Babson's Contenders

The first varsity women's team in Babson Athletics history, Women's Basketball, is arguably the college's most booming sport. The team has won six conference championships in its 36 years of existence, and has made eighteen post-season appearances. Coming off of an amazing 2010-2011 campaign in which the Beavers win thirty straight games before falling to Amherst in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, the women have very high hopes this season. If the team wants to stay competitive, they will need to rely on stellar leadership from the two captains, Nicki Wurdemann and Kathleen King. Wurdemann (Rowley, MA) and King (Framingham, MA), both seniors, have been Continued on page 12

Series of Webster Thefts, Chief Cautions Students

A string of thefts at the Webster Gym occurred between the months of September and October. Eleven students were robbed of their possessions, including money, credit cards and cell phones. No evidence exists that the crimes that followed were performed by the same person or group. The frequency of thefts on a relatively safe campus has led to heightened alertness.

Post Office's Future Uncertain

Jerry Jiang
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The United States Post Office of Babson Park has been an important staple within the community near Babson College. From the members of Babson College to the surrounding neighborhoods, the Babson Park post office has been a place of convenience for many years. Many demographics, such as small business owners, the elderly, and the disabled, depend on this post office for the essence of their survival. Babson College needs the post office to maintain its prized Babson Park mailing address.

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Op-Ed: BDE's "iDance"

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As a newcomer to the BDE scene, I knew to expect some contemporary dancing and a "passionate" crowd. I had no idea the extent to which these facets of the BDE show were true. Despite a mostly technical sound repertoire, the dancers were frequently choreographed in an unnecessarily sexual manner. Not that I expected any good old-fashioned square dancing, but perhaps some less overt costumes and pole dancing moves, such as those in Royal Nightmare. These elements were more appropriately chosen in some cases such as "Lady is a Vamp," which had a pin Continued on page 5
Babson Opt For Google Apps

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Reform for the email system here at Babson is now underway. For several years, the students, staff, and faculty of Babson College have been using Microsoft Exchange to send and receive emails, organize calendars, and schedule events. The leadership of the IT department has decided to transition into using Google Mail (Gmail) as the standard email provider. This change will first apply to Babson students over winter break and staff after the second semester.

A major group involved with the change, the Student Tech Advisory Council (STAC) has been taking suggestions from students over the past few years, and a common theme was the need for larger email storage.

Although Microsoft Exchange has been very convenient for the Babson population, over a number of years, the Information Technology and Services Division (ITSD) has decided that Gmail offers much more upside than Exchange for a number of different reasons.

The biggest advantage that Gmail offers over Exchange is the amount of storage space available in the mailbox. The current system only offers 250 megabytes (MB) for student mailboxes, while Gmail presents an astounding 100 times more storage capacity, at 25 gigabytes (GB). Some freshmen have already experienced this storage issue needing to delete emails to clear up storage space. With Gmail, the ITSD anticipates this problem to be solved.

Although it was not the primary reason for the change, cost efficiency was another benefit weighed into the ITSD’s minds. Google products are usually much cheaper per user than Microsoft products. The switch from Microsoft to Google helps the technology department here at Babson reduce costs while introducing a more convenient system.

A common concern throughout the Babson campus was user-friendliness of the program. “The transition from Microsoft Exchange to Google Mail should be pretty smooth,” says Matt Muller of the STAC. “Having been at Babson for three years, this is a change that has been advocated for a long time. The inconvenience of constantly deleting emails is pretty painful for many people. Gmail will allow students and staff to send almost as much mail as they would like without regular email cleanups.” This change does not have a major effect on the end user. Email addresses do not change; for example, “example@babson.edu” will remain the same before and after the switch. The only difference is the actual mail provider. Students may still use the Outlook client program to organize and manage their emails and calendar. They will still be able to access their emails through the Babson portal as well. Any student needing assistance with the new email system should visit the ITSD. The service center will be available via email for questions during the winter break as the changes occur. Students are encouraged to email Matt Muller at mmuller@babson.edu for any suggestions regarding improvement for Babson’s technology services.

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Pandini's: 7:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday, 12/17
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Dunkin Donuts: Closed
Freshens: 2:00 pm-8:00 pm
Jazzman's: Closed
Pandini's: Closed
Webster Thefts

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Subsequent thefts occurred on the 12th, 21st, 23rd, and 29th of September and the 8th and 11th of October. On the 12th a cell phone concealed under the victim’s sweatshirt was stolen. On the 21st, a wallet was stolen near the gym bleachers. On the 23rd, another cell phone was stolen, this time by the squash court. And, the greatest number of victims at one time was a group of six victims, whose money, wallets, and cell phones were stolen on the 29th.

The largest theft occurred on October 8th, when a student lost several hundred dollars with his wallet. Seven incidents and eleven victims later, officials at Webster and Public Safety are looking to prevent any repeats of early fall. “As a direct result of the thefts and discussions with the athletic director and administration,” says Chief Pollard, initiatives are set to be in place that will include managing “access control to the facility, encouraging people not to leave their stuff throughout the facility, managing in-locker security... expanding community control to have more officers patrolling, [and] educating people who work there to be on the lookout,” among others.

The college’s annual security report tells of few incidents, ranging from fires to burglaries to sexual assaults, within the past three years that would cause alarm. The perceived absence of danger lowers anxiety and suspicion among students and promotes a relatively open atmosphere. However, what is considered a strength of the campus can be detrimental when individuals are too lax about their surroundings. As Chief Pollard noted, “We are a very safe campus. Perhaps, people don’t think people would take things.” Nevertheless, students need to be vigilant, continues Chief Pollard, “I think on one hand, it’s a nice gesture to think no one would steal from you. On the other hand, in order to prevent this from happening, we tell students not to leave their valuable possessions unattended.”

