State of the Union in Financial Services

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Last Saturday, the Financial Services Career Affinity Group held an industry panel to discuss where the financial services industry is headed, compliance issues, and near-term job growth prospects. The panel moderated by Diane Wood was filled with esteemed professionals in the industry that came from different banks.

The first member of the panel was Robert Hoyt of M & W who in a Vice President of Towers group, which is a research and consulting company that focuses on technology and strategic business issues. The next member of the panel was James Bello of MSW who in a Special Advisor to the President of Wellington Management which is a quantitative investment group. The final member of the panel was David Berger, the Associate Director who in the Massachusetts Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The theme of the discussion throughout the panel was that the Hedge fund industry has been an influential force in shaping the financial services industry. The main contribution of the hedge fund industry is the high-growth and high-demand of investors to demanding absolute return rather than relative returns. Many hedge fund managers try to control their returns no matter the market conditions.

This type of return evaluation is attractive to many investors including endowment boards and employee benefits that are trying to preserve capital and would like to have steady returns. The panelists also find that as though the hedge fund industry is growing, it is also moving towards a more discretionary investment approach. The average size of a hedge fund manager is $10 billion of assets under management.

The Food at the Earstaff Festival was barbeque style. They had fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, good cookies, cotton candy, popcorn, beer, sodas, wine, lemonade, and iced tea. According to Scodexa, there were 1846 made cakes for the event. Now, if they could sell all the cakes for $2.00 each, it would be $3,157,167.00. Or, it was really 154.05. What happened to the extra two cookies though? Hmm, questions to ponder.

Opinions

On September 24, 2005, SGA, the Homecoming Committee, the Office of Campus Alumni, Services, and possibly a few more groups and individuals showed the Babson College community of students and alumni the result of months of planning and hard work. The Homecoming Weekend festivities contained numerous activities in a variety of fields, including networking, child-oriented amusement, sports (both participatory and spectator), food, drinks and dancing.

Two recently graduated Babson alumni said that "it feels weird to be back. You know when you are somewhere that is very familiar, but it feels like you don't really belong." They did say, however, that the festivities were very nice and they appreciated everything the school did to welcome them back.

Older alumni that I talked to had a much more positive reaction. They expressed elation at seeing their former classmates all gathered together at their alma mater. They were proud to watch the Babson teams, and very happy that there were so many activities for their young children to appreciate. They thought the majority were "cool" as all and said that they would either be placed in the office or kitchen.

The children were definitely a factor in the planning of the events. There was a petting zoo, a clown, and a bounce house provided by the students. Many of the kids I saw were walking around with balloons, ice cream, or ice cream. The school also got a cotton candy machine. Some of the older kids were on the climbing wall.

There were also networking opportunities at the Harvest Festival. There was a tent set up for students that wanted to sell or network with alumni and students. Among the businesses present were several student run businesses. The presence of alumni from all fields of the business world was probably a great advantage for several student business owners and operators.

For students, alumni, and children alike there was Disc Golf. A company was hired to put up a disc golf course between the upper fields and Coleman. The nine "hole" course was set up to allow maximum distance between the holes while preventing as much overlap as possible in order to avoid accidents. The company provided discs to use for free, plus they were selling new ones for anyone interested.

There were also artistic activities. For the upcoming holidays, there was pumpkin painting and various classes with legacy children and students. You could also make your own candle. The school provided a Wick. Participants could choose from a variety of colors of wax, which they then rolled the Wick to create the candle. After the candle was complete, the school also provided a base.
The Industry With “No Rules”
Vanessa Williams
News Editor

“Music has always been the soundtrack to my life,” said Robert Evanson, Vice President, Artist Relations and Development, Tooncan Cove Entertainment when beginning the discussion of his career at the Babson Entertainment Initiative Conference (BEIC). Evanson, the Vice President of Artist Relations and Development for Tooncan Cove Entertainment, Evanson came along with Peter Zeynooornan, director of Business Development for ABC Family. They brought Babson to the Entertainment Industry Panel on September 16th to discuss their experience working in the field.

For many students envisioning a future with a successful career such as those held by the panelists is a constant preoccupation, however the road leading to that goal can be difficult to map. Jerry Gassner said that students should, “Open up to the fact that you are going to start at the bottom in anything that you do.” Although we are in school learning how to own, run and manage businesses, the fact remains that we must work our way up before we can achieve our true goals. One thing that all of the panelists agreed on was that Entertainment is the industry has “no rules”. You can forget about a degree, “The most talented people can fail, and the worst can succeed,” explained Andrea Fair. The industry is extremely difficult to break into and gaining credibility is even more difficult.

