E-Tower Ventures Forward

Near the end of fall semester, just when it seemed like the dust had settled on previous incidents such as BurnBook, controversy found its way back into Babson’s E-Tower. The graduation of many key entrepreneurs, combined with the arrival of new members, created a division throughout the tower that has put the future of the student living community in jeopardy.

Babson’s E-Tower is a unique environment where entrepreneurial-driven students can eat and breathe business 24/7, allowing them to work together on specific ventures while still attending classes.

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FME 2012 Season Begins

Eighteen FME companies have been launched by the freshman class, providing goods and services to Babson College and the surrounding community. The launch event of the selling season is the FME fair on Tuesday, February 14th from 4 to 6 pm in Knight Auditorium. This year eighteen businesses shall showcase their products and services at the event.

Each batch of FME businesses typically contains at least one apparel company. This year there are six. Two clothing lines this year have put a new twist on their products.

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Hockey Picks Up the Pace

In nearly six decades as a varsity team, Men’s Hockey has posted over 600 victories and made 14 NCAA appearances.

Entering the 2011-2012 campaign, expectations were high for the team. After a devastating 5-1 OT loss to Norwich last year in the ECAC Finals, the men were anxious to get back on the ice at the start of the season.
Jen Zamora Departs

Daniel Girdusky
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This spring, among the administrators that greeted students back to campus, one person was clearly absent. In December, Jennifer Zamora, Director of Student Activities and Leadership, departed Babson to take a position at the University of Texas at Austin. Zamora started in Babson six years earlier as the associate director of Student Activities and Leadership. A native Texan, she came after finishing a period at Texas State University. Two years later, she became the director of the Student Activities and Leadership. At this post, Zamora worked with students in the over 100 organizations found on campus. Additionally, Zamora oversaw the Reynolds Campus Center and much of Greek Life. During her tenure she worked closely with Student Government Association (SGA) to develop it further as a “voice of the student body.” Among her numerous accomplishments while at Babson, most recently Zamora facilitated the reorganization of SGA to its new structure. Sturm Campanella, Vice-President of Campus Activities, writes, “She was our backbone and such a paramount part of the evolution of SGA this year, I miss her, but I’m happy for her new position in Texas.” Zamora recalls “seeing Reynolds become a true campus living room, going to Ghana and loading buses just to name a small handful” among her “incredible memories” from Babson. And the University of Texas at Austin, Zamora is serving as the Director of Student Programs from the University Unions. In her role there, she works with the Student Events Center, a programming board made up of 500 students on different committees. Additionally, she will be working with a student facility with bowling, billiards, and gaming. While the position at University of Texas, a larger public research institution, was a surprising change, she is looking forward to “an hour away from my family [and closest friends] was something I couldn’t pass up.” Zamora states that not only the memories and friendships from Babson will be going with her to Texas, but “some of the entrepreneurial spirit I’ve learned from all of you.” Zamora will clearly be missed by both students and administration.

Shannon Finning, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, writes, “For many of us, it’s the work Jennifer did in her ‘other duties as assigned’ capacity that will be missed most – loading buses for countless events, staffing registration tables at all hours for major weekends, rallying and corralling volunteers for orientation programs, etc. Simply put, Jennifer will be greatly missed by our students, faculty and staff alike!”

While Jennifer will be missed, the Student Activities and Leadership staff is ready and prepared for an exciting semester, according to Finning. The responsibilities and duties of Zamora have been split between the remaining members of the Student Life team. Caitlin Capozzi, the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership, will be the temporary leader of the Student Activities and Leadership team while a new director of Student Activities and Leadership is found. Additionally, Capozzi will oversee the Preternnies, the Interfraternity Council, and leadership selection.

Mark Hewitt, coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership, will be responsible for the Reynolds Campus Center. Finning will assume SGA responsibilities. And Rita Hansen will manage the Zip Car system. The responsibilities and tasks that once belonged to Zamora have been filled, but there is still a void in Student Life.

