varsity athletic programs cut, reinstated

Dean of students affairs Carol Hacker commented, "It's unfortunate that we had to make the announcement and cause these students undue stress." The cross-country, track and field, and sailing teams all had their varsity status removed, while women's golf was not going to be allowed to continue varsity status. President Brian Barefoot noted, "What led to [the reversal of the decision] was a group of students. It was like a grassroots plan competition. But basically, [Frank] Millercorn never wanted to teach the sports teams but did what he was asked to do."

President Barefoot continued, "The students and their supporters got our attention and yesterday I met with a group of juniors and they said this is important, 'what can we do to help?' We had talked about it yesterday and reached a decision to reinstate them."

It was confirmed that if one team were to be reinstated all three teams would have to receive varsity status.

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budget cuts spur layoffs, restructuring

Marie Prokopets
Editor-In-Chief

Afer a downturn in the endowment, Babson has been forced to make a number of budgetary cuts and layoffs.

"The number of positions actually have been eliminated is 48 positions. Some of them were budgeted and never filled, some were positions that people left," said Presidents Brian Barefoot.

Last spring, the Beavers finished 16th at the NCAA Division III national tournament. This year they hope to fare better.

Captain Steve Ekland said with the arrival of both Ravee Dave and Brian Velardo, we were able to fill in those losses (of the three graduated seniors)." When asked about how he thought the team would fare this year at the national level Ekland had the following to say, "In terms of playing in national, this year this third straight trip to the tournament and both Andrew Dratch and Tommy Krimmel have two appearances. The other two players traveling to Nebraska are Ravee Dave and Brian Velardo, both freshman.

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forums provides opportunities to speak out

Marie Prokopets
Editor-In-Chief

On Tuesday April 30th, the Student Government Association held a forum for Babson students to ask questions about the recent athletic cuts and budget cuts in the Reynolds Campus Center.

The forum was a success, attracting many students, many of which had many questions and made suggestions.

Questions were asked such as: "Why don't the cut sports teams be reinstated if they could get money from fundraising, and also be notified of the budget cuts by e-mail?"

Another student commented that they were upset that the teams were not consulted before the cuts were made. "The once varsity sports asked for SGA's support in fundraising efforts!"

Others mentioned that they thought Babson was wasting its money. "Students suggested that Babson have fewer speakers and spend less money on keeping the college grounds beautiful."

"What's to keep this from happening in the future?" asked Vin Pramulolo '03, the future co-captain of both the cross-country and track teams.

Co-captain of the ski team Rob Strauss '02 asked, "What can we do to show interest in these sports?"

A major hope of these teams was to get more student support!

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This week starts the spring season intramural playoffs with much hype and criticism coming from both sides of the banchos.

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Decisions were made around April 15th, but not announced until May 1st. President Barefoot explained that “ HWND 3rd straight) Trip to NCAA Championship

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Every three years, a team that has proved experience, we are going into the tournament with the expectations of top 15 teams. The Babson golf team is one of those teams...
Spring Weekend 2002 Finishes Strong

MARK WAITING
Oppensie Editor

Many thought that it would never end, but yes, Spring Weekend has come to a close. Comedian Lewis Black graced Babson with his presence last Friday, drawing a full crowd to the seats of Serenson. Most enjoyed his comedic performance, as his ability to combine vulgarity, frankness and strange noises into a rhythmic performance made for a good show.

Black made the audience hysterical, says Stephan Caneva ’05. “I especially liked it when he made fun of our school and questioned our so-called degree in entrepreneurship. He really made me think twice about what we are studying.”

Black roasted several other aspects of the school, including our clipper ship logo. “Next time I come to school, you have to give me a ride in one of those things,” stated Black.

Others had mixed feelings about the performance. Chris Smith ’05 thought the performance became dry toward the end. He states, “I kind of tuned him out half way, just because it seemed like he was repeating the same stuff. A few of the things he said were pretty funny though.”

Spring Weekend finished on Saturday as the last official event brought a busload of students to Six Flags. At a total cost of $20 for travel expense and admission, many saw it as the cost effective solution for entertainment on an otherwise uneventful Saturday.

Several students took advantage of the Saturday, with some being Steel roller coaster, while others brought a car or van to get around the area. Each day before sending them on their way as a way to pay off their weekly costs. A few of those who chose to go on the more intimidating rides chose to opt out to take it easy on the teacups.

All in all, spring weekend was a great time with nothing short of impressive. Athletic sporting events, prises, a concert, a dance and a lights show brought students a renewed collegiate spirit that defies critical commentary of the past.

These past few weeks appear to be indicative of a changing social climate, perchance one rung in by our new president and a more lax Babo presence.

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Monday 4/8/02

Tuesday 4/9/02
12:47 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint at Pitney Hall. Officer asked students to decrease the volume of the music.

Wednesday 4/10/02
7:55 P.M. - Report of an alarm sounding at the Olm Campus. Found to be a fire alarm problem with the sprinkler system. Facilities notified.

Thursday 4/11/02
12:11 P.M. - Student reports receiving annoying phone calls does not wish to file a report at this time.
11:37 P.M. - Report of a suspicious person at the Woodland Hill area. No one located.

Friday 4/12/02
7:48 A.M. - Report of a motor vehicle accident in the Squirrel parking lot, no injuries.
7:14 P.M. - Student with an injured finger at Knight Auditory. Service rendered.
Saturday 4/13/02
6:45 P.M. - Report of a suspicious person in the area of Coleman Hall. Officers asked the parties to leave campus.
11:51 P.M. - Student reports harassing phone calls. Report filed.

