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2006 Boston Marathon

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This past Monday Boston was bursting with excitement as three sporting events packed fans within the city's walls in 24 hours. At 11:06am the Red Sox took the field at Fenway. The team left the fans in suspense until the 8th when new center Mark Loretta blasted a 2 Run homerun to take home the win. In the evening, the Celtics faced off against a Paul Pierce-less and LeBron James-less game against the pitying the Philips’ Celtics against the Cavaliers. Needless to say, the Celtics lost by 5.

The biggest event of the day, The 110th running of the Boston Marathon, featured over 20,000 competitors from all over the world in one of the most competitive and revered marathons of all time. From Hopkinton, to Wellesley, to Copley Square tens of thousands of runners cheered and suppled the much needed water and Gatorade for the 26.2 mile run.

The first running of the Boston Marathon occurred on April 19, 1897 when New York’s John McDermott finished the then 24.5 mile race in 2:55:10. Since then this previous record has been broken countless times with today’s elite runners clocking in at close to 2:10.

In the past 16 years Kenyans have dominated the race. The East Africans have been the dominant force at the 2006 Boston Marathon, finishing in the top 5 of the event.

This year’s forecast looked great for the run. According to WCVB’s weatherman David Goodman, who also runs the marathon, the best conditions for such a long race include 50 degree weather with a slight wind.

For years, the runners have run through the cold and rain, but this year it was a treat for the runners and the fans.

The Kenyan runners have been the dominant force in the world, with their quick times and dominant strategy.

Runners in Wellesley at the Boston Marathon halfway point.

States, runner Mba Kelvinof Pro-Call

In 2005, the Boston Marathon was attended by over 2 million people, setting a new record for the event.

For many of the runners, the Boston Marathon is a way to raise money for charities or to simply complete the 26.2 mile race.

The 2006 Boston Marathon was attended by over 200,000 runners, making it the largest marathon in the world.

Ring into Spring

Jallia Bouchareb
Managing Editor

I don’t know about you, but Spring Weekend is jut around the corner and I can’t wait! Spring Weekend is an annual event on the Babson calender, where the days leading up to it are filled with activities for Babson students, faculty, and administrators.

Spring Weekend was kicked off on Wednesday, April 19th with Mini Melos in Reynolds starting at 6pm. Mini Melos is a fairly new concept in which the ice cream is cryogenically frozen using liquid nitrogen. The end product is a tiny little dot of ice cream resembling popcorn.

Want to see most of the best Babson men strut their stuff on stage? Maybe even watch a few of them show off their talents? Then don’t miss the Mr. Babbon contest on Thursday, April 20th from 8-10pm. This year’s contest will be a must see, with performers vying to be the next Mr. Babson.

The weekend kicks off with the annual Carnival on the Quac from 6-7. The Carnival brings back childhood memories of rocking sickles, candy off of your fingers, jumping around in inflatable castles. Then cheer on your friends in the banana split contest as Babson students compete to eat their banana split the most creatively, most quickly, amongst other competitions.

Watching your friends stuff their face with bananas and cream, escopy trim and eat hotdogs and burgers on the quack.

Laugh up the weekend with comedian Kyle Cease on Saturday night starting at 8PM in Ohio Auditorium. Earlybird tickets for Kyle Cease won the International Giggles Comedy Competition. Cease has had roles in both 10 Things I Hate About You and Not Another Teen Movie. Along with his tour Cease is a guest panelist on VH1’s Secret Movie Rules.

Call (781)927-8434 for tickets. For more information on the comedy theme Saturday night is a Knight Party that plays on the Saturday Night Live theme. Even though Will Farley and Tha Fey won’t be there to cheer you on while you’re breaking it down on the dance floor, you might hear some funny stories from your more humorous friends.

Bring your cowbell a good spirit and try to convince Bruce Dickinson to show up. Bruce Dickinson won the 2007 Grammy award for his solo album “The Snow Goose.”

The weekend finishes off with Sunday on a performance by The Cather, Third Eye Blind or Jason Mraz — but The Roots. The Roots are a hip-hop band that started in the streets of Philadelphia. In 2003, The Roots were nominated for the award for their well known song “The Seed 2.0.”

Opinions

This week’s SGA meeting featured not just the usual comments, questions and concerns. On Wednesday the 18th, Trich 201/202 played host to campaign speeches by Babson’s two SGA Presidential Candidates. The candidates for this election year are Alvin Wade and Peter Rogers. This week also marks the last SGA meeting of the year.

So on to the candidates. Alvin Wade is a current junior from Nashville, Tennessee. Alvin has been very active on campus, he is involved in several clubs including Black Student Union (BSU) and

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Global Warming: an Interview with Professor Ivor P. Morgan

Vanessa Williams
Co-Editor-in-Chief

How do you feel about the response of the government and other organizations to environmental problems? The rapidity of the changes observed by those working on the continent suggests that the human world would do well to take heed. Unfortunately, unless the situation can be communicated more widely, little will be done.

What are the economic impacts of global temperature changes? Like all things, there will be winners and losers from global warming. The climate is changing. Sea levels are rising. Large areas like Florida and Bangladesh are vulnerable. Yet some other areas may become more attractive than they are now.

What do you think the major implications will be for polar ecosystems? For polar ecosystems, the impact on surface life is already being felt. Polar bears are already suffering and may become extinct soon. In southern regions, the polar penguins will also have a tough time (there are two types of polar penguins: Adelie and Emperor). The Antarctic sea temperature is always around mituix but global warming will make the area at this temperature smaller. The meeting point of the cold area with warmer area is a well mapped feature.