Despite these acknowledged limitations, however, Gassner added that passion for what you do professionally is the primary tool for success and that high status titles and recognition will follow naturally thereafter from this base. Andrea Fair focused her discussion on the personal struggle she faced to incorporate her creative interests with her professional life. While attending Babson for her MBA, Fair began to realize that her business job was not for her. Fired by Grace and out of place socially, she graduated not knowing what to do next. She started working at a music store in New York. Later, after working for several record labels both local and international, she discovered that, despite her previous doubts about a career in business, there were ways to be creative in business. "The number one thing is working with people you like," said Fair. Similarly she believes that one should ultimately pursue a career involving not only who you like but what you like. When asked the question, "If there is one thing that you wish someone had said to you when you first started your career what would it have been?" she replied, "Know why you are, don’t forget what is important in your life."

Fair now markets shows such as "Pimp My Bicycle," which airs in Germany on MTV, and travels to countries around the world to manage the work of famous recording artists. Fair, like the other panelists enjoys what she does, and urges us to pursue the same end in our professional pursuits beyond the classroom.

One Fish... Two Fish...
Vanessa Williams
News Editor

Student’s lined up an hour in advance to make their own fish tank last Wednesday September 21. The What’s Up Wednesday series is a weekly program organized by Beth Hoog, the Assistant Director of Campus Life. The scheduled events are designed to be fun, creative, informative and stress relieving. While most of the events have been tried before, the response of the “Make Your Own Fish Tank” event could not have been anticipated. About 90, the event was scheduled to begin, a crowd gathered in front of the design:

- CCD Corner

College is a time of exploration. As part of this exploration, you are encouraged to enroll in a variety of management and liberal arts courses. Some of you come to Babson with clear educational and career goals, and yet some of you change your plans as you navigate through your educational experience, and still others of you discover that as graduation approaches, you are still uncertain about your post-graduation plans.

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Dates: October 4 – November 29 (see below)
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Location: Trin Faculty Dining Room (unless otherwise noted)

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Whether or not you attended the campus career fair recently, there is always a better way to get your foot in the door at the company of your choice. You need better networking skills. It's that simple. Though any career fair helps get you a contact inside a company, most companies receive hundreds of resumes and they rarely have the opportunity to match the face with the paper skill set in front of them.

The best way to get inside of a company is to tap the power of your own network—the people you already know and trust. There are many social networking sites, such as Facebook, that have evolved to connect people with each other. For the business side of things many different sites have emerged as well. Perhaps the most noteworthy of all of them is one called LinkedIn (www.LinkedIn.com).

Babson’s Alumni Technol- y Council embraces LinkedIn by connecting all of its members with each other and it’s apparent that many other students and faculty members have realized the potential of LinkedIn too. For students, LinkedIn acts like a virtual resume and takes it one step further with the power of introductions. In theory, if everyone added all the people they know to their network then LinkedIn would bridge the gap in the search for a corporate insider up to three degrees away.

For instance, maybe you want to find a job at Fidelity Investments and you search on LinkedIn after all your friends have been added to the network. You discover that there is a connection through your friend via his father. His father’s personal network of contacts contains the Vice-President of Marketing for Fidelity. Now don’t you think that’s an easy sell for an internship? There is a trusted connection the whole way through and you’ll come to find out that a VP of anything asking for an intern is going to get it done faster than the Human Resources Manager from the career fair.

When coupled with a detailed resume and endorsements from people that know you, you’ll find that people may even seek you out on LinkedIn before you find them. And with that comes real job opportunities that you never even knew existed. Take a moment to post a more detailed version of your resume and endorsements from people that know you. With LinkedIn, it’s not just the people you know. With the LinkedIn network that we all have here at Babson we’ll be able to help each other in our search for the perfect job, one that not only helps you make a living but can help us start our own businesses.

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Microsoft Admits Trouble with Windows

Chris Cicchitelli
Staff Writer

"It's not going to work," Microsoft chairman Bill Gates was told in mid-2004. "It is so complex its writers will never be able to make it run properly." It was Longhorn, Microsoft's long awaited successor to the oft-ditched Windows XP, and it was broken. In an unparalleled move, Microsoft told reporters from the Wall Street Journal how they rebuilt Windows from scratch, and why Windows Vista (codename Longhorn) is over a year late.

The words Mr. Gates board were from Windows head Jim Allchin and a small team demanding a change of how they do business. Traditionally, Microsoft Windows is built by thousands of software engineers, each producing their own segments of code that are stitched together into one program.

When they started building Longhorn, they did it the same way, and they quickly learned it was simply too complex to work. Internally, the joke was whether they could make the "pig fly." Eventually the programmers became over taxed - fixing bugs. Although Mr. Gates resisted at first, Jim Allchin eventually won out, and Microsoft set out to rebuild Windows.

The plan Mr. Allchin ultimately proposed was an ambitious one. The first step was simple; throw out years of work built into Longhorn and start fresh. They would rebuild Windows into one fresh kernel that was being built - Linux style - for Windows Server OS. The idea was to make Windows a series of modules built like a cube, so that Microsoft could simply plug in features at will without disrupting other modules. The second step, led by Amitabh Srivastava, was to automate the tasks of bug detection and bug fixing, tasks traditionally done by hand.