Sunday 4/14/02
1:48 A.M. - Officer reports a loud stereo in McCullough Hall, B tower. Officer asked parties to decrease the volume.
8:12 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm in the CEE. Alarm reset.
4:39 P.M. - Student reports threats in Coleman Hall. Report filed.

Tuesday 4/15/02
12:29 A.M. - Report of a loud stereo in McCullough Hall. Officer asked parties to decrease the volume.
10:46 P.M. - Officer reports a suspicious vehicle on Great Plain Ave, by the Recreation Center. Area checked nothing found. Area check okay.

Wednesday 4/16/02
2:04 A.M. - Student requests a transport to NWH. Service rendered.
9:22 A.M. - Student reports an odor of gas in the area of Woodland Hills. Checked okay.
7:44 P.M. - Report of a motor vehicle accident in front of the Reynolds Center, no injuries.
Thursday 4/17/02
8:39 A.M. - Report of a motor vehicle accident in the CEE parking lot, no injuries.
11:19 P.M. - Officer reports vandalism in Forest Hall. When investigating incident a false ID was confiscated. Report filed on both incidents.
Friday 4/18/02
2:21 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm in Coleman Hall. Set off by the condenser in the laundry room. Alarm reset.
4:32 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm in Woodland Hill, all buildings. Area checked, alarm activated due to weather conditions. All alarms reset.
4:36 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm in Forest Hall. Activated due to weather condition, reset.
10:24 P.M. - Request for an ambulance at Pepisco. Party transported to NWH due to intoxication.

Saturday 4/19/02
11:05 P.M. - Officers assisted a RA dispersing a group of students in Forest Annex.
Sunday 4/21/02
4:32 A.M. - RA reports students throwing food out the window in McCullough Hall. Officers responded to the area and students cleaned up their trash.
8:44 P.M. - Student reports a theft of a laptop from Olm Hall. Officer located the laptop and it was returned to the owner.
Monday 4/22/02
Tuesday 4/23/02
12:50 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint at the Shabon Ice Rink in Forest Hall. Area checked and found quiet.
3:09 P.M. - Report of an odor of gas in Park Manor Center. Area checked found to be workers in the building.

Sunday 4/28/02
6:14 A.M. - Student transported to NWH not feeling well.
9:55 A.M. - Student transported to NWH for an eye injury.
Babson Republicans Assist With Kandel Campaign

WILLIAM BISHOP
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Since Anthony Kandel's official candidacy announcement on April 22nd, the Babson Republicans have been working to support his campaign. Anthony Kandel is the Republican candidate for the United States Senate and in order to appear on the ballot, 10,000 signatures must be collected by May 7th.

Several Babson Republicans members have been active in the collection of signatures. This coming weekend, the Babson Republicans and the Wellesley College Republicans have jointly planned a signature drive to collect the desperately needed signatures to ensure that Kandel will appear on the ballot and be able to challenge the incumbent, Senator John Kerry (D).

Duncan McIntyre, Co-Chairman of the Babson Republicans, stated, "I feel that working closely with a US Senate campaign is very exciting and an excellent way to make the Massachusetts and national political community aware that College Republicans are a major force in the Republican party."

He further stated that he was excited that Co-Chairman William Bishop "has assumed a very active role in the Kandel campaign."

McIntyre also stated, "he is very disappointed" that Babson College is ranked as one of the least politically active schools in the country; however, he feels that "by working on campaigns such as the Kandel US Senate campaign and the Romney campaign, and by holding other politically motivated activities, Babson will soon be recognized as one of the most politically active schools in the country."

The Babson Republicans plan to actively continue their support of the Kandel campaign and the Romney for Governor campaign until Election Day.

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SGA Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2002

President - Emmanuel Martinez
* Rogue's Pub
* SGA Forum - Budget Cut
* Babson Shuttle Service

Executive Vice President - Nathan Knight
* Senate work
  * Organizational carnival now under the Senate
  * Restructuring Plan with Ciji-Danielle
  * Traffic court having their last meeting this Monday

VP Finance - Jason Orlosky
* Coordinated today's budget presentation
* SGA forum
  * We would like to thank BCR for attending and aiding the forum

VP Commerce - Michael DeSisto
* Commerce committee
* Currently working on brochure for freshman acceptance practice
  * Working on website for the beginning of next semester

VP Communications - Ciji-Danielle Robinson
* Channel 9
  * Continuing work to improve the program
  * Still filling surveys
  * Restructuring Plan with Nathan Knight
  * SGA College Retreat with affiliating schools
  * Currently working on setup to create an alliance with up to 6 other colleges in Massachusetts

VP Social Activities - Jeffrey Greenberg
* Lewis Black was a success
* Six Flags showed Babson students a good time

* Knight Party this weekend - don't miss out!

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Actions Over Cuts Speak Louder than Words

Dj Schepker Consulting Editor

You say, it sucks. It certainly isn’t any fun. It certainly isn’t cool. Our friends, our colleagues and our classes have all been affected by the recent attempt at athletic cuts.

No one at Babson would ever tell you that this decision was easy. No one will ever tell you that a number of factors don’t go into making these decisions.

The problem is that no matter what, we’ll all be affected. That in the end, any cuts the school makes will affect all of us.

Over the last year, the school has faced a large loss. The endowment has dropped a great deal. This explains the major hike in tuition. Couple that with the fact that we only have 1800 students, and any budget cut will affect each one of us more than at any other school.

Look at the fact that we only have 1800 students and realize that if we want everything that Bentley or Newman College have, then it will cost us each more.

The market has tanked. The school has to find a way to cut its costs. Do we think that athletic cuts are the only cuts to be made? Every dollar we lose affects us more as a small school.

