Parent’s Weekend 2006 - Babson Welcomes Families and Visitors!

Nicole Smith
Managing Editor

Every year Babson invites students’ parents to the campus for a weekend of events planned to acquaint the parents with both Babson and the surrounding community.

This year Babson arranged duck tours and outings in Boston, invited parents to various sporting events on campus, held special meals, and the Babson Players performed ‘Rumors’ by Neil Simon, and CAB sponsored a Casino Night.

A walk into Trim Saturday night made for a pleasant change. With cruise ship décor, Trim was transformed into an offshore casino.

Upon entrance, faculty, students, and their families were given souvenir cups with a raffle ticket and chips to use at the various tables around Babson student and father exploring the historic cemeteries in Boston. In photo: historic landmark John Hancock’s gravestone.

"Casino Night is always fun," says Shelleane Henderson, Class of 2008. This year it lived up to its expectations. Poker playing students and their families were offered a selection of games including Black Jack and slot machines. Those of age enjoyed free beer and there were snacks and refreshments for all. At the end of the night the raffle was drawn, prizes included DVDs and also a home theater speaker set.

Alex Stern, Class of 2010, shared, “I enjoyed it because it’s pretty different than how I normally spend my weekends.” Considering the turnout, (there was hardly room to walk around the tables) Casino Night was a hit on campus.

The Babson Players performance of ‘Rumors’ by Neil Simon was a humorous look at day to day ‘he-said-she-said’ situations encountered by all. ‘Rumors’ was cast by talented students from the Babson Community. Big congratulations go to all those involved in producing and performing ‘Rumors’ Thursday, Friday and Saturday night!

Many on campus would agree that another great part of the special weekends at Babson is Trim’s best food. Ask any student how many Sundays they have six types of syrups to put on French toast, waffles and pancakes, the answer is, well, not many. Sunday brunch was well received, especially by the day to day Trim diners.

Overall Parents’ weekend was a success with bringing many families together on the Babson Campus. Be sure to have your parents here for next year!

Just what you asked for!
Nicole Smith
Managing Editor

It’s here! All the evidence is about us: the reds, the greens, the oranges, decorating what sometimes may seem a mundane picture. Of course, I’m talking about the windows of Boylston so brightly covered in window paint covering this weekend’s excitement.

Fall weekend, sponsored by CAB and SGA, is one of CAB’s 3 major weekends throughout the year. Fall weekend was always planned closed to Halloween in honor of the fun and excitement of the holiday. This year fall weekend will be themed “Super Heroes and Villains.”

This Fall Weekend:
Wednesday - “Whats up Wednesday” Cape & Superhero Mask Making in Reynolds 5pm-7pm
Thursday - Comedy Club at Peploe featuring Andrew Kennedy & Rob O’Brien in Peploe 8pm-10pm
“Kryptonite Pub night in Roger’s 10pm-12am
Friday - Alien Invasion Laser Tag on the Park Manor Quad 12pm-4pm (rain check-Peploe)
Club Hockey Game Babson Rink 9-10pm
Saturday - Powder Puff and Ultimate Frisbee on the Upper Fields
Powder Puff 5pm-6pm
Costume Party in Peploe 10pm-2am

Thinking of Going Abroad?
Eric Connel
Staff Writer

Students here at Babson have the exciting opportunity to experience life and education across international borders. From India to England, and New Zealand to Italy, those that have had the chance to go to other countries and continents to study abroad tell incredible stories of the amazing experiences that they have had there. But there is a lot involved in the process, and Education Abroad Advisor, Christine Pirani, has many tips regarding what students need to know when considering going abroad.

Global Program Services encourages students who are considering an international experience to first attend one of the many informational sessions offered to better orient themselves with the process (see dates below). During these sessions, one learns how to narrow down the various program options and learn what the international studies application process is like. There are many formats of education abroad from one and two semester programs to winter and summer studies. Once a student has learned the nuts and bolts, explains Pirani, they are advised to meet with one of the GPS representatives to discuss which country and what type of studying would like to do. It is a great idea to visit the GPS website to browse the 40 programs offered, and the 25 different countries available to be visited. It’s extremely helpful to have a few schools or countries in mind before setting up a meeting with GPS. At that point, you will be ready to talk about the programs that most interest you.

Pirani then explained that there are two different kinds of programs abroad. There are Babson partner schools, which include some of the best business schools around the world. Some of those featured are ESADRE in Barcelona, Spain, and Pantheon in Paris.

* At ESADRE in Barcelona, I also got the chance to participate in customs events to truly enjoy the Spanish culture, such as the Festival of Merce, or watching the castellers build their human castles, to just being in the city to learn the different traditions. * - Brian Michaelowski on Study Abroad in Barcelona.

*Why are there coffee shops?* It is a matter of addiction or a matter of nostalgia...
Study Abroad

which was recently ranked the number one business school by the "Wall Street Journal," Trin-
yty College, in Cambridge, England, or University of St. Gallen in Switzerland.