By late October of 2004, much of that was under way. His team devised software "gates" that automatically rejected features that had too many bugs. It tracked the quality of engineer's software, and if they wrote too many bugs they were tossed into "bug jail" and prevented from writing new code. Their goal, according to Mr. Srivastava, was to get engineers to "do it right the first time." A change in a culture where engineers were virtually not responsible for their bugs. In the end, however, it worked.

This summer Microsoft formally announced Longhorn and named it Windows Vista; as well as shipped its first beta of the software. Previous history shows that when shipping major revisions of Windows, Microsoft can expect tens of thousands of bugs to be reported within the first several weeks. With Vista, there were only a couple thousand.

Last week, Microsoft announced a restructuring into three operating groups that marks the completion of that mid-summer meeting between Gates and Allchin. In addition, Microsoft also recently announced they will be shipping monthly betas of Vista to testers, a first for the company and a sign of its improved agility. It will take years more for those changes to completely ripple throughout the company, but the hope of Gates, Ballmer, Allchin and the rest of the Microsoft team is not just to write better software, but to survive Google.

At last, advertising that features breasts for a valid reason.

The Tablet is Being Tested By Students

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Have you seen the new gadget on campus? Only about 25 students have it so you may have missed it. The new IBM Tablets are being test run as an alternative to the IBM ThinkPad laptops that undergraduate students are now using. This test is being run using students from Professor Hutchinsky's Public International Law class.

Everyone from the class had the option to either keep their current Babson laptops or switch to the Tablet. They could not keep both. In making this decision, they had to consider the fact that the Tablet would become their full-time laptop until they either graduate or go thru a junior swap.

The Tablet has some distinctive features that make switching an enticing idea. First, it is lighter, which makes carrying and traveling with the Tablet easier. Second, the Tablet is a Tablet, which means you can write on it. Yes, write right on the screen. The Tablet comes with a pen like device that enables you to write on the screen.

Along with the pen, the Tablets have a program called OneNote. OneNote is a notebook program that allows you to take notes in class by simply writing on the screen in your own handwriting. It has simple organizing functions that allow you to organize notes by date, class, topic, etc.

Did I mention the screen? Oh yes, the screen swivels 180 degrees to lay flat on the keyboard area so that taking notes using the pen can be done easily. This feature is perhaps the best one of the Tablet. In class you can simply rotate the Tablet screen to lay flat as a book. You can sit in bed and read online articles. You can work at a table and swivel the screen to show your work partner something. The feature is beyond useful, it's down right cool.

The Tablet test program was set up with a couple goals in mind. First it is being used to see how the Tablet would aid professors as a teaching tool. Secondly, is the tablet superior to the laptops as a learning tool. The other goals of the program were to record the ease of service to the Tablets and to determine student satisfaction.

One of the major drawbacks of the Tablet is that it is a bit slower than the traditional laptop. Some students in the trial have already expressed frustration at the log on time of the Tablets. A trade off for small size and weight is the lack of a CD-Rom drive. The Tablets have external drives, which require wires and connecting. The last possible downside to the Tablets is the pen-like device which propels from the side of the Tablet with a touch of a finger. The pens cost around $30 to replace if lost, which seems to be an easy thing to do.

All the students in the tablet program are required to take surveys throughout their time with the Tablet to record problems and satisfaction levels with the Tablet. Wes Esser manager of the Babson IT Service Center is working closely with the students using the Tablets to ease any problems and address concerns.

At this point, there is no knowledge of whether Babson will use the Tablets instead of the laptops. The point of this experiment is to discover if there would be any benefit to that idea.
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The King and I

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Contributing Writer

"Conservation may be a sign of personal virtue, but it is not a sufficient basis for a sound, comprehensive energy policy."

Dick Cheney
April 30, 2001

The Waiting Game

Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

Today, Thursday, September 22, 2005, is a very important
today for this country. Judge John G. Roberts is sched-
ulled to be confirmed by the Sen-
ate. He will then be sworn in as
Chief Justice on a separate date,
in which time will officially be
the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme
Court, the top judicial position
in the country, probably the
most powerful judicial position
in the world.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court has already chosen many of
the cases it will hear this year. Most likely the two most influential
among them are
cases on campaign financing.
Currently, Vermont is the only state with strict limits on how
much can be raised and spent by
candidates running for office.
Several organizations, in-
ccluding republican lobbyist
groups and the American Civil
Liberties Union, have chal-
genied some of these restric-
tions.

