Women's Leadership Conference Successful
ASHLEY JAIN LIFESTYLES EDITOR

This past Friday, over 400 stu-
dents, faculty, and professionals attended the Center for Women's Leadership annual conference, "Women's Leadership: Leading Change." The sold-out, all-day conference consisted of keynote speakers, workshops, and a networking reception. The two main speakers were Kim Goodman, Vice President of Marketing, Public Sector, Dell Inc. and Ellyn McGloin, President, Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Goodman has a BA of political science and Masters in Science in industrial engineering from Stanford University, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. She has been named one of the top 5 Most Powerful Black Executives by Fortune Magazine in 2002, as well as one of Network World's "Powerful Executives in Networking." McGloin, a Babson trustee, has held various senior management positions in Fidelity, including brokerage, financial information, intermediary, and retirement divisions. Money Magazine has identified her in the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Business.

All in attendance had extremely positive comments about the speakers. Ari Lehali '07 described Goodman as "amazing" and Tiffany White '06 said, "I loved the opening speaker (Goodman) - she was awesome and probably the most inspiring person I have met in awhile."

The various morning workshops covered topics such as new

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Jennifer Shire Named New Director of CCD
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After the departure of Beth Hassey, former director of the Undergraduate Center for Career Development, the office has found a replacement that will bring new and innovative ideas to the school that is "always thinking." Jennifer Shire comes to Babson from Fidelity Investments, where she held the position of VP of Fidelity College Relations for the past 10 years.

At Fidelity, Shire developed many programs, such as Fidelity Day, a funding accounting program, and job shadowing with the University of Massachusetts. With UMass IT majors, Fidelity introduced careers and financial services, as well as showing how Fidelity is technologically innovative. In her final years, Shire distributed responsibilities across the enterprise. Different units were encouraged to use tools built by Shire's group to meet business needs through college relations.

Shire comes from a diverse background, which will allow her to pull from many disciplines to accomplish her goals at Babson. After graduating from Mount Holyoke College with a BA in English Literature, Shire worked for many publishing companies. She realized that publishing is "a token industry for women, and it didn't have the impact I wanted my career to have."

She wanted to work in a fast-paced environment, in the business world. So she moved to Wall Street for 3 years before pursuing her MBA at Columbia University Graduate School of Business. From corporate finance, she went on to investment banking, and finally ended up in HR at Fidelity. Her former career experiences allowed her to bring a diverse portfolio to Fidelity and Babson.

In her first few weeks at Babson, transition has not been a tough issue for Shire.

"Babson functions like a Fidelity, it is run like a business."

Babson functions like a Fidelity, it is run like a business. It is a collaborative, innovative environment," comments Shire. She finds many similarities between the two environments. However, the pace has been the biggest issue.

"Fidelity was a fast-paced environment, while Babson moves at a slower pace. "It is a welcome change the time allows me to build relationships." Shire laughs as she notes she is inclined to overwork herself, but she is thoroughly enjoying the downtime she now has.

As Director of UG-CDD, Shire's most important goal is to increase corporate outreach. She wants more collaboration across campus, especially with grad programs. She aspires to add to the list of corporate partners, and move Babson from the B-list to the A-list in industries in which Babson students seek employment. She also hopes to fully integrate CCD into the Babson curriculum, building on one of Babson's main goals of complete integration.

"I want to help kids get jobs, and help Babson be an employer's choice." Simply stated, yet with powerful implications. Shire intends to push for a long-term relationship between students and CCD, so students feel like they can come back here at anytime, even as alumni, for career advice and prospects.

Babson is thrilled to have such an accomplished professional heading our career services department, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of her labor.
Battle of the Bands & Oktoberfest Successful

LOUIS BELOTT
NEWS EDITOR

Oktoberfest kicked off this past weekend, October 22nd with the movie "28 Days Later," shown in the Sorensen Center.

Approximately 70 people attended the sci-fi horror flick, which was free for all students.

Thursday with the first fall concert ever held at Babson.

Traditionally, one concert is held annually during Spring Weekend. An estimated crowd of approximately 125 students saw Better Than Ezra at Pepisco Pavilion. This was not the band's first performance at Babson, having visited the school in December of 1995.

The music continued on Friday with the annual Battle of the Bands competition, held inside the Trim Center. Approximately 12 bands, each containing at least one Babson student, performed to a large crowd of students over Friday afternoons.

Friday night was perfect weather, and very few students over looked the dinner hall.

In general, the event was well attended and I think that both the band members and everyone had a good time," said event organizer and former vice-president of CAB Dan Parker '04.

"All of the bands demonstrated incredible talent and a very unique sound. All of the bands played a mixture of cover songs and original material which provided a nice mix that kept the crowd entertained."

Joni Rood, lead singer for Front Row, performed with Alex Valdivia, Steve Shannon and Kazaran Washburn. "We are so excited about coming and following through with the Battle of the Bands. It was a blast to play for so many people, and I think we can speak for all the bands involved when I say that it was a really positive experience."

The winning band, Redy, had only a few weeks time playing together before performing and ultimately walking away with the $500 cash prize.

The members of the band are Jon Pascor '05, his brother Jason Pascor '90 and Will Boyce '04. Ready won over the judges with their original songs, mostly written by Jon and Jason. "We grew up in a very musical household," Jon explains. "Our goal is to do something completely different, challenging to the best that really defines our style."

Other performing bands were Counterpart with Adam Hollander, Ian Scott, Cosmo DiGiulio, Rick Coleek and Steven Shannon; Raging Crush with Bob Walker, Frank Roberts and Ryan Montgomery; Moredeal with Joe Spinelli, Dave Guertin and Scott Brophy; and The Cake Band, a solo act by Casey Cashen.

"This is the second year in a row that we have put on this event and it is sure to become a tradition for the years to come," added Parker.

After the show, CAB sponsored a special Friday Oktoberfest pub night, with every mug free beer for attendees.

Finally, the Oktoberfest costume ball took place Saturday evening in Babson's original hall.