Babson Rises Past Goal

Hannah Esberg
Staff Writer

The Babson Rising Campaign, an initiative to raise funds to develop various academic and financial aid programs, among other things, came to a close at the end of the year with a final total of an impressive $916 million raised for the college. This fundraising surpassed the initial goal of raising $200 million by the end of the year. The 200 million dollar target was reached at the end of September, and President Schlosser raised the bar with his stated goal of raising an additional $15 to $20 million by December 31, 2011. At the “The Sky Is The Limit” announcement the campaign had reached $204.8, and was able to raise an additional $1.5 million in approximately two additional months.

Over 17,500 individuals ranging from alumni to friends of Babson College donated, all helping contribute to reach the goal. The undergraduate alumni of the college led the pack by contributing 60% of the total funds raised. Following on the lower end was the graduate alumni with 10%, various foundations with 8%, then faculty, staff and friends with 6%, corporations with 5% and parents contributing to the final 5% of the entirety. The allocation of the funding included over $84 million dollars of planned gifts, and all funding has been categorized based upon designation. The unrestricted category for the allocation of funds comprised of 39% of the total designation of funds. The campaign assigned 21% of the funding for the development of academic and faculty programs, 15% of the funding to financial aid, 4% to international programs, 2% to athletics, 1% to technology and facilities and the remaining 1% to campus and student life.

Some of the specific goals of the fund include increasing scholarships and extending financial aid to Babson students and therein allowing them to continue to promote Babson’s mission to make a lasting impact in the global community. The campaign has allowed for the growth of endowed scholarships offered to students including the expansion of the Weissman Scholars program, the Kronospan Scholarship Program, and the Tzedakah Scholarship Program, among many others. The campaign also hopes to provide support for many global programs such as the Global Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education, The Babson Rwanda Entrepreneurship Centre, and the creation of a Babson Global Advisory Board. A major addition to the success of the campaign included the establishment of the John E. and Alice L. Butler Endowment Fund that stands to support the Babson Venture Accelerator Program. The program, now renamed after John and Alice Butler Endowment Fund that stands to support the Babson Venture Accelerator Program.

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Campus Update

Student Government Association Pipeline

SGA funded transportation for students returning to campus after Winter Break

SGA is working with Sodexo to do a crepe sampling Feb 9th

Four LCD Screens may be purchased to display Life@Babson event flyers.

SGA President vetoed a resolution giving students access to Ways & Means reports

A Student Bill of Rights is in the process of being created

Working with Sasaki: A Look into the Future

The week of February 3, 2012 the board of trustees were given a tour of campus that included a number of potential new landmarks. In an attempt to demonstrate the future of campus, signs were posted where new buildings may be expected to be built in the next few years. Keep an eye out as Babson continues to work with Sasaki and check out their website at projects.sasaki.com/babsoncollege/emp/mycampus2.html.

The FREE Press will be working on an in depth look at the Master Plan and its progress.

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E-Tower
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Last year, the tower abruptly lost many of its successful entrepreneurs. "Martin Shen, William King and John Xie all graduated," said Winter. The most important members of our community were beginning to leave," explains Alex, a member of E-Tower who has started multiple ventures including "Cloud Jolt," a hosting and business development resource for entrepreneurs.

The departure of these individuals left a hole that would prove difficult to fill. "There was concern among a few people that we could not maintain the name of E-Tower," admits Winter. "The whole point of E-Tower is for entrepreneurs to push each other's limits in terms of achieving greatness," he explains. "My mission was to ensure that E-Tower remains a community of entrepreneurs into a functional and respectable startup incubator.

Winter's plan to strengthen the entrepreneurial aspect of the tower included an aspect of recruitment, the creation of business mentors, the implementation of a Board of Directors, and the restructuring of E-Tower's accountability meetings.

"These meetings would be the core of E-Tower. They would facilitate communication between business owners and the tower, and ensure 100% transparency in terms of each student's potential venture," Winter said. The meetings were like goal sessions. It gave the members the opportunity to hear about what everyone was working on.

However, newer members, specifically one freshman student, did not grasp the importance placed on these accountability meetings. He repeatedly dismissed them, which began to grate against many of the veteran members.

