BDE Proudly Presents: “Dancin’ in the Streets”

Justin Poegram
Arts Editor

The upcoming two weeks mark the most exciting time of the year when, after a week of vacatating and relaxing (not to mention eating), students return to campus to finish the semester. This period also coincides with the much anticipated weekend when the Babson Dance Ensemble proudly presents its bi-annual show. This semester’s show, “dancin’ in the streets,” promises to be nothing short of spectacular. Twenty choreographed dances – divided into two acts – come together to deliver a highly energetic performance that will leave the audience breathless. The dances vary widely in genre and theme: from large scale urban dances to more intimate ballet and tap-dancing routines. This variation of styles does not, however, take away from the show’s continuity and consistency. Notable performances include a sensual interpretation of a Christmas Carol, a one-man, high-flying rope act, a stirring salsa dance, and last but not least, an explosive finale to cap it all off.

The show’s overall outstanding feature is the complex lighting techniques utilized throughout the various performances, made possible by the dedicated technicians working behind the scenes.

The Babson Dance Ensemble is a student-run dance organization that was established in 1989 to provide an artistic outlet for enthusiastic dancers. It is one of the largest student organizations on campus, and arguably its most popular one with almost all of its shows sold-out.

The team has been preparing for months, and considering their flawless dress rehearsal on Wednesday night, the show will most likely exceed the expectations. The show will go on stage and dance our heart out. You are all great dancers and let’s have fun!”

In her final semester as BDE president, Adriana Talatian wishes to go out in style and says, “I have been fortunate to be part of the Babson Dance Ensemble and it has been an experience I will carry with me into the future.”

The show is playing this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at the Sorenson Center for the Performing Arts. Given the past popularity of this event, interested students should purchase their tickets early in order to secure a seat for this anticipated event. Go see it, you will not be disappointed.

Babson’s first ever Annual Asian American Community Leadership Conference

Vanessa Williams
News Editor

On November 10th the Babson Pacific Student Organization hosted the first Annual Asian American Community Leadership Conference. Inspired by entrepreneurship, Yuki Xie and Yui Machida turned an idea into what now promises to be a lasting tradition. “There had never been an entrepreneurials event focused on Asian Americans,” said Yui Machida, V.P. of BAPSA. The conference brought together the themes of social community into four specialized discussions. Speakers shared their experiences and views about business leadership, social leadership, political leadership, and cultural leadership. The first session titled “Looking Beyond the Horizon” featured Giles Li, cultural economist Development Manager and founder of the Boston Progress Arts Collection. Daisy Chao, president of the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association, and Renne Lu Principal of Huxin Chinese School. The session focused on business leadership from a non-profit perspective, and the importance of cultural awareness and education.

The second session, “Exploring the Unconventional Path” featured Grace Niwa, entrepreneur/CEO Niwa Public Relations, and Greer Tan Swinton, Commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and Commissioner on the Judicial Nominating Commission. The speakers discussed the challenges of their work and achievements. Swinton, promoted the involvement of community members of all backgrounds in the government state, “I can because I could, because I should.” Supporting domestic tranquility and representative government bodies, she strives to keep our government Constitution alive in a changing world.

The entrepreneurs showed that entrepreneurship was not only creating new possibilities but finding new ways to maintain tradition. Some had benefitted the community by creating new opportunities and others by supporting foundations.

Overall the event was a success with over 70 guests in attendance. The event organizers Eric Yang, Sara Wu, Selena Lee, Alexia Yu, Jing Mai, Yu Man Xie, and Yui Machida attributed their success to their teamwork with the help of moderator Dr. Hu, Dr. Han, and Dr. Hau. The conference provided a supportive network, giving students the chance to connect with outstanding mentors.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price

William Hurley
Contributing writer

With every seat filled, Sorenson Theater’s audience gasped in disgust as they watched claims from Sorenson Theater’s alleged wrongdoings in Robert Greenwald’s new documentary, Wal-Mart: “The High Cost of Low Price.” The high turnout indicates the interest people have in the story of which Wal-Mart affects us all.

Here are just a few of the memorable points the movie had to offer: We learned of an independent grocery from Missouri who could no longer compete with Wal-Mart’s dramatically discounted prices, convenience, and variety. He was finally forced to close his business he built forty years ago. Another poignant story followed a young woman who works for Wal-Mart’s factories in Shenzhen, China, where we saw the repulsive conditions she faced. She lived in a filthy dormitory and worked monotonous twelve-hour work days, earning a measly salary. And speaking of di-minutive salaries, Wal-Mart has been driving down aggregate retail wages by $5 billion every year. Meanwhile, the five Walton heirs are sitting on more than $18 billion each. One of the most infuriating stories was of the two women who worked for Wal-Mart and were making the incomparable choice between medicine and food for their two children.

When she asked her manager for a promotion, he denied her. Ms. Payton asked him if it was because of her black skin or because she was a woman; her boss replied, “Two out of two isn’t bad.” The entire Sorenson audience gasped in disbelief after that remark. Racism, sexism, crime, exploitation, and betrayal are as common in the larger issues presented in this riveting documentary.

Wal-Mart is an incredibly controversial movie, quite similar in nature to Michael Moore’s Fahrenheit 911, which criticized President Bush. Both documentaries are unapologetically one-sided, convincing, and full of fervor. I know many people will defend Wal-Mart, and that’s fine. However, I am not one of those people; I recognize a need for...
Zinio Offers Textbooks Online:
Prescott Paulin
Staff Writer

You won’t be able to completely skip out on paper textbooks next semester, but the technology is certainly evolving. Zinio, the leader in digital publishing for Magazines, is now exploring the market for educational textbooks and has partnered with McGraw Hill to provide a digital service for textbook delivery.