Students were encouraged to wear somewhat extravagant costumes to be awarded cash prizes. Jason Bedrick, '05, won for the second year in a row, appearing as either Sam Adams or George Washington, depending on who was asked.

Overall, the weekend was a success, and CAB wishes to thank all those involved in making it happen.

Will Hotton for The Babson Free Press

Police Log for October 20th to 27th 2003

LOMBARD
Motor Vehicle Assistance 10

Monday 10-20-03
12:59 pm Report of a vandalism to a motor vehicle in the Forest Lot.
Report filed.

Building Your Brand's larceny from a motor vehicle in the Trim Lot.
Report filed.

6:59 pm Report of a fire in a trash barrel outside of Forest Hall. Extinguished by Officers, no damage, report filed.

Tuesday 10-21-03
2:22 am Report of a larceny of a laptop computer from VanWrinkle Hall.
Report filed.

6:33 pm Report of a larceny of a backpack from Trim Hall.
Report filed.

Wednesday 10-22-03
5:25 pm Report of a larceny of a laptop from Forest Hall.
Report filed.

Thursday 10-23-03
8:50 am Report of a motor vehicle accident on Olin Way, no injuries.
Damage to the automatic gate reported. Report filed.

10:13 am Report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall.

Woman's Leadership Conference Held

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idea generation, careers taken internationally, achieving success with an informal power structure, understanding changing demographics, transitioning between different industries, capitalizing on one's personal skills to achieve success.


Moderators and speakers included faculty as well as professional women in a multitude of positions and industries. Many of the students who attended the workshops enjoyed them, but had hoped for more student-specific themes, as well as more about gender inequalities in the workplace.

A book signing concluded the day by authors Diane Darling (The Networking Survival Guide), Kathy Elliott (The Old Girl's Network: Insider Advice for Women at Work: A Woman's View), and Elizabeth Wilson (The Mom Economy: Reflections on Raising a Family-Friendly Work).

The title sponsor for the day was Office Depot, with the corporate sponsor list including companies such as PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Minta, Levin, Cohen, Ferris, Glowsky and Peto PC, Nittar, and Sovereign Bank.

Overall, feedback was encouraging, noting that the conference was well-organized and events ran smoothly throughout the day. While commented, "I am glad I am a part of this program (Women's Leadership Program) when I attended conferences like these and see educated women coming together to make the world go round better."

Some interesting facts about business are presented through the conference and illustrated the transition of women in business. For example, women now account for 65 percent of the managerial workforce in the United States and women-owned firms have grown by 37 percent in the last five years, far exceeding the national growth rate.

After such a successful conference, Babson looks forward to the next GWL conference, which will surely bring more distinguished speakers and interesting workshop shops for students and professionals alike.

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The above shows a shot of the lead singer of Better Than Ezra. The concert occurred last Thursday as part of the Oktoberfest Weekend. This was the first time Babson has held a fall concert.

Founder of Kinko's, Paul Orfalea To Speak

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Chief organizer of this event and Director of DisAbility Services here at Babson, Erin Evans, says of Orfalea, "He is a world renowned entrepreneur who personifies all characteristics of the Babson entrepreneurial spirit. Additionally, he is also an individual who had overcome personal struggles in the business world; specifically, he is diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD and the community will be afforded the opportunity to engage in a positive dialogue with him."

Sponsoring the event with disability services are the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship and the Office of Class Deans.

Evans additionally notes that, "His impending visit has already brought together the Babson community as so many students, faculty, and staff have offered to assist in marketing this event."

The event looks to be both educational and enjoyable. Paul Orfalea is not only a dynamic and talented speaker, but also possesses a wealth of knowledge that any involved in the business community can benefit from.

As Evans says, "My goal with this event was to initiate a positive dialogue about learning disabilities in the business world."

This presentation will not only share his unique business philosophy but will also make the audience aware how learning disabilities helped him to become successful. This event is not to be missed.

R.A.D. Program Aims to Help Protect Women

REBECCA SOON

STAFF WRITER

Want to be like Lucy Liu, Uma Thurman, Vanessa Williams, and the other hot-kicking girls in Kill Bill? Want to learn how to be the toughest and toughest girl on campus that could kill any guy that annoys you off with your bare hands? If so, then you have the class for you! Well actually, this isn’t totally like that. In fact, this class isn’t taught at all — it’s a defensive not an offensive course. But let your attention didn’t?

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D) program is for women only and aims, "To develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked," according to their mission statement. These few classes taught by certified public safety officers, are aimed at women defend themselves against attackers.

Any woman in the Babson community is welcome to join this four session training course. The first class is an informative session about awareness, risk reduction, resistance, and preparation. The other three classes will teach hands-on skills for defensive protection that are based on martial art forms, though this is not a form of martial arts itself.

Officer Greg Rash, Community Resource Officer and R.A.D Instructor, says of the program, "This is an awesome program and should really start in high school or focus on teaching prevention, but we also teach easily mastered techniques that work."

R.A.D has been going on here at Babson for over a decade now and this is Officer Rash’s fourth year teaching the class. He goes on to add that he’s, "Thrilled with the response from the community. By the end of the day when the small went out I already had 35 people registered for the class."

But don’t let that discourage you. Classes will be going on throughout the school year, though the fall session begins on November 6. The class will meet from 5pm-9pm for four Wednesdays and days were initially intended to be held in Babson’s 201 but due to large response may need a new venue.

In America, the average rate of rape on college campuses is little over 12%. That’s one in every eight women. Here at Babson, that rate is significantly lower, and years have gone by when there has not been a single sexual assault complaint filed. But, it is always good to be prepared in case one finds themselves in an unsafe situation.

Women can never too be prepared to deal with an attacker, whether it be a mugger, a rapist, or a predatory ex-boyfriend. Too often we hear, and maybe even say ourselves, that we wish we had been prepared for this, that, or the other thing. Don’t be unprepared for this.

If you are interested in signing up for the class, you can register on-line at www.babson.edu/csd/radpage.html or email Officer Rash at ghrash@babson.edu. Although there will be other sessions, each training period can only accommodate 25 students, so sign up as soon as possible.

To develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked.

The CCD Corner

Welcome to the CCD Corner! We look forward to answering questions from students, share feedback from employers, and highlight relevant careers and companies.

Please email us at ccd-UG@babson.edu if you’d like to submit a question of the week. This week’s question: What should I be doing for my job search?

Here’s your check list:

- Seniors:
  - Resume in eRecruiting highlighting your academic, professional and extra-curricular accomplishments.
  - Cover letter that can be tailored to a specific job opportunity.
  - Target list of companies for which you would like to apply.

Once you’ve identified your target list, research the hiring practices of each company. For some, they will view resumes through eRecruiting and schedule interviews on campus. For others you’ll need to submit resumes and cover letters directly to Human Resources or through company websites. Hiring timelines vary based on industry, job function and economic conditions.

Interviews for accounting and finance, and some IT positions, begin this month. For others, including management, marketing and sales, the process starts a bit later. Nevertheless, this is the time when you should begin contacting your target companies.

Internship Seekers:

Spring Semester: Log into eRecruiting this month and begin checking for opportunities and deadlines.

Summer:

- Begin to craft your resume and cover letter.
- Research your target list of companies.
- Network with friends, family and alumni over winter break.
- January be ready to post final resume and cover letters.

All job seekers should be logging onto eRecruiting at least twice per week. You’ll see job opportunities, details on how to apply, and a calendar of events so that you can view which companies are interviewing and register for CCD workshops. Visit our website at www.babson.edu/ffd/ug to learn more about our services and call CCD at x2125 for your password to eRecruiting.

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Paul Orfaalea founded Kinko’s in 1970 near the University of California at Santa Barbara. He started with a simple idea: provide college students with the products and services they need at a competitive price. Today, Kinko’s is a leading business services chain. Much of Kinko’s success can be traced directly to Orfaalea’s unique philosophy and theories on how to operate a successful business. His creative instincts were grounded in his passion for retailing, his insistence on taking care of his coworkers and customers, and his sharp eye for opportunity. Since retiring in 2000, Orfaalea has been honored with several prestigious awards and has taught business courses at colleges around the country. Orfaalea has also been profiled by both People and Fortune magazines for overcoming dyslexia. While at Babson, Orfaalea will address his experience as an adult dealing with ADD and dyslexia, along with his passion for entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

Friday, November 7, 2003
Presentation · 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Reception · 5 – 5:30 p.m.
Carling-Sorenson Theater
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For more information, please contact Erin Evans, coordinator of disAbility Services, at 781-239-4508.

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Point: Marriage Must Be Preserved For Society

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OPINIONS EDITOR

In recent years America has entered a culture war. One of the major points of contention has been over the definition of marriage, which is a union between two unrelated adults of the opposite sex.

At the beginning of the summer, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts ruled in Lawrence v. Texas, where Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote an opinion based on laws from other countries which various advocates on both sides of the debate claim has paved the way for gay marriage. In the near future, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts is set to rule on the status of "same-sex marriages." Same-sex civil unions are already legal in Vermont.

Advocates of gay marriage claim that it is unfair that homosexuals are deprived of the same rights as heterosexuals. Some have pointed out that homosexuals have the same right to marry as heterosexuals, and that just as not exercising that right, just as choosing not to exercise the right to vote or the right to bear arms, does not mean that you do not have that right.

Others claim that opposing gay marriage is like opposing interracial marriage, but this is blatantly untrue. Clearly, there is a great difference between those two circumstances. This is so obvious that I will not waste time and space explaining it. I’ll leave it to you, my intelligent friends if you don’t know what I mean).

Still others argue that we shouldn’t prevent people who are in love from marrying. This is a nice sentiment, but does it work? By that logic, we should allow Mormons and Muslims to have multiple wives. They all love each other, so what’s wrong with polygamy? What about a man who wants to marry his dog? What about a man who can’t prove that his dog loves him and wants to get married? No, I’ll not be comparing homosexuality to bestiality.

Dr. Frank DeSousa, a domestic policy analyst in the Reagan White House, argues that "love is a desirable social condition for marriage." So what is? Why should marriage have any legal status in society? The reason is that marriage is the incubator of children.

This is a fundamental difference between heterosexual and homosexual unions. Without the aid of science or adoption, same-sex couples cannot have children. The institution of marriage is a stabilizing force in society.

Marriage is the contract which binds families together. While it’s true that roughly 90% of marriages break down in the United States, America marriage still provides stability for millions of couples who can’t bear children, and yet they are still allowed to be married. This argument falls apart because the rule is meant to produce a desired result — a stable family and society — based on certain criteria, which is the point of any social rule.

For example, we have established the criteria that you must be at least 18 years old to vote in this country. Just because there are some people who are under the age of 18 who know nothing about politics doesn’t mean that they shouldn’t be allowed to vote. The same is true for marriage. Heterosexual couples who are still children still fit the criterion which produces a stable society.

Heterosexual rights activists originally sought tolerance for their behavior. Most Americans, even those who have moral issues with homosexuality, were willing to be tolerant. Now these activists are seeking neutrality and acceptance. In other words, they want the government to believe that there is no fundamental difference between heterosexual and homosexual couples. This is untrue.

These activists want gay "marriage" to be a part of the mainstream. To oppose this is not intolerance nor is it homophobia, it is the recognition of the importance of marriage in our culture. I’m not arguing that homosexuals shouldn’t be doing whatever they want, they are behind closed doors. What they do in the privacy of their bedrooms is their own business and their own business alone. Any homosexual couple seeking the same benefits and protections as heterosexuals can form a legal partnership through a contract. They can even have a ceremony for their union at a Unitarian (and maybe even Episcopal) church. However, the idea that homosexual unions are not fundamentally different from heterosexual marriage is inherently untrue. The sanctity of marriage in this society must be preserved.

Counter Point: Legalize Homosexual Marriages

SPENCER BLACKMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Massachusetts Supreme Court is expected to rule on a landmark case regarding the legality of same-sex marriages. I assume, for the sake of argument, that being a homosexual is not a choice, as some religious denominations insist, but as an inherent personal trait that is unchangeable.