If the worker in the mine does not observe that the canary in the cage is dying, then the worker too may die.” Ivor P. Morgan

Babson Recognizes Day of Silence

Rebecca Soon
Advertising Director

For the 10th consecutive year, Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA) and other similar organizations from colleges across the country will be joining together in support of stopping harassment against LGBT students for Day of Silence. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans gender) students in high schools and colleges experience more harassment than their peers, which results in extremely high levels of anxiety and drug use, almost 50% of gay youth attempting suicide, and gay youth making up for almost half of all but less youth.

Prevaling systematic harassment against GSA students from peers, educators, and even counselors has mobilized national organizations to stop the “silencing” of LGBT youth. The GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) and the USSA (United States Student Association) are going to Day of Silence in 1997, to bring attention to the “silencing” of LGBT youth through a day of action. This year, half a million students from over 4,000 colleges have registered to participate in the national Day of Silence taking place on April 24, 2006.

Marathon Quotes:

From: Jonathan Jones, Shirley Koli, David O'Connor, Carol Fenn, Derek Marin

Why did you decide to run the marathon? I decided at the beginning of this year, since this is my 5th year, and I never had taken part in it, and always wanted. I lo. I join this because it raises money for charity, diabetes especially, but it didn’t work out. So next time I will be more proactive about it.

Shirley: Why not? I wasn’t doing anything else productive on a Monday afternoon and plus I wanted to support my other friends who were running it.

David: The race fell on my birthday this year. [Happy Birthday] From: Paul Press, Brian Caulfield: I had no desire to run a marathon until last year when I saw the marathon in person for the first time. Absolutely the energy of the marathon made me run it.

Derek: I was bored of watching from the sidelines. I’m a local.

How did you train? I had a training calendar from www.coolrunning.com, but I followed it quite loosely after 5 weeks—I was very unmotivated.

Babson’s Recognition of Day of Silence

Scott Breitenreither
Contributing Writer

Despite my lack of religious grounding, I preferred this holiday. I fasted on Vom Klippur and I do not eat leavened bread on Passover. I realized, however, that it’s largely due to the holiday. First of all, very few of the Sodexo employees actually know what Passover is, despite its important role in the Passover diet. I know I may be going overboard with the accusation that the employees know the name of one of the products they have behind their desk.

After all is it my job as a Jewish student to be a Jewish ambassador for the Passover holiday. However, it does get very tiresome hearing Matzo referred to as the “wheat cracker,” or my favorite “tortilla.”

This problem that I encountered this week has the potential to be much more damaging in the long run. This problem is incorrect information about Passover. The other day I walked up to my usual Sodexo making pistachios and asked for a Matzo pizza with sausage. His response to me was that he could not fulfill my request, because I was not allowed to eat meat on Passover. He then pointed out the Matzo pizza on his shelf as the closest thing to Matzo that he had. I was offended, he said that he cannot fulfill my request, because I was not allowed to eat meat on Passover.

In fact, he said that one of the other Sodexo employees had also lost their job over accommodations, but even then they did not know about Passover. In fact, when he was asked what he knew about the dietary rules of Passover, he did not have an answer.

The lack of knowledge and incorrect information make it very easy for Sodexo employees to dount to follow the Passover rules while eating at Trim and Reyon. I decided to go home and see what the situation was like on the Sodexo’s website. I believe Sodexo should work with the Office of Campus Life, the Spiritual Advisors, and all religions on campus to accommodate all religions and diets are being accommodated. I strongly believe Sue Eiden, the Director of Dining Sodexo at Bebe who are being slighted.

It is also important that Sodexo employees should be made aware of these different dietary restrictions and mandatory classes. These simple steps will help Sodexo employees understand the dietary restrictions they are forced to purchase. More importantly, these steps will prevent cultural and religious ignorance in the future.

The bottom-line, we should be treated with respect.

William Hurley
Staff Writer

It is difficult to miss the flurries of brightly colored “Rogers for president” and “Wade for Shaft” signs throughout the campus promoting next year’s candidates for SGA President. I wanted to learn more about the candidates, so on Wednesday night I attended the SGA debate, where both candidates—Peter Rogers ’08 and Alvin Wade ’08—presented opening statements and speeches on their positions.

It was quite exciting to see SGA’s eclectic curriculum in practice! Before I share my views on the two speeches, I must first list a disclaimer here in the manner I intended, to “knock” each candidate in a malicious manner; rather, I simply intend to present my opinion for what it’s worth.

Rogers delivered his speech first. He straightforwardly disclosed the number one reason to vote for him—his dedication and personal experience with SGA. He starts off by saying, “The most important person I know,” Rogers further commented on his direct experience with SGA the year before, and then got to the meat of his campaign. He declared that he would be a great president. Chiefly, he has led several orgs and campaigns, recent campaigns including the Black Student Union, SGA, and the University Women’s Association. He would be a great president. Clearly, he has led several orgs and campaigns. He then went on to suggest that he would be a great president. He also declared that he would be a great president. He is a strong supporter of the student body. Finally, Rogers vows to hold meetings with Public Safety, student organizations, and the administration to respond to student feedback regarding our campus police.

Wade’s second candidate to speak. He segmented his presentation into a series of catchy phrases, highly amusing. He opened by saying, “Babson doesn’t suck,” which was meant to suggest the need to improve the student government. He brings to the table a strong academic profile, extensive leadership experience including the Babson Admission Assistant Program, and a proven track record in working with the students, faculty, and administration.

Wade was the second candidate to speak. He segmented his presentation into a series of catchy phrases,”Babson doesn’t suck,” which was meant to suggest the need to improve the student government. While the audience had a good laugh — as did I — nobody ever really got the point. So, what am I talking about here? Babson sucks.

