New Fraternity Officially Recognized
WILL HANSEN PRODUCTION MANAGER

At the end of last semester, a new fraternity was officially recognized into the Babson community. AEPi, a fraternity centered around Jewish culture, went through the application process for a year, and is finally an official part of the Babson campus. AEPi is a fraternity dedicated to developing Jewish professionals throughout the world. The first wish to stress, however, that being Jewish is not a requirement for being a member of AEPi. As long as the applicant’s morals are in line with the overall values of the fraternity, the person may be accepted into the group.

There are currently 24 brothers. The current President is Adam Chasen, who has been the second President of the Babson chapter, following the Free Press President, Jason Bedrick. The fraternity started in the late spring of 2004.

The fraternity as a national organization was founded at NYU by 11 men. There were originally 122 members over 70,000 total members. AEPi is also the only fraternity to exist on every continent. The local chapters have assisted the Babson chapter in getting off the ground. The MA chapter is also strong enough to allow several Babson initiation ceremonies to be hosted. The chapter as of today, two of the Babson brothers have biological brothers at Northeastern.

AEPi has had many friendly interactions with Hillel, the other Jewish organization on campus. There are several brothers who are also members of Hillel, but it is not in any way a requirement for being a member of AEPi. There are many other brothers who are not members of Hillel.

The fraternity does not currently have a special housing area, but they are working on getting something. "Every fraternity and organization must re-apply for housing every year, so we are working on getting something that will foster a new fraternity or organization could receive special housing. They will be going up against all the existing fraternities, but according to Associate Director of Campus Life Chris Karas, "something is definitely going to happen." The fraternity is planning on a few events in the future. This Sunday, they are hosting a Super Bowl party, and in addition they are planning for the Lenten week's Chartering Ceremony later this semester. Also, the fraternity is on the schedule for the upcoming rec night event, which allows them to get their name out into the campus and hopefully pick up some new brothers for the following semester.

So far, AEPi has been well accepted and respected around campus. In fact, according to Kaschel, "Their first semester recognized, they were the top fraternity in the nation. They currently have an average GPA of 3.1, which is higher than the national average. They are also attracting more members with involved-minded goals. Overall, Chris Karas advises that "We have a great bunch of guys."
"Apprentice" Class is a Huge Success for Babson

JASON REDDICK
SENIOR EDITOR

In the 2004 full semester, Prof. Len Green — known affectionately by his students as "Len" — led an innovative and revolutionary new class based on the Donald’s reality TV show, "The Apprentice." Students were divided into two teams of five students to tackle similar challenges to the ones the two teams faced on the first season of "The Apprentice." For example, each team had to develop a marketing strategy for a fictional company, "Marquis-Net," a private aviation company founded by two Babson alumni.

The difference is that neither of the ideas the actual Apprentice teams presented were taken seriously. For instance, one group did not take to the idea of opening an office in the Middle East, while the other thought that "Len had died and stopped dead in my tracks," relates Andy Bachman 99, "Paul Fireman, who is in my seat, told me to move." At the middle and end of the semester, Green rewarded top teams with better grades and even rides in his famous purple limo. Losing teams get a new CDO or were completely crushed.

The "Apprentice" class was probably the funniest class that I have taken at Babson due to its emphasis on empowerment of the students and interaction between many different personality types through all of the group work," explained Crystal Cohen 06, "Of course, the most challenging part of the course was that one of the main reasons the class was so great because he was the main reason for Green's success. Green came up with the idea for the class after being impressed by the entertainment business. "The Apprentice" and the idea paid off.

"It was successful for the students, the college and its visibility, the companies who presented and it was a win-win for everybody," explained Green.

In fact, the class was such a success that it was featured on CNN's "Squawk Box," appearing on the show seven times, and the class was covered in over 200 newspapers across the country.

When asked if he would call the class again, Green enthusiastically said yes, "I think this class could be even better with more challenges," adding that he would also add more companies in the future. "We need more companies who wish to work with our students." The class has been approved for the fall semester and there's already a buzz among students about the upcoming class. If Babson wants to reclaim its position as the number one business school for entrepreneurship, perhaps the administration should consider asking "Len" how he does it.

