Athletics
Hopes were high for this year's soccer team as it was reviewed before the season began. Led by Captain Wayne Roberts the returning lettermen, Fred Heap, Gary Reynolds, Chad Giroux, and Tom Morris hit the field eager to assist the freshmen bounceers in filling the vacant positions on the squad. Team spirit was spiraling upward and Coach Dick Elworthy seemed to have ample justification for predicting an outstanding season.

This justification, however, proved to have little backing as the team ran into difficulties and sprouted several defeats. Lowell Tech, Colby College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Clark University, and the University of Rhode Island all scored victories over the Babson men.

Inexperience on the field seemed to stop the Beavers in their first few games, but an unusually high level of persistence and spirit developed the team substantially bringing it closer to the margin of victory and accounting for several near upsets.

The season was not entirely void of victory. Assumption College cracked in a hard-hitting contest on their small field giving the Babson booters something to write home about, and giving the Babson men renewed confidence in what at times was loosely called the Babson soccer team.
SOCCER

Babson basketball hit hard in 1964. Coach Tom Smith, fielding a team composed entirely of freshmen and juniors, instilled a rallying spirit within the team which proved to be too much for the team's first six opponents. Combining this impressive string of victories with the addition of cheerleaders proved to be the correct formula for capacity crowds at home games, and, due to the efforts of the B'ball boys, Babson had its first case of athletic egotism in several years.

Nichols College provided the opposition for what was without a doubt the best game of the season. Although the Beavers lost 109-107, the capacity crowd saw a display of superb ball which ran into a double overtime with three Babson players hitting double figures in the score column.

Dick Joseph, Al Gode, and Brian Barefoot consistently paced the team with their exhibitions of fine ball. Throughout the season the "JGB" combination was successful in helping to chalk up Babson victories. With these and several other fine basketball players returning to the courts next year it is certain that not only will Babson be "the team to beat" but basketball will continue to be the foremost spectator sport among the students of the Institute.
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BASKETBALL