**Women’s Rugby Wins the New England Championship for the First Time Ever**

Kira Maddigan and Missy Fine
Contributing Writers

New England Champs... WHAT!!! Babson Women’s Rugby defeated Wentworth Institute of Technology and Trinity College last weekend in Hartford, CT. These wins secured them the New England Division 3/4 championships for the first time in Babson History!

In the semifinal round on Saturday, Babson scored an early "try," and held the lead throughout the rest of the day. That try was scored by Kim Brunelle ’06 who fought past five players and hurdled over the line.

Wentworth then made a strong offensive move, and got the ball down to Babson’s end. But Babson maintained a tight defense, and prevented them from getting into their zone. The rest of the game was just as exciting.

Also of note, Caitlin Laman ’06 scored 2 tries, and Jacque Decoq ’06 scored another one, later in the game. Missy Fine ’06 also put up a 2 point conversion kick, to further the lead. When the mud settled, Babson had dominated the game, with a 22-0 lead, securing them a place in Sunday’s finals.

In the New England finals on Sunday, Babson had an equally impressive game that showed their strength and ability to acquire their second shut-out of the weekend. Laman and Decoq pulled through once again, each scoring a try. Kira Maddigan ’06 had two kicks for points, with the second one out 40 yards.

Fine also tried a rare drop kick with two minutes left in the game, but the kick went wide by a yard. Babson held the rest of the game keeping Trinity out of their zone to secure the win in the championship game at 14-0 score.

This was the first time in Women's Rugby history that they have clinched the New England Championship. Next weekend (March 12th and 13th), they will be competing in the Northeast Championship against a Maritime College of the New York City League. There will be a fan base going to the game at UMass Amherst for anyone who wants to see this legendary team play before the season is over.

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**Betsy Johnson Fashion Show**

Preecott Paulin
Staff Writer

As the lights dimmed and the cameras paused, the first model strutted onto the runway in front of the hundreds of people who donated money to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The Betsy Johnson Fashion Show had begun at Venu in Downtown Boston and spectacles, with their free drinks in hand, gazed longingly upon the light-streaked models as more flowed out into the open. Jewelry from Linda de Taxco (lindaetaxco@gmail.com), founded by Perlo Brito-Cuevas ’06, nicely accented the outfits that were worn by the models.

Many students at Babson were still studying, but some made it out to support their friends, several of whom were showcased at the event. Some students shelled out cash for the tables with a closer view and others crowded around the sides in an attempt to get a glimpse of the action.

Wikipedia states that the official death toll now stands at 1,302 and the damage is estimated to be around $70 to $150 billion, topping Hurricane Andrew as the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history. The open-source encyclopedia also asserts that over a million people were displaced - a humanitarian crisis on a scale unseen in the U.S. since the Great Depression.

All tickets to the event benefited the Hurricane Katrina survivors and helped to make a difference for those in need.

Through the final figures aren't in yet, event organizer Bryant Wright ’08 estimated that around $1,000 to $1,500 was raised in the process. Jordan Suppan ’07 was also crucial in coordinating portions of the event and was interviewed by Breeze, a nightly news publication from Harvard, toward the end of the night. Most of the models from Babson seemed pleased with the overall process and looked like they were enjoying the attention throughout the evening. International flavor was apparent a phenomenal success as over 300 participants joined in to raise $12,000.

The past year has marked one of the highest in total charitable fundraising efforts both nationally and, more particularly, on the Babson campus. One of this year’s highlights was the third annual Babson Cruckshank 5K “Race for Shelter.” The race was held on October 22, 2005, and was an event in the show with representation from Columbia and England, among others. As the show came to a close, all of the models scattered out in the open and twirled around in front of the audience as the music volume increased for another night of dancing.

The fastest way to raise $12,000

Vanessa Williams
News Editor

Babson Habitat for Humanity Chapter, and Friends of the Homeless of the Berkshires (a local organization which helps people who are homeless).

Jonathan Rickett, one of the Race Co-Directors, provided this expectation: "The race is named in honor of a special alumnus, Bill Cruckshank '49, H'99. In those years of dedicated volunteer service continue to surpass all reasonable expectations. Cruckshank’s dedication to the College began during his time as a student in the '50s and '60s. Since then, he has continued to serve as a role model for Babson alumni, students and staff alike. In recognition of his constant enthusiasm, and unwavering dedication, Babson proudly presents the Bill Cruckshank’s volunteerism in the naming of the" Cruckshank 5K Run & Race.