The book that Bobson uses for its JME Marketing stream is already available on Zinio’s site at http://www.zinio.com/directories/college-books/science.html.

Students are able to buy these textbooks online and are able, according to the website, to share their purchases with friends. Who knows, maybe in the future we’ll only have to carry our laptop and a power cord to class.

Babson College Public Safety Incident Log
11/21/05 - 11/29/05
Lockouts 92
Motorist assistance 2

Monday 11/21/05
8:14 am - Report of a larceny of money from the man’s locker room at the Ice Rink. Report filed.
12:10 pm - Report of a fire alarm in the Webster Center. Alarm reset.
1:40 pm - Report of a noise complaint in Publishers Hall. Alarm sounding in a room on the 1st floor was turned off.

Wednesday 11/23/05
8:23 am - Report of a noise complaint in Varwininkle Hall. Alarm sounding on the 3rd floor was turned off.

Continuation from front page...

As Wal-Mart grows, innovation will become scarce—that is a fact. Mom and pop stores that pride themselves on genuine customer service and unique products are getting to a point where they cannot create enough value to charge premium prices. Raising energy costs and tight job markets are prompting people to find new ways to stretch the dollar, many settling for Wal-Mart as a one-stop-shop with dirt-cheap prices.

Yes, Wal-Mart offers some products at slightly lower quality, but many people speculate that Wal-Mart will be the first company to hit $1 trillion in sales within a decade. Americans always need the latest fad: iPods, portable DVD players, big-screen plasma Hi-Definition TVs, camera phones . . . the list goes on. Wal-Mart offers these once-too-expensive luxuries to everyone, thriving on America’s obsession with trendy consumer goods.

Wal-Mart’s philosophy is really genius: if they pay their workers low enough wages, they’ll be forced to only shop at Wal-Mart, not being able to afford anything else. Effectively, they create their own perpetual market, all with a smile (and I’m referring to the overly ubiquitous Wal-Mart smiley face logo, not the customer service). Of course, this is highly exaggerated, but I’m just afraid this is where our economy is heading.

Wal-Mart loosely reminds me of a Communist “government,” doing out the same standardization of goods to everyone, creating a mediocre national subsistence level. Microeconomics tells us that monopolistic companies are inefficient. Wal-Mart is not a monopoly but is moving in that direction. Surely enough, Wal-Mart will eventually hit diseconomies of scale as it will become too large for its own good.

Something has to give—employees will revolt in some kind of union, the government will intervene, banks of customers will boycott, or Wal-Mart’s management will slip up. And if Wal-Mart ever must close some of its stores, the small-town economies that depend on “Everyday Low Prices” will be utterly helpless.

Defenders of Wal-Mart argue that “if you don’t like Wal-Mart, don’t shop there.” But it’s not that simple. As Wal-Mart replaces smaller independent retailers, many isolated American communities must shop at Wal-Mart to purchase certain goods. Regulatory agencies cannot negotiate these deals. And don’t forget, Wal-Mart is a global company, so even an American boycott (which is highly unlikely) would not shut them down.

Wal-Mart is bigger than its competitors in terms of physical store size, number of locations, revenues, profits, and growth; therefore, it more greatly affects our economy. We must assess whether we want a cheap, disposable DVD player or innovation, meaningful jobs, and consumer choice.

The only reason why this is a difficult decision is because we are used to having easy access to nice things as Americans.

As much as I criticize, Wal-Mart is not good or bad; rather, it has become a necessary evil in our society—a double-edged sword—giving us affordable goods to meet our wants and needs, while decimating the surrounding economy as we know it. I have never enjoyed shopping at Wal-Mart from the perspective of a consumer, but after seeing The High Cost of Low Price, I dislike Wal-Mart as a future investor, an American citizen, and a human with a conscience.
The Revolution Will Be Economic - Socially Conscious Businesses

Asad Rahim  
Staff Writer

It's bizarre. As business students we sometimes have a schizophrenic understanding of businesses. We believe that the business model is all about minimizing costs, e.g., high revenue and low expenses. We condemn sweatshops and companies that pay their employees unlivable wages. On the other hand we also understand that companies that have extremely low cost structures that enable them to sell their products cheaper are competitive. Sometimes we never connect the two: though there are exceptions, when a company has an ethical stance and is socially responsible, it is usually an indication that something isn't right.

In the world where the norm is eating the cost, and you can rest assured that it's not the company's fault. Rather, it's the stakeholders who depend on the company for their survival. Trust me, as a broke college student who is always trying to get a bang for his buck, this is not something that is easy to admit. Admitting this is admitting that you too am in a way contributing to someone's oppression.

Take for instance Wal-Mart, the company Babson has been pushing down our throat since FME (and many times with rigor, might I add). I used to LOVE Wal-Mart. Come in with $30, leave with the whole $30, and make your business knowledge kick in. In hope for them to have these “Everyday Low Prices,” someone is still making a living. Wal-Mart, every employee, the people who are the least capable of defending them- selves, are the ones that are hit the hardest.

Did you know Wal-Mart sales associates make $13.312 a year while the federal poverty level for a family of three is $15,730? If you know better, you do better. I could no longer just say it’s a shame how Wal-Mart pays its employees. By supporting Wal-Mart, I was also supporting the poverty of its employees. Even though it was hard, and I still sometimes go through withdrawals, I finally decided to boycott Wal-Mart.

But we’re sick of talking about Wal-Mart, yes? They are by far not the only ones engaging in unethical business practices. I want to take a little time to talk about some of the companies who are being socially responsible in hope that we can all make an effort to become their patrons and at least be part of some of the other companies.