Homosexual couples want to get married for the same reasons as heterosexual couples: love, raising a family, and social recognition, but marriage also has a distinct effect on everyday life as well. For example, gay couples may be turned away from seeing sick loved ones in a hospital, may be refused family health care plans by their employers, face challenges transferring assets upon death and retirement, or even filing jointly on their taxes. How would you feel if the government denied you the right to marry the one you love?

Recent public opinion polls conducted by major institutions show that the public is opposed to gay marriage. But I, and some of our country’s most profound accomplishments and achievements in the social realm were strongly opposed initially. Public opinion frowned upon racial integration in schools and even woman’s suffrage. Attitude is evolutionary, and as different groups throughout history struggle for equality and acceptance, the change becomes less shocking. You may not have known, for example, that a state law barring the now seemingly accepted practice of interracial marriage was lifted in Alabama more three years ago. It’s also important to note that the Netherlands and Belgium have already lifted laws against same-sex marriage, as have the Canadian provinces of Ontario and British Columbia. The presence of this case in Massachusetts’ highest court is further evidence that change is on the horizon.

Religion is also a major factor in this issue. Although not all opponents of same-sex marriage hold deeply rooted religious beliefs about the matter, some of the more vocal cases do, especially when it comes to a gay marriage license most certainly does not need to be recognized by the church or any other religious institution. After all, one of the main tenets of this country’s freedom is the separation of church and state. But I believe that the church or any other religious group should be so concerned about same-sex marriage. It is equally strange to be arguing religion in the face of someone who may not share those beliefs.

The state-recognized “civil unions” allowed in Vermont and endorsed by some opponents are absurd. Not only do these “civil unions” downplay the seriousness of the relationship, but they fail to earn the couple the 1,049 rights associated with a federally-recognized marriage.

Some maintain that the purpose of marriage is procreation, but this contradicts the idea that both the church and that state allow marriage of people that are infertile, post-menopausal or adoptive. It is equally ridiculous to assume that a same-sex couple cannot raise a child properly, since they are not the biological parents, or are both of the same sex. What of step-fathers, single mothers and adoptive parents? Tolerance and acceptance are the key words in this issue. It is wrong to deny two loving people the right to be seen in the state’s eyes as a legal union, whatever their sex. This is in opposition with the freedom, this great nation, and on that note, I end with a quote by an anonymous author on WorldKnowYour rights: "The idea of social acceptance being granted to a couple, in opposition to what society deems acceptable should be the anathema to those who value the freedoms this country espouses."

THURSDAY, OCT. 20TH 2003

THE RASBON FREE PRESS
The Flames of Environmentalism Arise
CHRISTOPHER LEVISON
STAFF WRITER
Why is it that every year the entire Western third of this country catches on fire? This year, wildfires in California threaten to cause $2 billion worth of damage. The total was about the same last year and, unless something is done, it will be about the same next year.

The fact that this happens in California is particularly disturbing for the millions of people who live in the state, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental disaster that is currently holding an enormous amount of clout in the state assembly, and it is used to present the kind of environmental 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Business & Technology

Windows is Sleeping While Linux, Not Neat, Launches as Pay-Per-Song

WILL HANSEN
PHOTO EDITOR

On Wednesday, September 28th, the most intense version of everyone's favorite free file-sharing application went live. The package is $20. It is here, only this time, it's not free.

Taking a cue from the latest craze on the electronic dance music scene, Napster sold its software on the PC, the iTunes music store. Napster has decided to charge $0.99 per song, which is similar to Apple's whole business model. This first idea, started first by Apple's iTunes music store, clearly works, as Apple sold 13 million songs in the first six months of iTunes' operations, fully 70 percent of all internet sales for that period, as reported in the New York Times.

But still Microsoft had the opportunity to deliver a hardware/software bundle with its Windows XP. Many of these bundles heavily influence technology spending in corporate America, giving a significant edge to those companies that are able to sell to the enterprises' need for integration.

Even though a shift in Linux would be far cheaper, Microsoft is not doing it. The financial incentive is still far too great.


Bank of America to Buy Fleet Bank

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In a deal that creates the nation's second largest bank, Bank of America Corp. (NYSE: BAC) announced plans to buy Fleet Financial Group Inc. (NYSE: FFG) in a $47 billion stock-for-stock exchange, the banks said Monday morning.

Bank of America is offering $45 per share, or 0.5553 Bank of America shares, for each FleetBoston share.

The merger represents a 42 percent premium to Fleet's Friday stock price of $27.50, a close. Appropriately enough, investors cheered the deal stock up 25 percent to a 52 week high of $39.20 and boosted BoA's down 10 percent to close at $73.57 that day.

The firms said the buy bolsters BoA's presence in the Northeast where it is already a prominent bank. They combined the firm ahead of J.P. Morgan as the No. 2 U.S. bank in asset value.

The new firm will keep the Bank of America name and be based in its Charlotte, N.C. headquarters.

Kenneth Lewis, Bank of America's chairman and chief executive, will be CEO of the new bank. His replacement, Charles Gifford, chairman and chief executive of Fleet, will become chairman.

The new bank will hold 39.8 percent of the combined firm. Lewis said Tuesday that the new bank will hold 9.8 percent of the deposit banks in the U.S.

It will also have first, second, or third place in market share in 23 of the 30 fastest growing metropolitan areas in the U.S. The banks separately noted that the combined firm will have the leading market position in Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Minneapolis, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Michigan, and Washington, D.C.

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Tech Week in Review

DAWOOD NAGDA
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR
U Wisconsin sues Sony and Toshiba over FSI chip

The University of Wisconsin filed a lawsuit against Sony and Toshiba on Monday over the "motion engine" chip that Sony has put in its PlayStation 2 gaming console. The University claims that the chip violates a patent filed by them in 1986.

Gameboy Advance "Movie Player" launched

AMI, a Japanese technology company, has launched a movie adapter for the GameBoy Advance in Japan. This adapter allows GameBoys to play both a pay-per-download and a subscription service, most likely in an attempt to gain customers as quickly as possible.