Many students question why they would want to leave Bahson to experience another school of business, but those partner schools are extremely highly regarded, and are often considered to be the "Harvard of their countries."

The Babson partner school’s exchange programs mean that if one-Babson student goes to this program, Babson will host one of the other school’s students for the semester.

The other type of program is with affiliate schools. This is not an exchange program; only Babson students apply to go there, and these courses tend to be more focused on languages and life in the country. For example, a student taking the Chiasson '08, is traveling to an affiliate school for the Spring semester in order to "learn from others I cannot wait for my semester ABROAD, spending 4 months in a foreign language is going to be incredible. When I think about it, my imaginati

The weather, the beaches, the people, the lifestyle is life I have never experienced before - for me, this was completely new."

While some students worry about the difficulty of transferring the credits earned abroad to classes here at Babson, GPS stresses that if the credits are pre-approved by Babson, then it is not as difficult to transfer them between schools. Two teacher recommendations and

News

A special preview to AMAN’s 'Fanaa'

Ashwin Bat
Staff Writer

"Fanaa" Sounds like a fairly intriguing word to most people. Just four alphabets, and just two syllables. Looks like a word one would normally read over the English language. And that is just the premise of getting away from the norm, and detecting oneself a bit of change.

Pirani ended with an enthusiastic outlook on the program: "It's exciting! You can take a class with a fully international group, and get a different number of perspec

tives that you couldn't get an any other way. For most people, the opportunity to study abroad is truly once in a lifetime. It's a new world that changes your life."

The application period runs from November 15 through January 29th. The following information sessions are being held for students interested in studying abroad: Wednesday, October 5 (5-6 PM) in the "Travel Office"

"I visited the Global Program office in Nichols and make an ap

pointment with one of the representatives to learn more about the programs offered. You can drop by during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 12:10 - 1:45) or call to schedule an appointment that works better with your schedule.

Let's CREATE a Trash Free Community

Rebecca Song & Bill Shaw
Co-Editor in Chief & Staff Writer

CREATE, Babson's exciting environmental organization, led an intriguing show-

ing on Reynold's lawn on Tuesday to demonstrate to the Babson community just how much we could decrease waste and recycle. The show will be taking place in Sorenson, at 7pm, and is meant

noon, members of the orga

nization collected a random as-

sortment of about 10 large bags of trash from five areas on campus, which they then sorted between recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

President Billy Shaw ex-

plained, "As anticipated, the vast majority of the trash could have been recycled."

Early Tuesday morning, with the help of facilities the sepa-
rates bags went from on the grass between Reynolds and the Sorenson center. CREATE had an information table, and they spoke to passers-by about this incredible display.

The initiative was part of a campaign to encourage recy-

lizing and other forms of envi-

ronmentally friendly systems to Babson campus.

In the past, other groups have attempted to en-

courage recycling on campus, but this group really lives up to the name of our generation as "Generation Green." As a part of this incredible campaign, there was also a petition available for signing, which is located in the

A successful event, CREATE collected over 250 signa-

tures and expects to collect much more during the upcoming week. Shaw explains, "We hope that this event will help with both of the main chal-

lenges that our campus faces in improving our recycling program: purchasing and installing the recycling bins that will enable us to recycle, and con-

vincing students to use this recycling infrastructure once it is in place.

10/24/06- To the Babson College Administration: This petition of the Babson Community brings to our attention our concern for the lack of recy-

cling and proper waste dispo-

sal practices at Babson College.

The Undersigned Peti-

tioners therefore ask that the Student Government and other resources allocating bode this the school appropriate the funds necessary to install such a campus-wide recycling infra-

structure."

While we are aware that initial estimates for the cost of such a project total approximately $300,000, we feel that this cause more than justifies this expense.

U.S. ARMY

The U.S. Army is currently offering several sizable enlistment bonuses, allowing students who qualify to earn up to $71,000 from the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or, you could pay back up to $65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army’s Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, contact 1-800-USA-ARMY. 
How to do Business in Thailand: Part 3

Selvia Ong
Staff Writer

When it comes to negotiation or discussion, a foreigner should be aware of some signals that are sometimes conveyed in Thai culture. The Thai are very people-oriented, and they often focus on small, insignificant details as problems, which is likely that they have larger problems. Thai people usually do not want to make others to lose face or confront difficulties, and they may not show their disagreement in a part of their mai pen rai attitude. This phrase means, "that's Ok, or that's alright but it's not good and we can still be friends." This ingrained mentality causes Thai people to avoid discussion situations. Therefore, when they find a problem or disagree with others, they post little signs to give others cues. To identify what the real problem is one should try to find out more about the details and the particular situation.

Furthermore, Thais do not like to ask questions to their superiors. When a foreign superior makes a request, Thais do not ask why or how it can be done. They usually just say "yes" or "OK" and then go on with their work. This is because asking questions is considered disrespectful. Instead, they prefer to ask their superiors or their colleagues. Thais are very good at guessing what the boss would want, and they will try to fulfill the request in a way that is acceptable to the boss.