This year’s race winners were:

Fastest Male: David Miller of Sudbury, MA (18:42)

Fastest Female: Carol Chauoi, Wellesley, MA (21:26)

Despite the cold conditions, the race went well, breaking records for participation and donations.

"MassMutual was a fantastic partner. They understood our vision and helped make it happen. We couldn’t have made this race such a success without their support." - Jonathan Rickett, Race Co-Director

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NEWS

Babson College Public Safety Incident Log
October 17, 2005 – October 24, 2005

Lockoute 109
Motorist assistance 10

Tuesday 10/18/05
12:44 am - Report of a noise complaint in Coleman Hall. RA notified.
11:25 pm - Report of a noise complaint in PMN. RA notified.

Wednesday 10/19/05
8:28 pm - Request for an ambulance in Olin Hall. Employee transported to Metro West Hospital.

Thursday 10/20/05
12:49 am - Report of a noise complaint in PMC. RA notified.
8:44 am - Report of suspicious activity in the Trim Lot. Everything was in order.
6:39 am - Employee reported an unknown male walking around the back of the building. Area checked, nobody located.
9:51 pm - Report of a noise complaint in McCulloough Hall. RA notified.

Friday 10/21/05
4:15 am - Request for an ambulance at Olin College, West Hall. Student transported to Glover Hospital.
11:55 pm - Report of a disturbance at the BECC. Officers spoke to all parties and informed them to leave the area.

Saturday 10/22/05
12:20 am - Report of a noise complaint in PMN. RA notified.
2:07 am - Report of an unwanted party in Putney Hall. Non student informed to leave the campus.
3:09 am - Report of a noise complaint in PMS lounge. Students found to be studying in the lounge.
4:04 pm - Report of an odor of wood burning in the area of Forrest Hall. Found to be incense.
4:11 pm - Request for transport to Glover Hospital for a student with a possible broken arm.
9:25 pm - Request for an ambulance at the Ice Rink for a party with an injury. Party refused transportation to a hospital.

Sunday 10/23/05
12:45 am - Report of a fire alarm in Piets Hall. Alarm reset.
2:00 am - Report of a noise complaint in Putney Hall. RA notified.
2:43 am - Report of a noise complaint in Piets Hall. RA notified.
12:24 pm - Report of a motor vehicle accident in the Coleman Lot. Party did not wish to file a report.

Photo Courtesy of Matthew Albert for The Babson Free Press
Above, students enjoy an evening in Pepeco during the weekend festivities.

“WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF YOU'RE GAY?
A HATE CRIME IS A HATE CRIME.
IF YOU MURDER SOMEBODY YOU HATE 'EM.”

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**THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 2005**

**Spotlight on Academic Services**

What it is? That time of the semester already?

You bet it is. In the next couple of weeks, mid—semester warnings go out just as you are starting to think about spring registration.

- *First things first...let's talk mid-semester warnings. What should you do if you get one?*

- Talk to your professor right away. He or she may give you a warning for a reason, and they can give you a sense of as to what the issue is and how to work through it.

- Use your resources! Visit the appropriate resource center (math, writing, speech for help, talk to a mentor, study with a fellow student or group, and seek out advice from your Class Dean.

- Check out the Blackboard site for your class—many have online tutorials and other helpful hints.

- In consultation with your Class Dean, you may decide that your best option is to "cut your losses" and withdraw from the class. It is very important to remember the deadline date to withdraw from a class—after Thursday, November 3, 2005, a student may no longer withdraw from a class. You need to fill out paperwork in the Office of Academic Services to withdraw, so be sure to visit the office by no later than 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 3.

- You may not have "registered this," but beginning on Tuesday, November 1, registration for the spring semester begins.

- Make sure to carefully read e-mails from the Office of the Registrar and Academic Services. Your registration date will be e-mailed to you.

- Financial and Health Services holds will prohibit you from registering, so make sure to clear those up well in advance of your designated registration day.

- Your degree checklist and a step-by-step guide to registration will be sent to your campus mailbox. The class of 2005 will get this information in their FYE class, along with a presentation about how to register. Don't forget to attend!

- Make sure to use B-Link and the Concentration link on the Academic Services website to help choose courses that are of interest to you.

- Should you need further assistance, the Office of Academic Services will be holding hours every weekday from October 26—November 15 10:00-5:00 PM to meet with students on a walk-in basis.

- Stop by Academic Services on Monday, October 31 anytime between 5:00 PM—8:00 PM—we will be hosting a special Halloween advising event, complete with trick-or-treating and viewing of that classic, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" while you wait to be seen.