Wade’s other main points included addressing student involvement in SGA and diversity. He also convincingly expounded on the idea of a Student Diversity Council that would be a great president. Clearly, he has led several orgs and campaigns. He then went on to suggest that he would be a great president. He is a strong supporter of the student body. Finally, Rogers vows to hold meetings with Public Safety, student organizations, and the administration to respond to student feedback regarding our campus police.

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and busy to run that much. The week before I ran 8 miles, rested 1 day, then ran 8 miles. Then I did the whole thing non stop. I started in January running 6 miles, and the last month out doors. Did you qualify or run for fun? Shirley: I ran 3 times a week for at least an hour to an hour and a half. I ran 3 days a week, but my training program was 16 weeks. Cafiin: I began to train after the marathon, but lost a little during and after spring break. Before spring break, I ran three miles a week, then a couple 13 mile runs. Af ter spring break for the 3 weeks leading up to the marathon I did 4 runs a week, usually 4 or 5 miles and I ran it at 8 or 9 miles. I ran it about 45 miles/week for the last 3 months.

What was your favorite part of the race? Shirley: Getting frozen laces from the people on the sidelines. Oh, and people who live high along the way. Did: Crossing the finish line fast I could finally stop running. Cafiin: Getting high from every kid you passed and running hard. Shirley: The crowds.

Would/will you do it again? Jonathan: Yes, next time I am going to run the Boston and New York next year.

Don’t forget to vote for the SGA elections next week.
Babson College Fund Managers Deliver Pick in Public Presentation

Alex Turczausk
Business & Technology Editor

If you are craving some steak, in need of money, or your sedation levels, or trying to make money trading options, then you might want to take a close look at the research members of the Babson College Fund presented to the students at the Babson College Investment Club Management Association this past week. Three students, intellectual royalty in the finance world, just presented among the other teams initiated buy ratings on the stocks they were presenting. For the Babson College Fund stock of interest was Texas Roadhouse (TXRH), a chain of casual dining, medium-priced steakhouses. The healthcare team proposed purchasing shares in Aspect Medical Systems (ASPM), a small-cap medical appliance company and the technology team proposed purchasing shares in online trading company OptionXpress (OPEX).

Texas Roadhouse, whose shares have recently traded around $15, has the unique advantage serving breakfast all day and out of the restaurant quicker—and enables a larger consumption of their delicious barbecue served on paper trays, the restaurant operates in the operating room and intensive care settings and provides medications and in-line anesthesia needed by each patient. By optimizing the level of sedation required by patients, BSI helps reduce costs for doctors, clinics, and health assurance providers. Currently, Aspect products are being used in approximately 40% of U.S. hospitals and are prominent in the domestic market, Aspect plans to increase its market share of 1.5 billion foreign market. Some disadvantages to the company include disclose amongst medical professionals that Aspect’s systems are cost beneficial. To combat those doubts, Aspect has created partnerships with reputable corporations, such as Hospital Scientific, to further market their systems. The BCF healthcare team remains bullish on the stock and set a $30 price target.

OptionXpress Holdings Inc. (OPEX) provides online broker-orientated stocks for all products, mutual fund, option and fixed-income investment in the United States. Users of the OptionsXpress trading platform tend to be more experienced, savvy day traders. Similar to the earlier mentioned stocks, OXES has only 6% market share in the industry, but outstanding profit margins and growth prospects for the future make it an attractive investment. Downside to the stock would include a slowdown in the market, essentially drying up trading and revenue.

2004 Death Rates fall to Shocking Levels

Christopher Clechitelli
Staff Writer

Every year since the end of World War II, the annual death rate has gradually crept away in a given year rose as the population grew. Medicine has been fairly successful in countering this, and in some cases has made astounding success, jobs. In the past, gains, medicine has not been able to reach a point of inflection against the robust economy and correlated growth. The reason for this is more or less simple—cancer has proven to be a certain population of the population no matter what the size of that population, a fact that has sadly proven true for many of the world’s economies.

Advances over the last few years have narrowed the gap, the sudden decrease beat even that trend. According to a report by researchers and statisticians, deaths in the US dropped by almost 50,000 to a calculated total of 2.47 million in 2004, a death rate of 787 per 100,000 people, while the life expectancy at birth rose from 77.5 years to a new record of 77.9.

The reason researchers are unable to be specific as to why the death rate declined isn’t surprising considering the 15 leading causes of death in 2004 are the same 15 as in 2003, and despite heart disease’s fall of 6.4 percent, there is still no obvious reason to these figures. When asked about possible reasons for the rapid drop in deaths, researchers and the lead author, a young but elderly Arildai Minfiso, lead author of the report, says, “We can’t know—we can’t pin it down.”

The report, titled Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2004, is calculated from data from about 90 percent of the death certificates from 2004.

The decreases in deaths will undoubtedly have measurable effects on our economy. As this trend increases, and I fully expect it to continue increasing on an exponential curve until all of these causes are curbed within the next century, the effect on the economy and our society will be more pronounced.

A population that lives longer will mean older retirement ages to compensate for larger social benefits, other housing, energy, food and water needs, among other factors. These implications are not anything new, economies have known of them for a very long time. What will be different is the rate at which these changes occur, a rate that I think most do not expect.

Personally, I suspect that the life expectancy at birth will be at least double that of the rate we were born by the time we reach that ancient projection, and our generation will be the first to have an average life span over 100.

By my math, this could increase the total US population by as much as 75-50% over what it would be had our life expectancy not increased. How our civilization will adapt to this new reality, and whether it will be able to support the land, food, and other major resource demands has yet to be seen.