The Nuclear
Nicholas Stoddard

Earlier this week, we were reminded of nuclear weapons in North Korea with the first test of their nuclear capability. This event is also a reminder that nuclear weapons in an under-ground test, and it was a suc- cessful test that confirmed the capabilities of the facilities, and what this means for international relations. This is still a mystery.

North Korea has been the subject of much discussion in the international arena - throughout their existence, their ability to have a nuclear facility set up by the former Soviet Union, and have come to the forefront of world news before (e.g. 1992, when it was discovered that they had undeclared plutonium). This is a reminder that the development of advanced weapons can be a threat to the world.

Police had little choice other than to fire rubber bullets into the crowd in an effort to disperse it. The government has ordered all police to a degree that President Nkurunziza was unable to attend the opening ceremony of the new stadium, as a group of people were forced to evacuate the estate. A single police officer was killed, a radio station was laid to rest after the horrific incident, as police formed a ring around his coffin and escorted it to its final resting place.

A large portion of the Argentinian population still lives in Buenos Aires as an iconic figure of their history. His efforts and policies were endorsed by President Peron during Argentina's period of military rule. His son and successor, Néstor Kirchner, followed in his footsteps, and opposed the coup that he had been a part of to the program. In hisaquestion IRRECONOCIBLES.

The Asian economic market has, as a whole, been recovering slightly since the region's recent events, as investors all over the world are suddenly gravitating toward the stability of the region. With such economies like Japan's and Thailand's also growing steadily, foreign investors are drawn to the country and so powerful in the world market. It is to their best advantage to engage in this conflict.

One Laptop
Nicholas Stoddard
Staff Writer

You either strongly agree with Nicholas Negroponte, or you strongly disagree with him. Negroponte started the One Laptop Per Child initiative in an effort to bring the information highway to the farthest reaches of the underdevel- oped world through children - the idea is a valuable, customization $100 laptop for every child.

This vision will turn into a slim machine trimmed in a lime green, with a pull-string generator. It runs a breed of Fedora Linux, and is designed for collaboration in learning and entertainment.

Some countries, like Nige- ria, Brazil, Argentina, and Thy- land, have expressed great interest in the program - and even though they haven't committed to orders of the minimum 1 million units yet, OLPC, the organization has come to be known, is confident that they will certainly have some buyers.

Tumultuous
Nicholas Stoddard
Staff Writer

Fighting erupted in Buenos Aires recently as tens of thousands of people gathered to revere President Juan Domingo Peron in a mausoleum. Peron's influence on Argentina remains strong and effective, despite having passed away over 20 years ago. The fight has been attributed to different trade unions who like to affiliate themselves with Peron's method and policies when they were competing for access to the reawakening site. The police command that the fight- ing between the unions was due to a factional in-fighting among the Peronist groups - a trait of Peron's followers that was evident even before his death. The brawl was enormous, with numerous people injured.

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The largest holding for Hocky Capital currently is Philips Electronics, a Dutch company which has been reducing its debt, and changing its management philosophy. Other large holdings include Baxter Healthcare, Tyco, and DSF Systems.

If you want to be in Sachs position as a hedge fund manager, he suggested numerous qualifications to follow in order to be successful. The first is to understand what aspect of the investment you need to get into and where you want to end up once you get in. Secondly, be prepared to pay your dues and learn a lot if you want to live richly. Lastly, and most importantly, in get position you are wanted you can trust handling your money.

"Meet people at places where you want to work in, get in front of these people and then find a way to be recognized" Sachs suggested.

If you want to be a part of a hedge fund, you have to have experience. Understanding the vernacular and knowing what to look for is essential. No one at a hedge fund is going to hold your hand and teach you. It comes down to how badly you want it.

The BIBA: Mid-Semester Overview

By Dawood Mian
Staff Writer

As the semester progresses I am proud to see the continued enthusiasm and support for BIBA (Babson Investment Banking Association) amongst students. For the first three official meetings we had three seniors, who have signed with bulge bracket investment banks, along with businesses. It was truly humbling to see this large volume of deals come in and speak to the organization about their work. I think this is an important opportunity for Babson students who want to go into investment banking. Although all of the speakers brought up many points the condensed list below is some of the major points I believe each speaker touched upon.

Justin Peagram ’07
Lehman Brothers Natural Resources Investment Banking Summer Analyst

* The importance of landing a summer internship
  * The importance of doing well in summer of your junior year in the market. Most of the analysts that Lehman signs full-time interns are summer analysts.
* Trying to break into the industry
  * Whether it is a corporate finance or any business-related internship
  * The importance of your Sophomore summer year so you can build off of those contacts.

For example, the LSE Summer Honors Program that Babson offers is a great way for sophomores to get into business otherwise not available to them.

The importance of being well-rounded. Just because you have a high GPA, doesn’t guarantee you a position.

It is very important that you are involved in clubs, extra-curricular activities, and sports on campus. Investment Bankers don’t interview with strangers who know how to manage their time. That being said a strong work ethic is extremely important.

