On Wednesday February 12th the Babson Community experienced something that was a little bit out of the ordinary. For the first time, the Staake Gymnasium was packed with 7 different basketball teams. Some teams representing the Faculty and Staff, others representing the Athletics Department, and still others from groups and organizations from all over campus.

The event was Wheelchair Basketball, and the Boston Mustangs, a team that travels around the area, was on hand. Brought to us by a Babson sophomore by the name of Andy Morreale, the Mustangs played 7 games against some of Babson’s best and worst athletes.

Among those playing the event representing S.G.A. was Tom “Cecil” Lapointe, from Res. Life, Patrick O’Day, Lee Bogh, Jeff Neil, Gail Justin, from Student Activities & Affairs, Juan Fernandez and Dan Henderson, some of our proud athletes participating were Scott Leip, Jim Pierrakos, Chris McGee, Steve Ryan, John Kennedy, and Bobby Mullaney, and from miscellaneous groups around campus were Eric “E.B.” Bedard, Chris Roussin, Sean Donlan, and Michele Baldino.

Overall I’d say that the event was a success as the Mustangs, led by Paul “Magic” Cowan, had little trouble in defeating everybody . . . almost. The Mustangs spotted teams all night long, giving some teams as much as 24 points to start with. I am proud to say that I was on one of the two teams to defeat the Mustangs by a score of 24 to 19. (I was lucky enough to be on the team that was given a 24 point advantage from the start.)

This is one night that I will remember for a long, long, time, besides being entertaining, I think everyone there left with a better understanding of what it is like to be different.

Eric Bedard
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Valentine’s Day Ball