Super Bowl Sunday: Be Responsible

TIM MANN
DEAN- STUDENT AFFAIRS

If you're a New England sports fan, it's likely you're excited to watch your team take on the rest of the NFL in this big game. And with the Patriots and the Bills set to play Sunday, you can bet that Super Bowl Sunday will be a big deal. But how can you enjoy the game without being a part of the problem? Here are some tips for responsible sports watching.

1. Plan Ahead: Make a plan, and stick to it. Take care of your health and stay hydrated. Watch the game with friends, and make sure you have enough food and drinks on hand.

2. Be Respectful: Always treat others with respect, whether they are fans of the opposing team or not. Keep an eye out for any incidents of on-field violence.

3. Be Safe: Make sure you and your loved ones are safe. Avoid alcohol and drugs, and respect the law. Make sure you're not taking any risks that could put your health at risk.

4. Be Professional: Make sure you're representing your team in a professional manner. Respect your own team and the opposing team, and avoid any unnecessary confrontations.

5. Be Responsible: When it comes to sports, it's all about the experience. Don't let anything ruin your fun! Enjoy the game, and keep it fun for everyone.

By following these tips, you can enjoy the Super Bowl without being a part of the problem. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the game! Who knows? You might even win a prize or two!
Extension of Blackboard in Development for Babs

LOUIS BELLOT SENIOR EDITOR

At Tuesday's meeting of the Undergraduate Decision Making Body (UGDMB), Blackboard Curriculum Inventory and Technology Group Director Stephen Laster and Economics Professor Neil Desai demonstrated beta version of a program, currently named the Alden Knowledge Management System (ALKMS). Desai designed to help students better understand Blackboard's integrated curriculum. One of the major improvements is that the program works well for single courses, such as for integrated classes in the IVE. The program allows both students and professors to keep every-thing organized.

Harris and Laster pitched their idea for a system last year to members of the Alden Trust, a philanthropic organization that specializes in grants for higher education institutions. The idea is now being tested on a web portal that would support the IVE and provide a place for students to live and learn.

The program is still under development and is expected to be piloted in IME next semester. The final version is expected to be released for spring 2006.

The $150,000 grant, which was awarded last year, will fund the vast majority of the program. The award was made in part because of the ability to bring together the main points of the interactive curriculum.

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If successful, the Alden program could eventually grow to include Blackboard, though that would likely take several years.

Already, Harris and Laster have received positive feedback from students and the Alden Trust, which was one of the main factors in deciding to assist with the massive workload of IME.

College Engages in Tsunami Relief Effort

VIRAL KAPADA CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

December 28th, 2004 was a day that will be remembered by everyone around the world as the day when thousands of innocent people lost their lives in the Indian Ocean. It is a day that will forever be etched in the minds of millions of people across the world. It was a day that will be remembered as a day of tragedy, sadness, and loss.

The tsunami hit the coast in Aceh, Sumatra, and the neighboring islands, causing massive destruction and loss of life. The death toll was estimated at over 200,000 people, making it one of the worst natural disasters in history.

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The success of the relief effort was due in large part to the efforts of organizations such as the American Red Cross, which worked tirelessly to provide aid and relief to those in need.

Students Cited For Email Violations, Talks Planned

LOUIS BELLOT SENIOR EDITOR

As many students learned of, and participated in, during fall 2006 last semester, one student illegally accessed the U-Meads email list, sending a mass email to the entire student body, effectively bypassing the U-Meads email address designed to distribute emails campus-wide.

Other students subsequently tried to access the original email, and a few days later, many email boxes were filled with a variety of unsolicited photos and messages.

Assistant Dean of Students Betsy Newman said she received "several" complaints about the content and existence of the messages.

However, according to SGA President Kristin McQuaid, the subsequent email responses are not technically a violation of the U-Meads email policy. While discussions about revising the policy are planned, no similar instances have taken place since students returned from break, so a strong possibility exists that the spam was nothing more than exam week stress relief.

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Green Future for New Hybrid SUVs

ANDREW WOODWARD

For over a decade it was as
sumed that SUV and Americans and
die-hard environmentalists would never see eye-to-eye on
a vehicle that grows a tree every
two years. But now, the tree-huggers have always chosen
their Honda Civics and Toyota Prius hybrids. Yet Ford motor
company has set out to end this battle of versatility vs. eco-friendliness
and introduce an all new Ford Escape Hybrid.

