that was also Black Friday, a day when few people are paying attention to the news.

Black Friday is a busy day full of shopping, eating leftovers and recovering from the holiday craziness. It is common knowledge that many people are not monitoring the news like they would on a normal day.

The Trump administration took advantage of this fact and released the report so few Americans would read it and realize how perilous the climate change situation is. They are trying to hide the terrifying facts from us and keep on living in ignorant bliss.

The report concludes overall that the world’s temperature is rising and that this could largely be due to humans. It goes on to note the vast economic, health and environmental impacts of the rising temperatures.

All in all, within the next few decades, America will start feeling disastrous impacts from climate change in all aspects of society, as the report says. The entire report, if you choose to read it, is truly terrifying and a real call to action.

Bear in mind that the report is not simply speculation by unprofessional people. It was put together by 32 federal agencies and more than 300 climate scientists. The credibility of this science could not be more established.

What was Donald Trump’s response to this? He said, “I don’t believe it,” according to CNN. The man with no degree in any field of science whatsoever took plain facts, presented by 300 climate scientists, and simply does not believe them.

To cite some of President Trump’s other brilliant responses to climate change, we can turn to his Twitter account:

Last Wednesday he tweeted, “Brutal and Extended Cold Blast could shatter ALL RECORDS — we happen to be Global Warming!”

If our president took the time to simply google climate change impacts, he would know that extreme weather patterns not previously seen are here due to direct results of global warming. So, the fact that it was so cold this past Thanksgiving could be global warming, after all.

Other similar tweets by Trump show that he thinks global warming is immediately cancelled out when it gets cold, which is not at all how global warming works. Clearly, our president does not know the difference between weather and climate.

As I learned in middle school, weather operates on a day-to-day basis and climate is over time. Therefore, climate change is something seen gradually, not on one cold day. If Trump looked at the zoomed-out picture, he would see that every year it is getting warmer and warmer.

Why would he not do that? Why not instead just take every piece of hard, scientific fact and completely deny it on the basis of trying to meddle with the economy? He once tweeted, “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manu-facturing non-competitive.”

News flash: this report shows that on its current trajectory, climate change would cause hundreds of billions of dollars in damage from rising water, health crises and much more. It is actually in the economy’s best interest if Trump would acknowledge our dying planet and decide to do something about it.

Not only was the government unethical in strategically releasing the report on Black Friday to minimize the amount of people who saw it, but Trump denies that any of the information it portrays is correct. Both of these transgressions are what make America the laughing stock of the world.

As the American people, we must go read the report they tried to hide from us and demand action. It is not even known about the future generations anymore. We are going to be affected within the next 30 years. It is about the present and saving the earth now.
Men’s basketball cruises past New Hampshire, 82-53

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Boston University men’s basketball played their penultimate game of a long road trip in Durham, New Hampshire, against the University of New Hampshire Wednesday.

The Terriers (2-4) ballooned an early lead by as much as 23 in the first half and never let up for an 82-53 win over New Hampshire (2-3).

“I was really happy with our defensive intensity,” head coach Joe Jones said. “We had a lot of energy, great communication, ... and we were really positioned well. They really listened to the game plan.”

BU held the Wildcats scoreless for the first five minutes of the game, forcing them into tough shots that resulted in clanks off the rim. For the half, New Hampshire shot just six for 21.

By the time UNH scored their first bucket, they had used two timeouts, and the Terriers had racked up 11 points.

Javante McCoy got BU started with two three-pointers. The sophomore guard was playing not far from Phillips Exeter Academy, where he spent his high school days.

BU continued to dominate UNH in the first half, stretching their lead out to 30-9 and, eventually, 42-21 at halftime. Junior forward Tyler Scanlon led the team with 8 points, and sophomore forward Sukhmail Marthon had eight rebounds.

As a team, the Terriers shot 47 percent from three. For the Wildcats, forward Tyler Scanlon led the team with 8 points, and sophomore guard Jordan Reed led on three. On the other end, New Hampshire shot 29.2 percent on the field and 44.4 percent from three.

Senior guard Jordan Reed led on offense with 12 points in the first 20 minutes. The Terriers finished the game shooting 23.5 percent from the field and 44.4 percent from three. On the other end, New Hampshire shot 20.2 percent on all attempts and 23.8 percent on threes.

BU also won the turnover battle, forcing 14 blunders and surrendering 11. The Terriers went on to score 23 points off those mistakes, while UNH brought home 10.

BU’s defense did not allow a single fastbreak point in the entire game. Scanlon led all scorers with 15 points, and McCoy was close behind with 14. The two combined to shoot nine for 18, including seven for 11 from deep.

The ‘Terriers’ bench was given plenty of minutes as well, with 13 total players getting out onto the court.

Redshirt freshman guard Alex Vilarino and freshman forward Jack Hemphill combined to score 19 of BU’s 33 bench points. Freshman guard/forward Fletcher Tyen led the subs in minutes with 18 and in rebounds with five.