The Timberland Company: It is starting moving to going green. Every day now and that means it's time for new winter boots. Give Timbs a chance, consider this time around. Whether they're going across America helping combat poverty or they're crossing China building schools, they are striving to help their employees, the community, and the environment.

Avon: Ladies, don't sleep on Avon! Through its “Spark Out Against Domestic Violence” program, its “Breast Cancer Crusade” and many other philanthropic efforts, Avon proves that it is deeply committed to empowering women. Plus, for all you animal lovers: Avon has helped build the first major cosmetic company to end all animal testing in 1989. Avon does not use animal testing agents and continues to try to sell you products, throw a few dollars her way.

Patagonia: Just looking around you can tell that Patagonia is clearly a Northface campus, but for the wrong reason. For looking high and end jackets Patagonia offers the same tech- nically enhanced design and comfort as Northface, but if you go with Patagonia, you’ll know your dollars are making a difference of every sale to the preservation of the natural environment.

IBM: I know we've all been learning about the marvel that is Dell Computers, but I'm here to tell you that IBM is where the buck stops and a step towards braving and investing at leveraging its resources to make a social impact. Noting the large size that IBM has, IBM offers to train its employees to become accredited math and science teachers upon leaving IBM. Furthermore, just last week IBM announced a $200 million trust fund “to launch a new vision for the Community Grid, one of the top 10 supercomputers in the world” using IBM’s Power9 processor. And the list goes on and on...

I know that everyone isn’t going to go out and dramati- cally change their buying habits, but we can all take small steps to begin to speak out with our dol- lars. Now that we know better, we have to do better! For a list of the 100 Best Corporate Citizens, please visit http://www.business- ethics.com/100best.htm.
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The Final Days of Fall 2005

Manjiri Rastogi
Lifestyle Editor

It’s hard to believe the whole
semester has passed by. Forgive me for being so cliché, but I think truly understand where the term “time
flies” comes from. Anyway, through all the beautiful fall
scenes, here’s just one more to look forward to:

Get Cultured

The last day of classes is on
Wednesday, December 7th. Once you
finish your final, I would suggest
all about the Magic Shuttle Bus.

Babson upper-classmen enjoy fresh juice drinks away from the cold in sunny Dominican Republic over Thanksgiving break.

Weekly Poll: Speak Up and Say What You Think

Travis Bowdew
Contributing Writer

This is a start of the new
series that I will be writing for the
next four weeks, and perhaps
longer, if I find something
to write about. Each week, I will provide a link
to an online poll containing a number of questions that will be
posted on the Babson website. At the end of each week, I will review
the answers and include the results in the following week’s article.

Allow me to talk a bit about the project. I was recently
sitting at work, discussing various issues leave at Babson College
with a fellow USDA technician. When I realized the need for
more than just a poll on campus, I decided that the best way
to students’ thoughts on campus
issues would be through an online poll in conjunction with the Free Press.

Welcome to week 1. In this week’s poll, we look into three
key issues. Firstly, the new flagpole display located in front of
Horn Library. You have all undoubtedly noticed it, now we want to
hear what you think. Is it a wonderful representation of our school’s international culture? Perhaps you think it is
simply a nice display, or maybe you believe it is a senseless waste of
our tuition money.

Second question is in regards
to the Wall Street Journal. Do you have noticed that there are
no longer provided for the students
here at Babson College. Why is this? As I said, the poll
will be given out during halftime of the men’s game which begins at 7:00 pm. No one who doesn’t love winning prizes.

Twenty-two was a good year

Ashley Jain
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

As the end of the year
creeps closer, I realize that it’s only
been a year since I graduated
college. It seems like so quickly.
I don’t believe it’s already December. Christmas trees and decorations
decorate almost every building,
the radio stations, trees, and my
building’s lobby. It’s like Winter
Wonderland in there, honestly.

November and December
are really two of the shortest months
of the year. First of all, Christmas decorations start going up right
after Halloween. People turn complete
dichotomous during the last 60
days of each year. Take Black Fri-
rock, Black Friday is one of the
biggest shopping days of the
year, the day after Thanksgiving.
I’ve never been out of our house
at 2 PM on Friday to check out the
outlets. Malls, Complete, utter
madness. There were still incredib-
ly long lines of people, even in
every store; it took us forever to find
parking and everywhere we would
see signs “50% off, 100% worth of
clothing, get a $35 coupon” (with a
tiny disclaimer that you have to
ask). It seems like everyone you
can redeem said coupon).

When this news of winners
come to CompUSA at midnight and
they told me that one guy shopping needed them to trade what was in their
shopping cart with what was in his. One
of these same friends had never ex-
perienced Black Friday before and
she said she had never seen so many
people running around like chickens without heads. Everyone was out of control. And, my
response, “people will do anything
to save a buck (or two).”

People are really super
stressed at this time of year; not
only people in college, but everyone in
town. Babson students have this
glossy stressed out look in their eyes
constantly. I asked one guy at work
today, “is this normal?” He
denied, “I don’t even have

Se, Happy Hanukkah,

George Roeck
Contributing Writer

Preparing for finals

George Roeck
Contributing Writer

No one does much the week before Christmas and after.
Christmas vacation, everyone
has that moment of content during
the holidays. For me, it’s the
before the exam.

5. Let others ask you questions.

This is a tip for the well prepared.
In order to keep up with the course
we wouldn’t ask if you
were a good
night (and I never did). I
would
the door to my room
open right
before the exam and class
mates would wander in and ask
me questions about the exam.
If I knew it cold, great, if not,
then knew what areas in which I was
weak.