For 2005, Ford has begun pro-
ducing a series of new SUV's with hybrid motors in
them. For those of you who do not know much about
hybrid cars, a car that uses a combination of
different power sources to propel it
down the road, and in the Escape's case, they have combined a
gasoline burning engine with a network
of batteries, which allows for improved fuel mileage espe-
cially in the city (around 29 mpg city).

And in case you haven't ever studied up on the typical SUV, you can expect to get about half
that mileage in a conventional Sport-ute (a Ford Expedition gets
14 mpg city). Needless to say, this is a tremendous step forward in
technology.

What is perhaps even more impressive, however, is that the
Escape is still a true SUV. It has four-wheel-drive and can
comfortably sit four adults and two children.

To put some of this in perspective, you can drive around a
Ford Escape and comfortably sit two adults and two children,
and get the same fuel economy (30 mpg or more). Or you can now
haul around 5 adults, all your gear, and have the ability to go
camping, and still get 32 mpg.

While some industry execs were skeptical about the potential popu-
larity of a Hybrid SUV, Ford's preorders for this particular model speak for themselves.

Having originally decided to produce 20,000 Hybrid Escapes this year,
Ford was extremely surprised to see that every one of these vehicles has already been spoken for.

Therefore, you can expect produc-
tion levels for 2006 to increase dramatically to around 100,000
vehicles.

Of course the battle between
car-hating SUV drivers and
tree-hugging environmentalists is not over, with most of today's
SUVs offering average for less than 30
miles per gallon. However, Ford has made the first step in a long battle to improve fuel efficiency in
all vehicles. So what does the future hold?

Well, only time will tell, yet
with the popularity of a Hybrid SUV being so high, we can expect more
and more consumers to see the benefits of hybrid cars to come out over the next sev-
eral years. In fact most major automakers manufacturing cars have at least some form of a hybrid
vehicle on their drawing boards. In all likelihood, you can expect to see about ten models of
Hybrid cars available for purchase in the United States within the next two
years, and there are very few people who will tell you that this is not a step in the right direc-
tion.

Microsoft Releases New Search Engine

WILL HANSEN

Microsoft has released a new
search engine that is more similar to Google than Yahoo. The pages are as
detailed and functional, with an ease of use that makes
it easy to find what you are looking for. The site is
simple to navigate, and the results are highly relevant.

The new search engine is called MSN Search and it is free to use. To use
the new search engine, simply type your query into the
search bar and allow the search results to appear on
your screen. You can then choose the search results
that you prefer and use them to achieve your goals.

One of the main features of
the new search engine is the ability to search for sites that are
relevant to your query. This allows you to quickly find the
information you are looking for, and it is an excellent
feature for those who are looking for information on
a particular topic.

The new search engine also
includes an image search feature, which allows you to
find images related to your query. It is a great feature for
those who are looking for visual information related
to their topic of interest.

In conclusion, the new
search engine is a huge improvement over the previous
version. It is faster, more accurate, and easier to use. It is
a great addition to any computer, and it is sure to
be a hit with users of all ages.

SBC Makes Bid for Telecom Giant Ma Bell

JACK S. PHELPS

Last week, news arose of
talks between SBC Communications
(NYSE: SBC) and AT&T (NYSE: T) to acquire
a bid on $86.7 billion acquisition of Ma Bell by
its former subsidiary. Why, you might ask, would anyone
want to buy into a 130-year history of service
outages, high customer churn, and labyrinthine regula-
tory issues that is AT&T Corpora-
tion? Why indeed! Ma Bell has problems, and you wouldn't
catch this AT&T writer partici-
pating in a $86 billion bid.

My boss once told me, follow-
ing a communications failure, that blaming AT&T hasn't been
a legitimate excuse for about twenty years. That's all too
true, and yet the company is still a tremendous household
name, throws off cash at about $3.

billion a year ($5.5 billion in posi-
tive operating cash flow), and comes with cost-saving syner-
gies thirteen thousand job cuts strong. Those factors alone are
enough to make the story com-
pelling for SBC, which could des-
perately use the cash flow, rec-
ognition, and power-house needed to compete
in the tough telecom game against
MCI, other Bell, and Sprint.

More important though are the
advantages offered to SBC
that is in competition against cable giant Comcast and the
range of cellular and voice-over-
internet-protocol offerings cropping
up. While some people see
the deal and cry anticompetitive, they're mostly
from a company that doesn't under-
stand some of the fundamental shifts in the market in recent
years.