Radio, the owner of Napster, is clearly hoping that using the "pay-per-download" innovation, including Boston neighbor John Hancock Cemetery.

Ultimately, the Bank of America's decision is a very smart move for its long-term strategic plans.

Though the new firm will have 7,000 retail locations and more than 16,500 automatic teller machines, the banks separately generated $10 billion in earnings during the first nine months of the year.

Officials said the deal could yield $1.1 billion in after-tax savings for the merged firm. It also means Bank of America will miss analysts' estimates for the fourth quarter of $0.70.

Some analysts are wary. "To say we were surprised would be an understatement...i.e. disappointed and disheartened."

Bank of America was a premier franchise before this, but the bank has lost its market edge, executing at the top of its game for not having the technology to support its PowerPollutional Integration, and the price is high," Credit-Suisse First Boston's Susan Roth wrote in a research note.

Several analysts downgraded the stock. Some analysts predicted limited growth prospects.

Bank of America and its branches will also continue to accept Visa and Mastercard credit cards.

Bank of America Corp. is a financial company with headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is the second-largest bank holding company in the United States, after JPMorgan Chase & Co. Bank of America is also the world's second-largest bank by market capitalization, behind China's Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).

The company's services include retail banking, commercial banking, investment banking, insurance, and asset management. Its retail banking operations include checking accounts, savings accounts, and debit cards. Its commercial banking operations include loans to businesses, commercial real estate mortgages, and equipment financing. Its investment banking operations include underwriting and selling securities, managing investment funds, and providing financial advisory services.

Bank of America's financial results are frequently highlighted in the media as a benchmark for the overall health of the banking industry. The company's performance is closely watched by investors, as it is considered a bellwether for the broader economy.
AMAN's Annual Festival of Lights

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Diwali, stems from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which is broken down into Deepa meaning light and Vali meaning row, and is one of the holiest days in Hinduism. This year AMAN, the South Asian Student Association on campus, had their annual Diwali dinner at Masala Art in Needham on October 23.

The dinner this year, was a great success with many people coming to the dinner and dance party. The ambiance at the restaurant was one that presented a very calm yet an atmosphere full of excitement.

Edith Kralwadi, a sophomore said, "Diwali symbolizes the unity of family, friends, and relatives. As a result of many of the international students being far away from home, friends become family."

The feeling of diwali is not lost, but has rather strengthened. AMAN succeeded portraying the sentiments by having delicious Indian food and great company. My favorite dish was kheer, which is a dessert that is made up of milk and rice. The sweetness especially reminded me of my memories of home."

The evening started with everyone singing traditional Indian and South Asian dressing, demonstrating their culture as well as adding color to the festival.

The food at the restaurant was an eclectic variety and a comprehensive list of choices accommodating both vegetarian and non-vegetarian. Everyone was served samosas, also tikkas, vegetable palouras, and malai achari tikkas for appetizers. These appetizers are a traditional favorite among South Asians.

The entrees ranged from flatbreads which included shahi paneer korma, masala art, dal, aam achar, and non-vegetarian dishes which consisted of chicken tikka masala and lamb curry. These dishes comprise a typical South Asian meal, accompanied with naan, an Indian bread.

For drink there was a speciality, which is called lassi. There were a few choices in flavors, but my personal favorite was the campfire lassi, made of yogurt, water, and roasted pulp, with ice.

After the dinner part of the evening concluded many people pro ceded over towards the DJ and the dance floor, while some decided to relax and chat with friends, and enjoy the rest of the evening. The music played by the DJ was a mix ranging from some of the current popular ranges to some Bhangra music songs. The crowd enjoyed themselves as the danced to the different tunes, creating a fun filled evening.

On October 26th, AMAN sponsored a trip to the lichen (International Society of Krishna Consciousness) temple in Boston, to make it possible for members to attend a temple and take part in the "puja," a religious prayer.

Robins Burgio, a junior said, "Visting a temple on Diwali felt like something I would do during Diwali back at home in India. AMAN and the chapel sponsored a shuttle for us, which facilitated transportation to and from the temple, and the whole evening brought us closer to home because praying and going to a temple is very common during Diwali.

Chanting "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" brought peace to my mind, and this experience was further enhanced and magnified by the hospitality and humility of the workers of the house."

Overall, the dinner and the temple visit were enjoyable experiences for everyone who attended and AMAN added another successfully coordinated Diwali to the accomplishments.

If you missed out on this event, you can see come and participate in the future AMAN sponsored events which are Ramadan's Eid fast breaking on November 12, Table Tennis tournament November 9, Dance at World of Wellesley and a guest performance at Bentley on November 28, and we promise you a fun and holy experience.

The Editorial Board wishes everyone a very happy Diwali and look forward to seeing you at its future events.

Muslims Commence Holy Month of Ramadan

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For the world's over 1 billion Muslims the month of Ramadan began on October 27th. Ramadan is one of the holiest months in the Muslim calendar, signifying the beginning of the important Islamic duty of Sawm or fasting. Fasting is one of the five "pillars" or foundations upon which Islam stands. The others are belief in the Unity of God, prayer five times a day, charity and pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

In Islam, empirically speaking, fasting means completely refraining from food or drink from dawn to dusk. However, theologically speaking, its requirements extend far further. It is a time for Muslims to exhibit more Islamic traits in their behavior towards themselves and towards others. It is a month of worship and service to God.

The idea of fasting is central to the Islamic ideology because of its emphasis on self-restraint and control over one's wants and desires. It is designed to strengthen one's belief of self-restraint and to create a proactive attitude towards faith and action. It is also a month of charity and service to others. Both of these ideas are central to Islamic belief and are not restricted to just Muslims but extend to humanity in general. This month usually lasts for 28 days depending on the phases of the moon (the Islamic calendar is one dependent on lunar cycles).

"Ramadhan is a month where I can ... feel the soreness of people who are not privileged as we are and appreciate what we have," says Hina Aqil '04. Many Muslims on campus share her sentiments and, in a way, the month of Ramadan allows them to get in touch with their spirituality.