-Good luck!

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So you think you can dance? Hypnotik, Babson's premiere hip hop dance crew, kicks off this week

Vanessa Williams
News Editor

With an unrelenting passion for performance, Jaime Gaudet, with the help of Hoei, Dean and Grace Wong, is now launching Hypnotik: a dance team that will perform at Basketball game halftime, and compete against other New England groups. Auditions will be held this Thursday, November 3rd 3pm to 10pm hip hop dance team in New Day November 4th 5pm to 6pm in the Webster Center for the Arts. The group is looking to create a team of fifteen to twenty dancers with hip hop, break, reggae, and step skills for competition performances and battles.

The team's founder, Jaime Gaudet, was captain of her high school dance team in Wester, MA, and competed in national and regional competitions in a variety division hip hop team. Formerly at Babson, there has never been a dance team that performed exclusively hip hop style. Gaudet's objective is stated as, "To form the hottest, sickest, grinniest dance crew in New England. But more than that we want to show our love of hip hop and just have fun."

Gaudet watched her High School team become the #1 hip hop dance team in New England five years from its birth. "I got to see its progression and all the ups and the downs and how amazing it is to create something that has the potential to be great," explains Gaudet. She now hopes to bring Hypnotik to the heights of former team.

She is most excited about choreographing new routines with a new group of people. The team's main goal for the semester is to perform at a basketball halftime and at a few Knight parties. They also plan on bringing in professional choreographers in order to add to the group's internal creative freedom, stretching the skills and knowledge of the dancers by learning from the best. At the end of the year, Hypnotik plans to hold a "battle," "ug got served" style, with other local college hip hop teams as an end of the year event.

Although the team may seem somewhat similar to BDE and Cheerleading, one of the main objectives of Hypnotik was to avoid creating competition with the organizations. "We just wanted another creative outlet in tribute to hip hop," explains Gaudet.

In summary, Gaudet states, "I love hip hop and I love being part of a dance team, so I always wanted something like that here at Babson. But I also remember my mind to it and wrote a charter, got an advisor, got signatures from people who would be interested, got Hoei and Grace signed on as my VPs."

So, you think you can dance? Come out and join Hypnotik, and create a lasting tradition, one both fun and rewarding.

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**Money for College**

The Army is currently offering sizeable bonuses of up to $20,000. In addition to the cash bonuses, you may qualify for up to $70,000 for college through the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to $85,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call (781) 251-0122.

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**Welcome our Babson Colony Charter Members**

Kate Adamson
Ashleigh Alvino
Natasha Badaker
Kimberly Brunelle
Jocelyn Chao
Liz Cohen
Rachel Cohen
Suzanne Cover
Guiseep Derleth
Leah Dokos
Jenny Estevez
Jasmin Flete
Katrina Fludd
Lauren Fox Perl
Tara Friedman
Gina Giardina
Monika Goetz
Jessica Gogan
Meredith Greeno
Allison Harden
Victoria Kane
Suellen Kawakami
Shirley Kui
Allison Lamere
Darcy Lantz
Kristen McQuaid
Chelsea Moylan
Beth Muzyka
Terry Naas
Ashley Rudolph
Allison Silver
Fenny Tsai
Samantha Waters
Vanessa Williams
Robyn Woodruff
Jana Zislis

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**Congratulations!**
This Week’s SGA Organization Profile:

Babson Women’s Ice Hockey

Meeting Time(s) / Practices:
Wed 5:30-6:30 & Fri 2:30-3:30

Games (so far):
Nov 5th 9:30-11 at Babson vs Umass-Amherst
Nov 12th at 1pm at Mt Holyoke
Dec 3rd at 8pm at Babson vs Umass Lowell
Feb 2nd at 7pm at MIT
Feb 17th at 7:30 at Babson vs. Wheaton

Club/Organization Mission Statement:
Our mission statement is to serve the Babson community by providing an arena where we can promote teamwork. Win or lose, we gain from the experience. We learn skills that build character and we learn to about commitment towards a common goal. We believe that sportsmanship helps build integrity and leadership skills that can be applied to our lives in the business world.

Most memorable moment from last year:
Beating MIT for the 1st time

If applicable, list some of your past/future events or activities:
-Pub night
-Raffle with center ice shoot off
-OUR GAMES!!!