I use my cell phone, Skype
(a VoIP service), and Comcast
Internet service to communi-
cate. Like 15 million US citizens
today, I do not currently nor ever intend to again have a
landline phone.

An acquisition of an entity
with diminishing share in the
verbal communication market should hardly be treated
as a threat to consumers. Instead, it
would offer important cost sav-
ing to those remaining on phone
lines or an opportunity for SBC
to use AT&T's cash to further
develop its telephone or cable
infrastructure, increasing the
options available to myriad con-
sumers. Lastly, AT&T cur-
rently offers a VoIP solution of its own, which SBC would enjoy
marketing with the AT&T brand.

The deal has a history, too.
SBC made similar motions in 1997 shortly after telecoms were deregulated and the baby was
first allowed to venture competi-
tively outside its own space. At
the time regulators shot the idea
of a new giant down, but now it's
a different story. The profitability
consumer telephone offerings are
drying up rapidly, and a large, exclusive percentage of nothing is
still nothing. Where SBC has
done trouble making it in the cor-
porate market, AT&T currently
serves most of the largest corpo-
rate in the US.

Normally, such an acqui-
sition might set off a string of con-
solidation in the industry, but
because MCI and Sprint, AT&T's closest two competitors, are
somewhat tied up at present, a successful acquisition by SBC
will set it well ahead of the rest of
the baby Bells in getting into
more profitable lines of business.
All in all, it's an exception-
ally smart move on the part of
SBC's management.
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this Saturday!!

Come support your Babson Winter Sports
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Receive FREE t-shirts and giveaways
Enjoy a performance by the Babson Cheerleaders

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Bush's Delivers Inaugural Message Which is Solid and Stubborn

HERBIE WEISBURGH
OPINIONS EDITOR

As I listened to the Inaugural Address, I found myself delighted by the concessions to reason and integrity that Bush himself, by his own admission, admired in me. Mind you, I told myself that this was the same man who brought us into a war for the wrong reasons, with no exit plan, sacrificing so many excess human lives to trait it was in his interest. But I was wrong. This was a grand display of administration: stupidity.

Then, of all things, he gave the high-water mark a president can install in the coat of arms. He removed the only voice of reason in the administration, the sole discordant note, by the passage of so-called 'conformity.' Secretary of State Colin Powell.

We should demand the supreme honor of being appointed to the highest post in the President’s Cabinet. It is a sign of the president’s discretion, whose disgraceful show at the 9/11 Commission hearings demonstrates a very different approach and the shamed administration in the eyes of the American people. Beijing will now reduce the position of which she is so unworthy, Condoleezza Rice had to do better. It is another of the great names in the Senate for questioning.

What is more, Rice has an outstanding resume, as many republic- I don’t concede that the United States of America politico economic interests are at stake in the region.

Iraqi Elections: A Victory for Democracy

JASON BEDRICK
SENIOR EDITOR

The success of Iraq's elections on Sunday, January 30, prevents an easing of sympathies and the nattering nabobs of negativity are on the wrong side of history. President Bush, who has argued that democracy is the wave of the future, has brought about a sea change in the political landscape of Iraq. The referendum on the constitution was a step in the right direction, and now the elections will serve as a lesson for neighboring countries and an inspiration to those who believe in democracy and freedom.

Iraqi elections may be marred by violence, but they are a step forward in the country's journey towards democracy. The seeds of democracy have been planted. Iraqis have tasted freedom and democracy, and it has proven that they are ready and willing to fight for their rights. Despite the violence and instability, Iraqis have shown resilience and determination. The challenges ahead are significant, but with the right support and encouragement, Iraq can overcome them.

Social security, as predicted, was the main focus of the State of the Union address last night. While I agree with the basis of the Bush plan for reforming social security, I find his attempts to misleading the public both demeaning and disgraceful. His message to senior citizens and those who have worked hard all their lives is that their benefits would not be cut, but they would merely be spread out. It’s a cop-out.