6. Get a good night’s sleep.
I don’t care how much of a night owl you are; sleep provides the rest you
need for the energy necessary to
take the exam. It also clears your
head, which allows you to think
clearly. This is another understated
aspect of exam taking. A
good breakfast never hurts anyone even
if you generally do not
breakfast. Don’t be afraid to
an exam. You should be

10 Movies You Should Watch

George Roeck and Will Pearce

Professors List (no particular
order)

Highway

1. Fight Club
2. Fast Times at Ridgemont High
3. Paper Chase
4. Animal House
5. Star Wars or E.T.
6. Caddyshack
7. Ferris Bueller’s Day Off
8. All The President’s Men
9. Wall Street
10. Finding Forrester

Student’s List (no particular
order)

1. Fight Club
2. Donnie Darko
3. Bullock/Ross
4. Army of Darkness
5. The Last Samurai
6. Boondock Saints
7. Roman Holiday
8. The Usual Suspects
9. Face/Off
10. Full Metal Jacket


Study Tips for Finals

George Roeck
Contributing Writer

Preparation: Five

1. Make a study schedule
2. Get a good night’s sleep
3. Eat a good breakfast
4. Study for three

3. Eat a good breakfast
the exam.

2. Study hard during the
term

4. Study for three
hours.

1. Make a study schedule

Study hard during the
term
Babson's Newest Exhibition: “Room 204: Visual Traces of Groups at Work”

Justin Pongram
Arts Editor

The recent crowning of Damien Hirst, the eccentric and highly experimental British artist, as the most influential person in the art world according to Art Review magazine is proof that creativity and ingenuity are among the most important dictates of contemporary art.

Boston artist Hannah Burr is an example of this creative push. In her current exhibitions entitled “Room 204: Visual Traces of Groups at Work”, Burr takes a novel and ambitious approach to human interaction in the context of a business/acadamic setting. The show is separated in two parts: the actual exhibit is found in the Olin Graduate School (room 204) and an explanatory exhibit with pictures and comments is on display in Swenson Visual Arts Center, upstairs in the back of Trim dining hall.

Hannah Burr is a well known Boston artist with already eight solo exhibitions to her name. Burr’s main focus as an artist is to explore new materials, textile and visual juxtapositions and above all relationships in space. Mediums she prefers include paints, woods, paper and constructions. As her current exhibition can attest to, her work is a form of inquiry.

The current exhibition, curated by Babson’s artist in residence Danielle Kreamer, is an interesting combination of art and social science, all in the context of a business setting. A group of MBA students agreed to participate in Burr’s project, which required their weekly meetings to be filmed in room 204.

Between the meetings, Burr watches the video of the interactions and re-imagines them by marking the room with various materials. Each type of marking is a code for a particular occurrence. For example, signs of coffee can be represented by pigmented wax or stitching in the side of a chair.

The entire room is marked with distinctive techniques and materials, from marks in the ceiling to stitching in the carpeting. As the weeks progress, the room becomes more intensely peppered with markings, and the simplicity of the conference room is transformed into a complex, highly colorful work of art.

Though the artist treated is very much abstract, the relatively consistent methodology allows for interesting patterns to emerge. However, the project cannot be considered a scientific experiment because Burr uses her own artistic judgment to oversee the project; precision is often undermined by artistic impulses. That said, this hybrid discipline of artistic documentation is, in many ways, more insightful than plain scientific discovery.

Translating human interactions into artistic imagery is an original idea that, while difficult to grasp at first, especially for someone who is just passing by, allows the viewer to appreciate simple gestures and idiosyncrasies that are often taken for granted. Burr’s keen interest in the everyday life of students is exemplified in this show.

The exhibit is open until December 21st (at which time there will be a closing ceremony). It strongly urges students to visit the exhibit before leaving for break. It is a great opportunity to see innovative artwork and to gain an appreciation for how many times you cross your legs during class.

This coming Tuesday there will be a reception from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in Olin 204 to celebrate this art installation. For more information, contact Hannah Burr. You can visit her website at hannaburr.com or contact Babson’s artist in residence Danielle Kreamer. Happy Holidays!

Emotionally In-tune

Dante Love
Staff Writer

An apparent love-child of Britten Wonder’s Songs in the Key of Life, Chiusa Hawk makes music that does what music ought to: opens up, takes risks, and lets China talk. What transpires is a sort of rhythmic vulnerability; a melodic discourse on frustration, fear, anticipation, love, and, well, life. His music is of an emotionally engulfing sort, kindling buried sentiment—an audible yearning—at the scent of it—and we’re compelled to listen as he tries to express it.

Above, artist Hannah Burr at work stitching thread into the carpet. And below it, room 204 of the Olin Graduate School during the aesthetic transformation.

Kung-Fu Hustle: The Eastern Western

Ananthshree Chaturvedi
Contributing Writer

The world we live in today is becoming smaller and smaller place everyday as globalization spreads and boundaries open up. Another part of globalization is that cultures are becoming more aware of each other and are increasingly starting to accept one another and also understand each other.

That is the reason why this film, “Kung Fu Hustle”, is original. It fuses together two cultures that are so different and oppose, and does it in a beautiful, visually appealing way. The film is directed and written by Stephen Chow, who also plays the lead role. It fuses together the American culture from the 30’s and makes it a reality in a Cantonese speaking world. This film is effectively a western shot in china with kung fu combats replacing gun fights and special effects replacing lengthy action sequences.

It is impressive in the way in which it manages to merge all the elements of a typical western with eastern traditions and characteristics. Stephen Chow manages to bring across the best of both worlds.

This film is a real feel good movie, it has everything: drama, romance, tragedy, action, comedy and extensive animation with superb special effects. Nevertheless, one element that really stands out in this film is how well it is just flown from one theme to another. It switches themes so fast and effectively that the audience has to really keep up with the film in order to grasp what is going on.