The McCain-Feingold law, which was bipartisan legisla-
tion restricting the use of soft
money raising from grass roots campaigns, has been chal-
genied in a separate case. What
makes this particular case
most interesting is not neces-
arily the merits or lack thereof of the case itself, but
rather of the similarity to an-
other case in the news: the Tom
DeLay investigation.
The House Majority Leader has been charged with scandal
pertaining to an advocacy
group he founded in Texas calling for
a Republican Majority.

Most importantly, perhaps,
is the test for Judge Roberts.
Every eye is on him. Bush has
ever to release any appointment
for Sandra Day O'Conner's po-
sition. In my opinion, this is a
sagacious political decision. If
Roberts turns out to be more
liberal than everyone expected,
which has been known to hap-
pen among Supreme Court justic-
es, Bush will prove himself to
be more conservative appoint-
ment.

However, if Roberts shows to be as conservative as Scalia
or even Thomas, a moderate appointment is more likely.
Likewise, on the other side of
the political arena, Democrat
leaders are championing the
cause to see where on the spectrum
Roberts lies in the anticipation
of having a powerful capital to
oppose a future appointment or, if
Roberts turns out to be the
moderate "non-litmus tested"
appointment that Bush prom-
ised, to think of a different
strategy of holding the Presi-
dent in check.

Over the past several months, since Roberts was
brought up as a possibility for
O'Connor's replacement before
Rehnquist's death caused the
current position to open up, he
has been under intense scru-
iny from both sides. His lim-
ited judicial record has been put
under a microscope. All of his
previous cases and papers have
resurfaced in the hopes of find-
ing some indication of his po-
itical and judicial leaning. For-
uunately for Roberts, none of this has shed much light on his
true beliefs or prejudices.
The interregnum by various bod-
ies including the Judicary
Committee and a panel of Sena-
tors and Republicans only
showed that Roberts was intel-
ligent, well prepared, and un-
willing to take a stance.

When the Court opens in
October, the world will have
its first chance to see how Roberts
really stands.
After he is con-
firmed and sworn in, Judge
Roberts will no longer have to
answer to anyone. He has a
lifetime appointment, and, un-
less he is found guilty of an crime
serious enough to merit his re-
moval, neither Congress, nor
the President, nor the Ameri-
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Why Didn't I Take The Blue Pill

Travis Bowden
Contributing Writer

I was sitting in Trim the other day, enjoying a delicately prepared steak with buttered mashed potatoes and a fresh salad, when I was suddenly overwhelmed by a tremendous feeling of joy. I leaned back and pondered over the great pleasures inherent in attending Babson College.

A thought about the wonderful selection of food at Trim, and how rice is it has a dining facility operating fully throughout the day and without lines. I thought about the overall ease of dining in Trim without having to speak two languages and the pleasure of not worrying about files on the food. And I thought about the numerous alternatives there are to Trim, and how rice it is to have them open late at night so as to have somewhere to eat while studying for exams.

I then thought of the academics here at Babson, and was so grateful that my school was passionate about liberal arts, rather than merely establishing a façade of a better education. I thought about how nice it was that my professors were not required to have a specific grade average within each class, and how that freed them to educate rather than just to lecture. And I relished in knowing that for, any reason. I felt that Babson was the school that best suited my needs. I could transfer anywhere I desired without fear of a dramatic loss in credits.

My thoughts then drifted to the community here at Babson, and the incredible social life we experience. I thought about the numerous campus offices that strive towards the betterment of my Babson experience; the RA's staff came to mind. I thought about how nice it felt to have the RA's be members within the community rather than members of the police force. And I reflected on how dedicated the executive staff was, and how they focused on the cares and concerns of current students, rather than on admission numbers and prospective students.

My mind then wandered to the generous finances of our fine institution. I thought about the plentiful funding made available to every organization on campus. And I mused over the way our school, while raising tuition costs, employs those funds towards the betterment of the student body, rather than wasteful building and rebuilding of campus.

I had just begun to think about my post-graduate career and how nice it was that a Babson degree was so well received across the entire country. I was thinking about this dur- ing my IME class, I believe the Professor was talking about ethics in business or something.

The Tower-ing Menace

Will Pearce
Lifestyles Editor

Every year Babson College plays host to several housing towers on campus. As for towers, there are of course the standard fraternities and sororities in Canfield and Keith. But, then there are those few towers that nobody really knows about and then when someone mentions them to you, you are all like, "Wait, is that really a tower?" And sadly, yes, yes that really is a tower.

Now, I know that some of them are here for good reasons, but I still can't help but wonder if the school is giving out tower-hood too easily. I do not want to point out any towers but sometimes I wonder about...oh lets say, the Babson Pride tower. Coincidence that they all have pride for Babson sports I think not, coincidence that they are almost all on the baseball team. I think not, FYI, Babson Pride pub night was this on the 28th this last Wednesday.