Next on the Bush agenda was the “sanctity of marriage,” which, I believe, is not only right, but also right for all. I believe that Bush would be great for Bush if he could just say anything, and have it magically become true, and it would not be true, this is why the case. The taxes cut benefited the wealthiest four percent of America’s wealthiest, and the tax cut would be great for Bush if he could just say the same thing, and have it magically become true, and it would not be true, this is why the case. The tax cuts benefited the wealthiest four percent of America’s wealthiest, and the tax cut would be great for Bush if he could just say the same thing, and have it magically become true, and it would not be true, this is why the case. The tax cuts benefited the wealthiest four percent of America’s wealthiest, and the tax cut would be great for Bush if he could just say the same thing, and have it magically become true, and it would not be true, this is why the case.

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State of the Union Went Exactly as Predicted

HERBIE WEISBURGH
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Anywhere with a modicum of intelligence, we understand this is a copout. This is not what the President’s address would be. In fact, some were so bored with the speech that they fell asleep in the first minute (five minutes less than McCain and Clinton for instance). Social Security, gay marriage, terrorism, Iraq, tax cuts, and several other issues high on the Bush agenda.

The election shows the will of the American people to stand up for their rights and interests. Bush’s message to senior citizens and those who have worked hard all their lives is that their benefits would not be cut, but they would merely be spread out. It’s a cop-out.

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P.J. O’Rourke, author of such best-sellers “Eat the Rich” and “Parliament of Whores,” takes us on a tour of the complexities and absurdities of the world and foreign policy in “Peace Kills: America’s Fun New Imperialism.”

O’Rourke begins with a tribute on “why Americans hate foreign policy” but how it’s futile to avoid it. “Americans would like to ignore foreign policy. Our previous attempts at isolationism were successful. Un fortunately, they were successful for Hitler’s Germany and Tojo’s Japan.” He also explains the impossibility of meeting all of America’s conflicting foreign policy goals (such as fostering international cooperation, protecting Americans, promoting world peace, eliminating human rights abuses, etc.).

He notes that most treaties, like the Kyoto protocol on greenhouse gas emissions, are ridiculous and unenforceable but that withdrawing from all of them wouldn’t free international cooperation. “But if we do foster international cooperation, we won’t be able to protect Americans at home and abroad, because there has been a lot of international cooperation in killing Americans.”

O’Rourke takes the most convoluted problems and reduces them to their core. The problem in the Israeli-Arab conflict? “Israel stubbornly insists on existing. The foolish, despotic, and corrupt governments of the Arab countries stubbornly insist on various alternatives.”

“Maybe it’s the bubble gum. Or maybe it’s history. People who hate each other often seem to be fond of history.”

The French “French ideas, French beliefs, and French actions form a sort of ideology for human beings. A compass needle needs a butt end.” Whatever direction France is pointing toward the 1990s has been “towards the Nazism, accommodation with communists, and the failure of the UN, Lewis, or a UN resolution veto.” We can go the other way with a quiet conscience. “So how does it look around the world in general?” Are the people of the Middle East so crazy? “But the pyramids was an answer from the earlier days of civilization: People have always been crazy.”

O’Rourke was at his best when covering the “anti-war” protests, such as when a camp uses “peace flags” in the students. America has been involved in some of the most complicated conflicts such as those between the Soviet Union and China, the United States and Japan, and the United States and Mexico. At the same time, it is clear that there is a broader set of issues that need to be addressed, such as the role of foreign policy in shaping international relations. O’Rourke’s book provides a valuable perspective on these issues, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in foreign policy and international relations.
The Grilled Cheese: The Best THING to Eat Ever.

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NEWS EDITOR

It's funny how sometimes we forget about the things that matter to us most. Freedom and a good education are among the two that top the list for many. One that I could never live without is the Grilled Cheese. To many it is just a sandwich, but to me it is a way of living. This can be proven in the top ten ways.

1. The Grilled Cheese is reliable. It has always been there when the sweet turkey or ham was not on the menu. Through thick and thin, the grilled cheese has stood by our collective side and told us that it would never leave the menu. And besides, there is no other possible food that could be better than a grilled cheese sandwich beneath the 'burgers with special sauce'.

2. The Grilled Cheese is simple, yet elegantly beautiful. Some people say that being square is the worst thing in the world. However, in the case of the Grilled Cheese, it is downright extraordinary. Its bread, measuring 6 1/2 by 51/4 by 3/4 inch in length, width, and height is sturdy and can be cut in an infinite amount of ways (Diagonally is a way among many). It's cheese has proven to relieve stress as it is gooey, not overly greasy (raw egg style...raw egg style is not good in terms of Grilled Cheese)

3. The Grilled Cheese is cold and emotionless, like robots. And everyone knows that robots are good.

4. The Grilled Cheese sets itself apart from all other cheese products. Never before has a sandwich with so little ingredients gained so much fame. Thank You!!! Only Tuna Melts are cooler. And even then, it’s the grilled cheesiness in it that makes it the #2 all time favorite sandwich.