Chow does a great job of making sure that this movie is like a roller coaster ride-épanding up and down and taking the audience along. He switches the focus point of the film so often that one does not even realize who the lead character really is until the very end.

Overall this is an excellent film which keeps you entertained until the very end. It is the ultimate form of escapism in the movies where you can simply forget all your worries and enjoy the film.
On behalf of the Management Division, I want to express our deep sense of loss over the passing of Professor Bill Nemitz. He was a friend to us all. Bill had very strong beliefs about the value of education and the work that we do here. He insisted that we focus our best energies on helping our students succeed. This course was reflected in the energy that he put toward his own work with students in class and out. At the same time, as a member of the faculty, you could feel his support. He encouraged us to think about our work in an innovative way. He was there through good times and bad. It was obvious that he cared. We, the students, faculty and staff, are all better for having known and worked with Bill. He will be missed.

James Hunt
Chair, Management Division

I was very fortunate to be in Professor Nemitz’s last FME class before he retired. He was a wonderful teacher and I always felt lucky to be in that section. Nemitz approached his classes with knowledge, wit, a few anecdotes, and real world experience. His teaching instilled in me a liking and understanding of accounting. I remember one day in class he said that accounting was like baseball, everyone wants to be the pitcher but someone has to keep score. Nemitz was a great man and he will be missed.

William Pearce
Class of 2008

Bill Nemitz was my colleague and friend for many years. I will always appreciate the dignity and respect he exhibited when he was the Chair of the Management Division. He was fair and always acted with the highest standards of integrity. Most importantly, Bill understood and lived the Babson value of dedication to students and teaching. He loved what he did. It’s why he could never quite get himself to retire when he had ample opportunities over the last several years to do so. I will miss Bill a great deal and I know many in our Babson community will as well.

Joseph Weintrub
Professor of Management

We were never just his students, we were always his children.

Mahesh Ramchandani
Class of 2006

Bill and I worked together for almost 19 years - six of those years he was the Management Division Chair and I worked as his assistant. Bill was a big man with a strong deep voice but with a gentle heart. He was so proud of his students and how hard they worked and because of his feelings towards them he waited another 13 years before he retired. He was dedicated to his family, to his church, to his students, to his colleagues and to Babson as a whole.

Bill was not only my boss but he was also my friend and I will miss this wonderful person.

Sheila Faberty
Management Division

It was a pleasure and an honor for me to work for Professor Nemitz last year as an FME mentor. You could see how devoted he was to his students and how passionate he was about making sure they understood the material. I am thankful that he was able to finish his career on his own terms and I give my deepest condolences to his family.

Craig Zwerling
Class of 2006

Bill Nemitz welcomed me to the Management Division with his typical blend of warmth and professionalism. As Division Chair, he was more than an effective manager: he was a leader who motivated faculty and students to do their best. And his love of Babson College informed all of his decisions. Most of all, Bill Nemitz was a kind man who knew how to listen and when to act. I miss him already.

Syed Salvari
Assoc. Prof. of Management Communication

Professor Nemitz welcomed me to Babson as my FME Professor and made another appearance for my junior year as my TOM Professor. I felt like he had really seen me grow and we both knew that he certainly played a role in the development of my character. He was a wonderful person and will truly be missed.

Manjari Rastogi
Class of 2006

Professor Bill Nemitz was a profoundly decent man, who believed the world has the possibility to be much better than it always is, and that business could bring that to people. He gave ideas a chance not because they could make the most money, but because he saw a better world for all of us.

Nick Ditmore
Class of 2006
The Right to Educate

Justin J. Nadile
Contributing Writer

Many of you may remember the feelings of embarrassment and discomfort you felt when your parents gave you “the talk.” Yes, I am referencing the sex talk, the birds and the bees. For many it became a right of passage from childhood to adulthood, when innocence and ignorance are lost. It has come to be expected of parents to educate their children in one way or another concerning sex and the relationships between men and women. You may have had “the talk” when you were eight, or ten, or maybe not at all (as your parents chose to leave it up to school to teach you sex education).

The common thread here is that your parents were the ones to choose when it was appropriate, and that the timing could be based upon any number of factors (age, race, religion, etc.). Unfortunately for the children and their parents from the state of California, parents no longer have the right in choosing the paths on which they choose to teach their kids about sex (or anything else, for that matter).

An elementary school in Palmdale, California (in conjunction with a doctoral candidate), gave a survey to their students (specifically 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders), asking them explicit questions concerning their private sexual thoughts and their sexual habits. Now you might think that crazy to hear children that young expected to voice their sexual thoughts to anyone, never mind a school survey, and you are not alone. Understandably, a few parents were outraged; the consent waiver they had signed never mentioned sex as a possible topic of the survey. A group of concerned parents then informed the school district and its administrators claiming protecting the Jewish people in the event of anti-Semitism in another country, like in the cases of Russia, Iran, and Germany. He has fought several wars against neighboring Arab countries to maintain the state of Israel, so it is understandable that he would not be inclined to want to get rid of a concentrated Arab community in his own country. If he has to retreat to bring about peace, then all for better. He can depose the anti-Semitic government and impose Israeli rule with newfound international support, maintaining the integrity of the Jewish state and the territory all the time.
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Big Time in the Big Apple: The Ins and Outs of Sex Trafficking

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It's perplexing to think about how a 4 million person sex trafficking ring can exist in our world with the other 7 billion of us not knowing about it. And we have to not know about it, because if we do, we do nothing to stop it, what does that say about us? The fact remains that human trafficking in sex is an extremely vital market in our world, and we must each decide as individuals and as a society to do something about it. But first we need to understand how this business is run all over.