Some students have taken things too far and are suggesting that the school be run for managing money. It may seem at times that money is not always spent wisely, but at the same time, that same money has funded one of the best faculties in America.

The same money has funded the curriculum and has created the most innovative curriculum right now. Do you really feel that all of our money has been misspent?

Over the last week, I’ve heard a number of times, why cross-country? Why track and field? The equipment in the fact that the budget is a zero-sum game. If it’s not cross-country then it’s soccer. Where would cutting soccer take us? It would only put us right back in the same spot we started in.

Dear Editor,

I am a bit pressed for time but I would like to make my opinion known. I am deeply disturbed by the cuts in cross-country, track and skiing. This will only deal a crippling blow to a school hemorrhaged by a lack of campus unity.

If we do build up pride in such extra-curricular activities as sports, we will never be able come together as a school. It is my strong hope that the student body will not stand by and let this happen without a fight. We will be heard.

Thank you.

Eddy Fava ‘05

Dear Editor:

Words cannot begin to describe the emotional pain I have felt since learning the track and cross-country teams have been cut. I am a member of both of these teams, and this greatly affects my life.

I have been running competitively for years now. To be told I cannot run any longer because there is not enough money is utterly ridiculous. My hopes, my goals, my visions, my dreams and my passion are all sacrificed in order to save a few dollars. Why does this not make sense?

Furthermore, Babson is letting go of Coach Hutchinson after 15 years of dedicated and loyal service. ‘Hutch’ is not married; however, he has 55 kids that he treats as if they are his sons and daughters. He has instilled a great deal of confidence in me, and never stopped believing in my ability even though, at times, he may have.

He is the most important person in the sport, and each person competes for Babson on the team, is unlike any other. Sure, there are tons of other coaches out there, but there is only one ‘Hutch’.

If nothing is done to revive these programs, and save Hutch, I will carry a very strong bitterness for the rest of my three years here, as well as much more after. I ask that what be done be the right thing. The right thing is not to eliminate any sports, and not to let go of Coach Scott Hutchinson.

David Tommasso ‘05

English Courses Need to be Emphasized

Marie Prokopets

As a business school, Babson ignores the fact that its students must have good, if not perfect, writing skills.

Although we have rhetoric for freshmen, what is there after that? Yes, there are intermediate and upper level electives available, but Babson students must have more English requirements.

Babson’s required English program is not in any way up to par with the business world’s demands. Writing is an essential skill in the business world. What type of company would want to hire anyone who could not write a memo or even spell their e-mails correctly? This is why Babson needs a required English course for students that teaches the art of business writing.

If not a required course, a course must at least be available to undergraduate students. How can Babson tell any employer that its students are competent in all aspects of business if they aren’t even able to write a memo?

What about teaching students how to write effective cover letters? Although the center for career development is available to students, by having a business writing course students would be able to learn all facets of business writing at the same time.

Babson students should also be taught over and over again how to perfect their writing. Yes, this would entail more English courses, but it would do nothing but allow Babson students to get better jobs and write flawlessly.

Another option might be to have short seminars that students are required to go to. These seminars could at least give students an introduction to business writing.

To me, the oddest part is that there is not a business writing course taught at Babson for undergraduates.

How am I to learn about proper memo writing? How will I be able to write perfect memos this summer at my internship if I don’t even know what a memo is?

Babson must put a business writing course into its curriculum to ensure that its students can write properly when they reach the business world.

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MARK WATKING
Opinions Editor

Last week, Babson College made the worst business decision imaginable. Amidst budget cuts, a proposal to cut one of the university’s most cherished programs was proposed: keeping pushers who apparently have no idea how important every sport is to Babson’s public image and students. Cross-country, they claim, didn’t make the list of “cost-effective” programs here at Babson.

The news was soon followed by a more disturbing fact. Scott Hutchison, devoted cross-country and track coach for the past five years, was also on the list of expendable items.

After Athletic Director Frank Milleric had finished his list of reasons detailing why certain sport teams had been singled out, Scott Hutchison took the floor. What followed next was the most upsetting moment of my Babson experience.

This morning, Frank called me into his office and told me that I don’t have a job any longer. I was like someone kicked in the stomach, like someone tore my heart out. I love this team more than anything and have loved it for the past fifteen years. I’m sad.

The team sat there speechless after hearing the news. Then, the tears started to fall. Everyone was crying. All I could think about was fighting back, getting loud and making a statement that would make the administration think twice before doing this again.

There are an innumerable amount of reasons for keeping the XC program here at Babson. We are one of the cheapest teams that we can work with, no facilities on campus and the amount of academically talented recruited athletes brought in more than off-sets the merit aid of the program.

The cross-country team has the highest average GPA on campus out of any sports team. Did they think that we would accept this decision gracefully? They gave away our home course, yet we conceded to their whims. Then they took away our meals and our buses, but we did not complain. Funding was cut again, and the bill for our training trip to Arizona was left on our own bank statements. Still, we accepted it.

They want to finish us off, but we are united and angrier than ever. Much to the dismay of Frank Milleric, Brian Barefoot and Caral Hacker, we will not go quietly into the night. If the number of emails, phone calls and letters that we have directed towards them were blown, they would be completely broken.

News of the cuts were immediately brought to the attention of parents, alumni, faculty, The Boston Globe, our own sports newspaper, press, BCR, SGA and various other organizations. In just two days, we managed to garner 400 names on a petition. Despite the administration’s best efforts to squash our hope, we continue to fight vehemently for the sport and coach we so strongly love.

The next few days will ultimately make or break my perception of this school. Should the administration actually go through with this, it would be tantamount to the adaptability and understanding of the administration.