On campus, many students, both local and international, have mobilized and organized to create a sense of community during this important month. Many students have begun to get together to pray and to break their fasts together. AMAN and the newly established Babson Islamic Organization are collaborating to bring together an "Iftar" or "break fast" that is open to the entire Babson community regardless of religion or any other criteria. This fast-breaking is on the 13th of November in room 241 of the Reynolds Campus Center. If you have any questions about Islam or about this event, feel free to contact the President of the Babson Islamic Organization, Dawood Nadga at dnadga1@babson.edu.
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, OCT. 23RD 2003

PIECES OF APRIL—A
Thanksgiving To Remember?

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Over the years, I’ve wandered through the woods, to the estranged daughter’s house we go. That could be a song lyric sung by the family of April Burns in the new independent film, “Pieces of April.” April, played by our favorite teen angel queen Katie Holmes, from the WB’s Dawson’s Creek. She plays the eldest daughter of the Burns family and is living with her boyfriend in NYC.

April has invited the family to her place for the first time for a complete Thanksgiving dinner, which she is attempting to cook herself. Clearly, the black sheep of her dysfunctional family, April is trying to reconcile with her parents and siblings by showing them that she can make it on her own in preparing this feast.

The movie, checking in at a speedy eighty minutes in length, is really two stories going on at the same time. Well three, if you count a smaller side story involving April’s best friend and seems out of place. There is the story of April and the trials and tribulations of preparing a large meal by herself, and then there is the story of the rest of the Burns family (mom, dad, grandmother, younger sister and brother) making their way to her apartment from suburban Pennsylvania, recounting April’s shortcomings as they drive.

There are some humorous moments in this drama, and the many problems April faces as she attempts to cook this large meal make for a good story. All those days working at the Potter B&B on Dawson’s Creek must not have rubbed off on her! Along the way, we get to meet many of April’s neighbors, some of whom are more helpful than others to her plight. There is even a small scene involving a familiar face to anyone who watches NBC’s Must See TV Thursday lineup.

But wait, this is a tale of Thanksgiving, remember? Along with the obvious theme of forgiveness, we learn early on in the film that mom is dying of cancer. So “Pieces of April” also becomes a story of reconciliation, the importance of family, and what the spirit of Thanksgiving is really about.

“Pieces of April” is a good film, not a great one. But the performances of a few of the actors outshine the story and make it worth seeing. Patricia Clarkson gives a great performance as April’s dying mother, who seems to enjoy deathbed humor at the expense of her family. She even wins the Special Jury Prize at Sundance this year for this role. And Katie Holmes may have finally found her breakout role in April to distance herself from her TV persona, Joey Potter.

If you’re in the mood to see a good independent film, you could do worse than “Pieces of April.” It is currently playing in limited release at the Loews at Copley in Boston, Kendall Square Cinema in Cambridge, Coolidge Corner in Brookline, and at the West Newton Cinema in Newton.

CHARU SHARMA
ARTS EDITOR

Each year Theatreworks collaborates with the Arts and Humanities department to choose a play to perform that will compliment what is being read in the classes.

The idea behind this collaboration is that the project, "Cubicle" being this year's, is the optimal method to understand history and culture to unify the Babson community.

This year, the group will perform Shakespeare’s “A Comedy of Errors,” which is being read in one of the foundation liberal arts classes.

One of Shakespeare’s earlier works, the light comedy revolves around the theme of mistaken identities, reunion and separation.

The play takes place in Ephesus, where the character Egeon is condemned to death because he violated a ban on travel to Syracuse, a rival city. The duke of Syracuse, played by Edward James, takes pity on him and grants him one day to raise a thousand marks to save his life.

Twenty-five years earlier, Egeon was separated at sea from his wife and identical twin sons, who had twin servants. He came to Syracuse to find them. Unknown to him, one of his sons and his servant lived in Syracuse, along with his wife Emilia who had become an Abbess.

Egeon’s other son, Antipholus of Syracuse, and his servant, Dromio of Egeon and so the comical chaos begins.

What differentiates the TheatreWorks organization is its commitment to provide opportunity for students, faculty, staff and local residents to work creatively together.

This celebration of the community building spirit is evident in TheatreWork’s eclectic mix of participants.

This year’s production includes five Babson students, three Olein students, one MBA, and one retired professor.

Staff members include BURL HASH, REV. TEM SULLIVAN, Catholic advisor Father Eugene LaPlante and a local music teacher, Coleen Campbell.

Moreover, the costumes and sets are being designed by two Babson Students. Previous Theatreworks productions include The Master Builder, Tartuffe, The Black Comedy, The Real Inspector Hound, A Midsummer Nights Dream, The Importance of Being Earnest.

The show dates will be November 6, 7, and 8th at 8pm in the Sorenson Theater.

Tickets will be available at the door and will be three dollars for students, six dollars for Staff, Faculty, Alumni, Seniors, and children, and twelve dollars for the general public.

Cuba Gooding Jr. Shines in Film, “Radio”

REBECCA SOON
STAFF WRITER

I walked into Framingham, 15 this Sunday, laughingly excited to see what looked like a really good movie.

Two hours later, I teary-eyed and touched, walked out from what had turned out to be a really great movie. “Radio,” starring Cuba Gooding Jr., and Ed Harris came out this weekend bringing in over $13 million in box office sales, right behind “Titan’s Chaiiw Massacre” with $14.5 million and “Scary Movie 3” with over $88 million.

Based on a true story, "Radio" is the nickname given to James Kennedy, played by Cuba Gooding Jr., a black man in his mid-twenties with mental disorders.

Earl Ray faux, a well-known local school and football fan with his shopping cart full of the day’s finds, was not long before some of the football players decided it would be funny to tie him up in the barn and throw football against the doors and walls.

Coach Jones, played by Ed Harris, took Radio under his wing and encouraged him to participate in the football team, school, and society.

Before long, Radio began to come out of his shell and the audience realizes that he’s really a fun-loving and caring person with a great sense of humor who takes a little longer than most to catch on to things.