Why should someone join your club/organization:
The Team is looking for any female player from all levels that is willing to bring a positive attitude and commitment to the team. The team is committed to having fun while creating an arena to promote a team based environment. It is a club sport, so it does not demand a lot of your time each week. It is perfect for any student who wants to be active in athletics.

Like what you see? Your organization can also be profiled by SGA!!! Go to the SGA tab in Blackboard to get the application. Once you’ve filled it out, E-mail application to SGA@babson.edu.

"SOMEONE NEEDS TO SHOW, THAT THERE IS A BETTER WAY OF DEALING WITH THAT KIND OF HATRED."

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No More Tian Fu Tyranny

Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

No longer are Babson College students subject to the inherent, poor-quality restaurant Tian Fu because it is the only Chinese restaurant that delivers to campus and is cheaper than Lemon Thai (a much more respectable and higher quality delivery-friendly restaurant). Oriental Great Chow, located on Elm Street in West Newton, has its grand opening recently.

To commemorate the Free Press ordered from the restaurant, which charges a $1 delivery fee. While they are not yet familiar with Tian Fu campus and the food takes a long time, it proved significantly better than Tian Fu. It was also cheaper. Due to its specials, offering two appetizers, fried rice, and an entree for six to eight dollars, we were able to get more food for less money; plus, they throw in a Kung Pao Chicken because the order was over thirty dollars.

I received almost entirely positive comments, ranging from shock, to happiness, to pure amazement. A few people were happy, not excited, but the majority definitely showed elation at the fact that there is now another option for Chinese delivery on campus. While talking with fellow students about the situation, I heard several horror stories about Tian Fu. One person got food poisoning. Several received the wrong order or got charged the wrong amount. I have no idea whether the same problems will occur.

Just about everyone liked the food. It was an incredible amount for very little money. You get stuffed for eight dollars. I would not call the food great or amazing; it is not up to the quality of China Sky, but it is definitely better than Tian Fu. I would call it classic American Chinese. I would not order looking for your favorite authentic Chinese dish, but if you are in the mood for sparrows, General Gau's Chicken, or Chow Mein, Oriental Great Chow is definitely worth considering.

They take a long time, unfortunately. It took over an hour to get our order, even though we were told thirty to forty minutes. They did get the order correct, however, and for sixty-five dollars, we got four bags of food. One of the orders was less than satisfactory. The stirring with lobster sauce looked rancid. It was deep brown, with chunks of “lobster” and various stringy-type vegetables. It was described by the person who ordered it as “Vermiculture...not exactly aesthetically pleasing.” I would recommend keeping it simple and you'll be fine.

Anti-Semitism Flourishes in Iran

Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

Friday marks the 26th anniversary of the seizure of the US embassy in Iran, and to celebrate, anti-Israel, anti-American, and anti-Semitic statements are on the rise. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, proclaimed that Iran should be “wiped off the map.” This was not in 1948; it was not in 1967; it was a week ago. Growing support of anti-Western campaigning in Iran has lead to massive demonstrations this week, which could be an abnormality, but is most likely indicative of the increasing militarism in the Middle East.

The international pressure on Iran was so weak that on Wednesday, November 2, Ahmadinejad said “Death to Israel” and “Death to America,” two slogans that were picked up by the crowd. CNN reported that there was a larger gathering than there has been since 1979, when the actual seizure took place.

I am disturbed and appalled that Ahmadinejad could be tolerated and that the people of Iran are so prejudiced against Israel and America that the largest event in the country would be the commemoration of a violent protest twenty-six years ago. My primary reaction is one of caution and suspicion, however, as Ahmadinejad replaced forty percent of his foreign diplomats in what is suspected to be a call for stronger foreign policy.

Even with the assurances of Iran’s foreign minister, Manouchehr Motkaki, there is still concern as to whether the country is developing an atomic bomb. If one is developed, the consequences could be dire. Iranians were calling 1-800 ions to the Tian Fu monopoly. There is now competition in town. You can order from Tian Fu, obviously, if you want, but it is nice to have another option, especially for war with Israel at the gathering. Their crises might be realized if Iran develops the capability. Right now, the only thing keeping Iran from being “wiped of the map,” as Ahmadinejad so eloquently put it, is the fact that it has a stronger military than any country in the Middle East, the third most powerful air force in the world, and the technology to back up its well-trained military, which at a moment’s notice, could essentially incorporate millions. With the added threat of fighting the US’s armed forces, which are unequaled by any other military establishment, Iran is kept at bay.