Should it remain unchanged, I will have a new story to tell on my weekly tour of the campus, which is directly responsible for the demise of prospective students.

ED LEARNS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMON SENSE AND HUMAN NATURE

OPINIONS

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Golf Vital to Future Success for Babson Women

Women See Golfing Opportunity Crucial to Networking Efforts for Future

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Golf has been proven to be a vital tool in the business world. PR Newswire magazine featured an article concerning women and golf, stating that golf is used daily by millions of businesswomen to build relationships, yet many businesswomen have not added a golf swing to their sales repertoire.

For women in the business world, golf levels the playing field between men and women.

As young entrepreneurs, Babson students are taught to rely on networking tools where better to create business alliances than on the golf course.

The first timid steps to a women’s golf team have been taken. Little by little, Babson College decided to sparingly fund the tee motivitated women during this spring season. The team worked toward becoming a varsity sport starting in the fall of 2002. However, recent budget cuts force the women’s golf team toremain “a club team.”

“I am disappointed that the women’s golf team was also affected by the budget cuts. After two seasons worth of fall varsity-status promises, we had our hopes up. At least we still have a team!” said Daniele Matthas ’03.

Stefanie van Lependegem, the ‘club’ team competed in the BC invitational at Olympic Harbor, the match at Franklin-Pierce and the Mount Holyoke invitational on their home course.

With the coaching and guidance of Wellesley Country Club golf pro Letitia Tresep, the team saw great improvements in all its players.

Erica Kasoli ’03 said, “Letitia is the best thing that happened to our team! We can’t lose her.”

The coach is convinced that golf plays an intricate part in the business world and that every Babson student should take at least one semester of golf as part of their academic curriculum.

Overall, the women’s golf team stands as one of the more integrated sports with players from all parts of the world. Inne Barrutia ’03, one of the international players, says, “even though we are all from different cultures and backgrounds, on the course we become one great team.”

The team plans to run a fundraising campaign to raise money for uniforms and gear, as well as other expenses. The team members will be attend- ing this week’s forums hosted by SGA and the administration. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and may be sent to the Webster Athletic Center.

Photo Courtesy of The Women's Golf Team

The women’s golf team poses for a picture after recent practice. The team was most affected by the cuts as they will not have varsity status.
Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the recent cutting of the men’s and women’s alpine ski teams, the men’s and women’s cross-country teams, and the men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track teams. We are all devastated as student athletes to find out that our teams have been cut from funding. Personally, being part of the alpine ski team, this has altered my views on Babson greatly. These cuts have affected more than 70 athletes, taking away from us one of our only sources of fun at Babson.

I know that when looking at a college, being part of a student group on campus is very important for almost every student. This was true for me and most of my fellow teammates. I am positive that if Babson did not have a ski team at the time I was applying to colleges that I would not have come here. Now that our teams have been taken away from us, I am considering the option of transferring, as I am sure many athletes whose teams were cut are.

Supposedly Babson is trying to make the school more enjoyable by having a more college like atmosphere, but I do not see how this is possible when our sports teams are being cut.

Sports are one aspect of the school that we can identify with and this is now taken from us. Going to these different sporting events lets people show their school spirit and cheer on fellow students. By taking these various teams away, we are also taking away a large portion of the school spirit here at Babson.

The ski team is an incredible group of people who made me feel as though I had a place here at Babson, and now that we are not a team anymore I feel somewhat lost. We spent weekends together and basically became a family. We have bonded in ways unimaginable to some, and I cannot begin to express my feelings now that we cannot be run as an acknowledged varsity team here on campus.

Babson should take into consideration all of the athletes that are being affected by these cuts and look at things from our perspective.

Anna DeFilipp ‘06

Dear Editor,

The cross-country team has been my family at Babson. My freshman year was hard because I was so far away from home, but my teammates and Coach Hutch made it easier for me.

We practiced together, ate together, and hung out together on the weekends. The bond that we had as teammates stemmed from the energy we got from each other.

Coach Hutch has passion and spirit for the sport like I have never seen. He is out there with us every run, every day. He made us better runners, but Hutch kept us motivated to push ourselves to get stronger and faster.

When we ran, he is there at every corner to cheer. Before the season and before every championship race, he talks to us individually about our goals and what we will take for us to achieve them. "Go for it kiddos, you can do it."

The family is extensive—you’ll find alumni at many of our meets. Hutch’s personality is what brings the alumni back to the meets and to our workouts to help coach.

They remember what it was like to be a part of the cross-country family and they return to bring out the team and cheer us on. The history of cross-country at Babson goes back at least 70 years. How can Babson end a program like this? I am extremely upset at this decision as it feels like I am losing a family. We will fight to keep it alive!

Melissa Nelson ‘03

Dear Editor,

Words can’t express how the cuts of the cross-country and track program have affected my life. Not only has running been my passion for the past five years, but it was the determining factor that brought me to Babson College.

Scott Hutchins recruited me last fall and was the reason why I became interested in Babson. I was able to improve as an athlete through only two seasons of running here because of this incredible coaching staff.

I have never had a coach who has inspired me so much and pushed me to achieve my personal best. It has been a difficult time adjusting to college, and he was a huge factor in helping me through this.

He has done so much for me over these past two seasons that I can’t understand how someone as passionate, caring and valuable as him could be disposed of just like that.

Not many people can compete in cross-country and track at a varsity level here with Hutch has shattered my dreams, and I hope that in some way it can come back, so my life can be complete again. Thanks.

Lydia Halloran ‘04

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Dear Editor,

My deciding factor when I chose Babson, our cross-country team, is in jeopardy of being cut from the budget. What the college may or may not realize, is that it made a monumental mistake last Thursday when they announced they were cutting the cross-country teams, the skiing teams and the track teams.