Onsite Videos Change Web

Prescott Paulin
Staff Writer

Two Babson MBA students have recently teamed up to offer an exciting new marketing tool for companies with an internet presence. Making a website is a relatively simple process, but the creation of the website is often left understated. To combat these concerns, the students created a new tool, called Search Engine Optimizer, that increases rankings on search engines to ensure customers can find sites for a company, which normally requires a website that is solely comprised of relevant text and a little flash animation. Onsite Videos, located at www.onsitevideo.com on the new search engine created by Babson Brian Cross and Goss and Dmitry Peregerdov to add unobtrusive video to sites and make them more user friendly by offering a personal introduction to a visitor. Essentially the company records a person in front of a camera and hosts a video that can be added to virtually any website without any complex configuration. A few lines of code are added to the code for a site and the visitors greeting automatically appears in any flash-enabled browser.

In the larger picture, the privileges of hearing Dmitry speak to a group of students about his new technology and was impressed by the ease-of-use and the one day turnaround time promised by his company. Dmitry has a unique background, as he recently started his own internet flower delivery service in Russia which has proven to be quite popular. Interestingly enough, 80% of its customers are from the United States, and he even offers an identify verification service. Dmitry believes that these flowers are delivered to the right person.

What happens is that a picture of each item is taken and the face of the customer is scanned. The results are emailed back to the customer. It’s proven quite popular among users that each other online the internet and want to make sure the other person is legitimate while also serving as quality control to ensure that flowers match customer expectations. Onsite Videos is used on his site, RussianFlora.com, to attract more customers and get the site apart from other competitors.

Overall, I felt that the new Onsite Videos service is something that all new entrepreneurs can benefit from. I’m sure they’ll give Babson students a good deal on their offering, just like most Babson entrepreneurs do for the rest of the community. For one thing, it will make my FME business a lot more digestible for the rest of us, so I hope to see classes take advantage of this new technology. I’m already addicted to the FME popcorn that the kid with the roller ball has started selling and I think they should put him on a video even if he isn’t part of the FME business. The publicity opportunity is just that good.
Carpenter Panel

Professor Perry Mehrling
Professor Jocelyn Pixley
Dr. George Tavlas

Our panel of distinguished guests will discuss the linkages (if any) between monetary policy and the personality of any nation's central banker. Why is the personality of a central banker important to monetary stability and financial leadership?

Professor Perry Mehrling, Columbia University. He is an expert on the history of ideas about money and finance. His most recent book is entitled Fischer Black and the Revolutionary Idea of Finance.

Professor Jocelyn Pixley, Senior Lecturer in the School of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of New South Wales in Australia. Her most recent book is entitled Emotions and Finance: Distrust and Uncertainty in Global Markets.

Dr. George Tavlas, Director-Advisor at the Economic Research Department of the Bank of Greece and representative at the strategic meetings of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Germany. Dr. Tavlas is the Babson College’s 2006 Carpenter Lecturer and is a Babson Alum ’67.

Moderator: Professor Laurence S. Moss, Economics Division, Babson College. He is the Editor of The American Journal of Economics and Sociology.
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Opinions

THURSDAY, APR. 20, 2006

War on Rumsfeld... I Mean Terror

Herbie Wellsburgh
Opinions Editor

Once again, one of Bush’s unending blunders has been called into question. What is it this time? Now the press and the American people are fixated on Donald Rumsfeld, the current (although possibly not for long) Secretary of Defense. In a recent press conference, Bush has come out saying that Rumsfeld is doing an excellent job and he sees no reason why he should ask for his resignation. The problem is that Rumsfeld has been heard of several other disastrous politicians. More shocking was his statement that he listens to other people and that he reads the front page of the newspaper (he just chooses to ignore them).

Le and behold, others who happen to know something about the issue have come out against Bush’s decision. There have been at least six retired generals who have come out against Rumsfeld, saying that he is a disgrace as Secretary of Defense and should have been removed long ago. He is largely responsible for the fact that the United States military has been having so much trouble in Iraq. His efforts in the War on Terror can be summarised in one word: bungled. Democrats and Republicans alike are calling for his resignation, but Rumsfeld appears steadfast in his resolve to stay in office and the President has assured his support.

Many students at West Point have also come out against the Secretary of Defense, claiming that the code that they have pledged to honor cannot allow them to follow Donald Rumsfeld, who has proven that he is not acting in the best interest of the country. How can you have a Secretary of Defense who cannot command even the most loyal of soldiers? I have the greatest respect for the men and women who are willing to sacrifice their standing to stand up for what they believe in.

I Want To Know Where Da Gold At

Will Pearce
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Recently there has been a large internet buzz over a video featured on a local news station NBC 15. The video is a prime-time feature of the story about a community in Mobile, Alabama where several residents claim they saw a leprachaun in a tree. Also, the leprachaun is said to be often “visible” at night. This announcement sparked large amounts of interest in the community and over several days more and more people began showing up in the area to find the leprachaun, and specifically his gold.

The news story is both surprising, funny, and incredibly sad in its depiction of the town and its people. A copy of the broadcast can be seen at http://www.bleak.com/index/leprachaun23.html. However, the video’s internet popularity is not surprising at all.

The video features several comedic characters. For instance, the story opens with the jovial “Da Lap Ra Cars”, who is the name he is most referred to online. He jumps up the crowd and really gets them going. He reminds me of a combination of Nelly and Lil Jon. First he shows off his grill and then says, “Who all see the leprachaun say ‘weeewwww’.”

There is also the creepy crack addict that (sadly) offers the most rational opinion on the leprachaun sighting. Her prediction is not that there is a real leprachaun, rather a crack head that “got a hold of the wrong stuff and it told him to get up in the tree and play a leprechaun.” Sadly, I could not make this up.