In the case of thefts at Webster, Chief Pollard noted, “every incident, with the exception of one, was a case in which the owners of the property left their items unattended in a public area.” Other popular public institutions are the Student Union, the Horn Library, and the Alumni Center. If anyone finds that he or she has possibly been a victim of crime, he/she is encouraged to report the incident to Public Safety. According to the Chief, sometimes, students are reluctant to do so or, thinking that nothing can be done about their situation, in effect, thinking that their items will not be recovered, choose not to go through with contacting Public Safety. Not only does this lower the individual’s chances of better coping with the situation and possibly utilizing the best solution, it allows for more crime to happen.

As Chief Pollard explains, “If we don’t know things are happening, we can’t prevent them...My job is to prevent this stuff from happening in the first place.”

There have been no more reports of thefts in Webster Athletic Centers since October 11th.

SGA is donating the Reynolds’ Mace and assisting Press New Media Group to form a Media Lab

The November 30th meeting of the Student Government Senate was the most resolution heavy meeting this year.

The Senate voted upon six resolutions, passing all of them. In four of the six resolutions, the Senate voted to suspend the “1 week voting rule” which requires resolutions to be reviewed for a week prior to the voting.

The resolutions approved included two recommendations to fund SGA related activities: the funding of thankyou gifts, and the funding for an Open Forum to facilitate communication between senators and their constituents. The SGA Constitution and Bylaws state that all SGA funding must meet certain criteria including “must be spent for the benefit of undergraduate students.”

After the conclusion of the Senate meeting, the Executive Board realized that all the votes were null and void because the necessary 2/3s for a quorum was not met. There will be a revote at the 12/7 meeting.

Food Review: Alta Strada Redux

We were simply ushered to a table where two different waiters asked for our drink orders and continued to fill our waters, but initially did not provide very prompt service. As the service continued, however, they became courteously present but out of the way, and some bowing and scraping ensued. The open layout of the restaurant only added to the atmosphere of the restaurant; the initially half-filled building at lunch time eventually filled up, but the background noise was hardly noticeable.

Initially, we were asked about bread. In my book, this is a plus, as many restaurants simply give it away without making an attempt to cater to those who are too tempted by such things. The bread was crusty and had a nice texture and a rustic feel. The olive oil paired with it, while good quality, did little for the bread. Starting off with the antipasto, we sampled the Sicilian Tuna with Olives and Peppers, the Golden Beets with Grana Padano, the Roasted Cauliflower, Pine Nuts, and Golden Raisins, the Squared Artichoke with Pickled Red Onions, and the Homeade Ricotta with Crustini. The tuna was a solid antipasto, with a traditional Sicilian taste and flavor. The crostini paired well with the tuna, which was made with olive oil as a spread. The beets, meanwhile, were juicy but tart and strong. The grana padano cheese paired with them, however, really countered the acidity with a salty flavor. Without this, the beets fell as a dish, and since the cheese shavings were not throughout the dish, it is unlikely to please anyone who isn’t a beet extremist.

The biggest highlight of the antipasto set was the fresh ricotta, accompanied with the same crostini as the tuna. Made in house, the ricotta had a nice texture to it and didn’t seem over processed, and the chili flakes and herbs added great flavor.

The sopressata, like many Italian dried meats, was peppery and succulent, the

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Post Office Faces Uncertain Future

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However, Babson College agreed to financially aid the local post office, like agreeing to rent out more PO boxes and letting the post office stay at its location rent free.

This move halted the investigation into the closing of the Babson Park post office, albeit temporarily.

With the second round of investigations, the Babson Park location has come under much closer scrutiny.

The process of discontinuing an existing post office begins with a question and answer town hall meeting, in which questionnaires will be posted, and any comments to be personally reviewed. Residents and users of the USPS are encouraged to make their voices heard by contacting the company.

According to Mr. Holland and Mr. Boley, post offices are marked for closure based on three criteria: 1. The post office generates annual revenues of less than $600,000 a year. 2. Revenue of fiscal year (FY) 2010 is lower than that of fiscal year 2009 and fiscal year 2008. 3. There are 5 or more post offices within a 2 mile radius.

The Babson Park post office’s revenue has been steadily declining over the past three years, going from $216,000 in FY 08, $150,000 in FY 10, and $165,000 in FY 11. These figures do not come as a surprise, as the USPS’s financial woes have been well-documented through the past few years.

According to Mr. Boley, the main problem is the loss of first-class mail business. First-class mail accounts for large part of the USPS’s revenue. Since 2000, due to the rise of the digital age, first-class mail volume has declined by 35%, and regular mail volume has declined 42% since 2008.

One of the many problems the USPS leadership in Washington has identified is the high density of post offices in certain residential areas. There are five access points within the Babson 2-mile radius, with a majority of these turning negative profits.

"Under Title 39 of the United States Code, the United States Postal Service is required to provide regular mail service to residents," says Mr. Boley. "Under law, we cannot simply cut certain postal locations because of losses. The major losses come from locations with low population density, such as in the Midwest, which cannot be touched."

The post office needs to consolidate their business traffic to a lower number of locations in order to cut down costs. The Babson College location was therefore selected by the Washington headquarters to be examined for shutdown.

The Postal Workers’ union leader, Paul, presided at the town meeting exhibiting skepticism of the usefulness of the closure of the Babson park location.