To explain the competition of Division III sports is somewhat difficult. All of the athletes on the Division I level are receiving money to go to their school and compete. On the Division III level, scholarships are not awarded for athletic ability; all of the athletes are there because of their passion and desire to play the sport that they enjoy so much.

At this level you see many excellent athletes; however, you also see participants who are not as talented, oftentimes people whom you might not expect to be competing. This is the beauty of the competition; regardless of the talent you see the same desire from all the competitors, making the competition much more meaningful for those watching and participating.

The reason I said that Babson made a monumental mistake was because if the college truly understood this, they would have never cut these programs. We, the student athletes in jeopardy, will fight against this with the same passion with which we compete.

With hundreds of fellow students, dozens of parents and alumni joining us, we will not go quietly. President Barfoot, I look forward to many future meetings with you.

Chris Perry ‘04

Dear Editor:

I am writing to commend Babson College administrators for reinstating the cross-country, track and alpine skiing programs to varsity intercollegiate status. For them, admitting the shortsightedness of these cuts was not easy.

Thursday when they announced they were cutting this phase of financial quandary. In the future, it would be wise for administrators to seek advice from student leaders if a similar decision must be made. Perhaps they could prevent the feeling of devastation many of us felt.

For me, the conclusion to this chain of events feels empowering and will carry on with new leaders in the same way that Babsons should feel empowered.

When you make enough noise and push the right buttons, things can get accomplished.

I’d also like to bid farewell to all of the faculty and administrators who recently lost their positions at Babson College, including my dedicated coach and compadre Scott Hutchinson. It is difficult to understand how the college will cope with such losses.

Thank you for your commitment to this institution; I wish you all good luck.

Ben Dillon ‘03

Dear Editor,

I would just like to say that I feel horrible for all the teams that got cut. I know that for most of the people, it is a way to relax and release some of the pressure Babson puts on us.

Though these may not be spectator sports that would increase the school spirit, it is still a very important part of at least 50 of the lives of Babson students. Golf is also a business tool that women should be able to use.

To sum it up, these teams may seem insignificant to most but to the few that belong to them, it is very important for a healthy life here at Babson. It is worth trying to save them!

Vanessa Stecher ‘05

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AOL Time Warner Takes a Big Hit

JACK S. PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

What was hailed as "a merger of equals," both by Wall Street and the companies involved, has come down around the ears of AOL Time Warner, the world's largest media conglomerate.

Last week, in its financial year 2001 filings, the company announced a goodwill writedown of $64 billion, almost a third of its value. This loss marks the largest in corporate history. Since the merger, the company's market capitalization has slid by over 50 percent, or about $140 billion.

The goodwill written down stems almost directly from the assets exchanged in the merger, assets built on dot-com hype and shaky revenue projections. When AOL purchased Time Warner in 2001, Time-Warner insisted on an exchange of one of its shares for one and a half of AOL's; priced at approximately $55 with a price-earnings ratio at the time of almost 50.

At the conclusion of this merger, AOL-Time Warner set revenue goals for its operations of $4 billion during that annual period. With the rapid decline in the advertising market, however, the company fell far short.

AOL's online division, likewise, netted a loss in customer subscriptions, though rate changes did allow a gain in subscription revenues. Gerald Levin, who headed Time-Warner before the merger and became CEO of AOL Time Warner afterwards, recently resigned his post in the face of criticism about mismanagement of the firm. Richard Parsons, former Co-CEO of the company, took his place.

Divisionally, the company appears to be a mess. An interesting story about the lack of coordination, and outright disorganization, between units can illustrate its internal disarray. When the company rejected the third album effort of Wilco, a small Chicago band, the band essentially paid twice by the parent company for the album rights.

It is this sort of mishap that has caused analysts to complain about the convoluted nature of AOL Time Warner's 2001 SEC 10-K filing. With so many recent acquisitions of unknown performance levels, including exchanging $4.2 billion for Netscape and its network services division for Computerve, it is impossible to determine a meaningful earnings estimate for the company as a whole.

The company has issued its 2002 earnings projections, but analysts who disagree with the zero-economic growth it has assumed have no way to rework the estimates on their own. Critics expect the company to beat those dismal earnings estimates and assert that management just hopes to get an end of year stock boost out of them.
Entrepreneurship Means More Than Just a Ranking

MICHAEL A. DESIATO  
Staff Writer

Entrepreneurship means a lot more to many Babson students than just a US News and World Report ranking. To me, entrepreneurship means freedom, freedom to take the knowledge a formal business education provides and go wherever my dreams may wander.

Instead of a career goal that involves the ability to climb ladders, I can define what is to be climbed. It is quite a liberating concept.

However, with liberties comes peril. Failure is a co-requisite when seeking to create a dream. Loneliness is also a potential side effect, the feeling of isolation is familiar territory to anyone determined to incarnate the impossible.

The entrepreneur sees the beauty in this. Thrilled by the risk, and driven by the challenge.

Michael Mandel '05, a member of the Babson e-tower, puts it nicely, "an entrepreneur is someone who is willing to take risks and put their all in to starting a business, for the sheer accomplishment of having done it.

Taking pride in your accomplishments and ability to cultivate the potential in an idea is a prime motivating factor. Jason Orlofsky '04, also a member of the Babson e-tower, thinks, "Entrepreneurship is seizing an opportunity and creating a business out of it."

To others, their entrepreneurial spirit changes the way they look at the world. Everyday objects, from zippers to coffee cups, sparkles with potential.