Another comedic character is referred to as the Leprechaun Defense. He is a black man in the age of 40 who is wearing a vest of some sort that, according to him, is a mixture of his African American and Irish heritage. He also has a special leprachaun flute that “was passed down from thousands of years ago” from his “great-great-grandfather, who was Irish”. He highly doubts the truthfulness of this man’s statements. The flute looks like a plastic recorder that a first grader would play on parent’s night.

The news stories about this phenomenon have sparked several songs featured for free on the internet. The majority of the songs can be found at http://www.bleak.com/index/leprachaun.html. All the different song versions feature a traditional musical beat with an interlaying of quotes from the news reports that have been cut and pasted. There is a rap song, a techno version, and even a Mike Jones styled Screwed and Chopped version.

Watching these videos makes me want to lose hope with society. But, at the same time, the video might just be about hope. It is about a community that hopes for magical gold and a leprachaun. I guess having them believe in something is better than believing in nothing.
LIFESTYLES

The best place in the world and why?
Bobson Student Poll

The best place in the world is any place to such one as has no love and outer happiness because this place is where one feels most content with the rest of the world.

- Queenette Oberlin 72

For me the best place in the world is Colorado, more specifically - Copper Mountain, where I have some dear and fond friends in January. It's easy to get to top of the world when you're just high up in mountains and undisturbed by the absurd size of the landscape - especially when you're crashing into it. When people get tired and want to laugh at or with, who can get you going again or share a timeout, there's nothing, you know, hurricained... it is the day after tomorrow.

- Sarah Hesley 06

The best place in the world is on a roller coaster because you can get off and go to sleep. Locking down at earth going 80 rph made me forget about everything that happens in the world. For the first 3 minutes I put my problems where they belong-thousand feet below the tracks. Then for the rest of the matter.

- Radish Balguer 93

Spotlight on Success: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Living the American Dream

Virgil Kadipa
Co-Editor-in-Chief Americas

Arnold Schwarzenegger has truly lived the American dream, and still has more aspirations to move up the ladder in his new profession. Schwarzenegger was elected as the 65th governor of California on November 6th, 2002.

He was inaugurated into office the following month, and is the first foreign-born political leader of the United States. His brand, based on his background in bodybuilding, has been a major asset to his campaign.

The initial path that the Governor chose to become a bodybuilder was paved with many competitive victories. His career took off when he won several titles in bodybuilding, including Mr. Universe. Realizing that he could succeed in politics, he also served in the Austrian military for a period of time.

Schwarzenegger began his American legacy when he became an American citizen in 1983, and was then connected with a powerful political family in California in 1988 when he married Maria Shriver, niece of President John F. Kennedy. The Governor chose to join the Republican Party because of a debate that he saw when he first came to the U.S. between the then presidential candidates Humphrey and Nixon. Schwarzenegger was so intrigued by Nixon that he wanted to be associated with Nixon's party, regardless of which one it is.

Today Schwarzenegger lives a lifestyle that is drastically different from the way he lived when he first came to the United States. He lives in a mansion in Beverly Hills and is the owner of a fleet of cars including a few Hummers that were designed specifically to his needs. The Governor even has aspirations to perhaps one day consider running for President, but according to recent laws he is not eligible since he was not born in the United States. He strongly believes that this should be changed and is working with some other prominent figures to give more rights to non-U.S. born citizens.

This inspirational leader who has set an example for many immigrants is and highly revered in his home country of Austria, where he even introduced a stamp in his honor, is sure to reach greater heights.

Translating through so many different professions and experiencing two very different cultures helps him become the ability to succeed in life and work together with others.

Oh, And How Was Your Spring Break?

WILL PERCECE
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Like many Babson students, I was on my own for this last holiday weekend. While home, my cell phone blew up like the cool kid in class. "Hey, go home this week? I'm invited out to visit by all my old high school friends. Of course the standard casual greetings ensue, including but not limited to a couple of, "Oh, and how was your spring break?"

Yet surprisingly, I never heard the old standard "pretty sweet". One of my friends said, "Hey, any news of where spring break's going?"

I spent my time in Boston. She had been dog sitting for this family for a number of years. The family left for about a week trip and everything started as business as usual. However, about three days in the dog died, literally the small dog, just decided to die of natural causes.

So she then had the unpleasant burden of calling the family and letting them know what had happened. She asked it up and calls them and tells them that their dog died and that she isn't sure what to do next. And then, she asks them what they want to do with the dog. After all she can't leave it in the living room for four days. They tell her to take the dog, put it in the car and take it to the vet and have it cremated.

But, my friend tells them there's no way they can do that, because she doesn't have a car since she took this. The T is the only transportation they tell her to go up stairs and get an old suitcase. Then they tell her to put the dead dog in the suitcase and take it on the T to the Vet.

Now, let me clarify a few things before I continue. This dog is not a Paris Hilton Tinkerbell type small dog. This dog was a large golden retriever which weighed over 50 pounds. So, the family has this girl put the dead 50 pound dog in some luggage and take it on the T.

Then my friend is on the T with the dead dog...and the T starts to fill up. A middle aged guy gets on the Train and goes to sit down next to her. But, the bag is in the way, so he has to move it before he sits down. The guy picks up the bag and goes to move it out of the way so he can sit down. When he picks it up, he is taken aback because the heavy bag was the tisk and he says to her, "Dang! this bag is heavy, what's in it?"

My friend pauses for a few minutes and says, "Oh well, I'm coming back from Spring Break so, you know, I have all my stuff for school packed like my clothes and laptop and stuff!" Everything is alright as they ride on the T for a few stops. Then when they got to a stop the guy stands up, punches her in the stomach, and steals the bag.

That's right, the guy stole the bag. True story.

So, after hearing this story you have to wonder, what did that guy do when he found the dog? I mean, how do you react to something like that? In addition, what did he do with the dead dog? Put it in a dumpster or something like that? I don't know.