Greg Roche ’07
Goldman Sachs Natural Resources Investment Banking Summer Analyst

* The importance of having relevant work experience over the summer. For example, if you’re interested in investment banking as a sophomore and there are no internships available to you then the firms will want you to work for them.
* E-mail the firm’s human resources department to set up possible summer internships in operations or other back-office departments.
* It is helpful because it helps you get a “foot in the door” which allows you to go on to get an interview from the firm that interests you.
* The importance of being well-rounded and having a strong 120.4 (average for bankers) GPA. If you know to you are somebody they can handle at 3 A.M. in the back office.

The importance of using alumni in the job/internship search at Babson. If you have an alumnus at the other end pulling for you it increases the potential of you successful getting an internship or job.

Chris Milligan’07
Goldman Sachs Sales & Trading Summer Analyst

* Once again the importance of having relevant work experience during your summers.
* The earlier you start the better.
* Being quantitatively (technical) smart. This is important because why you want to become an investment banker, and being able to understand how investment banking works and the compensation/revenue/profit (ex. About 70% of Goldman Sachs revenue comes from trading, while only around 7% come from the Corporate Finance branch of the investment bank).

Using the resources you have at Babson to their full potential and the importance of being enthusiastic about the field.

Hopefully, these points will resonate with many of you and help you better plan your summer internships or full-time employment prospects.

In the future continue to check your e-mails for BIBA news and updates.

The selling market slump affect private consumption in the U.S.

By Louis Ayala
Staff Writer

With the slumping oil prices— at least until and unless the OPEC implement their target reduction of crude production, retail sales dropped in October for the first time since 1990, according to CNNMoney.

Additionally, a greater degree of consumer confidence is expected because of the housing market bust. Nevertheless, no concern has been reached in regards to the real impact the falling housing market will have on patterns of private spending. On the one hand, according to the RFC, some believe that “the links between housing wealth and spending are not strong enough” for any other type of wealth.

This implies that the actual effects of housing wealth will be limited to the consumer expenditures in the U.S.

Nevertheless, a more traditional view is that consumption is closely related to the housing market. Among those, Swed and Putor’s industry reports believe the housing market to be driving force in US specialty retailing, an important component of consumer expenditures.

Consequently, a further decline in private spending will be turned increasingly to the housing sector as the falling consumers may well be disastrous for the economic output for the next quarters.

For example, if you’re a producer like Federal Reserve’s chairperson Mr. Bernanke believe, according to FOXBusiness, that the economy might not be as bad as we’re thought. Bernanke argue “Rising disposable incomes should enable household spending to expand as moderate pace and provide continued support for the overall economic expansion.

Furthermore, the decrease of oil prices might give the economy a hand by allowing consumers to enhance the value of their disposible incomes, which might in turn improve the composition of the economy.

The final effects of the housing market are yet to be felt, but will not likely be as bad as they can be.
Where do you fit in?
Lashonda Cooks
Staff Writer

Danielle Krumar’s Art Talk, held on Monday, October 16, was anything but normal. Beginning with a series of technological malfunctions and other distractions, the event proved one thing and one thing alone: the power of Krumar’s work. When she spoke, medium, form, and function, the most intriguing were the sculptures. Danielle Krumar’s thoughtful depictions of societal norms and their effect on the individual’s perspective of his or her identity in these sculptures beg all viewers to reconsider our preconceived notions of beauty.

One of the event’s pieces, entitled “Rapunzel,” was especially innovative. Inspired by the well-known fairytales, the prince uses Rapunzel’s excessively long locks to climb up to the castle and rescue her, a piece depicting the climax of the story. In the work, Rapunzel is not the embodiment of a fair maiden she is instead stand-alone and powerful—completely nude before the viewer. However, Rapunzel’s long, flowing mane lies not on her head; giving a whole new meaning to the legendary saying, “Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair.” The usually long pubic hair of the woman—which causes a metaphorical separation amongst the audience—subconsciously forces the viewer to really realize the societal norms of beauty.

Observers of the piece are taken back by such a sight, because it contradicts what we conceive beauty to be: it is neither attractive nor pleasing to the eyes. Then, why does the Rapunzel stand with such confidence and power? Does she not know she is being mocked, ridiculed, and belittled as ugly and unattractive?

“Rapunzel” starkly contrasts with another piece on this theme called “Streching.” Depicting an absolutely gorgeous woman, stretching the piece also asks the question of beauty—more specifically one’s self-perception of it. In the piece, the spectator is completely mesmerized by the exquisite form and life-like quality of the model. However, the beautiful nature of the sculpture’s body and form strongly conflicts its facial expression. Instead of exhibiting confidence and poise, her face resembles that of a child starved, and pronounced by a stranger. Gazing shyly back at the viewer from her legs, the woman is facing femininity and insecurity. Unlike “Rapunzel,” who appears to be completely oblivious to the stares of others, the woman in “Streching” is more conscious. She cares about what will wind her through her life. However, is she beautiful? Will she find her body attractive?

“Streching” represents the average individual in today’s society—a person consumed with what’s in, what’s trendy, and what’s acceptable while “Rapunzel” depicts the anomaly—a person who “walks be his own drum” and prefers continued acceptance. Which are you?

