Follow-up of Sports Activities

A most important phase of activities offered by Babson Institute is the voluntary program of ATHLETICS. One of the primary precepts on which this Institute was founded concerned the importance of physical exercise without interfering with the academic program.

The Athletic Council and its subsidiary groups direct the athletic program. The only limit to the program is the extent of student interest. This phase of campus life is divided into two sections—intramural sports and intercollegiate sports.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS—This phase of activities could more properly be called the “Punch Bowl League”. It is divided into three divisions:

Team Sports—Major: Touch Football, Basketball, and Softball.
    Minor: Ten Pin Bowling, Candle Pin Bowling, and Swimming.

Tournament Sports—Major: Tennis, Badminton, Ping Pong, and Golf.
    Minor: Horseshoes, Pool, Squash, and Handball.

Meets—Cross Country and Skiing.

The Punch Bowl for 1948-1949 was awarded to Bryant Hall with 830 points. The other teams and their order of finish were Park Manor South (714), Off-Campus Seniors (628), Coleman South (611), Park Manor Left (331), Off-Campus Junior (271), Park Manor Right (248), Off-Campus Freshmen (217), and Coleman North (148).

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS—The achievement of intercollegiate sports during the past several years has been one of the outstanding examples of the Growth and Progress of Babson Institute. Sports such as skeet, golf, basketball, ski, and tennis have gone far to promote the name of Babson Institute throughout New England.

Intercollegiate sports which are emphasized are those which have a carry-over value in later life. Also, this participation with other college teams promotes a friendship and understanding that remains unparalleled by any other activity.

The following is a chart depicting the participation and interest in ATHLETICS and their Growth and Progress during the year 1949-1950 at Babson Institute.
Golf Team
Broadbent, L., Gifford, R., Coppinger, B., Alcorn, J.

Basketball Team
Sitting: Turner, W., Depray, R., Shuttleworth, W., Laury, W., Brown, L., Stakas, T.
Standing: Brooks, L., Faquin, C., Page, O., Stump, C., Faulkner, R., Mr. S. Burtis, Mcade, R., absent.

Skeet Team
Kneeling: Shaw, R., Lord, C., Keller, T., Karsnitz, R., Rodey, R.

Intercollegiate

GOLF—Since its first match in the Spring of 1948, intercollegiate golf has continued to gain stature until it is now recognized as the most outstanding intercollegiate team at Babson Institute. During its first two years, this group established the enviable record of 17 games won, 1 lost, and 2 tied.

Last year's team defeated Dartmouth, Holy Cross, Rhode Island State (in a return match of the only loss ever suffered by the golf team), Tufts, Suffolk, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Harvard, and Boston College. The two ties were suffered at the hands of Manhattan College and Boston College. The defeat of Boston College (preceded by the tie), the official golf champions of New England, made Babson Institute the unofficial New England champs. The record of last year's team thus reads 8 wins and 2 ties.

The schedule for the Spring of 1950 includes matches with Dartmouth (2), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Holy Cross, Springfield, Rhode Island State, and Harvard. Another championship season is expected with the return of many of last Spring's lettermen.

The manager of the golf team for 1949-1950 is Boies Coppinger.

BASKETBALL—The most popular intercollegiate sport at Babson Institute, the basketball team completed its second successful year in the familiar surrounding of the Peavey Gymnasium.

In compiling its record of 7 wins and 7 losses for a .500 average, the varsity showed wins over Newton College (2), Burdett (2), Oxford, Tufts Junior Varsity, and Northeastern Freshmen. Losses were sustained from M. I. T. Junior Varsity (2), Curry (2), Lowell Textile, Northeastern Freshmen, and Harvard Freshmen. Highlight of the season was the second game with the Northeastern Freshmen which was played as a feature attraction during the Winter Carnival Weekend and saw Babson Institute emerge victorious by the score of 60-54.

The manager of the basketball team this year is Leonard Brooks, assisted by Charles Fagan.

SKEET—One of the founders of New England intercollegiate skeet, this team continues its reputation as tops in its field. Founded in 1947-1948, skeet was the first intercollegiate sport at Babson Institute.

The final standings for 1949 saw the skeet team finishing behind Army and in front of Yale and Harvard. This final match took place at the Intercollegi-
ate Championship Match at the Lordship Gun Club in Stratford, Connecticut.

In matches thus far this year, the team has had a good record. At Lordship in the Fall, they finished third behind Army and Harvard. In a home-and-home series with Army, they showed great promise both at West Point and at the Mayflower Skeet Club, although they lost both games.