First, he argued that if all the post offices under investigation shut down, it would still have to honor the $70 billion worth of expenses over the next 10 years. "Only one-third of one percent would be saved," claimed Paul. "You guys have made $300,000 of profit in the Babson Park location over the last three years. You don’t pay rent. Why would you shut down a profitable branch, even if its revenue amounts are small?"

Other arguments he presented included the historic value of the branch and its location. In addition, the current full-time employee at the Babson Park post office would still be paid his salary for an unspecified amount of time in the future, if he was to be laid off and the location closed.

The community around the Babson Park post office was understandably upset at the possible closure of their beloved post office. "I’ve been doing business in this community for over thirty years," said a seventy-year-old man. "I’ve sent over $2,000 worth of mail per year. I am old now, and the Babson Park location offers great accessibility and easy parking, unlike the Wellesley post office. They have more accessibility parking spaces. It is also hard to pull into that post office. Who will senior citizens like me do if this post office was to be closed?"

Another woman commented, "The list of possible post office closures came from raw numbers. They do not measure or value the human impact of closing a location like this. It is convenient and accessible for small business owners, the elderly, and the disabled, and the parking spaces here cater to these specific demographics. The Babson park location is plowed much earlier during the winter when snow falls, and it would be very inconvenient for these elderly and disabled to move to the less accessible postal offices. The Babson Park location should be one of your gems. Many of us would switch to UPS or FedEx which would be much more easily accessible should the Babson Park location close down."

The main concern of the community seemed to be the ease of accessibility of the Babson Park site versus the alternatives. Babson Park post office’s parking lots are always clean and cleared in the winter. There are also handicap parking spaces than the other branches nearby. The Wellesley Hills community which regularly use the post office tend to be older and disabled folks, so this is a significant convenience for them. Some do not even own cars; it would burden the older demographics greatly. Students and community members who feel strongly about the possible removal of the post office are encouraged to send the USPS an email, a letter, or fill out a questionnaire at your local Babson Park post office.
Entrepreneurial thought and action manifests itself especially at Babson College where many students have the opportunity to work in small class-based learning with ambition in order to enact change on and off campus. For several weeks, Andrew "Andy" Huang and two undisclosed members of E-Tower (Babson’s most famous dorm) founded www.burnbook.me.

The website allows visitors to anonymously create threads, post a comment, or recommend a thread by "burning" it in each of four college profiles: Babson College, Boston College, Boston University, and Wellesley College. The principle of the website is not unlike that of the blog "Burnbook," which was made famous in the popular movie Mean Girls.

Unquestionably, the website was meant to facilitate gossip and complaints amongst students with their connected twitтерs stating, "Find the latest gossip, news, and dirty little secrets on Babson, Wellesley, Boston College, and Boston University."

Initially burnbook.me only had a few threads all revolving around E-Tower and its members. Quickly, the website gathered in popularity and the mood of the posts changed. Posts about people throughout campus quickly emerged, as the website was used to target specific individuals.

A few of the individuals included were slutty girls on campus, who wore too much perfume, and girls that gained the most weight this year.

The website continued to pose questions of individuals’ privacy. Individual names, in some instances descriptions and stories were described in the posts. The majority of disparaging posts and comments concerned female members of the community.

The website was advertised to students beginning on Sunday night through a digital campaign on Twitter, Facebook, Google+, e-mail, Twitter, and Facebook.

Within forty-eight hours, the website received over 800,000 hits, amounting to roughly half of campus, with top threads accumulating over 600 views. The Burning of one involving JuicyCampus.com, which caused frenzy in the school, as well as the Boston area and across the country, during the 2008-2009 school year. JuicyCampus.com was not founded by a Babson student; but had a Babson page where students could anonymously gossip about each other. At that time, Dean Hannan appealed to the students to stop frequenting the site—a campaign that was largely successful. The gossip site was prominent for a month or two, but quickly faded in popularity. Eventually JuicyCampus shut down due to lack of funding.

The popularity of JuicyCampus and similar websites inspired Huang and two other unidentified students to begin working on burnbook.me. In order to Huang, the website was intended to be a gossip website initially; but eventually the "best source of entertainment on the web."

He envisioned that this would not only be limited to college, but workplaces would begin anonymously reporting on the site. He also shared that the website was meant to be a haven for students who are afraid to voice their opinions.

Regardless of the trio’s master plan, the website could not have survived its first stage... The founders had not determined the details of how or when they would implement the feature, but the existence of the website including monetization and moderation.

One component of the ultimate version of the site was the website with other digital platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Theoretically, when a name was mentioned on the site it would then link visitors to that person's profile pages. As the website saw a dramatic increase in its viewership, students began filing complaints with the administration, Student Government Association (SGA), and on the site itself.

On November 8th, Babson’s Undergraduate Dean of Student Affairs released the following statement: Babson does not endorse this website or its content. All members of our community are held to the standards and expectations set forth in the Babson Honor Code. Concerns reported about the website are being fully investigated. This website has fueled an important student dialogue about our culture. In order to ensure our students want to influence and shape. I am very encouraged by our students and our community’s promotion and demoting and demonstrating care and respect for others in the Babson community. Thank you for thoughtful consideration of one’s own words and actions and their impact on others and a commitment to which we should all aspire together as dedicated, caring, and compassionate members of the Babson community.

The website is potentially in violation of the Honor Code, as well as other components of our Community Standards Policy. One component of the Honor Code is "ownership." According to the Code "taking pride in and responsibility for one’s actions and authorship, and having the courage to take responsibility for achieving the same." The website facilitates anonymous postings by the college community. The website cannot be used to facilitate harassment and may represent a violation of the Computer Code of Ethics.