5. The Grilled Cheese's best friend is the potato. When the Grilled Cheese and the potato go together there are so many options to go with it involving the simple potato. Fries, mashed and baked potatoes, chips and hash browns. Hash browns is better than a good hash brown from McDonald's. That is until the Grilled Cheese came.

6. The Grilled Cheese is our history. First created back in 1920, the Grilled Cheese carefully documented each step in our world's history. For example, the G.G.C., as it should be known now as, took the time during 2004 to document the Virgin Mary's appearance. Thanks, G.G.C., for taking the time to really inform us.

7. The Grilled Cheese hurts. No, not emotionally, but physically. Say for instance you've had too much G.C., and there is a sandwich left. Here the G.G.C. can serve as a practical purpose to throw it at a friend.

8. The Grilled Cheese doesn't eat people's thumbs. That's cool with me.

9. The Grilled Cheese is too good to name itself something fancy like those 'Sluggy Joess' and 'Junkie Cheese'.

10. Since David Letterman's #1 usually doesn't live up to the expectations I have for it, this #1 won't be funny. Thanks, Late Show, thanks.

Cats and Dogs, The Never-Ending Debate Continues

WILL PEARCE
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Since the beginning of time, there have been really only two choices when it came to getting a pet.

Get a cat or get a dog.

Many people have been quoted as saying, "Cats rule and dogs drool." Many of those people are communists. Cats are the worst pet ever.

They fall way short of the wonders of owning a dog.

I mean, how else could they have nine lives, I know, I know, God is not going to bring them back nine times?

Satan is the one who does.

Can I see the devil's eyes, the shimer you see in low light is the Devil trying to eat your soul. Cats are just pure evil.

Another example, cats are the pets of witches. What can be more evil than a witch? Also cats are unlucky. Have you ever heard of a black cat?

When they cross your path, bad luck can come down. Is one, you have seven years of bad luck.

I heard there was this kid years ago who lived in Coleman and he was walking
to class when his purse was crossed by a black cat. Two years later he had herpes.

Some people say, "Will, cats cannot be all bad after all they have a play named after them."

But have you ever seen that play. It is horrible. Worst two hours of my life and I have had a root canal and seen New Kids on the Block on ice. (shudder)

Dogs on the other hand are great. First of all, everyone knows that all dogs go to heaven. It's a fact; they even made a movie about it.

Dogs are great because they worry stuff. So you could go in your backyard and dig up cool things that your dog found.

Things like watches, money and football tickets. I know I could use a few extra watches.

Also dogs will protect you if needed, after all have you ever heard of attack cats?

No, there are only attack dogs because they are so cool. Cats clearly do not have the guts to take on armed men. In fact, don't have the guts to take on anything except frequent naps.

Dogs are also cooler because you can have gnomes ride them, and of course anything that has gnomes is cool. A gnome cannot ride a cat, the cats just are not big enough.

So before you go out and buy a pet just think about what I have said here. I hope you have come to see that choosing a dog is the only way.

Child Taking Over Babson

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OPINIONS EDITOR

In case you haven't noticed, this school is being taken over by little juvenile dolllengtes. Oh. Oh. Oh. You need to do something or we are in trouble.

If you're Michael Jackson, you might call them, "little angels." If you're not, you need to do something or that matter. Well, I have something to say about that. Who the hell do you think you are? Do you have the nerve? Do you have the nerve to rob this school of its last best chance? You need a ticket to come here. You need a ticket to come here, unless it is a sinister pot to take over the school. These kids here are the last of the bunch. They are bimbling, tromping all over the school. Killing my ears with their little jingle bells, with their money in their wallet with gift baskets, and my feet with their poorly crafted Little Stickers. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm all for the use of child labor, but you need to do that. If you don't then all of the money you earned doesn't give them an excuse for shotty work.