“If we’re going to develop into the team we think we can be, our freshman class has to continue to improve,” Jones said. “It was good to see [the bench] step in. They were ready to play tonight.”

With the win, BU edges closer to returning home for the first time since Nov. 11. After a game at Elon University Saturday, they will return to Case Gym Dec. 4.

For now, Jones said he is happy with how his team is looking and how they can continue to improve.

“You’re going to win some, you’re going to lose some,” Jones said. “But if you’re focused on the right things [and] about getting better, at some point you’re ... going to win enough.”

Starting lineup looks sharp as ‘Terriers trounce New Hampshire

BY ETHAN FULLER
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Boston University women’s basketball won at home Wednesday, beating the University of New Hampshire 82-59. The Terriers moved to 7-2 on the season, while the Wildcats dropped to 1-6.

BU came into the evening having gone over a week since their last contest, the Terriers headed into halftime ahead 34-23. Irving and freshman UNH guard Kari Brekke led all scorers at the break with 10 points apiece.

BU continued their momentum early in the third quarter. They got off a quick five-point run, sparked by a three-pointer from senior guard Lauren Spearman.

From there, the Terriers did not look back, outscoring the Wildcats 18-9 in the third quarter, widening the gap to 49-33. BU then started the fourth with seven straight points.

Wednesday’s contest saw BU hold their opponent under 40 points for the first time since 2014. The Wildcats shot 37 percent from the floor and 10 percent from the three-point line, while the Terriers converted 47 percent of their total shots.

For BU, every member of the starting lineup scored at least nine points. Head coach Marisa Moseley said she was impressed with the all-around effort from each of her five starters.

“[For us to have balanced scoring is huge],” Moseley said. “It’s pretty good, but you’re going to lose some.”

The Terriers’ next contest will also be their fourth home game this season, with the team looking to maintain their unbeaten record at Case Gym.

“We really want to focus on and maintain that record,” Irving said. “It’s just really special to be able to win in front of our family and friends and fans.”

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Women's hockey defeats Brown 5-2 in lead-up to BC series

BY LILY BETTS
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A third-period surge from the Boston University women's hockey team led the Terriers (4-4-4, 3-4-4 Hockey East) to a 5-2 victory over Brown University Tuesday.

After a puck deflected into the BU net tied the game 2-2 a little over eight minutes into the third period, senior defender and tri-captain Reagan Rust scored the first of the Terriers' three late goals three minutes later.

On a night where five Terriers recorded goals, BU head coach Brian Durocher said he was impressed by the roster's consistency throughout the game.

"It was a real solid performance all the way around," Durocher said.

"At eight [or] nine minutes left, we'd have been in trouble, but many, many people contributed." Rust attacked the Brown (5-6-1) defense early, forcing Bears goaltender Calla Isaac and forward Shay Maloney to step in front of her shots early in the first period.

Despite the Terriers' offensive dominance through the period, outshooting Brown 20-5, the Bears scored first off of freshman forward Nia Hanson's shot from the faceoff circle.

BU responded in under five minutes after a pass from sophomore forward Nara Elia assisted on senior defender Connor Galway's first goal of the season during a delayed penalty against Brown.

Sophomore forward Jesse Compher set the Terriers up for their go-ahead goal with a faceoff win in the offensive zone, setting up linemate and redshirt junior tri-captain Sammy Davis to score her eighth of the season and break the tie with as top goal-scorers.

BU kept the Bears off of the scoreboard throughout the second stanza, but what Durocher described as a funny bounce put Brown's Hanson back on the scoresheet for a 2-2 game.

Rust responded with her game-winner soon after, and the three-goal streak ended with a shot on an empty net to extend a four-game goal streak for freshman forward Mackenna Parker.

"We didn't get down," Durocher said. "We got a great shot from Reagan to make it 2-2. ... I really did like the overall play and the fact that we played pretty close to a real good 60-minute game and showed a little resiliency towards the end." The Terriers will start a series against No. 4 Boston College this weekend, opening play in the Conte Forum Friday.

The game comes 10 days after the two teams' first meeting of the season Nov. 20, where BC (4-2-3) topped BU 4-3.

Durocher said that, despite the final score showing only a one-goal difference, his team underperformed in several areas and committed technical errors, such as going offside and giving up too many penalties.

"The scoreboard showed a close game, but we didn't play very well in any real area," Durocher said.

"From a confidence standpoint or a post-game conversation, we didn't do very much in that game." While Durocher said that the Terriers' production that game came in part due to luck, the four goals are twice the 2.5 goals per game that the Eagles allow their opponents on average.

Freshman goaltender Maddy McArthur has started in 13 games for BC, earning a .931 save percentage and a 2.13 goals against average.