Just as James is assimilating himself into the town’s daily life, one of the football player’s parents decides he doesn’t like the idea of Radio on the sidelines, the education board begins to question if Radio should be in school with other students, and Radio’s mom suddenly passes away.

Everything comes together in this heart-warming story as Coach Jones gives him from the heart speech in the town’s barber shop to the congressmen of man.

The movie ends with wonderful clips of the real James Robert Kennedy chartering and coaching the football team of T.I. Harris High in South Carolina today. Cuba Gooding, Jr. does an at fairly good job of pulling off the character seeming mentally challenged. However, it doesn’t happen immediately.

When the movie first begins, he’s weaving through the forest and down a country road like a child. He still really looks like Gooding trying to act mentally slow and not like the character himself that he is attempting to portray.

In fact, it’s not until the character in the movie develops that Gooding becomes this character. But when he does, the movie takes off into an exciting and inspiring tale of a man coming out of his shell and world and the man that helps to pull him out.

I’ve heard this movie being crit- cized for being another "feel good" movie. However, I’d like to argue that while it may be the overall feel, the actual moments of tender- ness aren’t overdone but rather, the movie is filled with humor and action. But seriously, even if this is a tender movie, after seeing "Kill Bill," we could all use it.
I'm Coming Out & I Want the World to Know

CHRISTOPHER CARTLAN
STAFF WRITER

Now if I were to tell you that I enjoyed pampering myself, actually taking pride in premium shopping, stylish fashion, and good grooming, what might you think of me?

Let me continue with letting you know I am comfortable with this because I am metro sexual. What is this you may ask? Listen up because it's one of the biggest trends going now. As a matter of fact, South Park just aired an episode parodying this current trend with reference to the show “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,” in which a team of five gay males make over one straight man into a good-looking, well-groomed individual.

This show builds off of the stereotype that gay men know more in the five areas that each of the cast members represent. Fashion, grooming, food & wine, interior design, and culture are the respective categories.

Now what exactly is a metro sexual, one might ask. One of the current working definitions is as follows: A dandiphilic narcissist in love with not only himself, but also his urban lifestyle; a straight man who is in touch with his feminine side. Who in their right mind would proclaim being proud of such a thing? More than you might think. There are no statistics to back it up, but look around. Doesn’t it seem that males are spending an awfully long time on their outfits nowadays and getting quite snippy if you touch their perfectly groomed hair? That’s because they are metro sexual, or at least have metro sexual tendencies. Now a metro sexual might be officially gay, straight, or bisexual, but this does not even come into play, because he has clearly taken himself as his own love object and pleasure as his sexual preference. Perhaps this is not traditionally allowed for the masculine gender, but not anymore.

Women wear makeup. This is something that they do in order to make themselves feel more pretty, or to enhance their beauty. Why is it considered taboo for a male to do the same? To make himself feel prettier, or at least enhance his beauty? Possibly because beauty is not a strong enough word to describe a male and typically is reserved for the female.

As a male I think it would be wonderful if we were to be considered beautiful. Why not? Women are claiming independence and femininity movements left and right.

Let’s take beauty and span it now across the entire spectrum of people in this world. If appearance is such a big deal today in business with interviews and Armani suits, why don’t men indulge themselves in something that would yield a better appearance?

Don’t hate me because I am confident in saying I would like to be beautiful.

We are beautiful people, some just enjoy enhancing themselves, just like you enjoy the things that make you an individual. Please, stay beautiful Babsen.

Want to Improve Your Life on Campus? Go to SGA.

JON RICCI
STAFF WRITER

Last week, I wrote an article regarding the need for funding in our fitness center. Not more than 24 hours after the paper was released did I receive an e-mail from Jon Sanchez, SGA President, and inquiries from numerous other e-mail and house members. They wanted to know how they could help and gave 100% of their support. If you’re not getting future picture already, let me spell it out for you: these people care about us.

While many students don’t realize, SGA is responsible for just about every improvement made on campus. Unfortunately, this invaluable resource is hardly taken advantage of, which is a huge hummer. SGA not only wields an enormous amount of power in the input department, but they’ve got the funds to match. This isn’t to say that their bank account has bottomless pockets, but those pockets are deep enough to get new organizations rolling, fund social events, and help to support anything else which students support and need funding for. For example, let’s say you want a giraffe for... well, for whatever. Haul ass down to an SGA meeting at 6:30 PM on a Wednesday, address the issue, and then bring it to a vote. Chances are, if others want that same giraffe, you’re getting one. It really is that easy. What students don’t realize is that changes and improvements can only be made if the SGA knows about them. Maybe you do realize this and you just don’t have the time to make these meetings. Well, folks, we had elections earlier this year for house reps and one of the major responsibilities of each rep is to help represent their part of the campus. Don’t know your rep? It’s not too hard. All you really need to do is know your name, phone number, and where you live. If you don’t know who your rep is, hit up Blackboard and check out the SGA section for more info. Riddle me this, if you can’t make a meeting, make sure you let your rep know that you’ve got beef with the school, and that things must change.

Let’s try an experiment: If you have something you can’t stand, want to use the gym but don’t because you think it’s too crowded, go and complain. Just. Don’t. Think. That’s four meetings to do whatever you can to add you mark, be a positive influence, and leave a legacy. I think that’s worth a meeting or two.

Got an Idea for an Article? Frank wants to write for the people! Send an IM to frankfreepress

TItles, Thoughts, Feelings Accepted
Babson Women’s Tennis Wins NEWMAC Competition

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for our team," comments Coach Berrigan

MINH BUI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Babson College Women’s Tennis team wrapped up their season last weekend with a victory against M.I.T. in the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference Finals. The victory gave the team their first ever NEWMAC title in team history.

For the fourteenth and final match of the season, the team took to the courts and dominated the doubles play. Erin Seu ’06 and Fran Russo ’06 began the doubles onslaught with a huge 6-2 win that set the tone for the day. Senior tri-captain Shannon McCarty ’04 and Sam Wong ’05 won easily in #2 doubles, 8-2.

