The Storm Of '78
"Without a doubt, this is the most expensive storm that has hit the Babson campus in the thirty years that I have worked here," said Edward Sullivan, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds in the February 2nd issue of the Babson Free Press.

"This was the biggest and most expensive storm that the Babson campus has ever received," said Sullivan, in the February 16th issue of the Free Press, two storms and $34,000 later.

A total of 56 inches of snow fell on the Babson campus, and the Boston area, in that eighteen day period. Classes were cancelled for one week during the second blizzard as Route 128 lay paralyzed beneath the buried automobiles of stranded commuters.

Babson students greeted the abundance of white stuff by leaping out of dorm windows into eight foot drifts, and by shoveling their invisible cars out from under a blanket of snow. Rumors of a food supply shortage at Trim Dining Hall caused concern among ardent eaters, but the rumors were denounced as the food outlasted the storm.

While students, for the most part, enjoyed their surprise vacation, Buildings and Grounds did not. An overtime effort of 1830 hours by Babson's best resulted in a functional campus within days, while the surrounding communities enforced driving bans to assist cleanup efforts.

Those who experienced the fiercest blizzard Boston has ever seen, will not forget it. What must not be forgotten also, was the job Babson's B&G
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