



## Leventhals Pledge \$10 Million

Donation meant to stimulate more contributions to the University's core mission

ALAN M. AND Sherry M. Leventhal have pledged \$10 million to Boston University, a contribution intended to motivate substantial parallel gifts for student financial aid and professorships, BU President Robert A. Brown has announced.

Alan Leventhal (HON.'09), a member of BU's Board of Trustees since 1995 and chair from 2003 to 2008, is the chair and CEO of Beacon Capital Partners, L.L.C., a Boston-based real estate investment firm.

As chair, he guided the Board of Trustees toward greater openness and transparency, steered the institution to a new era of financial stability, and oversaw the development of an ambitious strategic plan.

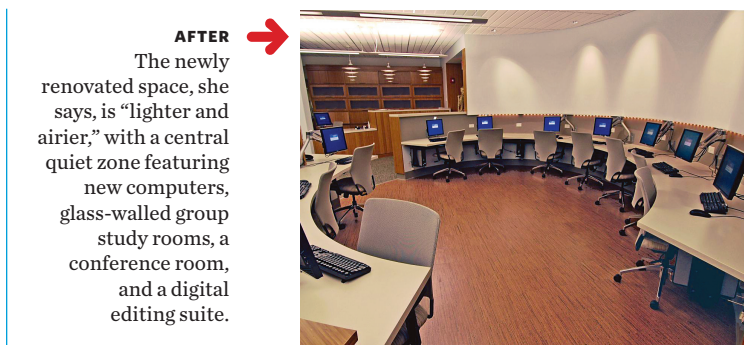
"Alan's and Sherry's very generous pledge will serve as a compelling stimulator for other individuals to contribute to the University and reflects their unwavering support of the institution's dual missions of education and research excellence," says Brown. "Their timely gift — at a critical phase in the University's history — will bolster our promise to raise the necessary funds to ensure the access of qualified students to the University and to enhance our world-class faculty in all schools and colleges."

## More Sustainable Square Feet

BU completes first Charles River Campus certified green construction project



**BEFORE**  
"Dark and chaotic" is how Lisa Tornatore (CAS'02), facilities and events manager at Sargent, describes the school's old Makechnie Study Center: tables topped by aging computers, and defunct darkrooms.



**AFTER**  
The newly renovated space, she says, is "lighter and airier," with a central quiet zone featuring new computers, glass-walled group study rooms, a conference room, and a digital editing suite.

THIS SPRING, THE Sargent College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences study center, named for the late George Makechnie (SED'29;'31, HON.'79), longtime dean of Sargent College, became the first space on the Charles River Campus to earn LEED certification for environmentally friendly building from the U.S. Green Building Council. The use of recycled or rapidly renewable materials (such as bamboo walls and cork flooring) and energy-efficient lighting systems and electronics were among many

steps that qualified the 3,000-square-foot area for green certification.

"You can see this place doesn't look like your typical institutional study space," Shaun Finn (SMG'11) says, pointing out a button on the drop ceiling that measures the level of natural light and dims the overhead lights accordingly. Finn, project manager for construction services in Facilities Management and Planning, notes that the paint and the charcoal-gray carpet are both low VOC, meaning they contain almost no volatile organic compounds,

which can cause health problems. "The renovation really aligns with part of the mission of this college, which is creating healthy buildings," says Finn.

Construction projects can earn a basic LEED certification or qualify for silver, gold, or platinum. The Makechnie Center took silver, missing gold by one point.

The new center is made of nearly 14 percent recycled material, is stocked with more than 90 percent EnergyStar-rated computers, and beats energy-efficiency standards in lighting. **CB**