Cloud Atlas maps the soul across ages
Eoin Daly
Arts Editor

Photography should allow the viewer to view their world as they are not possible with the naked eye. The easiest way in which we can achieve this is through the use of photography on the main subject while blurring the background. On a SLR camera, this can be achieved by using a wide aperture and focusing on the main subject. On point and click cameras, the portrait setting allows us the focus on the main subject while blurring the background. In this lesson, as in others, I will begin by describing what I like about the photograph and then I will highlight areas for improvement.

Taking lessons learned from the first lesson, let’s begin with composition. The rule of thirds is certainly in effect. Remember, placing the subject of the picture is our natural tendency and it does not create a feeling of movement.

There are two main parts to the image. The first part is the bottles that are on display, while the second is the background, the subject taking place in the background. The bottles occupy the left third of the image, while the subject occupies the right third of the image.

Also, the majority of the image is blurred. The only part of the image that is in focus is a small cross section of the bottles that are on display. This draws the viewers attention to that area. It allows the photographer to guide the viewer to the area that he intends to be the main subject. Often times, it is unclear what the photograph intention was or the main subject. This begs the question, why was the photograph taken? The main subject in this image is the bottles of beer.

There is a sense of repetition. The main subject repeats itself. While the viewer focuses on just a few bottles of beer, we can know that each bottle of beer looks identical without trying to grasp every detail.

The background some complements the main subject. It makes sense to include a background when the background complements the main subject, the reason why the subject should be in the image. The social scene in front of the bar complements the beer.

Apart from the composition and blurring the image, there is also some added color. Color allows the photographer to make the image pop. There are some areas that need improvement, but I could take some of the hard lines. The most egregious hard line is pronounced on the right side of the image. This line makes the left part of the image and the right part of the image appear a little disharmonious.

Justin Peagram and Eoin Daly
Arts and Opinions Editors

Around 40 people showed up to the screening of “Lord of War” in Olin Auditorium last Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by Babson College and Amnesty International.

Arms trafficking is a serious problem. Particularly responsibility lies with the world’s most powerful governments, which are also the world’s biggest arms suppliers. In the five decades since the Vietnam War, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council—France, Russia, China, the UK, and the US—together account for 88 percent of the world’s conventional arms deals regularly to human rights abuses.

The five UN Security Council members need to establish a strong global agreement on arms brokering to tackle this global threat. Notorious arms brokers like Victor Bout, for example, remain free and continue to supply weapons to arm groups waging war in places such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Angola.

The event encouraged students to take action. Information was made available regarding weak laws governing arms brokering and the role of the UN Security Council. Letters addressed to Barney Frank, representative of the fourth congressional district of Massachusetts, were made available for students to sign.

The film is directed by Andrew Niccol, a New Zealand-born screenwriter-director who wrote and directed Gattaca and Slimetime. The latter film was derided by film critics and has plagued Niccol ever since its release in 1996.

His new film, “Lord of War,” has aroused mixed emotions among the reviewers, with some claiming it to be "a bleak comedy, funny in a Catch 22 sort of way" (Chicago Sun Times) and others pronouncing it "a misfire of a political satire about the international gun market." (New York Times).

Its star-studded lineup includes Nicolas Cage, Ethan Hawke, Bridgette Moynahan and Jared Leto. Cage plays a poor, yet deeply cunning Ukrainian-emigre turned international weapons dealer named Yuri Orlov. Seeking a way out of the poverty stricken Soviet-American ghetto he grew up in, Yuri turns to the arms dealing business with the help of his partner and brother Vitaly (played by Jared Leto).

As he becomes more prominent in the weapons trade, his fortune flourishes and he falls in love with his fantasy girl (Bridgette Moynahan). In his attempt to juggle the weapons trade with family life, Yuri is constantly nagged by a young, ambitious Interpol agent (played by Ethan Hawke).

While the movie revolves around weapons and arms it is more contemplative than action oriented. In fact, one of the movie's main problems is the eyes of the critics is its lack of plot. It is meant to shock and educate us about the realities of the international weapons trade. The shock effect wears as the movie progresses, disturbing pictures of murder youth become commonplace by the end of the movie. The main historical event it deals with is the collapse of the Soviet Union, and how this seemingly innocuous event perpetrated violence across the world for years to come.

Though the movie perhaps too ambitious for its own good, the themes and questions dealt with are dense and worthy of reflection.

Cloud Atlas maps the soul across ages
Eoin Daly
Arts Editor

David Mitchell has written an outstanding novel that was short listed for the Man Booker Prize and won numerous other less well known awards. He is a British novelist educated at the University of Bath. He has written several serialized Victorian novels and modern soaps he ends his narratives with an epic tale.

Cloud Atlas consists of six stories, spanning times and historical context. Each narrative focuses on a different character. The stories are connected in various ways and each narrative is completed separately before they are all brought together to bear upon one another in the last story. This provides the reader with an intensively satisfying feeling that is not usually achieved (or attempted) in many novels.