What does it mean to be trafficked? It may seem like a simplistic question, but it is really one that we need to understand before we can hope to stop it. Human trafficking is the act of forcibly taking a person into your custody illegally and under duress. Humans that are trafficked are used for many things including plantation labor, military forces, and sex.

Where do sex slaves come from? Most sex slaves are trafficked from Northern Europe and Asia, although the only unifying feature among those referred to as "victims" is that they may be coerced by promises of good jobs and a life in America, kidnapped, or even sold by poverty. The planning that goes into capturing a human life is for profit. Traffickers may bring in young and vulnerable girls who have little if any support.

What are "destination countries"? This is the term used for the countries to which humans are trafficked, and thus it is where the large sex houses are set-up as well as where the customers come to purchase the sex. Most of these countries are wealthier countries, with Northern America being among the largest cities for sex houses. An article in the New Yorker reported on a raid done on a house in New Jersey where "The police found a squalid, land-based equivalent of a 19th-century slave ship, with rancid, doorless bathrooms, bare, Pacific matresses; and a stash of penicillin, "morning after" pills and misoprostol, an antipurulent medication that can induce abortion. The girls were pale, exhausted and malnourished. Why are the girls so young? Most girls are between the ages of 11-17. It is important for the survival of the business for girls to be weak and vulnerable. With age comes a willingness and ability to fight the system. Also, many customers are looking primarily for younger girls. Mothers of each house are in charge of the girls. While most sex slaves are females, it is important to know that there are also young boys that are trafficked for the purpose of sex.

Speciality houses have begun to emerge that offer children under the age of ten, sometimes even younger, the children of their slaves into the sex slave business.

What has America done? America has made great strides in recent years to combat human trafficking in other countries and to protect the women that have been trafficked in to the U.S. and are now looking for citizenship. However, the United States is one of the largest perpetrators of human trafficking in sex and little has been done domestically to stop the business. Approximately 20,000 people are trafficked into the United States every year, and at least half of those are trafficked for the purposes of sex.

The estimate of how many sex slaves may be living in such conditions today here is phenomenal.

What can we do? The best thing to do is to be aware and vocal against human trafficking. Don't support companies and businesses that may be using sex slaves, because they probably are. Human Rights Watch has tons of information about what you can do to participate in efforts to stop sex slavery and www.emancipationnetwork.org to find out more information about how to help victims of sex slavery that are trying to live a normal life today.

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Exploring Burma (Myanmar)

By Vanessa Burrell
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After just one day of classes on the water, we arrived in Yangon, Myanmar at 06:00 on November 1st, 2005. We had to arrive a day early and will be leaving a day later due to the region. However, the last day, November 1st will be a class day, therefore, we will not be able to leave. We were also told of security issues that we had heard about, I was not too thrilled and was not happy about the news. However, I therefore, did not sign up for any more night trips. Nonetheless, I was not able to get off the ship right away because of customs. The port we arrived in is nothing but a ton of open fields with containers from the cars bringing us. We had to take a shuttle to the beginning of the port a mile away because the cars were not allowed in. We did not get such a smooth start.

The drivers decided to price fix before we even came out, so we refused to pay because the boat told us not to pay more than $25 US to get into Yangon, but they wanted $30 then changed it to $50, which is more than then these people make in a year. It was ridiculous so we all hired a bus that was going for $4 a person and boycotted the rest.

We stayed at the Sedona International Hotel in Yangon. It was extremely clean, and they have a type of accommodation would cost in the states. We stayed a bus ride away from town and we wanted to get away from things and be able to relax and the food we are used to see and buy in this country.

So other then our train experience, we can wait on the way to see sightseeing we still plan on taking advantage of the amenities on the ship while everyone else is away. Early Thursday morning at 07:30 Christine and I signed up for the local train expedition. We were taken to the local train station and rode for about an hour through the city. Then we arrived at a village where we had to walk through to get to the Cawgyaw Monastery. Here we visited a class of about 60 students and all under the age of five. We then sang them ‘Take Me Out to the Ballgame’ and the monks then started to sing and recite a prayer for us from their piyopac game and a song about Buddhism.

While at the monastery there were about 15 University students that joined us. Christine and I sat with Mo Lwin who was studying Law at the University. We were studying English and were both 22 years old. We had a conversation with about their life and their country. Their favorite hip hop singer was Eminem. They also talked to some pictures with them and asked to write our names in Burmese.

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The hour and a half we spent with them was an incredible experience because we realized they are no different than us. Their parents support them; they go to school, listen to music, watch movies, hang out with friends and have boyfriend/girlfriend. It was a fascinating experience that I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to interact with my peers of another culture.

At 12:00 we headed back to the ship for lunch and we were able to eat our work is more like it. We was so happy to be inside because it is hot. Inside we focused on Myanmar right now and there are torrential downpours during the day. They do not last very long but they are very strong. On Friday I was able to sleep in, which is very rare on the ship, but it felt so good. I spent the day with Christine working out, lying out, visiting the little souvenir ship inside the port and doing a lot of work.

I am really trying to get ahead because the next few weeks in Vietnam, Hong Kong and Japan are going to be so hectic due to the short time span between each country. However, to ruin my nice relaxing day we were told once our ship did not do a very good job of conserving water and because the water is not good in India and Myanmar we are running extremely low.

Therefore, we can only have water from 18:00-21:00 hours. So Christine and I became resourceful and filled up every empty bottles of water we had during that time period so we would be able to rinse off and flush the toilets the next day. On Saturday we continued to have no water, but I was very thankful to have my water bottles! I really hope Puller is not bad for you because I have used so much of it on this voyage that it has become part of me. Like said in my India journal DO NOT ever take water for granted because it can be taken away so easily. Again I took it really easy today and did some more work because once we get underway again my pancreas is not going to like me from all the stress and no sleep I am going to put through.