According to Huang, there have been several meetings between administrators and himself discussing burnbook.me. He claims that he had been given an ultimatum to either take down the website entirely or be put on probation. November 9th or face the possibility of expulsion.

Thus far, the identities of the creators of the website are not been revealed. However, one of the founders has left the company since November 7th. Another Crunchbase source claims that Huang’s internet endeavors have landed him in a meeting with administrators. As he received the call, "the line went dead..." foshio.me, was similar to burnbook.me but included file sharing and anonymous pictures as well, this represented a potential violation of Babson’s Computer Code of Ethics. Ultimately, Huang says he took the website down for "his own reasons" at the end of the summer including all the threads.

As of 4pm on Tuesday, November 8th the fate of burnbook.me was in the hands of the school’s moderators. However, at least one, if not two student hackers took the responsibility of moderating upon themselves. The hackers re-routed offensive posts and repeatedly posted threads discouraging others users. Huang confirmed that a lack of "server side logic" and "obvious commands" were common factors among the hackers. Moreover, at least one, if not two student hackers took the responsibility of moderating upon themselves. The hackers re-routed offensive posts and repeatedly posted threads discouraging others users.

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Alta Strada

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accompanying sweet pickled onion had great flavor and paired well to tone the salty meat. Another positive, the cauliflower had a fresh taste, characteristic of well-cooked, vegetables as it did not have a heavy after-taste or de-oe stage. The golden raisins added a great sweet element, but there remained some which was expected to add a unique flavor or crunch, were a similar texture to the raisins. We flipped the Primi as well as the small round sandwiches, though another diner claimed the Sicilian Tuna Salad was good, but a bit too salty, in order to focus on some menu highlights: pasta and pizza. At the server’s suggestion, we ordered the Mushroom and Onion Lobia- lla pizza and the Bianca Four Cheeses and Herb pizza. The mushroom pizza had great, sweet caramelized onions, which were cooked both before and on the pizza, along with an earthy mix of mushrooms on a soft bed of Lobiglia, mozzarella, and ricotta cheeses. Despite the extra cheese, the sauc- tivated vegetables on a white pizza, the pizza had good flavor, and the basil added a nice freshness to the dish. The heavy vegetable topping, as did the wood-fired crust. The Bianca, meanwhile...

The Fediaelli with Tiny Clams and Smashed Cherry Tomatoes

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caters to a specific audi- ence. The white pizza had a great mold with the Fontina cheese, which was rounded out with ricotta, mozzarella, and parmesan. The rosemary, thyme, and chili flakes took the medium mold sharpness to a new level, and the Bianca was one of the most interest- ing pizzas I have ever tried. The same style of crust was also present for this pizza. Also suggested were the Sacchetti with Prociutto, Leeks and Toasted Pista- cho, and the Spicy Chitarra with Lobster, Shrimp, Tomato, and Basil. As well as the Fediaelli with Tiny Clams, Smashed Cherry Tomatoes and Parsley, and especially the Cavatelli with Butter- nut Squash, Sage and Amazi- noti Cookies, which wound up as our favorite. Pasta selections made in-house included the Chi- tarra and the Cavatelli. The Chitarra, made with shell- fish stock, was easily recogniz- able as made on-site by the cut of the noodles. The dish became middled, how- ever, as the lobster lacked a seafood taste. This flavor came out, meanwhile, in the pasta. The Cavatelli, on the other hand, had almost no flavor in the pasta itself. The Cavatelli gnochti fell flat, as it had a bit too much toughness and not enough taste. The brown butter sauce pooled a bit at the bot- tom, and the use of chili flake started to get old. This pasta was covered with the flavor of pieces of butternut squash, and it was entirely overpowering by the end. It was simply not worthwhile to eat a bite without the cheese, at which point, I would much rather have had the cheese itself. The Sacchetti was the

"My Mom Is Driving Me Mad"

Hannah Ebberg
Staff Writer

When I first got my hands on, "My Mom Is Driving Me Mad" by Sonia Agarwal, this thin paperback book with yellow chapter headers and comi- cal free-hand sketches was looking forward to its promise of laugh-out-loud moments and insightful perspective on the dynamics of the mother- daughter relationship. Yet when I delved into it, I found little return on those promises. Instead, it reminded me of those times when you circle around you share an inside joke with someone you consider to be your "head—you know it’s sup- posed to be funny, but to you, the laughter seems scrambled and obscure. I was without its bright spots, over- all, it was driving me mad.

Sonia Agarwal was motivated to write the book after she saw a need in the market for an expression of the complicated interactions of parents and the novel was even a "Goodreads to read" in the book. In writing this book, this Bab- son College senior takes the entrepreneurial steps into ac- count. She focuses in on the universal feeling that some- times "mothers just don’t un- derstand" and "I’m not sure where the book’s target audience is reported by her to be "all over the place—from teenag- ers going through the stages of growing up to the person who has been the author before. On the other side of the spec- trum, curious moms may pick up the book to get some in- sight on what goes on inside their child’s mind. At times it is difficult to communi- cate with a parent because of their behavior and their view on the world. The author intentionally elimi- nated names from her writing to enhance the ob- livion of the author’s own four. One chapter that I could particularly relate with was titled "My Space." It humor- ously depicted the tale-as-though it was going on with a friend or not friend" or "friend" book. As people of all ages now go onto social networking sites, you’re bound to get the re- quest to add your own moth- er as a friend. Yet, deciding whether to click “Accept” or “Reject” requires care- ful consideration that Agar- wal captures quite astutely. However, I was never inclined to call this book a perfect rep- resentation of every daughter thinking about her mother. I found much of the author’s criticism and over- top honesty to be cruel, as well as disrespectful and whiny. There is a fine line between being funny and rude, and this crossed that line a number of times. Perhaps I am simply not in the target market, but I know that I can’t empathize with many of the short stories. Yet, upon discovering that the target market was catered to specific cultures and not just all parents and children, the literature’s purpose made more sense. This put "My Mom Is Driving Me Mad" into the "Tiger Mom" by Amy Chua category, a book specifically about family structure based on cultural traditions. Though I didn’t know for sure, this book is not quite as appealing to readers raised with similar family values as those of the author and her relati, was People from a similar Indian culture would be more likely to un- derstand and relate to her messages, especially when she sprinkles Hindi phrases into the text. While I felt like obstacles were thrown in my path to keep me excluded from "getting" the jokes, oth- ers could potentially see the same language and cultural norms as beneficial to the un- derstanding of the novel. Another weakness in execu- tion was the number of typos that pervaded the text. At times they were even so undesirable as to render a chunk of text unreadable.