"Some students are naive and think that the E-Tower will grant them something for nothing," Winter states. Upperclassmen members believed this to be the case with the one freshman who clearly did not fit into the community. "He was extremely disrespectful, and he was not seriously working on a business. As a member of E-Tower, you should be putting in as much effort as possible. I'm not going to go through your work. Not partying at every possible chance," Winter said.

As a freshman, Winter created conflict in the tower by causing a scene at a meeting with Freshman President even and threatening a peer. Winter spoke with the E-Tower Board of Directors to discuss the matter; a meeting that had lived in the E-Tower for at least one semester.

The majority of the board eventually agreed to dismiss the freshman from the tower. "I made the call to expedite the process due to safety concerns," Winter said. "This student was unpredictable, and after the majority of the board agreed that this student was an immediate problem, I had to show no compassion," stated Winter.

The administration's role in the ensuing investigation of E-Tower grew more prominent. The freshman made false allegations against Winter.

The freshens' accusations led the administration to believe that the E-Tower may have constituted a hazarding environment. "Any allegation of hazarding is of great concern to the administration, so they began holding personal meetings with many of the members," explains Scheuer. Scheuer, although he would not delve into the details of the investigation, stated "Colin didn't give me a clear explanation of what went on." It is clear that the E-Tower incidents were instigated by a clash between the mentality of the veteran members, who believed a self-run venture and hard work was necessary to warrant a spot in the tower, and the younger members, who were more interested in building a less stressful living and learning community.

Although all the members agree that E-Tower is an environment in which you are meant to work hard and push yourself, Winter believes that the disagreement was over the question: what exactly is E-Tower's definition of hard work? "I started off the semester very optimistic, and I believed that our strategy provided the E-Tower the opportunity to obtain the support that we had been desperately seeking for the past ten years. When I saw that several of our members did not have serious expectations, and weren't willing to put in the work to help develop E-Tower into the great community it could be, I chose to step down, I realized that I could not accomplish my vision," says Winter.

With Colin Winter, the accused freshman, and two other senior members no longer part of E-Tower, Scheuer and Jacques have stepped into leadership roles, and have been essential to keeping the students unified through this difficult time. "I joined E-Tower because of the ability to come together with students who are passionate about entrepreneurship," explains Scheuer. "I've met some of the best people ever at E-Tower. It is a group of people that become lifelong friends.

Jacques's move of the tower is parallel to Scheuer's. "The group we have now is awesome, and I'm really looking forward to the things we're going to be doing." In regards to the intense environment, Scheuer believes that peer pressure should not be necessary. "Any form of pressure should be self-imposed. When you live in E-Tower, you should be motivated due to your peers' successful ventures."

Jacques, acted as a liaison between the administration and the E-Tower, understood Student Life's point of view. They had to do something about it," he agreed. "The school's main priority is to make sure that everyone feels safe in their living environment, and in E-Tower that was not the case."

According to E-Tower members hazing did not end up being proven in this case. An anonymous member of E-Tower mentioned that the intense living situation made it difficult to live actually improved recently. "The pressure had definitely gotten better," he explains. He affirms that Winter's behavior was beginning to reignite that pressure environment, and that this is why the other members decided to no longer support his accusations.

Colin was not a very good leader. He was threatening to kick members out who were not interested in businesses. He felt as if he could give the open spots to people who were more deserving. Winter, however, thought that the members of the E-Tower had agreed to a clear voting process before the semester started. He even viewed himself as someone on the chopping block, as after making E-Tower his priority, he admits that he did not make much progress on his own startup.

Spring 2011 Members of the E-Tower
Photo Courtesy of BenStaples

"We're definitely on very thin ice"
Visiting Artist
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A: There are a couple reasons why this might be happening:
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2. You're attempting to send an email that has more than 25 MB of attachments. Gmail does not accept emails with attachments greater than 25 MB.

Q: What if I'm involved in an organization that has a Babson email account?
A: Only active student organization accounts will be migrated to Gmail. If your organization's email account hasn't been migrated, please verify your organization's status with Student Activities and Leadership in the Student Life Suite.