Regardless of how they're com ng to play their sorry excuses for basketball or swimming games at Waban, still those kids are7th graders. Or how they have ear shattering, eye gougingly gruesome performances at Sorrisima, but that is another story. You would actually LEAVE! But no, they would actually stay here, with their parents, who should be immediately be removed from this life for bringing into this world creatures of such infernal malice. And the performances at Sorrisima, if you've ever been there, you have the right feeling of attending such an orgy of pain, could not beat out the Oomph's entertainment value. What's worse, they then get their friends, who run around, stare the other way and the like. Cute. Frankly, it's just something I'd rather avoid. Besides, causing irreparable and emotional damage is so much more fun.

I think that the kids in this neighborhood are particularly bad. Their problem is something in the nasty water that turns perfectly fine children into brats. Honestly, I don't know if those with kids in this area. In fact, if they are still alive, I have great respect for them.

If I were forced to go to those presentations, I would kill myself or some of three of them with me. Who ever plans those things is one sadistic person. Frankly, this country is in desperate need for the reintroduction of public beatings for those that would be entertaining.
SPRING 2005
CERAMIC CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are open to all Babson & Olin students, staff, faculty and MBA Partners. Call x 5622 from more information.

STONEWARE STUDIO
Tuesdays February 8th – April 26th
This class will use white stoneware clay and glazes which are suitable for dinner/dishware. Emphasis will be on wheelthrown projects and handbuilding methods will also be used.

EARTHENWARE STUDIO
Wednesdays February 9th – April 27th
This class will use red earthenware clay and glazes which are suitable for colorful, decorative vessels and sculpture. Emphasis will be on building forms from vases to garden planters -wheelthrowers are welcome.

BOWL-ME-OVER
Thursdays February 10th – March 17th
This class will focus on making bowls of all kinds - from large servers to sets of tea bowls. This class will use both the wheel and handbuilding methods and various glaze techniques will be demonstrated.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP
Thursdays March 31st – April 28th
This class will design and complete a project made from tiles, shards and mixed media. Individual work will be finished, grouted and ready to use.

ALL CLASS TIMES: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
LOCATION: TRIM 221

FEE: $50 INCLUDES ALL INSTRUCTION, MATERIALS AND TOOLS.
REGISTRATION: In advance at Sorenson Center office in Park Manor South or in person 6:00-6:30 p.m. before first class. (Advance registration and fee payment guarantees enrollment. Registration at first class is first come first serve)

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT, STAFF & FACULTY OPEN STUDIO ACCESS
The Trim 221 ceramic studio is open to anyone with experience in ceramics who wish to continue working in clay on their own. Access to all materials and equipment during open studio hours. Consultation with instructors by appointment.
DAY/TIME: All open studio hours. See www.babson.edu/sorenson

FEE: $50 per semester payable in advance at Sorenson office in Park Manor South
A Few Babson Students Enjoy a Trip to Israel

JASON BEDRICK, SENIOR EDITOR

On December 29, five Babson College students (including myself) took a trip to Israel in preparation for a research project. The trip, organized by the Israeli Studies Program and led by Professor Ben-Gurion declared Israel’s independ- ence in 1948, Independence Hall, in a fact, because the Jews knew that the new state would attack immediately after learning about Israel’s independence.

One thing that struck us at Independence Hall was that so many of the biblical Prophecies had come true. The Prophecies of Isaiah said that Jerusalem would be fed to the Gid-told them, “Behold, I will bring you Jews from the North country and gather you from the uttermost parts of the Earth.” And the fact that Israel declared independence from Egypt, Jews from every corner of the world came to the United States to make their home where their ancestors lived, most of all those who had survived the Holocaust in Europe and the pogroms in Russia.

The prophet Isaiah had prophesied, “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.” (Isaiah 35:1) Israel was the only country in the world to enter the 21st century with more trees than it had when it was declared a nation in 1948. Through modern irrigation technologies and the “plant a tree” program of the National Trust for Landscapes, Israel is making the desert bloom.

Our free trip was provided by “Pilgrimage Israel,” an organization dedicated to bringing Jewish students to the Land of Israel. In conjunction with the Mayanot Institute of Jewish Studies, a Chabad-run yeshiva in Jerusalem, Pilgrimage Israel organizes an observance of Jewish identity inspired by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who is the spiritual leader of Chabad. They take their mission to be to bring Jewish life to those countries.