Though the mistakes were often small, the frequency and extent of their appearance was overwhelming. The book was completed in less than six months, an impressive start-up time for a product, but unfortu- nately the short amount of time invested was evident. This unique element was the clever phrases which expressed rather typical sen- timents in creative ways. I was especially a fan of the one "My Mom has never tried to live a life, I just know I can’t do this."

The Spice Chitarra with Lobster, Shrimp, Tomato, and Basil

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was flavored with heavy garlic, and with the addition of a strong white sauce. This flavor came out, meanwhile, in the pasta. The Chitarra, on the other hand, had almost no flavor in the pasta itself. The Chitarra gnochti fell flat, as it had a bit too much toughness and not enough taste. The brown butter sauce pooled a bit at the bot- tom, and the use of chili flake started to get old. This pasta was covered with the flavor of pieces of butternut squash, and it was entirely overpowering by the end. It was simply not worthwhile to eat a bite without the cheese, at which point, I would much rather have had the cheese itself. The Sacchetti was the

$20. The clams and pasta lacked flavor. Sadly, the smas- hed tomatoes became the highlight of the meal, as they were flavorful and juicy. Italian food at this point, we made room for one dessert: the chocolate budino. This makes labor-intensive hazelnut and chocolate pudding is made with whole milk and fin- ished with Frangelico. The pudding had a sweet, strong hazelnut flavor, like an abs- olute gourmet form of Nutella. The whole milk truly made a difference in creating a very creamy pudding, and the fresh whipped cream or the hazelnuts on top were just the "cherry on the cake." The dessert was also visually appealing as it was topped with a mint leaf as well as a very traditional Italian cookie, which was enhanced with hazelnut sediments that were strained from the milk. Overall, going to the re-
The Steering Committee of the Class of 2013, organized "Penny Wars" which raged from November 14th to November 18th. Each class gained a point for each penny that added to their jug. Dollar bills in a jug were subtracted from a class's total score. The Class of 2015 won penny wars with $54.25 in pennies, after deductions. The Class of 2012, 2013, 2014 totaled $48.24, $29.08, and $55.45 respectively. However, the Class of 2013 raised the most amount, including the cash in their jug to subtract points, raising $118.92. The other classes raised (2012) $79.66, (2015) $66.15, and (2014) $58.75.

On Wednesday, November 18th following the normal SGA Senate Meeting, "SGA & Friends" celebrated Facilities & Dining Appreciation Week. The students sent the staff home an hour early by closing trim themselves. This entailed cleaning Trim from the day's meals and readying the dining facility for the next day. Earlier in the day, to show their thanks members of the community baked giant cookies for the maintenance staff.

Habitat for Humanity and the Office of Community Engagement and Cultural Activities sponsored the "Hunger Barquet" as a part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in order to engage students in and spark discussion about the issue of world hunger. The event included an interactive dinner, a speaker, and a discussion about hunger on our doorstep as well as abroad.

On November 3rd, the AMAN : South Asian Students Association performed their bi-annual cultural show. This year's theme was "Radio Aman" having each culture represent a different channel that viewers tuned in to. The club's show is one of the most highly anticipated shows held each year. Previous themes include "My Life is Best" and "Air Aman".

The men's soccer team swept students in a frenzy with their progress in the NCAA tournament. The first two rounds of the tournament were held at Babson, with the Beavers winning both rounds. First on November 12th, they triumphed over Lesley College 5-1, and then narrowly squeezed by Trinity College the following day by winning penalty kicks. Rutgers State University was too much for the Beavers and repelled them 1-0 in the next round on November 19th. Rutgers was eliminated from the tournament in the next round by Ononta State.
Here at Babson College, we are always looking for opportunities, but when some are more obvious than others, we can be missing out on some real gems. Thus, the Babson Free Press compiled a list of resources that could be beneficial on the undergraduate climb of the ladder to success. From academic support to a great place to spend your Sunday, these recommendations belong in your Babson survival kit.

To start out the semester, it is a great idea to find a place to study. Whether your roommate is always blasting music or you fall asleep every time you try to do your homework on your bed, it might seem like the only option is to walk to Hein Library. But when every other person at Babson has the same idea and the cloud of voices keeps raising, the library can become just as distracting. These desperate times call for new work zones which are both comfortable and quiet. Some of those hidden spaces are contained in the Blank Center and Reynolds.

The Blank Center, located between Lukasik and Tomasson, boasts expansive windows that let in the natural light, and many seating options on the main level. Though its "true" purpose is a home for the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM), Successful Transnational Entrepreneurship Practices (STEP), Project, and the Babson Venture Accelerator, it can also be an ideal place to study quietly.