For now, Ahmadinejad will have to settle for using his new diplomats to fright his battle to weaken Israel and the United States. The scary thing is, with the growing amount of anti-Semitism, anti-Islam sentiment in certain parts of Europe, his strategy could be effective. There is a continually growing number of violent acts against Jews in France, as the political power of the Arab population rises.

It is becoming increasingly popular for leaders to show anti-Semitism for America and Israel, especially in the Middle East, but this is outrageous. Iran is becoming a powder keg. If something is not done soon, there could be a huge conflict in the works, the likes of which Osama bin Laden was predicting. I do not want to see a massive war between the Arab and Western powers. I would rather see a peaceful resolution. With leaders like Ahmadinejad, however, a peaceful solution is just about impossible. I am going to be paying close attention to the news in Iran over the next week. I suggest you do the same.

Those of us who do not like the current alternative. The guy even came with change, a novelty not usually found in Wellesley-area delivery services.

JUDGE ALTO.
I NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR VIEWS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S PERMISSION?
A Plead On Speaker Diversity

Natasha Badaker
Contributing Writer

A couple of weeks ago, we had a performance on campus, a dramatic monologue by Soha Al-hurf. While born in Palestine, she was raised in Idaho and speaks perfect English. Her monologue describes her own life as a Muslim living in America as well as a Palestinian woman. She tells of traditions, love, loss, war, hate and pulling through. I must say that the performance was very stirring and somewhat touching. Ms Al-hurf does a great job using her voice and decorations to portray her point.

Her point is clear, and I don’t blame her for it. The tiny state of Israel is an oppressor and an occupier. They took over a people’s land and Israeli troops are constantly killing innocent Palestinian civilians. I understand her bitterness and hatred towards the Israeli people. She is entitled to have her opinion and it is very brave of her to voice it out. I myself am very prejudiced to the issue.

But while I have no claims against Ms. Al-hurf, I do have them against the college. The college should be an apolitical institution. Having a speaker come to campus and talk about issues that are so close to the hearts of many is not permissible. For me, Israel is history, tradition, and homes. People living there are my brothers and sisters. And when a college invites a speaker who refers to them as oppressors, aggressors, occupiers and killers it touches a string in my heart that makes me want to scream. I did not have to go, but I did. I heard a lot of things that I disagreed with, that was offensive to me. While Ms Al-hurf was talking about her need to get things out of her system, and using the monologue as a means for that, I stayed quiet, I hurt. There was nothing I could do, because I had to stay polite. But I just want the school administration to know that there should be speakers from both sides speaking to the community so that it does not bias anyone towards either side.

I feel that there is a need to show the student body the other side of the conflict. We need someone like an Israeli war veteran, who put his life on the line trying to ensure the existence of the State of Israel. We need someone who will tell the students how many innocent Israelis die every year from suicide bombers, how many mothers lose their sons, sons who are patrolling the borders of the tiny country, they call home. People need to know that Israel is not a barbaric state, but a country that is fairly fighting for its existence. There is much more we can tell the student body. So please, find a voice to do that!
Squirrels: More dangerous than STD's

Matthew James Albert
Contributing Writer

You are walking to class early Monday morning, minding your own business and thinking about your next class. Strolling past the Newton Apple Tree, three squirrels, frisking among the rainbow of recently fallen leaves, catch your eye. "Thinking to yourself, "Are, how cute," you do not realize that the squirrels are not curving; they are actually plotting. Plotting how to take over, plotting how to operate our machines, plotting to take over the world.

One would think that they collect nuts and acorns simply to have food for the winter; however, squirrels really heard the nuts and acorns so they have a can implement them as weapons against us. Furthermore, squirrels run out into the middle of the highway to observe humans driving their automobiles. Many may die, but squirrels reproduce like rabbits, so they have little to worry about. Squirrels are like the Canadian Mounties. Although many people see the Mounties riding their horses and simply laugh and think "Are, how cute," Mounties are still a police force and should be taken seriously. Therefore, we as humans must take squirrels a bit more seriously. This goes to show that Babson students definitely need to pay extra close attention to the squirrels on campus.

Many Babson students complain, "There are more squirrels than there are girls on campus." (If you doubt this statement, please sit in the quad or outside Coleman and count the number of squirrels around you.) This goes to show the average Babson student has a better chance of being attacked by a squirrel than having an encounter with a female Babson student.

An anonymous female Babson student reported, "Last year I was attacked, and bitten by a squirrel. Then I received rabies shots to prevent me from contracting rabies." Since this is the case, the average Babson student has greater chances of contracting rabies than a sexually transmitted disease.