India and China Go After Oil Assets

INDIA AND CHINA have been upping their game when it comes to securing oil and gas assets. Both countries have been investing heavily in exploration and production in the Persian Gulf, Central Asia, and the North Sea. In addition, India has been increasing its diplomatic efforts in the Middle East to secure access to oil and gas resources.
Baseball Off Season
Winners and Losers

TIM GRASSEY
STAFF WRITER

Winners: Mets.
They added the best free agent pitcher and hitter on the mar- ket to steal home runs away from the Yankees. Although he isn't a charismatic team leader, Carlos Beltran can change the Oriole fans' minds, along with Doug Mientkiewicz, improves their overall team de- fense.

Many people questioned the three, $212 million deal given to Kris Benson, but as Benson works with pitching coach Rick Peterson, the Mets may finally have a franchise ace as a prospect with the Pirates. Pedro Martinez, gives them the guy they've lacked since Dwight Gooden and should be a leading candidate for NL Cy Young.

Mariners: The Mariners offense struggles mightily in 2004 with Ichiro's record breaking season the only bright spot. They have added a fifth fielder, second baseman in Adrian Beltre and a 40 homer hitter in Raul Ibanez. They also signed with a solid (when healthy) starting core of Jamie Moyer,られて、strikeout king Gil Meche, and Ryan Franklin along with the young Bobby Madritsch the Mariners should be back in the AL West title race. The Yankees:

Say what you want about Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright, the addition of Randy Johnson should make them the favorites to win the American League for the third straight season (oh wait?)

Losers: Last year, the Marlins had only six homers by left handed batters.

Now Introducing at Babson: Intramural Dodgeball

SHAWN HAWTHORNE
STAFF WRITER

That's right Babson; we're bringing you Intramural Dodgeball. For the first time in the schools storied 86 year his- tory, intramural athletics will have a sport sparked directly from a major motion picture. Six-on-six Co-ed Dodgeball will host up to eight teams in its in- augural season this winter.

The rules, drafted mainly from other colleges, the movie, and our own few twists will support a fast paced, athleti- cally challenging game for all to enjoy. While not taking away from the other classic intramural sports, this new sport will be added to the typical Monday through Wednesday line-up, and be played in Stacks Gymnasium.

Do not worry about cramping your Thursday night social agenda just kick the night of right with some good fashion- able Dodgeball.

Be sure to Sign-up ASAP as the number of teams is limited for this season. For rules, sign-up sheets, times, and dates, please visit our link in the Ath- letics introduction of the Babson home page.

The classic winter season is back as well. We had record athletes come out for last year's winter season and much is expected this year as we continue to fill up the Webster Center with Intramurals on four nights of the week. Fire-on- ice rules, full house, and game nights, Co- ed Volleyball, the most enjoyable sport on campus will be played in Stacks Gym on Wednesday nights.

As with Dodgeball, sign-ups should occur as soon as possible and can be submitted to Andrew Dutton in the Athletics office in the Webster Center. Visit the website for further information: www.babson.edu/athlet- ics/intramurals

The Unwanted Steppedchild of Boston Sports

MYLES TRYDER
STAFF WRITER

Well, it looks like I'm a sports writer now. To see the humor in that, you'd probably have to know me. Or, more specifically, know that the last time I played a sport competitively was in sixth grade.

I played recreational basketball, but it was only a matter of weeks before Tim Hudson and me met the game for about 10 minutes total on the season.

I think that might have been the last time I actually cared about sports. Since then, I've read practically everything written about the Patriots, the Bruins, the Celtics, and more recently, the Red Sox. For about a year and a half, my teammates and I followed every move, first because I couldn't play the game, and because I knew, deep down inside, that I never would be able to play the sport.

But back to the writing... yeah, this is pretty tough. My assignment is to write an article on the Boston Celtics. I've been assigned the task of writing an article on the NBA. However, as anyone who par- ticularly cares about the NBA already realizes, there's not a whole lot worth writing about going on right now.

Furthermore, as a Boston fan, really much the best thing you can say about the Celtics is that at least they're not the main show on the local scene anymore.

I guess the sports gods went ahead and decided that if you're going to have two world champion teams, the other one has to suck just to balance things out.

Which, to sum it all up, just means that I'm not allowed to complain. Two championship- ships are currently sitting in Boston, so I really can't ex- pect a third, so the letdown was really that bad.

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