Reynolds Campus Center may seem overcrowded, but conference room area across from the mail room is removed from the busy foot-traffic patterns and contains comfortable couches. When a student is looking for a new place to study, it is critical to look beyond the defined study boundaries to find the optimum location for efficiency.

But if studying is not doing enough for your grades, SPARK is a free peer tutor program located in Room 222 on Hollister Hall. The students who offer assistance there go through a selective process to assure that they will be helpful tutors, and they offer help in five core Babson requirements: Finance, Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Macroeconomics, and Microeconomics.

Making appointments is as simple as going onto the SPARK website or selecting the resources in SmartTools on the Babson portal.

Once the required academicians are covered, it’s time to enhance your education and impressressive skill-sets with a visit to the Cutler Center. Hidden down a hallway behind the front desk in Hein Library, this space is a hub of financial resources and free web seminars to practice skills beneficial to the job world. By spending at least an hour a day, one can prepare and test for a Bloomberg certification that will stand out on job and internship applications. For further information, refer to “Valuable Resources: The Cutler Center” by Kaitlyn Carmel written in 2010 on our website www.babsonfree.com.

Once all of the work is done, take some time to do something fun on your own or with your friends. The Babson Skating Center, located on upper campus near the Babson Executive Conference Center, is a great place to get exercise or chill out (pun intended). They are open during certain hours for free skating time or lessons. Students can skate free by showing their ID, and renting skates costs $5 (cash).

If you do not feel ready to hit the ice, you can contact Sue Sullivan (Program Manager, 781-283-6638) for Skating School information. Though it’s best to check the skating center website first, the rink is available for public use.

**Archive Digitization**

In 2009, Babson made the decision to digitize its archives and remove them from Horn Library. The archives were maintained by E.C. (Rip) Rybinkar who was hired in September 1997 and in June 2008 the position of archivist was eliminated from the College. In addition to maintaining the archives, Rip controlled access to the Sir Isaac Newton Room and compiled a personal blog about the history of Babson (babsonhistory.blogspot.com).

The archives included yearbooks and theater playbooks, information on Roger Babson, and faculty and student papers and reports. It is important to digitize the collection of historical documents and books came about as a result of changing technology and increased reliance on digital accessibility.

The digital medium allowed for mobility and easy access while making additional space in the library.

To date, 1,627 pages have been digitalized to the virtual repository. Much of the digital archives can be downloaded full-text with 40,203 downloads so far and with 29,759 downloads in the last year. While many students may not know about the archives or how to access them, it is clear from the frequent downloads that this tool is being utilized for the value of its contents.

Students are encouraged to browse and use the digital repository. Not only do the archives contain information about the history of the College, but they may also serve as a valuable reference for academic activities. Information exists as far back as the early 20th century with new work being added constantly to account for the progress of the Babson community. One of the features is the "Knowledge of the Day" section that highlights a topic researched or developed by one of the members of the community.

Today, the archives can be found at http://digitalknowledge.babson.edu, and the room that belonged to Sir Isaac Newton now travels on tour.
**Sex And The Park**

**Sex, Love, and Dating Advice For Babson Park**

Meeting the parents at Thanksgiving was so stressful. I had no idea what to talk about with her mother and her father definitely gave me a vice-grip handshake when we met. I did my best to avoid them when we were at the house by mostly hanging with my girlfriend, but the few run-ins we did have were awkward and uncomfortable. I feel like a wimp because I know I need to have some kind of relationship with her family, but I don’t know how to make it better and how to connect with them in general. They just seem scary and perhaps a little too protective of their daughter. What do I do?

**Miss B. Haven**

Well don’t be afraid parents are still humans. I think the best thing you can do is ask your girlfriend of their interests. Maybe they have something in common with you, sports, food family past times. Find something to discuss with them even if it’s about their job or time in college.

You also should relax around them. If you walked around my house scared I would probably be suspicious, thinking you were up to no good. So don’t avoid them. Show them you have a backbone. You are dating their daughter they want to know you’ll be able to take care of her. Maybe even embrace the awkwardness. It’s bound to crack at some point.

Either way, if your girlfriend is worth it you will need to put a serious amount of time in to change the situation.

**Friend of the Beaver**

Meeting the parents is always a nerve-wracking occasion, but having a relationship with them is key if your girlfriend is going to keep you around in the long run.

What’s done is done, and your awkward and uncomfortable week with them is over; but you’re going to have to follow up. Did you send a thank you card? Give them a gift? If you haven’t, do so within the week. The gift and the card don’t need to be extravagant just thoughtful. Consider interests or household items you saw in the house for inspiration or both purchasing the gift and writing the card. A sincere “I loved the stuff you cooked” and a thoughtfully purchased beers box can go well with your dinner table will go a long way.

As for impressing them in the future, keep two things in mind for your next visit: how are you treating their home and how are you treating them? If you were a movie man in a neat freak’s abode or a night owl in a home of early risers, keep your general living habits in mind and in check. Perhaps some of the awkwardness was caused by things you didn’t realize. As far as dealing with direct interactions, put yourself in their shoes. They may not just be the over protective parents who don’t want their daughter with you as you might see them to be. They don’t know you like your girlfriend does, and getting them to know you will help them approve of you having a relationship with their daughter. Likewise, you need to get to know them. Making an effort to start conversations and learn about them will make for smooth sailing in the future.

Bam-bam-bam-bam and repeat! This series of events about sams up my sex life recently. I’m not sure how common the phrase is but I’ve sure been seeing a professional jackhammer recently. I’ve tried to drop some hints to my apparent construction man—how can I get him to add some technique to his tool belt?