The Facts:
- 10 Million people have either been treated or died from rabies in the world from animal bites.
- Last year, 18,000 Americans were treated or died from rabies from animal bites.
- 92% of more than 8,000 wild animals in America have rabies.
- More than 40,000 people die last year from rabies bites.

Therefore, if 40,000 people were bitten by a squirrel with rabies, it's 20% more than any other bite. Therefore, if 1,000 people die from squirrel bites per year:
- There are 1,097 Babson students and only 670 are women.
- Therefore, of the 670 women, 17 will die from rabies bites from squirrels.

Also 6% of the United States Population were treated for rabies.

As you sit in the quad or outside Coleman, among the fallen orange and yellow leaves, cautiously observe your surroundings and detect the squirrels and their actions because the exploit of the unknown should be considered auspicious.
Science and Islam; Clarifying the Myth

Shayan Abdullah and Amina Elahi
Contributing Writers

What exactly is the Quran? Muslims believe it is the word of God revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) by the angel Gabriel, 1400 years ago. The revelations took place over a period of 23 years.

Despite numerous efforts to prove otherwise, the Quran has been preserved from any alterations in the original text. In fact, in the early part of the 20th century, the University of Munich set up an institute of Quranic Research to ascertain the truth about the Quran. So, 43,000 verses of the oldest existing Qurbans were collected from all around the world. Despite all this effort, a report published by the University of Munich in 1933 stated that not a single discrepancy in the Quran had been discovered.

Many people view the Quran as representing an obsolete backward culture that impedes man from progress. The truth is the exact opposite. Do you know the first verse to be ever revealed? Just imagine the scene, its 610 AD, globally the Arabs are nothing but a bunch of unruly quarellsome nomads. The Romans and Persians are the superpowers vy ing for supremacy. Europe is going through the Medieval Ages. Against this backdrop, one man sits lost in meditation, in a dark cave on a starry night. Suddenly, the angel Gabriel appears before him and utters the words which would usher the world into a new era, an era of wisdom and learning.

The Art World’s Most Powerful People

Hurt climbed 27 spots from last year’s ranking. This sudden rise exemplifies the highly volatile nature of the art world. In fact, many of the figures on the list are new entrants. Art is often viewed as a dull, predictable world, but the art world is anything but. This is best known for his “Natural History”, a series of works that present various animals suspended in formaldehyde.

Other notable pieces include the tusk of a tigress, cigarette butts, spot paintings and numerous deceptions in his line calling for his "Art History", a series of works that present various animals suspended in formaldehyde.

One of his recent projects, "The Pharmacy" displays a life-size version of a typical pharmacy which includes a pharmacy. By inviting the viewer to appreciate the artistic, highly colorful environment which most people take for granted while waiting for their prescriptions to be filled.

Professor Keith Moore, a world expert on embryology. 30 years ago a group of Developmentalists recorded verses pertaining to embryology. Several years ago a group of Developmentalists and Prof. Moore recorded verses and took them to Professor Keith Moore of the University of Toronto.

The embryo is a study of these verses Professor Moore was astonished. In fact, he actually reconsidered some material in the second edition of his history on embryology. He based his book on the Quran. He said that the Quran’s description of the human as a leech like clot was new to him, but when he checked on it, he found it was true.

Obviously, these findings caused a sensation, and he consulted with a number of reputable researchers. One Canadian reporter went so far as to call him a "true and noble" professor. When the Arabs had known about the embryo from some crude experiments of their own. The Professor immediately reported, "It does not matter if this embryo or embryology 1400 years ago. They could not have seen it since the Quran describes it as a living being with a micro-structure.

He added, "Do you think someone discovered a new species of dinosaur?" When these theories were published, he was slammed in the Quran. Professor Moore replied, "It could only have been divinely revealed." There are several verses in the Quran that describe the expansion of the universe, verses that describe the Big Bang, and other discoveries that were unknown 1400 years ago.