Also, I think that some of the towers are almost ironic in nature. For instance, the food appreciation tower does not have a kitchen. And then there are groups like the Outdoor tower, with them sometimes I wonder if they like the outdoors so much, why do they need a nice tower. They should be out enjoying nature, not chillin' on the first floor of Van Winkle. Whenever I think about the Outdoor tower, I think about my own idea for a tower. I want to start the Indoor tower. I can see it now, "Do you like being inside, do you hate sunlight, ever think about becoming a hermit?" And I mused over the way our school, while raising tuition costs, employs those funds towards the betterment of the student body, rather than wasteful building and rebuilding of campus.

I missed the TV shows we had in the 80's and early 90's. Sure, there are some decent shows out today but there is nothing like as much as the stuff that was on when I was a kid. Now, I am not saying that I don't love the OC, NipTuck, The Daily Show, and um...American Dad? But, on a coolness level of 1 to 10, they only rank at like a 76 (peaking of course), whereas the stuff when I was a kid was all 10's.

Maybe I liked TV when I was a kid more because kids are stupid but I'm not sure. Here are just a few examples of shows that rocked.

Captain Planet - If you did not watch Captain Planet as a kid you were a loser. I bet that all the kids would pick you last for dodge ball and then let you "play" outfield. Anyways, Captain Planet was probably the best show on TV history. The basic plot for the show is as follows, there are these kids (Planeteers) with rings that give them powers to save the planet from pollution but they suck at life and fall every time. So when they start losing my summern Captain Planet by combining their rings. Captain Planet just rolls through with gimp and defeats all the bad guys.

If I was Captain Planet I would totally take the rings away from those punk kids and give them to me. Then Captain Planet and I would fight crime at least until I tried to take over the world and then we would have to battle to the death. Of course I would win, yeah I rule the world.

Television in the 80's

Will Pearce
Lifestyles Editor

Are You Afraid of the Dark? - This was the best show on Nickelodeon ever! The show was about this group called the "Midnight Society" that would get together and tell scary stories. I used to watch this show every time it was on and I would have nightmares all the time. Quite literally, I wonder how many parents got woken up at like 1:30 by their kids complaining of a nightmare about vampires from this show. All I can say is that I know my parents did. Goosebumps was another show kind of like this one, but no where near as cool.

Care Bears - This show was pretty good too. The basic plot was, oh wait did it have a plot? I guess maybe it was about magi- cal bears. I think the bears did stuff like try and cheer kids up when they were sad, but that is just hearsay.

The Smurfs - This show is basically about little blue hu- manoids that some dude, Garagemal, wanted to capture. Garagemal was his name. The coolest bad guy ever. All of the- se blue creature things had dif- ferent names and personalities. My favorite was Clumsey because he fell a lot and to a little kid, having someone fall a lot is a comic genius.

Pee-Wee's Playhouse - This show did not really have a plot. But, Jambi the Genie was the coolest thing I have ever seen. If I had a genie in the box that would grant my wishes anytime I wanted, life would be pretty sweet. Pee-Wee never used the genie to his full advantage. If I was Pee-Wee, I would use Jambi to do stuff like, change my name and then make my furniture stop talking or something so I could get some peace and quiet.

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"Wanna be a Hermit?" - Join the Indoor Tower!

Photo Courtesy of Will Pearce for The Babson Free Press
Born into Brothels

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This is a tale about seven children and how they are born into a cursed lifestyle from which they have no escape. People often underestimate the opportunities and position of privilege that they are given as a birth right. Although some people may be more privileged than others, we all manage to survive on some common principles like happiness, ambition, love, affection and hope.

We depend on these principles to give our lives direction, to help us through tough times and keep us hopeful that better days lie ahead.

These simple pleasures of life allow us to dream and pursue our goals. Unfortunately, these principles do not exist for these kids; life in their eyes is a long, painful struggle which they must endure.

This documentary shows how photographer Zana Briski lived and worked with these kids who were born in the red light district of Sonagachi in Calcutta, India. It effectively portrays the daily struggle that these children go through and highlights their mentality and how they have been made to mature beyond their years in some ways like practicality but have been pulled back in other areas like education, innocent curiosity and ambition.

Rosa Kaufman, an award winning film editor, worked as co-director, co-producer and editor on this documentary that went on to win an Oscar award for best documentary. His past experience really adds to the content of the film as it displays those kids in a light that shows their deepest and most hidden feelings and emotions.

He is able to use the camera and show these kids’ lives from the outside as an external observer and also their own point of view; this way we get a sense of what it must be like to live in Calcutta’s red light district and literally walk down those streets which according to Briski “have a life of their own.” He continues “once you step into the red light district you are in another world, with its own rules and its own societ.”

The film brings closer to showing how some children are masters of their childhoods and forced “in the line.” Even though a chance for escape may have existed, it disappears suddenly and they are pulled into a black hole. That is why this documentary, in some ways, is very disheartening because we get to see the daily life of these children and how they live without hope yet manage to stay happy. We see the hope and happiness that is brought into their lives by the magic of photography but then are left sad when we see their struggles continue as they unable to break free from the unhappiness in their lives due to a variety of reasons.