**Miss B. Haven**

Wow, that’s a new one. My first suggestion since most guys learn more from experience is to ride him. If you’re on top you have the control and you can lead him to the pace and spots you like. I believe that if you don’t like something you should be direct and tell him. Subtle cues are not something you should rely on when dealing with sex especially if it’s happening multiple times.

**Friend of the Beaver**

Two words: positive reinforcement. Surely his technique is not solely limited to his hammering. Comment to him how much you love it when he does (insert action that is not jack hammering). Men are typically perceptive to their partners wants, and he’ll take note if you prefer slow and steady in the dorm room.

To get your question answered please e-mail sex@babsonfree.com. All e-mail addresses will remain confidential. Please do not include specific names or information that would divulge the identity of anyone.
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Men's Basketball Begins
With a Win

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As the temperature begins
to drop, the team at Babson
is heating up. Men's and
Women's Basketball teams
each began their quests
to the NCAA Championships
title. Although the women's
are coming off an extraordinary
season in which they finished
36-0 before losing in the Elite
Eight of the NCAA Tournament,
the men have struggled
glued for the past two seasons.
"Coming off a 10-year dry spell,
we were all eager to get back
g in the gym," insists Captain
Matt Florio. "We want to play
dedging this season as we
can." After dismantling
Gordon 95-38 in their season opener,
the team was feeling
dominant as they head
home opener against Framing-
ham State on Thursday.

Right from tip-off, the
Beavers, led by 9-0 mark
to extend energy and
Passion. They were
pushing the ball up
court and creating
easy baskets in transition.

Florio insists that this
up-tempo style is the way
the Beavers intend on playing
this season. "We want to play
fast, we want to play quick,
but we want to play smart,"
Florio explains. He was the
one leading the charge early
for the Beavers, as he
registered a quick steal just a few
minutes into the game which
led to an easy layup for his
teammate, Alex Rudolph.

The teams exchanged
baskets throughout the early
part of the first half, but the
Beavers' active help defense
eventually took its toll on the
visiting Rams. After a strong
freshman Dave Mack held
his ground to draw a charge
on Framingham's Marcus
McLaurin, Babson seemed
to get a boost of energy. "De-
defense is definitely one of our
main focuses," stressed Flo-
rio. "We want to play togeth-
er on defense; "D" as a team,
not as individuals." Good
defense usually leads to easy of-
defense, as was the case when
Babson's Conor Boyen's steal
led to an easy layup that cre-
ated a separation between
the two teams. Matt Palazinzi
knocked down back-to-back
three pointers at the 10:23 and
8:42 mark, extending the
Beavers' lead to six, and
Russell Brathwaite, the only
All-American on Babson's roster,
put it on the seaport,
containing a spate of moves with a
quick spin and layup that left
his defender in the dust.

The Beavers ventured to
back down though, as sophomore
-guard Tyeone Figures netted
a three-pointer of his
own to propel Framingham
State back into the game.

Howeover, Babson's defense
again allowed them to cre-
ate separation from the visi-
tors. After tight coverage by
freshman John Wickey led to
a Rams turnover, Florio drib-
bled the ball up-court and
mailed his first three-pointer
of the night just as the buz-
zzer sounded and the half
This gave Babson a 36-30
edge heading into halftime.

The Babson freshmen had a
significant impact in the first
half, which is not surpris-
ing according to Florio. "The
new guys have fit in well off
the court and on the court," he
insists. "They fit with the
personnel, and they fit with the
system that we run. John
Wickey has been big (Wickey)
and Mike (McClung) will play
crucial roles on the team, and
(Ryan) Stowe and Sean
(McClung) will bring a lot of
energy off the bench." When the second half be-
egan, the Rams had clearly
designed a play to try and
batter themselves back in the
game, as Yemi Ajafo through a
beautiful alley-0001 pass to
freshman Andre Santana. The
Beavers countered right
away, as Palazinzi swished his
third three-pointer of the
game. Brathwaite then
displayed his polished spin
move again, extending the
Beavers lead to eleven and
forcing the Rams to call a
quick timeout to try and halt
the Beavers momentum. The
Rams Rico DePaulis nailed a
three-pointer on the ensuing
position to breathe a bit of
life back into his team, but
Palazinzi again countered
with his fourth long ball of
the game at the 16:14 mark.
He was unstoppable on this
night, as he constantly hit big
shots for the Babson.

Just as quickly as the Bea-
vers took control of the game,
they began to lose their hold
on the lead. Figures dropped
back to back transition bas-
kets to start a 6-0 run for the
Rams, leading Beavers coach
Stephen Brennan to call a
timeout of his own. The deep
ball again would prove ben-
eficial to the Beavers, as Ru-
dolph hit a basket from deep
at the 10:34 mark to extend
the Beavers lead up to 53-45.

The final ten minutes of
the game proved to be a back
and forth affair between
two teams that refused to lose.
Justin Perren, a freshman
on the Rams, hit a deep ball
to cut the Beavers lead down
to three, before senior Al-
len Stacey-Clark hit a run-
ing bank shot to trim the
lead to one. Freshman John
Wickey came up big for Bab-
son on the next possession,
as he grabbing an offensive
rebound, pump faked, and
drove to the basket for an

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Emmanuel Jal: Soldier, Artist, Activist

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On Wednesday November
30th, the majority of the
first-year class of 2015 along
with faculty, staff, and other
students crowded into Knight
Auditorium to hear Em-
nuel Jal in the speaker
series organized by the Arts
and Humanities Department
and the Council for Inclu-
siveness and Community.
This series is meant to il-
luminate social issues from
around the globe and pro-
mote a hate-free environ-
ment on Babson's campus.
During Judy Shepard and
Sarah Jones, Emmanuel
Jal brought a third and fi-
nal perspective to the topic
of diversity through his life
as a child soldier in Sudan
who managed to escape with
the help of a British foreign
aid worker, Emma McCune.