I like to think that the guy is out there telling this story from his side, being, like so I stole this girl's luggage and in side was a dead dog. All you can say is wow.

My friend wasn't too badly hurt when he punched her or anything. She said it was just a little awkward when she had to call the family and tell them that not only had they dog died but someone stole the corpse.

If this story had a moral, it would be that karma exists for some people.
Celebrating the Opera

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Art Editor

The Opera is one of the oldest, and most celebrated dramatic art forms. It is a combination of beautiful music, both musical and vocal, meaningful lyrics, and dramatic acting that pleases the ears and the eyes as well as the mind.

Its beginnings can be traced back to sixteenth century Europe, when intellectual pursuits (from music to science) began burgeoning and human creativity awoke from the slumber of the Dark Ages.

In recent times, Opera Houses have been struggling to attract large audiences. This trend is especially prevalent in the United States where famous Opera Houses such as the Metropolitan Opera are often crowded for many years. There are many reasons for this dwindling in America. According to many experts, one of the most important factors is the language barrier that Opera often presents. This explains why the United States, by far the Anglo-centric Western country, suffers more than other countries.

The latest trend in Opera is a new production of English subtitles that follow along with the plot. These subtitles are often projected onto a large screen in the back of the seats and on a large screen atop the curtains of the stage. Opera enthusiasts have been outspoken about their apprehension toward the subtitles, yet this has not stopped the Opera Companies who are desperate to lure more people. Thus far, results have been mixed, though it is too early to say.

Some critics argue that young Opera stars like Anna Netrebko hold the key to the future for this dormant art form. Netrebko, a Russian-born soprano, is a youthful, energetic, and extremely talented singer who can connect with younger audiences.

Netrebko enjoys pop music and often talks about all the while appreciating the historical significance and intellectual depth of the discipline and art she practices. Her most notable performances include her role as Natasha in the Metropolitan Opera’s first production of “War and Peace” (2002) and her appearance as Violetta Valery in Verdi’s “La Traviata” performed at the Salzburg Festival. And yet, Netrebko is the exception to the rule: performers and audience members alike are characteristically older.

Other experts argue that the solution to the problem lies in educating the public excellently at the American Box office. Some claim that Opera attendance is down. Though I am by no means belittling popular culture, our generation’s disdain for (so-called) archaic intellectual pursuits is an obvious (and pernicious) theme that permeates throughout modern society.

For myself, I tend to think that the overall intellectual degradation of society is the main reason why Opera attendance is down. Though I am by no means belittling popular culture, our generation’s disdain for (so-called) archaic intellectual pursuits is an obvious (and pernicious) theme that permeates throughout modern society.

Review of “Match Point”

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Woody Allen is one of the most widely respected and prolific filmmakers of the last fifty years. His style of filmmaking, whether loved or loathed, is universally recognizable. His recent movies have been met with harshly by critics and audiences alike. Allen’s latest movie, “Match Point,” is a return to the celebrated days of “Annie Hall” and “ Crimes and Misdemeanors”.

An interview with Premiere Magazine, Allen stated that this was the best film he has ever made. While that may be an exaggeration – especially considering the classics in his repertoire – the film is nothing short of spectacular.

The movie depicts a young, ambitious tennis pro named Chris Wilton (played by Jonathan Rhys Meyers), who, through his tennis coach’s connections, decides to take up a job as a tennis instructor at an upmarket club in England. He begins giving lessons to Tom Hewitt (played by Matthew Goode), a charming aristo schoolboy and his life among the powerful elite in London.

For the two men become instant friends upon learning of their mutual passion for the Opera. Chris is introduced to Tom’s family one night at the Opera House, and Tom’s sister Chloe (played Emily Mortimer) immediately falls for the dashing Chris.

Not long after Chris and Chloe begin dating, Chris meets Nola, Tom’s fiancée (played by Scarlett Johansson), and an enigmatic, quasi-incestuous spark is lit instantaneously. The affair becomes even more ambiguous when Chris and Chloe decide to get things back on track and Chris marries Chloe. Chris, who, thanks to his new life, is now on top of a rising social status, promises his love to Nola and they fall in love.

In true Woody Allen fashion, the plot reaches an almost unbeatable apex before the denouement brutally reveals it all. However, the ending is somewhat surprising, and makes the reader reflect, not only on the movie itself, but also on larger Philosophical questions.

This movie, while entertaining and scandalous, is very cerebral, though Allen chose to overshadow the intellectual component with sex and lust.

Dostoevsky, the famous Russian novelist, is explicitly mentioned in the movie during a casual conversation. After reflecting on it for a long time (Allen is not usually one to name drop), I realized that the movie borrows heavily from “Crime and Punishment” (both literally and philosophically), and, in a sense, Woody Allen’s tribute to the famous Russian novelist/thinker.

The movie’s main theme, derived from Dostoevsky’s own thinking, is chance, and how luck plays a larger role than people like to admit. The movie illustrates how people use faith as a tool to deal with chance, a notion both Chris (in the movie) and Allen (in real life) disagree with.

Scarlett Johansson and Jonathan Rhys Meyers have great chemistry on stage, which complements their phenomenal individual talent. The supporting cast surrounds the two stars beautifully, allowing their brilliance to shine even brighter.

The best part of the movie (at least to this author), is the soundtrack. It is a stellar compilation of classical Opera recordings rarely played anymore. The sad, yet beautiful pieces add such depth to the movie.

This is Woody Allen’s best picture since “Crimes and Misdemeanors”, a true testament to the filmmakers ability to recreate himself. This film is definitely worth seeing (at least once).