Q: It doesn't look like all my emails got migrated to Gmail. What do I do?
A: If you had any emails with attachments greater than 25 MB, those messages will not be migrated. Also, due to the way Gmail handles Outlook folders, messages that were in a sub-folder in your inbox may appear under a separate label in Gmail. In other words, if you had a folder named "Schoolwork" within your Inbox, emails in that folder will not appear in your Gmail inbox. Rather, they will appear under a label titled "Inbox/Schoolwork."

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NEWS IN PHOTOS

For the first time in school history, Babson hosted a Spring Student Organization Fair to kickoff the spring semester. With over 100 clubs on campus, student run organizations have become more popular in recent years. The wide variety of clubs that Babson offers gives students a chance to find where they feel comfortable on campus, whether it be as a member of a fraternity, a club sports team, or a culture group.

Starting this semester, all Babson students are required to present their OneCard in order to take advantage of the Webster Center’s facilities. The athletic center is currently available to faculty members, employees of the Babson Conference Center, and Olin students in addition to Babson students. The requirement of student ID should help eliminate the surprising number of thefts that occurred in the Fitness Center and PepsiCo Pavilion last semester, as students reported stolen electronic devices and misplaced clothing.

See page 8 for the full story on the Art Delegate position.

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First Year Programs: Conor O'Brien

As those who are not first-year students may know, the position known as First-Year Programs Manager has been around in the past, but was vacant for fall 2011. Though everything seemed to have happened fairly smoothly during orientation and with the Peer Mentors, the administrators, and especially Deans Duggan and Kwash, have been picking up the slack. A local from Medway, MA, O'Brien grew up around the area. He enjoys sports, especially golf, which he has been playing since he was young, and also keeps up with current television, noting interest in Modern Family and Alcatraz.

As an undergraduate, O'Brien attended Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, and later, South Carolina University for his Masters in Higher Education Administration.

Interestingly, O'Brien did his undergraduate degree in graphic design. "How might one go from HTML to higher education? Well, O'Brien had such a good orientation experience at Quinnipiac that he became an orientation leader his sophomore year, and eventually realized that he wanted a career in higher education. Also in his undergraduate years, O'Brien was in student government and participated in many extracurricular activities, so it isn't too hard for him to be overloaded Babson student.

Another transition O'Brien made has been coming from working at Boston College, a large school with 9100 undergraduate students, to our more humbled sized school of just over 2000.

Reminding him of his undergraduate Alma Mater in size, O'Brien likes being able to know what is going on and so far enjoys the feel of Babson's campus.

The mindset of Babson is also a unique experience for O'Brien, and the "focus on entrepreneurship" for students as well as staff and faculty, and believes the idea of Entrepreneurial Thought and Action is carried out by the creative staff and faculty who are entrepreneurs in their careers here at Babson, "I mean, we have lunch outside the box." O'Brien is also interested in linking his mindset of graphic design behind creating an Arts Delegate team to facilitate awareness and discussion about art by reaching out to organizations on campus. If successful, this addition to the arts department will make literary, visual and performance art more available and known to a wider array of students.

Though the position will be tailored specifically to Babson, the inspiration came from a similar Arts Rep team design used at other colleges. The arts program benefits from this type of position, as dedicated advocates are especially helpful in a field where artists themselves are often busy practicing or constructing their work.

Applications for this position will be considered over the coming weeks, and Student Activities and Leadership will be seeking the new Arts Delegates into leadership training along with the many other newly chosen student leaders.
### Fun & Games

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### Sex And The Park

**Sex, Love, and Dating Advice For Babson Park**

New year, new year resolution. My New Year's resolution is to go to the gym more, and get in shape. Are there any exercise or muscles I should work out for better sex?

#### Miss B. Haven

So the best muscle to work out for sexual benefits, male or female, is the kegel muscle, located in your pelvic area. The benefits of this are tremendous!

For females, it allows your walls to stay tighter and trust me every guy will appreciate you for it.

For males, it reduces premature ejaculation and increase the size and intensity of your erections. Thank you Dr. Kegel.

As a woman running also helps with the shape and tightness of your vagina as well as elongate your endurance, not sure why this works but it does.

Gives you don't have to be extremely buff but I think that staying fit helps, running will increase your stamina ability. Every woman has a different trait she likes on the male body mine personally is strong backs, so if you have a special lady you may want to ask her.