The event started with an
introduction, and then dis-
appointingly, there was no
video in place of an
speaker. The video was a con-
densed version of the docu-
mentary War Child which
stars Emmanuel Jal, in foot-
age from his past as a child
soldier and his present as a
public speaker and rap artist.
After a few minutes of won-
dering where Jal was, the We-
Want Peace music video ap-
ppeared on the screen as did
Jal on the stage singing along
to the music. He started out
in a very light tone with his
celebrity-filled clip and
funny stories from his child-
hood including one about his
best friend the baby sheep.
Once he had established his
personality and the causes
that currently matter to him,
he dug into the pain-
ful stories of his past which
were difficult to hear at times.

At the age of seven, he
was taken into a troop of child
soldiers where he learned that
the key to life was training
and to use AK-47s. He describes
most of his young life as forced
upon him; that he was forced
to sin through his difficult
situation. After four years of
living a life bombarded with
nightmarish images of war,
starvation, death, and the
like, he was one of over 100
children saved from that life
in Sudan by Emma McCune.

Since Emma McCune
gave him a gift that changed
his entire life, he feels he must
keep her spirit alive by taking
every chance he can get to tell
his story to the world. He spread
messages through his mu-
sic, guest appearances, and
the 2008 documentary, War
Child. Now that he is a rec-
ognized rap artist with an al-
bum under his belt, he wants
to use his celebrity status to
make a change in the world.
Specifically, he wants to make
the struggles he dealt with
disappear from the world
through the power of people
working together. Though he
mainly introduced the audi-
ence to We Want Peace, his
website shows a long list of
charities and causes including
Make Poverty History, Coalition
To Stop the Use of Child
Soldiers, Control Arms
Campaign, and Guns Africa.
His hope is that people will
hear him and feel moved to
make changes in the world
along with him. The en-
thusiastic sing-along at the
end of the performance to
his song titled Emma with the
chorus "what would I be if
Emma never rescued me? What
would I be? Another starving
refugee" was a promising symbol that he had
moved some of Babson's
students to be like Emma too.

Photo Spotlight:
Men's Basketball Trumps Emerson

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ATHLETICS

Women’s Basketball: Wurderman and King Lead the Charge

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They are already among the top 15 in all-time scoring. Wurderman with 1,612 points and King with 1,423 points. Wurderman and King are the two key players. The success last year’s magical stretch would not be a given. “Expectations are definitely high,” explains Wurderman, “but realistic. We’ve got new players and a new team. We’re young and we still need to learn a lot.”

Last year’s record will be difficult to match because the women intentionally designed a more difficult schedule and pushed the team harder. A campaign, drawing tougher opponents in order to prepare themselves for the intense conference games which occur near the end of each season.

“We’ve got a much more competitive schedule,” explains King. “We’ll face stronger players and tougher opponents, and we’ve got to develop and should it give them better experience.”

The women opened the season in top form, dominating the Salem State Vikings 94-45 and breezing the Bridgewater State Bears 86-56. Wurderman notched a double-double in the opener against the Vikings, racking up 25 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 steals while King’s 15 points and 8 rebounds were second best among the Beavers. Against the Bears she and her teammate both posted double-doubles, King leading the way with 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Wurderman trailing with 10 points and 11 rebounds. “We worked hard in the preseason and we’re playing as a team,” explains King. “We’ve got great chemistry over Tufts and rival WPI have also been by double-digit margins, which King says is due to the style of basketball the team is playing this season. “We’re successful because of our intensity on defense.”

When we get stop, it allows us to take our defense and push the ball up court for easy baskets.”

In addition to transition basketball, Wurderman also notes that the familiarity among the veteran players on the team has allowed the game to come more easier to them. “The chemistry of this core group of girls has played together for a while now, so we know each other’s strengths,” Ju

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easy layup. Defense would also be a deciding factor in the final stretch, as Marcus McDermott drew a charge to give the Beavers an extra possession. Then experience played a factor, as Florio calmly stepped into a jump shot with just over 6:00 remaining to give the Beavers a three point edge. As one of only two seniors on the team, Florio knows that he must be clutch in the biggest moments of the game. “I don’t feel nervous,” he explains, “but a little more responsibility. I have to make the right decisions and lead by example. I have to communicate effectively with the young guys.” Being in the program for four years, I’ve had the advantage of learning from past leaders.” On the next possession, Florio found Wicky open below the basket for an easy deuce. The deciding moment of the game would come at the 1:14 mark, as Rami senior Marcus Mclaurin drained a deep three-pointer to knot the game at 50-50. On the ensuing Beavers possession, McDermott broke the deadlock with a layup after recovering the backdoor pass from Wicky, who continued to impress in his only second college game. Then Palmieri, who led the Beavers offensively with 12 points, came through with a defensive gem by holding his ground to draw the charge and force the Rams turnover. That would prove to be the deciding factor in the game, as the Rams could not muster a decent scoring opportunity in just under 0:07 seconds remaining, succumbing to the Beavers 61-59.

This win should be very sweet for the Beavers, who had not beaten University of Rhode Island on their home court in the past decade. “We always want to win at home,” explains Florio. “It’s all about protecting your home court; that’s where you have to take care of business.” The Beavers will now travel to Connecticut College on Saturday, looking to remain unbeaten in the early stages of the season. “We have to keep getting better at playing together,” says Florio. “Teams have a better chance of winning than a bunch of individuals.”