John Saunders '03, another e-tower member, says, "Babson doesn’t keep me thinking, entrepreneurship keeps me thinking. Every object I look at, big or small, round or square, is an idea waiting to happen. Whether it be an improvement to it or a complete tangent, potential radiates from everything."

Personally, these are a lot of the reasons why I plan to start my own venture in the future. Alongside the aforementioned, the opportunity to positively affect the community is also my goal.

Whether my business provides jobs for those who might otherwise be unemployed, or masses a product available to those that could not normally enjoy it, entrepreneurship can be effectively used to help our society.

The stigma associated with business and a Maristian view of "evil controllers of production", needs to be shed, and whom better to do it than entrepreneurs?

Even though the reasons may be vast, so is the potential. I feel that the life of an entrepreneur is perhaps not the easiest but it allows for the most freedom. Doing what you feel is right and following your dreams is what it is all about. What a great way to live.

Panera's Stock Worth a Small Purchase

JASON ORLOFSKY  
Staff Writer

Managing a portfolio requires a mixture of conservative investments with longer return horizons and more aggressive investments with short-term return horizons. This week's pick, Panera Bread Company (PNRA: NASDAQ), closed at $5.45 on Monday, is a short-term investment.

Panera owns, operates or franchises about 370 of its eponymous bakery cafes in 30 states. It has had steady growth over the past couple of years and is positioned to continue its high level of growth.

Panera is a specialized bakery company. It is similar to Starbucks in the venues that its stores are located and the type of customers that shop there. Panera has specialized breads and sandwiches that customers can buy.

Until recently Panera owned An Ben Pain as well. They chose to sell this chain at the end of 1999.

Looking internally, Panera has had $201.1 million in sales for 2001, a 32.8 percent growth, and $13.2 net income, a 91.3 percent growth. Panera also has $18.5 million in cash on hand to run its operations. With its current stages of expansion, Panera only has continued to grow, but will continue to appreciate healthily in the future.

Panera is an excellent pick because it actually suits our economic times well. Although Panera specializes in a premium product, it still costs a very small portion of a consumer's disposable income. When the economy is less than stellar, people can and do still buy less expensive luxuries.

Bread is a staple that people will always buy and premium bread is a luxury that consumers will buy, maybe less frequently, even when we are in an economic downturn.

For these reasons Panera should be a portion of one's portfolio. It should be considered a riskier investment and should not comprise a large portion of one's portfolio, but it is a company worth investing in.

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Babson Can Still Come Back from Financial Slump

MARIE PROKOPETS
Editor-In-Chief

In light of all of the budget cuts, I thought it would be appropriate to think of a few ways for Babson to make a few extra bucks on the side. With all of the extra money earned, Babson might even be able to build another AstroTurf field.

First, Babson could rent the CEE out to the state and turn it into a prison. Not only would the prisoners be happy and proud to show up to their luxurious settings, but Babson could also teach students many important lessons.

Having a weekly, "Dunk your favorite administrator" dunking booth would earn thousands of dollars in revenue. Administrators could all participate in the dunking.

Whenever a student was up against the judicial board for embezzlement, fraud or doing drugs, the proceedings could be held in the middle of the prison. Seeing what their behavior would lead to, Babson students might be swayed to cut out the drugs and money laundering.

Another useful change would be to start valet parking on campus. Many of the student's cars with BMW's and Mercedes would love to be able to be dropped off and picked up at class or their dorms.

Future entrepreneurs take note if Babson does not start the valet parking.

Selling cigarettes would be another way to earn thousands of dollars in a matter of days. Vending them outside the library and Reynolds would be even more advantageous, as they are known to hang out spots.

Having a weekly, "Dunk your favorite administrator" dunking booth would earn thousands of dollars in revenue. Every time that new budget cuts were announced, administrators could all participate in the dunking, eventually letting the school earn back its money.

And, after the Supreme Court ruling for virtual child pornography, Babson could take advantage of the open market and start selling now. The digital lab space could be used for production space, and all of the design class's curriculum could be shifted to designing the virtual child pornography. Also, the K drive would be very useful for storing the pornography, as it has been used for such for many years.

Lastly, Babson could sponsor a clothes drive, but instead of giving the clothing to homeless, they could use the proceeds for themselves. With all of the Gucci sweaters and Prada hats, Babson could make a fortune with a tag sale for the elite.

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Home Design

Babson Finds Proper Ways To Handle Money

ANDREW BOYSEN
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

You may have noticed recently that Babson College has way too much money. Babson tout this fact with spending money on things that are not important. For example, look at some of the ways Babson burns through the excessive cash, and consider other innovative ways to spend money.

Have you noticed the brown garbage cans at all over the last few years? They are made out of brown plastic, which has always been brown and showed no intention of changing to green, or purple, or blue, despite the fact that squirrels like the color brown enough to eat holes in the garbage can lids. Although the lids are not exactly new, Babson College decided to paint the lids. The new lids are now brown. Granted the lids are now a darker brown, but couldn't that money have gone to something more frugal, like keeping our sport teams for our public safety to drive around.

Only the biggest SUVs can ensure that our streets are kept safe in the worst conditions. Also, forest green SUVs are inadequate and needed to replace all the vehicles last year. Heaven forbid we have one less gas guzzling SUV, and two more sport teams.

Not all of our cash burning techniques burn a lot of cash. Changing the direction of traffic flow around the Coleman dorm probably only cost a few hundred dollars to get new road signs.

Decreasing the number of Boston Globe and New York Times papers by 50 percent will save us almost $200 dollars a year. Not re-paving the path to the Boston Sports Club would have been able to save at most one athletic team.

Eliminating the officer that closes the gates around campus might save a few grand (no offense intended for the officer that spends his days closing gates at random times).