Hence this documentary has a very real feel to it as one gains a true sense of the place and the surroundings. However, this story is tough to swallow as it is not the fake and superficial reality presented in reality shows. This is reality.

Review: “Lord of War”

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Although the artistic compo- nent of most violent Hollywood movies films is often lost in a veil of excitement, sometimes a film comes along and breaks this pernicious pattern. “Lord of War” is one of those exceptions. The film is directed by Andrew Niccol, a New-Zealand born screenwriter-director who wrote and directed Gattaca and Simone.

The latter film was derided by critics and praised by Norman Mailer ever since its 2000 release. His new film, “Lord of War,” has aroused mixed reviews and responses from reviewers, with some claiming it to be “a bleak comedy, funny in a Catch-22 sort of way but while others pronounce it “a ris- fire of a political satire about the international gun market” (New York Times).

In star studded lineup includes Nicolas Cage, Ethan Hawke, Bridgette Moynahan and Jared Leto. Cage plays a poor, yet defiantly charming Ukrainian Huge turned international weapons dealer in the Yukon.

Yuri Orlov. Seeking a way out of the poverty stricken Soviet-Same- rian war, he grows up to be a man of true integrity and courage. Orlov now runs a large weapons dealership in California.

In his latest, “Lord of War,” the weapons trade with family life. Yuri is constantly nagged by his family, his business and the weight of the decision he must make. The film is about a man who is forced to make decisions that affect not only his own life but also the lives of those around him.

The movie revolves around violence and guns, it is more than just a film about war. In fact, one of the most moving parts in the eyes of the critics is its lack of plot. It is meant to shock and enlighten audiences as to the realities of the international weapons trade and the effects it has on people’s lives.

The main historical event it deals with is the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, a time of an- ninuously igniting event perpetuated violence across the world for years to come.

Though the movie is perhaps too ambitious for its own good, the themes and concepts are still quite potent and dense and worthy of reflection. Niccol tried to include everything in his movie, from philosophical discussions about the nature of war to a detailed look at the inner workings of the gun trade. The end result is a film that is both entertaining and thought provoking. It is a film that will make you think about the world we live in and how we got to where we are today.

Aneka Rasa: Splendid Malaysian Dining

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We are truly privileged to be studying in Boston, a city in which one can find virtually any cuisine. A few alumni were visiting us this past weekend and we all felt the need to try a new restaurant. After much thought, we finally decided on Aneka Rasa, a Malaysian restaurant located on Harvard Avenue between Commonwealth and Boylston.

Upon entering we were greeted by two very friendly members of the wait staff with smiles. Our table for ten was promptly prepared. We began with drink orders. Although the restaurant lacks a license, there is no need for one as they excel in their fresh fruit juices. Among the ordered drinks were fresh watermelon, pineapple and carrot. Each of these drinks was easily passed around the table for taste tests, making use of the round teacup which is featured on each of the larger tables. The convenience of the Lazy Susan type teacup makes for easy family style dining.

The most famous appetizer is Roti Canai ($3.25). The dish includes a hard-tossed, pan-fried, fluffy pancake served with a spicy curry chicken dipping sauce. For the vegetarians or those who prefer less spice, the dipping sauce can be substituted with a mild peanut sauce. Which ever way you choose to go, the dish is absolutely phenomenal and will keep you wanting more.

Choosing a main entree was more difficult because everything looked so inviting. Finally we decided on splitting the Mango Chicken ($13.95) and an order of white rice with my younger sister. The chicken was marinated in a sweet and sour sauce with raw shredded mango served in two small bowls. The mango seemed to have been cut into thin slices, which we all enjoyed. Other dishes I would recommend are Mee Siam ($6.75), a spicy Thai noodle dish in a spicy chili sauce, Chicken Mee Lema ($12.95), a dish comparable to chilli dogs and Nasi Lemak ($6.75), a rice dish “that less you want to eat” according to Aneka Rasa. Malaysian restaurant located on Harvard Avenue between Commonwealth and Boylston.

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Dim Sum

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Have you ever had special shrimp Har Gao? Park hua? Shanmum? Sticky Rice In Lotus Leaf? If you have not, then you have not experienced the traditional Chinese Brunch, Dim Sum. It was originally a Cantonese custom, which linked to the Chinese tradition of drinking tea, yum cha. In The Taste of China, Ron Ham shares his mem-
ories of enjoying regional variations in “small eats”: zazui dumplings in Beijing, pearl balls and spicy wontons (known as wontun) in the Szechuan province.