It’s back: The attack of Scary Movie 4

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If movies were different types of candy, this movie would be the raspberry and cola flavored bubblegum. This movie, Scary Movie 4, is the most tasteless satire of various horror and “scary movie” clichés. Released recently, but you will still love it because the skits and jokes are so out of line, so ridiculous that you can not help but laugh.

The movie starts off with a spoof of the entire cast getting together at the U.S Box office. In fact, all the movies this film choose to mock are horror films that performed excellently at the American Box office.

This movie was directed by David Zucker who has been involved in producing, directing, and acting in different types of movies since the 1980’s including classics like Airplane! (1980) to recent hits like Phone booth (2002) and My Bosses Daughter (2003). Considering his experience in this genre, it is safe to say that he has an idea of how these types of movies should be directed and how they should amuse the audience, both visually and lyrically.

Scary movie 4 mock films like Saw, The Grudge, War of the Worlds and The Village. However, the funniest part of the entire film is the spoof of the opera Winfrey show where Tom Cruise appears shortly after he started dating Katie Holmes. That, to me at least, made the movie worthy of watching. The skit is so funny and so accurate that it will literally make laugh so hard that you will fall out of your seat.

Overall, this film is good, but it fails to match up to the original. This fact is not surprising as it is rare that sequels match up to the original. So, if it is a boring day and you have a couple of hours to just waste watching something which you probably will not ever watch again in your life, go see this film. If your life is busy right now, then do not bother, but definitely try to catch the Tom Cruise skit.

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Japanese Film 'Shall We Dance?' Spotlights Culture and Gender Role

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Shall We Dance? is a Japanese comedy masterpiece which has won many awards both in Japan and overseas. Directed by Masayuki Suo, this romantic comedy tells about a salaryman, Shobei, who is called upon to work for his brother, Masako, who works and bides his time. The film portrays a life of a salaryman as it looks like a dream of a woman. Realizing that her husband comes home late every Wednesday night, Masako decides to go to a detective office and ask somebody to investigate and discover the reason.

An issue that is brought up in this movie is the hierarchy of gender in a Japanese family. The relationship, actions and interactions between Masako and Shobei reflect many Confucian teaching of hierarchy in society. The hierarchy of gender can be first seen from everyday life of the Suo family. The first instance of this can be seen in the beginning of the movie when Shobei comes back from work. In this scene, Shobei comes back to his house and with his colleagues after going out for drinks with his colleagues. When he comes back, he finds his wife, Masako, sitting at the front of the house. Shobei takes off his shoes and goes upstairs. However, Masako, who is staying in the front of the house, probably keeping his shoes at home, sees the inequality of the male gender in the family. Masako also comments to her daughter that Shobei has been very good at home because of what he provides his family with. She also thinks that her husband should be going out after work more and enjoy himself, because it seems that he has been depressed lately.

Masako's comment shows that it is normal for a man in a Japanese family to go out with his colleagues and have fun after work, whereas a woman cannot do such activities. Moreover, throughout the movie, it seems that Masako is a very innocent from betrayal, and she refuses to discuss this openly with her husband.

Later in the movie, Masako admits that she does this because she is afraid of her husband. This comment shows that the women she seems to exist in the family society depicted in Shall We Dance? The same dancing community illustrated in the movie does not seem to have hierarchy of gender. Female and male seem to be in equal positions. Mai, for example, is not afraid to tell Shobei something to stop dancing.

Toyoa, when practicing with Tanaka, openly says that Tanaka is disgusting and she does not want to dance with him again. Both major female figures in the movie are not afraid to tell Shobei something to stop dancing. The female dancers are not afraid to talk to the male dancers.

Sakura Blossoms in D.C. Festival

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Birds are chirping, squirrels are actively running around for food, and the cherry blossoms are blooming. Looking around campus, there are blue, yellow and pink campus flowers. The campus is firm and brilliantly is sakura tree.

In the past two hundred years old (1794–1815), the world has no other sakura. It was referred to as sakura. Sakura was depicted in paintings, kimono patterns and songs. Also, there have been poems in 17 syllable, and poetry associated with sakura reading during that period. Onono Komachi, who was known for her beauty, referred to sakura in her poem. She used sakura to show how her beauty was short.

It reads, "Hana no iro wa Utsubi no kiri na Kaizuki ni Wagai ni yo ni haku Nagame seki ni ma na" on sakura's color faded while the rain prolonged. So did my appearance, while I was living empty and worrying about many things.

Typically, sakura blossoms only once a year, around for about 2 weeks. When Edo period (1600–1860), people started to watch sakura for enjoyment. They would set, dance and drink sake while watching these beautiful flowers. The event is called hanami. Even though this world literary means "sakura viewing," many Japanese would dine and drink under the trees in groups. When Kazuo was introduced, people started to sing under the sakura tree as well.

It is not just Japan, but there is sakura festival in Washington D.C. as well. In 1913,

many festivals around the U.S. also exist.

There are numerous trees in Baby. You might see Japanese people enjoying a festival if you.

East Meets West: Culture Shock
Top Five Performances of This Year's Show

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5. Babson Jazz Ensemble Never knew jazz can be this good. The performance was very lively and flowing. The music was great; the energy was high, and the tire place swing to its best.

4. Unofficial Project: Hamlet Thunder

The Boston University dancers infused East with West. They showcased some amazing dance moves to the best of Asian hip hop.

3. Matrix Badminton

Not a bad attempt to turn a somewhat boring sport into an awesome performance, by combining badminton with hip hop style. Moves absolutely brilliant.

2. Indo-Punk: AMAN

Arousing, Energetic, and Funky, could be some of the words to describe the performance by AMAN. It showcased a new side of Indian culture, with more attitude and hip hop style.