But the Quran is first and foremost a Book of Guidance, a Book of Principles of wisdom and peace. Again I repeat what is the Quran? A book about the Prophet Jeffery Leng, an eminent American who accepted Islam the Quran is like a vast magnificent ocean that lures you deeper and deeper and deeper until you are swept into it. But instead of drowning in a sea of darkness you find yourself immersed in an ocean of divine light and mercy.
Always Fighting the War on Terror with Terror

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Human Rights Editor

Until 2003, Saddam Hussein used Abu Ghraib, as a chamber of torture and death for thousands of men, women, and even children. This military facility, located in Iraq, once peaked 15,000 political prisoners housed within its walls. When the U.S. military, in getting Saddam Hussein out of power, the center was taken over by the U.S. military and has since been used in many of the same ways. Over 12,000 men and women have been detained in Abu Ghraib in the past 2 years, reaching a peak of at least 6,000 detainees at one time. Some were held for as little as a few weeks, while others are still being held today. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) reported that 70%–90% of those ar- rested were mistreated or wrongfully arrested. It also seems important to note that the vast majority of detainees at Abu Ghraib were common crimi- nals caught and gathered in random town sweeps, and they were typically given no screening before their ter- rorism and detainee.

As for the treatment the prisoners received while detained, well you can decide the humanity in this for yourselves. Confirmed by the Department of Defense, tactics were used by the guards that were psychologically and physically prepare detainees for in- terrogations. The methods used were designed to elicit information by breaking down the mental, emo- tional, and physical psyche of detain- ees. Included were sleep, food and water deprivation, forced nakedness, and forced positions of sitting and standing that cause physical stress.

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Semester at Sea - A Visit to India

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We arrived in Chennai, India on October 19, 2005 at 06:00 hours, docked our ship for 2 days to clear customs, but we were finally able to get off the boat around 1300 hours. This journal entry is by far the most difficult entry I have had to write. Not only is it impossible to fully explain some of the things I saw, but it is extremely difficult to reflect on certain events and believe that what I experienced is part of someone’s everyday reality. No one will fully understand what I am talking about and feel the emotions that I felt unless one has traveled to places like Chennai, Agra and Delhi. I also want to make clear that this is not the only life in India; there is a whole other side to what I experienced.

The first day off the boat was a big scary for me. We had to go through two security check points to leave the port and whatever electronics we brought with us. On our custom papers we had to carry everywhere. Luckily, they were not a little strange for the boat because John was almost not able to bring his laptop back on board. John and I had our first experience in a rickshaw, which is basically a motorized taxi with two seated cabin in the back. It is the little yellow scooter type object you can see in the picture. After bargaining for a decent price and being fought over by the drivers we finally left the port. One thing you need to understand is that these roads are extremely chaotic with cars, cows and rickshaws. The drivers do not care who or what is in the road, they will maneuver their way through it no matter what.

Arriving in Delhi we took an hour bus ride to a hotel to have an Indian traditional Indian lunch and then headed to the train station and boarded the second class train for a 3 1/2 hour ride to Agra. We really tried to make the best of this experience on what we called the ‘cattle car’ that had bunks on every window. SAS put us on for the cultural experience, which despite the conditions, we were very glad they did. We were able to see the countryside and the life in the little towns that we passed through. It was a nice introduction to what we were going to encounter. However, it was a little much when we saw piles of garbage and little children all by themselves going to the bathroom in the middle of it all. People publicly urinated everywhere was something that was extremely difficult to get used to.

We proceeded on the bus for an hour ride to the Taj Mahal. Getting off the bus we were again bombarded with beggars. On our 10 minute walk to the Taj Mahal we were completely caught off guard when we saw a donkey being used to carry wood with a white sheet over it and three men sitting on the sidewalk next to it and everyone just going about their business as if it was no big deal. It is unbelievable the sights as well as the horrendous smells that we encountered. The smells were of incense, curry, dirty people and sewage degree heat all mixed together is indescribable.

We finally got out the gates where we saw beautiful brown buildings that belonged to the emperor. Going through one of these buildings in which we kept the Taj. It was about 18:00 hours so the sun was just setting which is the most beautiful time to view the Taj Mahal. We proceeded through and took numerous photos. It was a work of art, completely made out of marble. I could only wish my husband builds me something as nice as that tomb to show his eternal love. Inside it was complete darkness because there are no lights; we were able to see the tomb but not very well. Up at 06:00 we ate breakfast and headed off to see the Agra Fort that was built in 1565 by the Mogul Emperor Akbar and is a combination of Islamic and Hindu architecture. Outside of the fort is where we encountered more beggars who would just follow us. It was hard not to look but these children were walking like dogs on all fours. Our guide explained that their parents would sometime break their bones at birth so they be able to figure out that their children would make them more money begging then they would work so it is an easy way out, even if it hurts their child. There were a few children outside the bus and a girl through a balcony bar out. A little boy snatched it and the guilty girl started crying. Within seconds all the children came over begging for food to the point of tears. This had to be the saddest sight that I have seen the entire trip. I wanted to help so badly but I felt so helpless because I knew I was not allowed to.