"The Eagle's defense is also backed by senior defender Megan Keller, who returned to BC this year after taking a leave of absence during the 2017-18 season to represent the United States at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

"The team's leading goalscorer, sophomore forward Daryll Watts, beat out BU alumna Victoria Bach to become the first underclassman to ever win the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award last year during the nation in scoring. This season, Watts' 1.00 point per game average ties her for ninth in the Hockey East, while BC's Mackenzie Newkirk is tied with Compher for fourth.

BU will enter the match having dropped its most recent match against No. 5 Northeastern University in an overtime decision.

In the four games before the Northeastern (12-2-2) loss, the win against BU was the only match that wasn't a shutout victory.

"Confidence will be key in the Terriers' performance against the Eagles this weekend," Durocher said.

"They got [to] keep their head up and executes it," Durocher said. "We didn't really play like that last time. I told them, 'It's OK to admit you're playing a good team, but don't make them look good because you aren't playing well.'"

BU men's, women's basketball to face Elon, Delaware Saturday

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After picking up wins Wednesday, Boston University men's basketball will face off against Elon University and BU women's basketball will play the University of Delaware Sunday.

Both BU basketball teams beat the University of New Hampshire Wednesday. Men's basketball (4-2-3) routed UNH (2-9) with a score of 89-78 at Lundholm Gym. Women's basketball (5-2) had a commanding 60-39 win against UNH (0-6) at Case Gym.

BU men's basketball head coach Joe Jones said he wants to make sure the team remains focused on the task at hand, Jones said. 'We're taking it one game at a time, trying to get better in practice and trying to get better in games.'

Elon (3-4) is coming off of a 22-23 win over Central Penn College (2-3). The Phoenix fell victim to three straight losses before the Central Penn victory.

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BU women's basketball head coach Marisa Moseley said she thinks the team will be ready to face the Hens Sunday.

"We know everyone has to do a little bit more and carry a bit more weight," Moseley said of the senior class. "I've been really impressed with how they've come out and contributed each game."
Behind the Glass: Mike Yeo and Ron Hextall are out

BY LAURA GUERRERO

Following a slow start to the 2018-19 season, the St. Louis Blues fired head coach Ken Hitchcock. Associate coach Mike Yeo took over for the remainder of the season. It was early 2017, and Hitchcock had already announced he would retire at the end of the season. It didn’t seem like a fair move then, and it still doesn’t sit well now.

That season, St. Louis finished third in the Central Division. In the 2017 playoffs, the Blues made it to the second round, losing 4-2 to the Nashville Predators, who then went on to the Stanley Cup Finals. The Predators lost 4-2 to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Fast forward to this season — after finishing fifth in the Central Division at the end of the 2017-18 season and missing the playoffs, the Blues are off to yet another slow start. The team sits at the bottom of the league, only above the Los Angeles Kings.

As we enter the third month of the season, the time has come to start making moves that will change the direction of teams in a downward spiral. So, naturally, what have the Blues done? They fired Mike Yeo. This seems very reminiscent of the “fire the coach” train was the best move.

Last season, the team was unable to produce enough wins to lift them to the playoffs. It was the first time in six seasons that the Blues missed the post-season.

Heading into the 2018-19 season, St. Louis returned to its roster. Centers Tyler Bozak and Ryan O’Reilly, as well as a familiar face in left wing David Perron, all joined the Blues. The Blues also got rid of centers Patrik Berglund and Vladimir Sobotka in their trade for Ryan O’Reilly, removing players that weren’t producing enough for the team.

With a refreshed roster, why is the team still not playing at the level it is expected to play at? We don’t really know, but fire the coach and see if that helps.

Another firing making headlines is the Philadelphia Flyers’ release of general manager Ron Hextall Monday.

Currently, the Flyers are last in the Metropolitan Division and third to last in the NHL. They are yet another team that is performing worse than expected. But instead of firing their head coach, they immediately fired their general manager.

This move seems a lot less strategic for Philadelphia, especially given the fact that the new general manager can’t necessarily come in and overhaul the team right away. At least with a new head coach, there can be an immediate change in the types of drills and play the team is following. It seems silly to fire the general manager first, but it may be a necessary move for the team if they want to make big trades by the deadline.

One of the criticisms of Hextall was that he was not aggressive enough when making moves for the team. Obviously, hiring a new GM would signal that the team is looking to potentially overhaul itself through the trade deadline in hopes of reviving their chances of making a playoff run during the second half of the season.

Yes, teams want to be competitive, and when a team is experiencing a rough patch in the season, it has become an almost knee-jerk reflex to blame the coach or GM for these issues. But that doesn’t necessarily mean that they should fire their head coach at the first sign of trouble. When a team is doing poorly, it’s not just the coach’s fault. Sure, the offense might be consistently scoring goals for the team, but if the defensive unit isn’t working at the same level and opponents are outscoring every game, that might not be a coaching issue and more of an issue with cohesion on the team.

I’m not advocating for keeping coaches when the team is driven to the bottom of the rankings, but organizations should take the time to exhaust all of their options looking inward at the team before doing so.