



**Inspired by Hockey Terriers**

Your profile of Mike Sullivan (Questrom'90) ("How to Win a Stanley Cup," Winter–Spring 2017) paid an excellent tribute to a fantastic coach and BU alum. I grew up in Central Pennsylvania when Mario Lemieux sparked the success of Pittsburgh Penguins hockey. But my love for hockey took flight during my four years at BU. Inspired by watching [BU assistant coach] Scott Young, [head coach] David Quinn (CAS'89), and Clark Donatelli (Sullivan's replacement at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton), I learned to skate, thanks to phys ed classes included in my tuition at BU, and later became a USA Hockey Certified Ice Hockey Official (now retired). Coach Sullivan was elevated to the Penguins at a critical time in Pittsburgh, with a lot of pressure to succeed. He delivered with the utmost class (as did former Terrier Nick Bonino). I am proud to have a fellow Terrier coach my favorite pro hockey team. Keep up the great work, Coach Sullivan.

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**Evidence-Based Climate Strategy**

It is good news that Boston University is cutting its energy use and moving toward divestment from fossil fuels ("Trustees Adopt Broad Climate Change Strategy," Winter–Spring 2017). Evidence-based investment makes sense. The clean energy sector is growing, and reliance on fossil fuels is increasingly problematic, for fiscal managers as well as for our economy, health, and national security.

Boston University should endorse national legislation for carbon pricing. Citizenship is not just doing the right thing, but also advocating for policies that protect us all. US law gives fossil fuels four times more in tax credits than clean energy. We need a market correction.

"The Conservative Case for Carbon Dividends" (George P. Shultz, James A. Baker, et al., 2017) [a Climate Leadership Council report] recommends a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend with a border tariff. A rising fee on fossil fuels, with revenue returned to the public, would let energy efficiency and clean energy compete on a more level playing field. It would also create new jobs, strengthen the economy, and show young people that we are planning for their future.

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**Remembering Gerald Fitzgerald**

I was saddened to learn of the death of my former faculty adviser and freshman English professor Gerald Fitzgerald (Faculty Obituaries, Winter–Spring 2017). He was such a dear, sweet man and so helpful to me during that clueless stage in my life. So many thoughts well up, but three need to be expressed.

The first is perfunctory, a typo. He could not have joined the BU English department as late as 1969. In fall 1966, I began his two-semester course at BU on the history of English literature.

The other two are things he said; they are not perfunctory. One was poignant and the other was prescient.

I remember Professor Fitzgerald telling us that he was drafted into the army during the Korean War. For anyone who knew him, this alone would be hard enough to get one's mind around. But he went on to tell us that in order to get through the trauma and humiliation of inspections during basic training, he would silently recite lines from T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*. This image has stayed with me ever since.

Here is the third: last fall, when the Nobel Committee announced its pick for the literature prize, I was flabbergasted, but not because of their selection. I was flabbergasted because my mind went back to that 1966–67 course, when Professor Fitzgerald one day announced that Bob Dylan was "America's greatest living poet." Most of us were Dylan fans, I would guess, but honestly, we thought our learned professor had gone off the rails. Little did we know.

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ED. NOTE: Professor Gerald Fitzgerald joined Boston University in 1963. We regret the error.

Mike Sullivan (Questrom'90) took the Pittsburgh Penguins from a struggling star-laden roster to a magical machine that won the 2016 NHL Stanley Cup. The team won its second consecutive title on June 11.



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