Ocean Pacific, 1850. The journey begins with Adam Ewing, the nineteenth century lawyer. McEwing accompanies a crooked doctor and a ship full of treasure hunters as they ply the Polynesian Coast in search of adventure. There is plenty of intrigue and mystery along the way involving murder, murder, and murder and murder.

Zedelgem, Belgium. 1931. A young British musician, Robert Frobisher, composes an avant-garde piece of music that is taken up by an ace composer as a student in an art school.

USA, 1958. The journey continues with the composer's daughter and wife and writes all about it in letters to her lover, Rufus Stimson.

Burlan Verbas, California. 1975. Rufus Stimson sees through the composer's daughter and wife and writes all about it in letters to her lover.

New York, 1849. The story concludes with a corporate scandal at the nuclear power plant in which he works.

UK, early 21st century. Timothy Cavendish, a publisher, receives a manuscript from Laura Reyn about her exploits. He remains trapped in an elderly person's home under the watchful eye of a nurse until his comical escape.

Ne So Copous (Korea), near future. Syn is a genetically engineered clone working at a fast food restaurant. Scared of the world and the rebels against a militaristic society void of spirituality.

Hawaii, post apocalyptic distant future. Zachary, a tribeman living in primitive conditions, meets Marcoon, the last of a civilized breed that understands the ways in which technology improved (or consumes) a society. Each of these stories is highly engaging. Once I started one story I was disappointed that it ended prematurely. But once you get into the next story you relive the same sensations again: engagement, excitement and frustration. This cycle of birth and rebirth is just one of many themes that Mitchell’s text allows readers to experience in a unique way.

This photo illustrates concepts outlined in the article.

The bright nature of the line also attracts our attention to this area since they eyes focus where contrast between dark and light are most apparent. In Photoshop, we could blur this line and reduce its color so that it became less of a distraction.
LIFESTYLES

Be a Vegetarian if you want to be smarter

Dhwaj Kapadia
Lifestyles Editor

Yes, it is true. Studies have proven that eating vegetables increases mental aptitude. Those who eat at least a couple servings of vegetables increase their mental stamina about 40% compared to those who do not eat vegetables. Well, the only glitch is that the vegetable intake is about more than 4000 individuals who were over the age of 65.

When comparing fruits with vegetables, the first impression one would have is that fruit is the more beneficial product. However, in this case, that is not true. Even though fruit have their own unique benefits, in terms of mental protection, vegetables are far more effective. John Morris of the American Academy of Neurology has proven that 2.8 servings of vegetables per day is equivalent to five years of younger age when compared to those who eat about one vegetable a day. One serving of vegetables is about equal to one cup.

However, it is never too late to start. The latest study says that individuals have begun to eat more than 2.8 servings of vegetables after neglecting vegetables for a long period. Even though many people may not realize it, the food they eat at the dinner tables drastically affects their mental acuteness in the long run. Morris has also proven in past studies that foods high in quantities of Vitamin K can reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s and eating fish can possibly do the same.

Vegetables contain a high amount of anti-oxidants and Vitamin E, it is important to note that they have even more than what fruit contains. Eating vegetables, especially some type of green leafy and root vegetables, such as olive oil can increase the body’s absorption of anti-oxidants. In most cases, vegetables have been shown to have a very large impact on the well-being and health aspects of the human body.

Berries seem to be the most “effective” in terms of protecting one’s memory. A diet in which you eat just fruits and vegetables has been proven to reduce risks of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and many other illnesses.

As a vegetarian, this is somewhat easy for me too since I usually force to eat a specific type of food other than meat. That limits my options in a way and ultimately, that is beneficial to me, in that it will narrow my choices and inevitably make me eat more fruits and vegetables.

At Trim Dining Hall, in Babson, this can be a little hard to do, given the various options that are offered other than vegetable. There are a limited number of fruits and vegetables that are offered, however, one must still take the initiative and start eating healthier and smarter in an effort to help protect their well-being in the future.

Love Mother Nature and Conserve

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This article is about the environment, and how you should not mess it up. You probably read stuff like this a lot. So, to try and make it different, I tried to think of an interesting title. The first thing I thought of was to create a sentence like “Do you ever think of your house”. Then immediately thought, “Hell no”, for obvious reasons.

I even thought of words like “language”, “boyfriend”, “girlfriend”, “replacement the word ‘house’”, but I thought about that, I just felt it didn’t make sense. Unfortunately, some mistreat even their loved ones. Hence, the only word that I thought “Hell yes” for, is the automobile. Car. Coche (to the Spanish-speaking populace in Babson).

No one mistreats their car. The only time when people do it is when they’re drunk or psychotic. Even when someone goes around on dirt-tracks, or rundown on open streets like Visco-Diesel in The Fast and the Furious, chances are, they still love and respect their car. You will not mess it up. If someone does anything to it, it will get fixed.

Think about the environment the same way. Copy and Pasting a paragraph on here, and replace the word ‘car’ with ‘earth’, walk of their lives, your imagination to find a suitable replacement for Vin Diesel’s car. Redefine your neighborhood recycling freak.