There is hardly anyone on the boat because they all decided to do over nights so I have been able to get on the internet without wasting tons of minutes as well as have my room to myself, which is very rare with my roommate. Dave, John and I went on our last excursion to visit the local markets on Sunday with BAS.

Our first stop was to a local outdoor cafe where we were served traditional Myanmar snacks of spring rolls, tea, and some other things we could not identify. The markets are quite an experience, they are half in doors and half outdoor. There are hundreds of vendors selling variations of the same ob jeets. Straw pocketbooks, jew elry, t-shirts, jade, etc. It was another time to sharpen my bargaining skills. Myanmar was very different from all the other countries we had been to because of the military control.

We were not allowed to use credit cards anywhere because the US refuses to support the government even before we allowed to take any photographs of government buildings or officials. However, the most shocking part was that some others went to a boxing match where the Prime Minister spoke. When they got back to the hotel later that night they saw themselves on TV cheering for the boxing match; however, the news turned it around and put the clip of them cheering with the clip of the Prime Minister speaking, innsisting the US support.

Apparently, the military will do anything to gain support from their citizens no matter how unethical it is. It was hard for us as Americans to travel in the country but military rule is a form of life and I am really thankful that Bush continues to refuse to support Burma and it should continue to be called.

Above, a picture of Edwina Witwo 06 during her visit through a traditional East Asian pack.

The layout of the trees, rocks and the water creates for a very picturesque scene.

World Climate Summit to Begin in

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From the time the Kyoto Protocol came into force in February, the first United Nations climate conference has begun with the US still refusing to sign the targets. Officials are meeting in the Canadian city of Montreal to discuss the review of the Kyoto Protocol and greenhouse gas emissions over the next seven years.

Thousands of scientists, delegates and environmentalists are attending to push for action in any instance would meet the Canadian proposal since the country fears the Kyoto Protocol could harm development and economic growth. Steve Sawyer, one of Greenpeace’s top leaders, said that the organization does not oppose the Kyoto Protocol and cannot afford the US administration blocking the rest of the world’s efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

President Bush’s chief environmental policy advisor, Constance, made it clear that the US would not support binding greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the Kyoto agreement. He explained that the country does not support the agreement since more significant plans on cutting emissions have already occurred.

Since the United States has not ratified the Kyoto, the country will take no formal part in the talks held under the Montreal. However, the country does have a place at the table in

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Environmental pressure groups are arguing that it is meaningless to try to re-engage the Bush administration on the climate action conference with the US as a part of the conference in Montreal.

The Montreal Protocol is expected by the Montreal Protocol is expected by the Montreal Protocol is expected by the Montreal Protocol is expected to bring together government officials who are negotiating on behalf of the European Union as Britain and China. The lack of government presence determines to use the Montreal Protocol to demonstrate that the binding efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions are here to stay.

They also believe that flexibility means that the US can enable other countries becoming countries may be convinced to begin to limit the growth in their own emissions because some countries expand.

An important measure of the success of this conference will be if it signs an agreement that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as India, China, and Brazil, and are prepared to talk about taking on formal commitments of their own in the global battle against climate change.
Traveling through Vietnam

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We arrived at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on November 5, 2006 at 12:00 hours. We had to travel up the Saigon River for about two hours therefore we were late to arrive. However, we got to have a BBQ on the pool deck for lunch while enjoying the scenic views. Upon entering the hotel, we looked out our window to see the dozens of parents lined up on the dock with all their traditional farmer Vietnamese hats waiting for their sons and daughters to get off.

It was a little and not having Daddy and Mommy there, but I told them that I would only be able to spend 3 days with them. Dodging the monsoon weather Carson, All, John and I got in the SAS bus and departed for the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were used as the stable resistance zone of the Cu Chi people during the Vietnam War. The ride was about an hour and a half, and when we arrived we went to visit the grounds and had to find the hidden cover that led to the tunnels.

We saw the different war tactics used such as booby traps, tanks, and how the soldiers would look like during the war. We were led into the underground tunnel, which were absolutely incredible. The moment we arrived in the tunnels was a bit too sweet. It was so cramped, fortunately for me I was able to sit and did not have much of a problem, but John and the guys did not have such an easy time.

Above is a picture of the Kamagru Torii Gate.

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Women's Rugby: Northwestern Division III champion

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In a hard fought contest this Sunday morning, Babson Women's Rugby completed their undefeated season and earned their title of Northeast Champion for Division III.

Having secured their place in the Championship game by soundly defeating Mariest College yesterday by a score of 30-0, Babson entered today's game against Trinity College with a sense of destiny and confidence. With a steady breeze behind them, Babson pushed quickly into the Trinity defense and kept them there with relentless drive from the backfield and backfield. Play after play, the ball never moved much beyond the 15 meter mark and Babson continued to pound it down low. Finally, Babson broke the ball into the line and senior Jackie Decosq drove hard for the try zone and anchored the 5mm score.

The conversion kick was unsuccessful but a sense of control was in Babson's favor. The wind was shifting and they were able to burst in the Trinity half of the field.

As half-time approached, Trinity surged forward and crossed midfield time and time again. Trinity's pack seemed to gain strength and momentum and switched with Babson playing resilient defense. Fullback Mimi Fene came through with multiple clutch open field tackles, well placed kicks and hard runs into the line from back position. Babson's defense held tough with key tackles and clean play to break the Trinity backs and without even a chance to kick for points.