Personally, I have tried dim sum from different places. From New York, San Francisco, Chicago to Hong Kong, Singapore, Beijing, Shanghai, and Jakarta. I would say the best dim sum would be in Hong Kong where restaurants begin serving dim sum as early as 6:30 in the morning and con-
continue through mid-afternoon. There is recording it in a place where you sim-
ply choose from a wide assortment of snacks that the waiters bring out on carts and trays. One of the best ways to enjoy dim sum is with a large group of people, otherwise, you will miss the opportunity to try everything. There-
fore, this is not the best place for you to have a romantic lunch because the place will be very noisy and crowded.

The foods range from steamed pork spare ribs and steamed buns with roast pork (char sui bao) to shrimp dumplings with the translu-
cent skin (Har Gao) and chicken feet. My favorite would be the shrimp, which is the shrimp dumpling with mushroom and translucent skin on the outside. It has more stuffing than the Har Gao. They also serve deep-fried trees, such as mini spring rolls. For dessert, toasted rice is a must, and you also have a choice between mango pudding and almond pudding. Never-
theless, a cup of Chinese tea would be

Whale Sharks’

Secrets

-Matt Saindon

-Staff Writer

By attaching hi-tech electronic tags to the world’s largest fish, whale sharks, researchers now know how and where they find their food. This new data and knowledge regarding the whale shark’s behavior help authori-
dies adjust conservation policies be-
cause these gigantic fish are listed as being vulnerable to extinction. Re-
searchers in Belize have tracked the
sharks as they travel almost half a mile in search of food, including schools of spawning fish so they can eat the off-
spring. The whale sharks grow to a length of over 50 feet. According to researchers, their find-
ings will also help those better plan
our operations around the whale
sharks in such a way that does not harm the creatures in any possible
manner. These new and unparalleled insights into the whale sharks’ world
come from the world’s second largest
barrier reef system and a site given
United Nations World Heritage sta-
 tus, the Belize Barrier Reef. Rachel Graham of the Wildlife Conserva-
tion Society for the United States says that the study has showed

a great addition with all these snacks.
In Boston, you can go to Chinatown for dim sum. There are a
few places, such as the China Pearl, which is located right in the center of
Chinatown, and there is one located
outside Chinatown, nearby South Sta-
tion. For further information regard-
ing the place for dim sum, please feel
free to email me at
wityoo17@baloon.com. If you have
never tried dim sum, and you would
like to try new things, I would suggest
you go and give it a try.

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that whale sharks dive much deeper
than previously alleged. They reach
depths of over 3,300 feet in search of
food. The water at this depth is only
a few degrees above freezing, and conse-

sequently, scientists finally understand
why whale sharks have an insulating
fat layer right below their skin.

Whale sharks typically remain in
shallow water during the night while
feeding off plankton and reserving deep
dives for the heat of the day. In order
give their bodies a burst of oxygen
after swimming in an area having
much less oxygenated water, the
whale sharks often redo the deep dive
with a high speed ascent.

Every time there is a full moon, whale sharks have a big feast of snapping

Avian Influenza

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International Editor

Are you currently having a fever, cough, sore throat and muscle aches at the same time? If you are in Indonesia, you might want to see a doctor right away because it might not be the regular flu symptoms. The death toll from the avian influenza, or bird
flu, has risen to 70 Indonesians for the past few weeks. What is bird flu? It is an infection caused by avian (bird) in-
fluenza viruses, which occur naturally among birds. The virus is very conta-
guous among birds and can make some domesticated birds, including chick-
ens, ducks, and turkeys, very sick and
kill them. The government already took
an action of banning the live birds (mainly chickens), which caused losses for the farmers and the meat sellers. Do these viruses infect humans? They
usually do not affect the humans; how-
ever, the World Health Organization
has warned that the virus could mu-
tate into a form that spreads easily among humans, which could kill mil-
mions if not prevents its spread among the humans.

This past summer, I was doing an internship in Jakarta, Indo-
onesia. There were flocks and poetry
everywhere about the bird flu and how

normal recordings of temperature, water pressure and light level for an
pre-programmed period, they rou-

ILCN, the World Conservation Union, has placed whale shark as vulnerable on its Red List of threat-
ened species. Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, trading a whale shark’s fins is now regulated. In Belize, the gigan-
tic creatures are now even used in tour-
ism attractions. It is very important for Belize to protect the feeding areas and habitat of the whale sharks when they visit, so they can help sustain the number of sharks in the wild.

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Women's Soccer Welcomes Back Alumni with Win

David Barnar
Sports Editor

Last weekend, Babson welcomed Alumni to campus with open arms and plenty of festive activities. On Saturday, Alumni enjoyed a lively BBQ including a climbing wall, a petting zoo, and plenty of cotton candy. This very hot day also included a similarly exciting soccer match between the Babson Women's Soccer team and the MIT Women's team.

If weather could be an indicator of a home team's performance, the tremendously warm day of Saturday would be included in the convincing evidence. While the mercury shot through the thermometer, the Women's soccer team found themselves battling the MIT Engineers like no other game.