The president of the skeet team this year is Tom Weller.

**SKIING**—Weather once more played the determining role in the activities of intercollegiate skiing. Hampered by lack of snow during the first part of the season, the ski team was thus unable to participate in any meets until the middle of February.

A member of the New England Intercollegiate Ski Conference, skiers met teams such as Springfield, Boston University, Lowell Textile, Brown, Northeastern, Tufts, Boston College, Holy Cross, New England College, Rhode Island School of Design, Clark, and American International College.

The 1948-1949 season marked the appearance of this team on campus. Since that time, it has shown steady improvement. This year, skiers finished third at the Thorn Mountain Meet behind American International College and Boston University. At Interval, they finished seventh in a field of ten, and at Ascutney, the skiers were again seventh in a field of nine in a meet which was won by Boston College.

Bob Ripley is the ski captain for the year.

**TENNIS**—Founded in the Spring of 1948, intercollegiate tennis is another sport which is a recent addition to the campus. This sport definitely came into its own last year when an undefeated season was completed. The victims were Suffolk (2), Tufts Freshmen, and Tufts Varsity.

The schedule this year is even more impressive and gruelling. In addition to two rematches with Suffolk and one with the Tufts Varsity, the schedule includes matches with the M.I.T. Freshmen, Harvard Freshmen, and Boston College Freshmen. The majority of these games are to be played on the opposition’s courts.

Although only two lettermen from last year’s team remain, the possibility of another successful season seems excellent. When the proposed additional tennis courts are built, tennis may well emerge as the sport through which Babson Institute may gain national recognition.

The tennis manager for the year is Arthur Anderson.
Intramural

SWIMMING—Conquering all opposition, the Park Manor South swim team emerged victorious by a margin of 34-22 over Off-Campus Seniors in the final meet held in the new Millea Swimming Pool. This marked the opening chapter in a title race which is destined to become one of the most important and popular intramural activities on campus. Winners of the three preliminary meets were Park Manor South, Off-Campus Seniors, and Bryant.

FOOTBALL—Probably the best coordinated intramural football team ever to compete at Babson Institute, the Off-Campus Seniors completely dominated play, emerging with a record of 8 wins and 0 losses. Bryant, which finished a strong second in the league with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss, met the eventual winners early in the season and were set-back with a 13-0 loss. Not only were the Seniors undefeated, they were also unscorched upon.

TOURNAMENTS—The Spring of last year saw the appearance of the first tournament winners. They were Arthur Anderson in tennis, Jim Hunt in golf, and Bill McGrath in horseshoes. The horseshoes doubles champs were Bill Colman and Ray Greer. The only Fall term tournament had a double winner when Bud Tietje and Jack Maker crossed the finish line in the cross-country in a photo-finish tie. The Winter term saw Tom Slikas, victorious in ping pong singles, capture the ping pong doubles crown with Fred Lenz as his partner. The badminton doubles championship went to Dean Ingham and Jim Bryan while Dean Ingham also fought it out with Herb Spencer for the badminton singles title. Bill Windle became the newly crowned squash king and Dick Lavore was the pool champ. The handball crown went to Sid Adair. One of the outstanding results of the tournaments was the large participation in all events. This increased the competition and resulted in greater interest on the part of the student body.
Sports

Bowling—The Candle Pin title was won by Bryant with Off-Campus Juniors, Park Manor Left, and Park Manor South making a close race of the league. An exceptionally powerful Faculty team also came close to winning the title by tying Bryant 2-2 but subsequent losses at the hands of other teams proved to be their downfall. The Ten Pin League finished in a tie between Park Manor Left and Bryant with Park Manor South just one game behind. Candle Pin bowling took place in Wellesley while Needham was the scene of the tight Ten Pin race.

Basketball.—In one of the closest races in intramural history, Off-Campus Juniors and Off-Campus Seniors sped through undefeated seasons until their last game of the year. There these two powerful teams met in a spectacular finish which saw the Off-Campus Juniors emerge victorious by a decisive score of 34-22. However, the extraordinary come-back of the year must be credited to Coleman North, a team which failed to win a game last year but this time almost won the “gold-ring”.

Softball.—Park Manor South, defeating runner-up Coleman South in the last game of the season by a score of 4-3, took the softball honors last spring by completing an undefeated season of 8 wins and 0 losses. Tying Coleman South for runner-up honors with records of 6 wins and 2 losses were Off-Campus Seniors and Bryant. The outstanding players for Park Manor South included Ed Preiffer, Al Burnett, Bob Depray, and Ed Harris. (Team not pictured.)