Yesterday's match, Babson emerged from halftime with an energized opponent and Trinity smartly used the field to push within inches of the goal. Just minutes later, Babson tightened up its position and in spite of a growing breeze in their face, moved the ball deep into Trinity's space. Big hits were made on both sides of the ball and both teams had strong skills at the rack and Maul. However, deep in the Trinity zone, penalties allowed Babson to kick for points and senior Kara Hackett nailed her second with consecutive kicks that put Babson up 1-0. It seemed unlikely that the lead could be challenged unless safely, but with about ten minutes remaining, Trinity took the subsequent kickoff into Babson's half and brought it to the corner for a try. The conversion kick fell short but the score was 1-5. Another Trinity score and conversion came in for a Trinity win and both teams knew it. As the pressure mounted, Babson's defense bent but never broke as Trinity maintained a steady attack in the waning minutes. In the end, Babson Women along with family, friends, alumni, and members of the Babson community including faculty, men's rugby, and other students celebrated Babson's well-deserved victory.

At midfield, both teams were congratulated for their excellent play and presented with their trophies. By winning this game, Babson finishes the season as the 41 Division III team in the North- east. USA Rugby does not conduct a National Championship series for Division III but Babson will finish its season knowing they are one of the top 7 Division III Rugby teams in the Nation.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Babson Women's Rugby team on winning the Northeast Division III Championship! Above is Swedlen Kawanuki '08 (Free Press' choice for MVP) driving her team to victory!

2006 NFL East Forecast

By Jeff Peterson
Staff Writer

It's been over a month since the White Sox proudly hoisted a World Championship trophy. Only the memories of the fans for the heads for the first time in 85 years. Now comes my favorite time of the year, the off-season. Who are the big wheelers and dealers? Who has helped themselves and who has hurt themselves? Let's take a look at the NFL as of 2006.

New York Yankees: It has been a slow offseason for the Division Champions. The Yankees didn't do much this past month was res- signed Brian Cashman to a long term deal. He proved himself to be an integral role in the holding the Yankees together. This was especially true last season when he signed Aaron Small, arguably the Yankees most effective pitcher for the entire season.

The biggest hole the Yankees need to address is centerfield. While they have mulled about putting Alex Rodriguez or Derek Jeter out there, to no avail. They need to begin to infuse some youth in the starting five if they expect to make a World Series run near future. Who knows, they might win it all.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays: When I look out into the stands at Tropicana Field, I swear little leaguers from all across the world is many with partial clouds.

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NFL Playoff Preview

By Pat McNamara
Staff Writer

As we roll into week 13 of the NFL, it is becoming more and more evident who the con- tenders are and who the pre- tenders are. First, I will break down the Patriot-hosting AFC and then the NFC.

In the AFC, there seems to be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Indianapolis Colts are the best team. With the future hall of famers Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison, just 5 more wins to become the first 16-0 team in the history of the NFL. Few would argue against the fact that the Colts are the toughest and most consistent team in the NFL. Most would argue in fa- vor that the Colts also possess the best defense. In fact, in a recent ESPN poll, the Colts re- ceived the most votes for who is the best defense.

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With the best offense, defense, arguably the most ac- curate kicker is the game, and a punter that quite frankly, never punts, the Colts seem to have what it takes to win the Super Bowl, after winning the AFC.

In my opinion, the sec- ond best team in the AFC is the Denver Broncos. Their 9-2 record speaks for itself, and with a few tough wins this year, the Broncos will probably draw a first round bye in the playoffs. In my eyes, if the Broncos go into January at the healthiest they can be, then they aye to the best in the AFC. They have been without key running back Corey Dillon for quite some time now, and their top offensive lineman, Matt Light, backup running back Kevin Faulk, starting wide receiver David Givens and starting tight end Daniel Graham as well.

With all of these key players back, and the playoff perfor- mance of Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and Adam Vinatieri, I'd watch out for the Patriots to be a dangerous team come January. Filling out the top four in the AFC comes a "bet- ter-than-their-record-would-indi- cate " team. They have the best player in the NFC, sorry, Peyton. San Francisco's Tomlinson has emerged as one of the most explosive running backs in the history of the game. On his given carry, that man can turn a one yard loss to a 47 yard dash toward the end zone. This fac- tor makes the Chargers danger- ous against any team, even the Colts and the division-rival Broncos.

For pretenders in the AFC, look for the Steelers to make the playoffs but fold quickly, especially with Ben at the helm. The Chiefs have a tough remaining schedule, so look for their impressive 7-4 to turn sour quickly, and I have them missing the playoffs.

The AFC East is no big of a joke, and the Jaguars, without Leftwich, are going to hurt badly.

Early predictions for the AFC playoffs: I have the Patriots over the Steelers and the Chargers over the Bengals in the first round, look for the Patriots to stunt the Colts in Indianapolis and for the Charg- ers to fall shy in Denver, and watch the Pats rematch in Denver go their way as the Patriots (yes I am 100% based) head to their 3rd Super Bowl in a row, and 4th in 5 years.

In the NFC, the NFC, the NFC, the NFC... The Seabagio are playing good ball but I don't think they are the best team in the NFC. They could pick up a 1 seed, whereas I think the Panthers will get the 2, but are a better overall team with a more balanced at- tack. I have the Bears taking the solid 3 seed, and I see the Cowboys picking up a 4 seed. I list them as a pretender, though, since no team with Drew starting will ever win a Super Bowl. I have the Cow- boys over the Giants, the Fal- cons over the Bears, the Pan- thers over the Cowboys, the Seawagio over the Falcons, and look for the Panthers to head back to the Super Bowl in a rematch with the Patri- ots.