1. Dan Kim

Wow! Absolutely amazing, there is no word to describe the performance. This is what hip hop can rap like Dan Kim. He is truly Eminent plus Kinome. The ticket price is very low. At worth it. It is going to very sad next year Dan's performance to look forward to.

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Above, the beautiful "sakura" trees (cherry blossoms) in front of Webster Center that bloom every spring bringing more life to our campus.
BABSON WOMEN’S RUGBY MAKES HISTORY

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0-3 are not the winning numbers of a lottery drawing but was the record of the Babson Women’s Rugby (BWR) team in the fall of 2002. This dismal record is a stark contrast of the 9-0 fall 2005 record earning the team the title of Northeast Champions. That fall of 2002 a group of eager freshmen natively stood away from a sport where they were tackled with no pads or any type of equipment. As they look back on their first game, the bruises, the injuries, fallen members, the socials, the coaches, many cannot seem to let go of something that has been such an incredible journey. The team earned the season with over 275 points and outnumbered their opponents an amazing 13 to 1.

The thirteen graduating seniors on BWR, much of who are starters, have dedicated two or more years with the club and will without a doubt years for the camaraderie they found in the BWR family. It is a team that has emerged and fought with every ounce of tenacity to break boundaries and secure a place in Babson History. Though one may have skepticism of the future of BWR I will just say that there is a group of tough, fearless, and passionate women that are definitely up for the challenge to raise the bar and compete at the last time in DI in the Fall of ’06. For now however, this is their moment to shine and make history yet again on April 22nd at Harrington (lower fields) against Ursinus College.

Babson Intramural Legends in the Making?

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Week three in the intramural sports world has come and gone, and only two things remain—the two individual men’s and women’s basketball championships. This year. The performances of Reid Halloran of RMG, and Benton Belcher of the Babson Celtics had intramural all-star written all over them.

The man, the myth, and the legend, Benny Bolo. Belcher paved the way for his Babson Celtics in their third straight win on the softball diamond. In just three at bats, this former IM 3v3 basketball and softball all-star slammed 2 homeruns and a double, bringing in 5 runs. Belcher’s big hit provided the Celtics with nearly 50% of their offense, but it was with his glove that he kept the Techie Mark Sluggers at bay.

His glove was like the black hole, and nothing could escape. Runner after runner was thrown out and tagged out as a result of his heady defense. When asked about his performance, the alumnus of the Belchman gave full credit to the creators of the icyHot, citing a greater offensive player. But do the Nationals really need this kind a headache while trying to build a team? First he refuses to play field, and now is putting up subpar numbers for the amount of money he makes. Soriano had no business showing up his manager.

When he started playing second base regularly with the Yankees, he showed that he was a below average second baseman. Since then, he has proved that he is the worst in the majors. No one since 2001 has had more errors at second base than Soriano.

Lastly his career OPS is .822, and is making 10,000,000 this year. The man he was traded for, Erad Wilkerson of the Texas Rangers, has a career OPS of .511 and is making exactly 29% of Soriano’s salary. Who is getting more bang for their buck?

MLB Shopping List

Dividends: 2006 Edition

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The baseball season has started and plenty of teams have completed different looks this season. Every team had a shopping list, and some had a few bad bargains while others, well didn’t. As we find out, sometimes that isn’t such a bad thing. Let’s take a look at some of the off season biggest acquisitions and their results...

The Sox was acquired by the White Sox this winter in exchange for defensive wizard Aaron Rowand. The White Sox were willing to give on Thome who played just 56 games all last season and hit 7 Home Runs. Well give Sox GM Kenny Williams a lot of credit because he did a bang 341 with 7 Home Runs. He is averaging and RBI per game and his OPS is a staggering .917. Better for the White Sox, the Phillies are paying for half of Thome’s salary, a terrific trade for the White Sox.

Joe Beckett: The other Sox, of the Red variety, took a huge gamble on the injured Beckett. While the Red Sox gave up prized prospects in Hanley Ramirez and Anabel Sanchez to acquire Beckett, he has made the rotation significantly younger. Beckett is a rare player who is young, has World Series experience, and can just plain throw. He has touched 97-98 on the radar gun, and has a 9-0 record with a 1.29 ERA. Even more impressive may be his WHIP at 1.06. It won’t stay that way forever, but Beckett looks like a great acquisition for the Sox...even if Hanley Ramirez is batting 360 for the Mariners.

Becoming more "human," Nomar Garciaparra, Old friend Garciaparra had a quite a season. He is currently batting .400 for the DL team. Talk about a bad acquisition for the Dodgers. Nomar has proven once again that he cannot stay healthy. So many teams were lying for him that he signed him to play first base, a major offensive position.

But for at least 15 days with a strained rib cage, his career has been running on fumes since he was traded from the Chicago Cubs. His performance has been unhurried by the Dodgers.

Alfonso Soriano: Don’t get me wrong, Alfonso Soriano of the Washington Nationals is batting chipped in with a pair of hits and a run scored for the Beavers. Kyle Hammerschmidt (Lawrenceville, NJ) took the loss for Babson to drop to 1-5 on the season. Hammerschmidt yielded five runs, four earned, on seven hits in 1.1 innings of work. He struck out one but walked three in his short outing. Hammerschmidt followed his last started against Springfield which he pitched 1 1/3 innings allowing 2 homeruns.

With the victory, the WPI Engineers improve to 11-16 overall and 3-5 in the NEWMAC.

Babson falls to 14-14 in conference play.

The next home game for the Beavers is a doubleheader on Saturday against the Clark Cougars.

For a complete listing of the Beavers’ future games check out the NEWBAS Men’s Soccer website at

www.babson.edu/athletics.

Above, Babson Senior Ted Drzuba waits for the pitch. Babson lost the match in a hard fought game against the WPI Engineers.