Still, shouldn't we be thinking about each expenditure when we know that every dollar counts?

Having athletic teams and school spirit may seem extravagant to some of you, but I think it is an important thing to have on this campus. Admitting a few extra zero marginal cost students that will fall out after the first or second semester would raise more than enough to keep at least a couple of the sports teams that were cut.

I don't want to say that the spending I've mentioned above was a complete waste, but when balanced with the well being of our students who would like to stay healthy, work hard and develop school spirit, what is really more important. We all know that running creates beautiful buttocks, so why can't we support our teams a little more?

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Off-Campus Living Has Negatives, Too

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Neil Diamond said it best, "It gets crazy on the road, and awful lonely. That's why I love pornography." Well, it does get crazy, occasionally lonely but living off-campus is not the reason why I love pornography.

But I will tell you what it's really like living outside the magic kingdom we call Babson College; it's not the glitz and the glam that has been advertised.

I long for the days of waking up on time for class. However, as an off-campus student, it's off to the races in order to get in the shower before my roommates do (the water heater only holds enough of the good stuff for a few minutes at least 15 minutes to fill up); scrambling for something to sit in the fridge for a free ride (it may complain about Trim's quality, but at least you have choices); searching for the ever-elusive parking spot.

The bright minds behind our parking regulations have the goal to explain why I cannot park next to the Mallory building, despite the abundance of spaces available.

Being the budget-minded student that we are, my roommates and I decided against our pride. We discovered that diligence would persuade and sometimes the few hours that accumulated within a week would be brought to the local town dump. Many of you, one, two - if not a solid month - will pass before a threateningmes

Another pleasure is being able to go out after ourselves. Again, high ambitions have been reduced to 'Well, if I ignore it long enough it will die,' which I don't. I also know how to know when it's time to cross my fingers.

I realize that I took for granted the custodial services provided for students living in dorms. The answer to many a question when she asked me, "How will you be able to clean up after yourself if you are living on your own?" is true: I have no idea. It's just so easy to leave it till later.

However, my favorite pastime has to be sleeping through the recent road construction that is taking place on Central Avenue, right in front of our house. Apparently one jackhammer wasn't enough to complete the necessary work, so the public works department opted for two or three to sing their lovely tunes to us.

The result: a simultaneous "What that," someone's girlfriend threatening to never stay over again and another over-paid and under-worked public works crew.

I'll stop here for this work. Now that I've exposed the reality of living off-campus you may have lost interest in pursuing any opportunity to do so yourself. The constant supply of fine brew, scantily-clad women and false sense of security does get boring. But hey, life is full of trade-offs.
Van Wilder is the type of student we always wish we had at Babson College. Having finished 13 semester hours, he's entering the last half of his seventh year at Coolidge College. 18 credits shy of graduating, but rather than graduate he plans parties and enjoys the greatest time of his life.

Wilder, played by Ryan Reynolds of the ABC sitcom "Two Guys and a Girl," finds an assistant, drives his golf cart, and enjoys a luxurious life at Coolidge. Never attending one of his own classes, instead he finds ways to save the swim team and help obscure fraternities earn better reputations in the movie "National Lampoon's Van Wilder." Early on, however, Wilder learns that his dad has pulled his tuition and is sending Van to college education a "poor investment" and cuts his losses. Van now must find even more creative ways to earn his tuition money after earning an extension from the 70-year old class dean, Mr. Haver.

While attempting to earn his money, Wilder meets an upstart newspaper reporter who has been assigned to write on his 7 years at Coolidge. Gwen Pearson, played by the luminous Tara Reid, begrudgingly accepts the assignment and attempts to gain an interview with Wilder.

The first attempts go awry, but eventually she's able to interview him on a "date." She pulls away from her snobbish boyfriend, Richard, played by Tom Scott, who is the class president and head of the fraternity Delta Iota Kappa, or DK.

Wilder slowly falls for Pearson, who publishes her first article on him titled "Van Wilder -Party Liason." While first upset that his throwing parties for money is exposed, Wilder assistant Taj points out the free publicity his business has gained. Through throwing parties, Wilder is able to earn enough money to pay for his tuition, while also gaining the trust and respect of Owen, Richard and Van fight through out the movie in a number of farcical college boy antics reminiscent to things that could be found in mov- ies such as "Road Trip." The shock and humor is high throughout and keeps the audience entertained.

Van eventually meets his match as Richard and his first brothers attempt to get him expelled from school, but his classmates rally around him. Owen eventually finishes a follow-up piece for the graduation issue of the school newspaper as Van comes to grips with why he has failed to graduate from Coolidge.

The movie entertains throughout with a number of antics that keep you on your toes. The humor is exactly the type you would expect from this type of movie and definitely warrant a viewing.

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Sports

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Inflated Meet Match in IM Playoffs

MARIO RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

This week starts the spring season intramural playoffs with matches being played against both of the benches. Some softball teams seem to have questioned the fairness of having a week schedule. Last year's major contender, the Game Cats dropped a tough one bound due to this season's two major losses at the hands of the Bomb Dropers and Team Five-O. There could be an argument made for the Bomb Dropers because their opponents have been less than stellar teams. But the strength and power that is shown by the Game Cats should be enough to head them a high seed in the playoffs.

On the baseball side, the Leb Bubon have questioned the defense of the Bomb Dropers and don't see them making it to the finals. Team Five-O is a new contender with old veteran faces that include, Bryce Thayer '03 and Grant Tidwell '03. Their strength in number gives them depth and a close bet into getting past the first round.