Please, treat the environment well. Like it’s your car. You wouldn’t hurt your car, would you? If the answer is yes, then

please just discontinue reading

The environment is the only one we have. Whether you’re in Hong Kong or Hollywood, it’s the same world, isn’t it? The next time you see someone carelessly obliterating a tree or see someone dump his trash on some random location, think twice. Even if he just threw 50 banana skins in your car.

Think about it - there is just one world; one that we all share. Remember, we all own the environment. Treat it like a seriously prized possession. One that you would never like to see tainted; no, one that you would get seriously pissed off to see dirty.

Come on guys, seriously. Seriously. You know you’re mistreating the environment before. I know I have. I have converted; ever since summer for over 10 minutes in 110 degree heat with an empty Pepsi (Babson is sponsored by Pepsi, so I must say, no joke) can in New Delhi, India, to find a trash can (OK I was going to walk anyway, but still it makes a point).

Just take the lead. Don’t think, “Well I’m just one person, what am I gonna do?”. Think, “Sweet, I just bothered to not taint the environment.”

Ultimately, it’s up to you. It really just is. I know this might sound like ending to a clichéd topic for an article. But think about it. You really are responsible for the environment.

So either you can go on throwing your cans on the sidewalk, try and sim (and miss) throwing your wrapper in some bin 10 meters away - OR you can better walking around 10 meters more to put the can in the trash can. 10 meters away... the day is short, it’s what separates cleanliness from the destruction of the environment. If around 6 billion people bother, surely you can walk 10 meters and do your bit for the environment.

This distance of 10 meters could save the world.

Doing Community Service

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College students volunteer. This is not something that is very common on most college campuses other than a few select organizations that make community service their main goal. More students should take the initiative and begin volunteering in an effort to improve their respective communities. Some of the associate terms such as lazy, hard-partiers, and distant when describing college students (in many cases, this is true). However, why not change that?

New studies have proven that college students have begun to volunteer more than ever before in recent times. About 40 percent of all college student have begun to partake in community service including tutoring underprivileged students as well. In the United States, the state of Oklahoma had the highest number of college students volunteering while New York and Nevada had the least.

In many cases, students that were in high school during the time of 9/11, have taken the initiative to participate more than normal in college. This is so, because students gain a sense of awareness and realize that there are a lot of their respective communities that can be enhanced. Even the slightest efforts make big difference in the lives of many impoverished or disadvantaged children and adults.

Factors such as the end-less hurricanes such as Katrina in the Gulf Coast made young people realize that they should help those who are affected by forces uncontrollable by them. Many schools and colleges have now included community service as a part of their curriculum to ensure that everyone values the environment they live in and always strives to ensure that the integrity of their community is preserved. Other surveys and studies have shown that about 35 percent of females in college volunteer compared to about 27% males.

At Babson College, there are many clubs and organizations that are targeted toward community service involvement. Everyone should get involved in at least one or two. The satisfaction that one gains after seeing the results of your hard work is immeasurable. We should never hesitate in a situation in which we have the ability to help better others’ lives.

Who is a religious organization, tutoring a mentally challenged student, or a just a noble attempt to help better your community, you should all reach out and try to lend a helping hand to those in need. Our efforts may seem minute to us, however, in the long term, these efforts have the potential to better the lives of so many other privileged individuals who wish to have a better future. We can help to foster a sense of hope in their minds and hearts by simply volunteering for anything that is aimed toward improving the community.

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Coffee Shop: Sartrean Nostalgia or Addiction to Coffee?

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Opinions Editor

I must reluctantly admit that I am a fan of the recent coffee shop craze that has swept the nation. But, is it worth all the hype? Let's explore the concept of coffee shop addiction and the impact it has on our culture.

Espresso, cappuccinos, and lattes have become a staple in our daily lives. Whether we go to Starbucks or a local independent, coffee has become a source of comfort and connection. But, is this trend more than just a fad?

The coffee shop culture has evolved into a form of social exchange. People come together to work, study, or just catch up. However, is there a point where this becomes an addiction?

According to the National Coffee Association, more than 60% of Americans drink coffee daily. This shows the significant role coffee plays in our society. But, what about those who cannot function without their morning cup of Joe?

Coffee is a $135 billion industry in the United States, and coffee shops are a significant part of this market. However, is this growth sustainable, or is there a risk of over-saturation?

And what about the environmental impact of this coffee boom? The carbon footprint of coffee production can be significant. Is this trend contributing to climate change?