#### Friend of the Beaver

By simply having more sex you will be exercising the necessary muscles.

Workouts are designed for your specific body and needs.

If you're having problems with supporting your weight when on top, then I suggest doing more arm and upper body exercises. Shoulders (front/side dumbbells raises, pull-ups, pushups) and chest (push-ups, bench press, planking.)

Good sex is a workout and it requires a lot of stamina. If you find yourself muffing and puffing for all the wrong reason, work on some cardio.

Core (sit-ups, planks, leg raises) and lower back workouts can give you a little more power when you need it most.

Exercising can help you in bed, but also can allow you to gain tone and bulk so you look better off the field too.

After last Knight Party, my guy had a problem... performing. Is this common, or is there something wrong with him or me that could cause this?

Had he been drinking?

Alcohol lowers the male's testosterone levels. Without testosterone the sexual performance, libido, of a man will decrease greatly especially depending on the amount consumed.

Alcohol intoxication can decrease sexual arousal, decrease pleasureability and intensity of orgasm, and increase difficulty in attaining orgasm.

Another reason that this may happen is because of juicing. When the steroids subsides, often the guys with big muscles up top have problems down low.

Drinking aside, sometimes these things do happen. Miss B. has had her fair share of disappointment. Or maybe he was just tired...

If your flashed Knight was failing to raise his sword due to a level of intoxication it's probably a good thing that the performance didn't continue.

Consent cannot be given while under the influence. Period. However, there are a range of other things that can cause impotence including stress, being nervous, being uncomfortable, a lack of sensation, insecurity, or a lack of interest in the partner (no offense implied) I would say, try again. There's no need to let one night ruin a relationship or a reputation. If it doesn't happen again, no worries. Consistent performing issue may be a signal that something's going on.

Consult your boyfriend and maybe a doctor before you go looking for counsel from your girlfriend or other guys.

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A Reflection: Teaching Entrepreneurship in Ghana

Amy Mon
Guest Contributor

After three months of preparation in the fall, 53 Babson students, staff and faculty members were ready to embark on a trip to Ghana. It was only Dean Hammo’s sixteenth time entering Kotoka International Airport in Accra, the capital city. But for most of us, it was our first. The blazing heat hit our skin quickly and sweat droplets swarmed on our foreheads.

Cameras flashed at the welcoming Christmas decorations dangling across the walls. As I handed over my passport to the immigration officer, I received a warm smile and heard him ask, “Are you Chinese?” I nodded and he said, “Ni Hao Ma?” and I instantly felt welcomed.

Upon applying for this program, I knew we would be doing only a little bit of touristy events, which may be a turn-off after traveling halfway across the world. Another student on the trip, Miguel Vazquez, stated that, “Instead of being a tourist and spectator of Ghana, we were participants and engaged in the culture.” The program allows students to gain great exposure to the Ghanaian culture through established connections with the people.

We spent our first day at Ashesi University in Berkuro, which is located an hour away from the capital city. We experienced riding in a tro-tro, a vehicle similar to a taxi van and an essential mode of transportation in Ghana. The tro-tro that I traveled in was bright yellow, with an evident crack in the windshield. The driver wore a gondolier’s shirt and hat while racing alongside the other tro-tros filled with Babson people. After a bumpy ride filled with rouge-colored dust flying in our eyes and hair, we arrived at the university’s campus and witnessed paradise.

We engaged with Ashesi students and listened to faculty members speak about the economy. We enjoyed a drumming and dance performance and had the pleasure of shaking the hands of nearby chiefs. The Ashesi students conversed with the Babson students about social and academic life and got comfortable very quickly. It was on this campus that we were all first exposed to the famous Ghanaian dance, Azonto, which served as an icebreaker in many situations throughout the week.

Throughout the rest of our stay in Ghana, we were housed at Assemblies of God Church in Sekondi. We were immersed in powerful church services with soulful singing and welcoming members of the community. Our host, Reverend Andoh, spoke about how we were all wired differently as individuals during the Sunday service.