In the last doubles, Daniela Hofer ’06 paired off with Andrea Fang ’04 and won 8-0. This sweep of doubles play helped the team to a decisive 6-0 victory with only two singles victories away from winning the match.

In singles play, Babson got a big win from Russo, playing #4, with a 6-4, 6-3 straight set victory. M.I.T. responded with their backs to the wall, being only one win away from losing the championships, they rallied to notch two victories over Hofer and Seu, each in straight sets.

However, these two individual victories would merely be consolation prizes, as Wong took a victory playing #3. Her 6-3, 6-2 win stopped play for the other singles players as the team began the celebration of their first league championship in team history.

In a season where the team faced little adversity, and dominated play, Coach Jim Berrigan had nothing but praise for his team. “This is a tremendous accomplishment for our team,” Berrigan told reporters. In his four years as the team’s head coach, he has guided them to an impressive 50-16 mark. This year the team finished 13-1, going 10-5 in conference play, and 2-0 in the NEWMAC tournament.

In their final match, the team demonstrated what had made them such a dominating force all season, tremendous doubles play. This fall, they were 41-1 in all doubles matches.

As for the near future, the players will play a few matches in the spring and hoping to get a spot in the NCAA Division III Tournament. A regional selection committee will decide there fate at a later date. As for now, the team can sit back and be proud of the fact that they can consider the best Women’s Varsity Tennis Team that Babson College has ever fielded.

Sophomore Fran Russo was named NEWMAC Player of the Week after winning all three of her matches in the tournament, including a pair of wins with partner Erin Seu at first doubles.

Congratulations Babson Women’s Tennis Team

Cassie Rao
Shannon McCarthy
Andrea Fang
Samantha Wong
Daniela Hofer
Christine Deacon
Erin Seu
Francesca Russo
Elizabeth Magner

2003 NEWMAC Champions

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Above, Katie Jansen ’06 hits the ball during a recent game. The Babson Women’s Field Hockey team beat Clark 5-2 in overtime. The tying and winning goal was scored by Elise Conley ’06.

DAYS SANTINO
STAFF WRITER

Women’s rugby sets new record

The women’s rugby team trounced UMass-Lowell, 25-0, Saturday to finish the season at 4-1 – the best finish in team history.

Although there were many warnings from the referee (and high tackles),” said Lauren Zopatti ’05, “Babson came back and played a great game to gain a win in the last game of the season.”

Zopatti cited several keys to the victory. “Babson forwards oversaw UMass,” she said, “winning practically every scrum, even UMass’s, which usually would have been won by them. Babson also successfully used a counter-attacking technique to get the ball back when UMass was winning a scrum. Babson’s lineout technique was successful, we won almost every time. The squad took off after surviving an early warning for unsportsmanlike conduct. Zopatti scored Babson’s first try, after a quick run through the UMass defense. Amelia Adams ’06 scored the second try – on one of several runs – in which she crashed on the ball out of rucks and broke through the tight UMass defense. Jessica Tsai ’06 scored the third try after “an unbelievable run down half of the field, outrunning the UMass defense chasing her,” said Zopatti. Caitlan Laman ’06 scored the fourth try after some skillful running. Full-back Jenn Bell ’06 scored the fifth try; it is very uncharacteristic for a fullback to score a try in rugby.

Also contributing were cap- tain Denise Mancuso ’04, who had a key block of a UMass kick, Zopatti and Laman, who covered a lot of ground with their defensive running.

The Beavers won the weekend and will be in action again this Saturday.

Men’s hockey

The Beavers had the weekend off and will be back in action Friday when they face New England College at 9:40 p.m., at the Babson Skating Center. On Saturday, the team will travel to Rhode Island to play Bryant College, the defending champion of the New England Intercollegiate Hockey Association.

Rough Stretch Does In Men’s Soccer

CRUS ZWERLING
STAFF WRITER

During this past weekend the Beavers were trying to salvage their season and cling to their slim NEWMAC conference bid hopes. Unfortunately for Babson, their five game wireless streak extended into the first game of the weekend.

In the last NEWMAC conference game for Babson versus Springfield, the men’s soccer team desperately needed a win. Babson and Springfield kept the game scoreless in the first half, but during the second the wheels fell off for the Beavers.

During the 63rd minute Matt Sullivan ’07 of Springfield took advantage of a non clear by the Babson defense and buried an opportunity in the box. Sullivan also assisted on the second goal with a great pass to Ryan Lavner ’04 who put the ball into the back of the net.

This led to a goalie change and Tom Anderson ’06 was relieved by Shawn Hawthorn ’06 for his first collegiate action. Lavner scored again off a direct kick to spoil Hawthorn’s debut performance.

In Babson’s next match against Salve Regina, Shawn Hawthorn was given his first collegiate start. He made the most of it with an excellent performance. He gave up an early goal but recovered to hold the Seahawks to only a goal.

In this match Babson finally found its scoring touch when its leading scorer Steve Pagnotto ’05 scored twice.

His first came off a great pass in the box and added a second off a direct kick ten minutes later. Jay DeRienzo ’06 started it off by converting a Matt Hart ’06 pass to a goal at the thirty minute mark.

The Seahawks came in to that game with a strong 12-6-1 record. Babson showed that they are a competitive team and can play well against better teams.

Overall however they could not capitalize on their stingy defense. With seven games to play, Men’s Soccer is 5-3-2 overall and 1-0 in NEWMAC conference play.

Unfortunately during the next six games, five of which were NEWMAC conference games, they went 0-6-1. The Beavers scored only 3 total goals in those games. They scored 5 goals per game as opposed to giving up 2 goals per game.

The defense has been strong all year long but in this six game stretch they had a combination of giving up 1 more goal per game while also scor- ing 1 goal less per game. They had very little margin for error and this swing in production turned their season around.

The team played well for most of the year and is built around a solid defensive foundation that should bode well for next season.

Hopefully during the off season Babson will solve their offensive deficiencies which combined with their defense should again make the defending NEWMAC champions a major force in the conference next year.