As we continue to explore the world of coffee, it is important to question our own consumption habits and the impact they have on our society and the planet. Is coffee shop culture a form of Sartrean nostalgia, or is it an addiction that we must confront and address?
The Power Ten

1 Chicago Bears
Tied for first, and they take it after the near meltdown to Ari
2 Indianapolis Colts
AFC lineup advantage
gets decided now (Indianapolis, @NE)
3 Denver Broncos
How about that? Allowing 7.3 pts/game with top 2 teams to Denver's & New York
4 New England Patriots
The Patriots can't afford to let down (U&NY)
In preparation for the Colts
5 New York Giants
Big win on MNF vs. Dallas with the retiring Tiki Barber leading the way
6 New Orleans Saints
The Saints will reveal their true identity against the fraudulent Ravens
7 San Diego Chargers
Trying to stay afloat with the loss to SD and Merriman gone for weeks
8 Cincinnati Bengals
Inconsistency that should take the AFC North and grab a home game
9 Atlanta Falcons
Atlanta is back in the hunt, but averaging 224 yd/game so far
10 St. Louis Rams
The Rams are without the TP in this week in San Diego

Brandon Laquette
Staff Writer

Things got shaken up in the NFL this week. Quite a bit of unexpected upset popped up on your ticket if you kept a close eye on the league as our Patriots went into Buffalo and tacked on another win with relative ease. This trend can be seen in the power ten, as 3 teams were knocked off and 3 moved right in.

It might not seem that significant, but I did a lot of digging through the massive mediocrity of the league to make up my mind on who belonged in this group. It's hard to separate the competitors from the speculators at this point. For my perspective, 16 teams, hand on the low end, have established their status this season and can be classified in the previously mentioned categories. Let's get this started and see how your competitors: Chicago, Indy, Denver, and New England. Boys and girls, your spectator: Tampa Bay, Houston, Green Bay, Washington, San Francisco, Buffalo, Tennessee, Miami, Cleveland, Detroit, Oakland, and last and most certainly least, Arizona.

The Middle of the Road

Brandon Laquette

The Pats at 1:00 on a Sunday

The Patriots, as expected, rolled in and out of Buffalo. The game ended before the clock ran out. The Patriots just came in, crashed, and left. The Patriots did not run, but rather effectively (27 carries for 94 yards), pass the ball for a boatload of yards (27 throws, 195 yards), or have any big plays (0 picks returned for TDs, 0 red zone fumbles, 0 kick returns for TDs). Yet, the Patriots won the game, 28-6. That, by definition, is a blow out. The score says that we absolutely destroyed Buffalo. There was really never a doubt in the game, not since the Patriots scored their first down. How do the Patriots, week in and week out, win easily, and not put up big numbers or post any big plays? The offenses were practically even, and the Patriots' defense seemingly was picking up Buffalo's big plays. Yet, we were able to win by a whopping 22 points. The Patriots collected and out of Buffalo, no injuries, no special plays revealed, just another win. Enjoy this type of success, because it will not last forever. However, it is in our best interest right now: a Patriots Dynasty. Let's look at some of the exciting stats that we have given us since 2001:

Since Tom Brady took over the team in 2001 against the Colts, the Patriots are 73-23. Sounds like an impressive stat, right? Indeed, impressive. However, on your typical one of clock starts on either Saturday or Sunday, since 2001, the Patriots have fared exceptionally. When Brady took over as the starter, the Patriots are 46-7 at 1pm since 2001. The Patriots, when they play at their normal time during the day, come up big 85% of the time. It has become a legacy that the Patriots win at that same slot. We have grown such accustomed to it, that we expect it. Therefore, we expect our Patriots expect it. And hence, they go out and do it. They don't need the stats, there is no game that needs the big flashy plays, or the big flashy plays. They just don't make mistakes. Brady, again, threw no interceptions. The Patriots manage the clock better than any team in the NFL. Although ticking at times, the Patriots maintain their clock, they do what they have to, keep everyone healthy, save their special plays, and win. For some reason or another, at any other time slot, the Patriots struggle more. This weekend, the Pats head to Minnesota, to play a game at a time when the Vikings have not been surging lately, and this week they will be fired up to make mistakes. Brady, again, threw no interceptions. The Vikings might have their heads looking young, but they are not a crucial game against Indianapolis next Sunday night. I think this might be a good scenario for the Vikings, coming out of the gate strong, going ahead, and the Patriots walking away with a win.

I believe that the Pats defense will give up more than 17 for the first time this season, however, I think they will still win the game, taking the lead late in the second half, and winning. Look for Brady to actually go over 200 yards passing, and for the Patriots running game to look just a little better than it has recently.

Brandon: NO. Jim Mora's notorious "playoff rant" will probably not wash over this really long, emotional rampage? This rant is what the Pats have to go through as the single greatest NFL rant ever! Sit down, diddy- doo Mora, your playoff rant is over. Get your "play-the-game" Edwards, and step aside Mike "2-7" Ditka. The way the teams build, the repetition, the build-up of emotion, the slamming at the microphone, and the "chase behind their behind" bit puts this rant as the single greatest NFL coach rant ever.

other top contenders just add humor, whereas this Dennis Green rant epitomizes an explosion of frustration, much like the game played. Dennis Green was known to be unusually correct the term "horse menure" back to back, which makes this rant a little more much, as the "diddy-poor rant pulled by Mora."

The Pats will have to win a little more than your usual 1-0. I'm hoping to see the Vikings coming out of the gate strong, going ahead, and the Patriots walking away with a win.

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