For the two teams that can rock the playoffs into total confusion, Leb Bubon and the Wheeler's. This week's controversial game featured two possible title matches. Both teams are up to the challenge to happen up to end as an unplayable two base rule.

Habitanites drops in the playoffs standings, which put them in first round action. All opponents are expected to be determined, but look for the Bomb Dropers and the Boot Pub team to give them a run for their money up in the week to come as both contenders that have made it to the playoffs. Softball: Team Five-O vs Goatsbys 13-12, Kickball Allstars vs Red Sox Faithful 14-10, Hi Five Club vs Canfield Swanbucks 12-10. Regular season flag football action concluded with the game of the week being the TKE Stars vs. PMN. One more loss and PMN will head home for good and the TKE Stars can make a huge impact on their playoff standings.

TKE QB, Connor McCaffrey '02 brought his u-game and lit up the PMN defense. Their last defensive stance almost collapsed when PMN threw a bomb but TKE stars were able only to bubble then into their defense. With this heart stopping victory, TKE earns the second seed in the good luck to go on to the finals. Other scores: Losers: TKE 26, The Macs 20-16, The wheelers vs. The Serious 14-0.

In other IM sports news, MBA student team St. Vincent '03 defeated UGRAD student Bernardi Lucareo '03 for an intramural championship in squash.

The baseball team, who recently fell to Wheaton in the playoffs, tournament, enjoy their recent karaoke pub night by singing a song together on stage.

Rugby's Ears Undeceived Spring Record

DAN KOPCSO
STAFF WRITER

Undeceived! That one word is a testament to the desire, attitude and effort that the Babson Rugby Club put forth this spring. Coming off of a tough fall season, Babson re- doubled their efforts and it showed. Run mercilessly by Coach Ted Vassallo and inspired by captains, Toby Donath '04 and Doug Kopcsé '03, Babson's fitness was superb as highlighted by their victory Saturday over Division I contender, Amherst.

Babson made the hour-and-a-half journey with only one thing on their mind: winning and capping off their undefeated season. Amherst would make it easy, scrumming hard and running their forwards effectively all game long. The first half saw flashes of brilliance from the Beavers with good running by "Crazy" Carl Seekman '03, Ben "EL" Levenson '03 and Dan "D Mac" McIlaney '02. Babson also out- muscled its opponent, such as when Captain Doug "Dumpling Jr." Kopcsé lowered his head and knocked out an Amherst runner.

Although the ball was inside the opponents' side of the field for 90 percent of the first half, the score remained zero to zero. Babson continued to play well-drilled rugby, unlike Amherst who committed num-erous infractions. Twenty minutes into the second half rookie of the year Brian Voseikl '03 caught a pass from Donath and crashed through six defenders for the try. The kick looked impossible, but Donath nailed it with poise.

Two more Amherst penalties allowed Donath more opportunities to test his skill. With ice in his veins he slotted both kicks bringing the score to Babson 13 and Amherst 0. The Lord Jeffs attacked and brought the ball deep into Babson territory. Babson played great defense for five minutes but eventually an overlap was created allowing the ball to get outside and an Amherst runner to touch down for the try.

Sensing victory, Babson smashed over the racks and moved the ball until the refs double whistle blasts sounded the end of the match.

The kick was converted and Amherst again attacked and drove the ball into Babson's half. The Babson line held strong, as waves of purple ball carriers tried to crash toward the goal. Battered and bruised, the green team kept tackling fe- teriously led by rookie wreck- ing ball, Brian "Money" Man- ning '03. Literally playing themselves into exhaustion, Babson's formations continued as Wes Donohoe '04 made a clutch grubber kick that gained 40 meters of ter- ritory before Donohoe tackled the receiver.

Babson forwards racked fu- riously led by Eli Loper '04, Jared Kohlbenger '04, Pete "Tank" Carrier '04 and Mike "Biggie" Graham '03. After three quick runs seniors McElaney scooped the ball up and made two great cuts and scored his final try for Babson, securing the victory and the 7-0 season. Donath converted the kick again bringing his season total to 38 points. Sensing vic- tory, Babson smashed over the racks and moved the ball until the refs double whistle blasts sounded the end of the match.

Not to be outdone, the killer Babson "back" of the field. Led by the ferocious hits of "Diesel" and the excellent running of Andy Kopcsé '03, Babson's second line ran the rocks and moved the ball until the refs double whistle blasts sounded the end of the match.

The team would like to wish all the seniors who've played for us the best of luck in the future. These include Scott "Smokey" Warnick (fullback), Ian "Balls" O'Hara (lock), Dustin Feldman (flanker), Chad Elden (prop), and dus- tin "Commando" Drolaska (wing).

A special thank you goes to senior and former captan- who is also the recipient of the 2002 Charlie Harrington Memorial Award, Dan "D-Mac" McElaney. Your contribution to the team as an athlete, a leader and a great friend will be missed. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

Babson Gets to Baseball Finals Through Wheaton

BLAKE LEONG
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday at Sidell Stadi- um, in the semi-final round of the New England Men's and Women's Baseball Tournament, Babson men's baseball team edged Wheaton College in the semi-finals with a 5-4 victory over Wheaton College. With the win, Babson advanced to the finals, where they will win the winner of Wheaton versus Coast Guard. Babson road the arm of un- defeated Jeff Heighington '04, whose record now improves to 5-0 for the season. Heighington got some late support from a pair of young guns, Jim Burke '05 and Brad Sykes '05. Heighington went six innings, allowing seven hits, two walks and three runs.

Burke then came in to go two innings and a third innings of relief, giving up three hits and one run. Sykes finished off the last two innings of play by retiring both batters he faced. Sykes recorded his second save of the season with his performance.

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