From the first blow of the whistle to the 20th minute in the game, the Babson offense was prepared with a surprising defensive force, fending off every MIT drive. In the 8th minute of the game, Babson had to put up their shields and step MIT.

Sprinting down the right side of the field, an MIT player looked to put the Engineers on the board. She eventually broke through a few tackles by the Babson team, and took a shot to the right of Babson goalie Marc McCormack. In heroic fashion, McCormack dove to her right, with outstanding arms and tipped the ball away, keeping the game scoreless.

One of the greatest problems that Babson's offense found throughout the first half was their shot accuracy. It seemed as if the great deal of shots by the Beavers ended up floating over the top goal post.

Luckily, with 11:57 to go in the first half, Babson managed to settle their shots. During this drive, Babson dribbled and passed the ball within the Engineer's goalie box and waited.

With about 3 defenders and 3 Babson offensives in the box, the ball eventually found itself being tossed around between players, as if it were a pinball machine. Taking advantage of this confusion, Babson's own Kirsten Schmid launched the ball from the left side of the box into the bottom right of the net. From the stands, the Alumni, present students and other attendees roared and cheered from the Beavers.

At halftime, the scoreboard read 1-0 with the Beavers outshooting the Engineers 1-2. Unlike other athletic events during the year, Alumni and attendees enjoyed a special halftime show of sorts. During halftime, Babson announced the Homecoming King and Queen. Congratulations to newly appointed King Dante Love and Queen Jennifer Bell.

The story of the second half was Babson goalkeeper Marc McCormack. In the 2nd frame McCormack kept the Beavers in reach of the win. She ended the game with a solid 4 saves, recording her fifth shutout thus far this season.

The win makes Babson's Women's soccer team 6-2 and 1-0 in NEWMAC play. To find more statistics on the Women's soccer team and other teams, Free Press readers are always encouraged to visit the Babson College Athletic at www.babson.edu/athletics.

On the site, readers will find a very user-friendly site with always up-to-date information. The site also includes articles on every game along with the site not long after the game concluded that highlighted players' achievements and highlights.

Field Hockey Has Field Day in 9-0 Win

David Barnar
Sports Editor

If we were to just highlight the goals scored in Tuesday's match against the Umass-Dartmouth Corsairs, I think this section alone would be 15 pages. So, that being said, I will try my best to sum-up Field Hockey in less than a few columns.

Coming into Tuesday's game, the Babson Field Hockey team was 7-2 with only 12 goals scored against them. Both of the Beavers' losses came on the home turf with a small 5 goal difference between the winning team and them. The team's seven wins included six games where the opposing teams scored less than one goal against us, and one game with a goal difference. With such a great run thus far, the Babson Beavers looked to capitalize on their winning momentum.

Babson's first scoring opportunity came with 32:37 left in the first half. The Beavers started the drive passing the ball up the right side of the pitch followed by a pass to the center right in front of the net. The Umass-Dartmouth defense looked to be shuffling around, and let the ball float through. After some bouncing around, the ball eventually found its way right by the goalie, missing the net by inches.

With constant persistence, the Babson Beavers finally scored with 30:44 to go in the first half. After a strong drive toward the Umass-Dartmouth goal, a strong shot was made at the top of the D-line. The shot was deflected off of the goalie's pads and ended up by the feet of Babson's Laura Ham. Ham took the rebound shot and blasted a shot to the left back corner of the net, giving Babson the 1-0 lead.

Unfortunately for Umass-Dartmouth, one wasn't enough for the Babson Field Hockey team. Very quickly after the first goal, Babson found themselves in a similar situation just over 3 minutes later. With a pass from the penalty corner, Babson's Katie Janson flicked the ball and passed the Corsair's goalie and towards the back of the goal.

In between goals, the Umass-Dartmouth goalie showed a great effort in her blocking of the net. As a goalie's job, it is the easiest thing to stop such a powerful offense as Babson's on Tuesday. During the game, Umass-Dartmouth goalie kept making dives to save in total, but ended up letting in the 9 Babson goals.

Included in the goal-count for Babson was a hat trick by Elise Conley, and goals by Laura Ham, Katie Janson, Gina Giardina, Andre Tafts, Brittany Stevens and Annie Pleat. Brittany Stevens also recorded a hat trick of assists, accompanied by assists from Gina Giardina, Megan Pagliuca, Andre Tafts, and Karen Dietz.

The Babson goal keepers also played a huge role in the 9-0 match. Keeper Elisa Storin allowed zero goals through the first half, and did not allow any shots scored against. Babson's Seraya Gallego recorded 7 saves and 0 goals allowed.

With this win, the Babson Field Hockey team improved to 8-2 with a 1-0 record in NEWMAC play. Babson next hosts Smith on Saturday at 1pm, followed by two games away this week at Clark and Tufts.