We held a book reading session for children of all ages and prepared gift bags for them. Throughout the week, during our break time, we also got to play with some of the kids. As a part of the Babson group, we had a common goal of teaching entrepreneurship to the students at the school and having them participate in the business plan competition.

We all brought our own skills and knowledge to the table and approached the goal in unique ways. All the individuals on the trip offered something of their own to their students at the school, to the church, and even to the children on the street.

All of the people who were present during our stay at the church also made it a memorable experience for us. Many thanks to all of these people who help provide us with a sense of the Ghanaian culture without us having to travel to a tourist site.

The process of setting up shop at the 26 schools during the week was an arduous process for some and an easy one for others. Each set or pair of Babson students had their own classroom experience and various elements of surprise. No doubt that the teachers and students built a strong bond within just a few days.

Sitting in the audience and watching the students present their ideas in front of over two thousand people; I just couldn’t help but be mesmerized by their courageous and adeptness.

We ended the week with a touristy “height fright” at Kakum National Park Canopy Walk where we walked across seven creeky bridges that hovered above a jungle. We also visited the Elmina slave castle and experienced two minutes of being locked in a death cell.

The Ghana of those experiences is absolutely something that Babson students should take advantage of. It has changed me in ways that words cannot describe, and it is a trip that one needs to go on in order to understand the unparalleled and brilliant experience.
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year. With only two seniors graduating, the core of the team was still intact and prepared to make a run at the NCAA Championships.

When the season began, the men struggled to find their form and couldn’t put together three solid periods. “We were playing as a bunch of individuals,” explains senior captain Mike Hoban. Hoban leads the team with 13 points, and has scored 26 goals in his four-year career at Babson. “From our goals all the way to our forwards, we had to start playing more as a team.”

After a 6-2 opening night loss to New England College and a 6-1 loss to rival Castleton State, the Beavers fell into a six-game losing streak. “We had to readjust our season. It was time to buckle down and work towards our goal,” insists Hoban. “We played some tough out-of-conference teams, but we can’t use that as an excuse. We just had to stay positive and try to turn our season around.”

When the men’s team defeated the Beavers on January 13, as Babson was invited to host Norwich in an outdoor, “winter classic” style game at Fenway Park. It was the first ever outdoor game played by Division III programs and being a part of history seemed to pull the team closer together. “It was the first time we had an outdoor practice the morning of the game, and everyone got the opportunity to go for it,” remembers Hoban. “The fact that it was Norwich made it that much sweeter.”

Although the Beavers lost the game 4-1, they grew as a team and were able to reignite the passion that had been missing since last year. It has shown in their recent results, as they are currently riding a six game winning streak.

Although the hockey team’s record seems unflattering at 7-11-2, the entire conference, outside of Norwich and Castleton State, has struggled this season. All of Babson’s seven victories have come against conference opponents, so they still sit comfortably in third place in the division. “Right now we’re on a good streak,” shares Hoban. “We’re getting ready for the playoffs. We want to close out these last six games well so that we can hold onto home ice advantage for as long as we can.”

Home ice is something the Beavers have been missing this season, as 13 of their 20 games have been on the road. “We’ve been away all season, so it feels a lot better to finally be home. On our own ice, there are no factors that can get in the way.”

Lost in the struggles of this season has been the phenomenal play of Babson’s freshman, P.T. Dibento, who has collected 20 points and has missed five games. He was named ECAC Player of the Year last season and has not had the opportunity to build off that campaign.

As well, Matt Purvey, a crucial sparkplug for the team, has only been available for seven games. Rather than look back at what has been a difficult season, the Beavers are focused on building on their current six game winning streak. With their last three games on home ice, they know this is their last chance to salvage their season. Right now, head coach Castleton State on Saturday afternoon, Friday night was Hoban’s 100th game as a Beaver. He insists that he is not getting caught up in the emotions of playing his final games as a Beaver. “There’s no added pressure,” he claims. “The important thing is winning the game. As long as the team stays positive, hopefully we can still get the chance to play for a championship.”

Five seniors will graduate at the end of the season, and the Beavers are well aware that they will be difficult to replace. This season could be their last shot at bringing home the hardware.