The next morning we ate breakfast and went on a bus tour of New Delhi, which was a completely different India. From the extreme poverty to nice manicured lawns, large homes and no garbage was a huge change. Since New Delhi is the capital, we were able to see all the government buildings and homes. We also had the opportunity to visit the Gandhi Museum and see his tomb.

To be perfectly honest I did not want to get off the boat. All the stories that I heard I was afraid for myself and for what I was going to see, but I knew if I did not go on my trip to the Taj Mahal I would regret it for the rest of my life. Even though, it was the toughest trip I have ever taken physically and emotionally, it has really changed me as a person and I would not give that up for the world. I am so grateful for this experience I will never forget. It has opened my eyes and world to so many things. I never thought I could appreciate anything more my life and my parents for everything they do for me and give me but I was wrong. I have been humbled as a person and will always take anything for granted like running water, food, clothing or shelter again. It raised a huge question in my mind, Why was I the lucky one to not only be born in America to the most incredible parents, to be sent to the best private schools in the nation and never have to worry about where my food, clothing or water was going to come from? Please everyone who is reading this, give me a flavor and sit back for 5 minutes, and ask yourself the same question: ‘Why was I so lucky?’ Then think about how fortunate you are the next time you complain about something in your life, because I guarantee you that whatever it is it is not half as bad as the reality that these little children face everyday because of their parents’ laziness and selfishness.

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NFL Week 8: The Studs and Duds

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Studs: Tiki Barber, RB, New York Giants. When belated New York Giants owner Wellington Mara lost his battle to cancer earlier in the week, the whole Giants team felt the need to respond. They did so in a big way with a 38-0 rout of the Washington Redskins. They were lead by Tiki Barber who rushed for 29 carries a high 206 yards on carries. For those of you without calculators, that’s 8.8 yards per touch. It all adds up to a big day for the Giants.

Dud: Brett Favre, QB, Green Bay Packers. Can Brett Favre’s probable last season get any worse? While he threw for a respectable 379 yards, his 5 interceptions were atrocious. Their 21-14 loss to the upstart Cincinnati Bengals dropped the Packers to 1-6, and their schedule only gets harder. Packers fans should start getting ready for the Aaron Rodgers era.

Stud: Tedy Bruschi, LB, New England Patriots. No player in the NFL has ever come back after suffering a stroke. No one thought Tedy Bruschi, who suffered a stroke after the Pro Bowl, made an emotional comeback in front of a first up crowd at Gillette Stadium. Bruschi played an integral part in helping to repair a decimated New England defense. While he only had 7 tackles (2 Solo), he played the role of emotional leader and sparked the Patriots to a 31-16 victory. His real test will come next Monday night when Peyton Manning and the Colts come to town.

Some Things Will Never Change

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Here we go again. There is another storm on Yawkey Way. Just when everyone thought the Red Sox got things right, it somehow, someway, went all wrong.

They let the boy genius, Theo Epstein, who built the team that won the World Series for the first time in 86 years just quit. That’s right. They let him quit. And powerful, the Red Sox brass (John Henry and Larry Lucchino, specifically) that did almost exactly the same thing wrong? They have made great business decisions that no other owner of this storied franchise ever dreamed of. Putting new seats above the Green Monster and right field roof, and adding two new concourses turned the Fenway experience into an even better one (and not only squeezing every dollar out of the over 90 year old park). They also reached out to the community that for many years past thought the Boston Red Sox were unapproachable.

Lucchino brought in the right baseball people to build a competitive team for the present and the future. It was in the hands of Theo Epstein. He was going to be the new face of the Red Sox, the boy genius brought in to win the first World Series since 1918. In his first three years as general manager, Epstein retooled a farm system that was stripped to its bare essentials. In this time, built the team that won the World Series and made three straight playoff appearances for the first time in team history. He found Kevin Millar, Bill Mueller, David Ortiz and Bronson Arroyo in the rough.

So why after all this success would they let him walk? This is what went down. Epstein originally signed a 3 year deal. After winning the World Series last year, he approached Mr. Henry and Lucchino about an extension. That extension would be taken care of later. The long 2006 season came and went, and it seemed the extension would be in the works. The Boston brass had not extended Theo’s contract. Everything had been too quiet. Everyone must have forgotten that this involves the Red Sox, because nothing is kept quiet.

For the first two weeks, the kettle blew. Through various leaks and spins, the Boston Globe the Globe’s parent company, The New York Times Company, owns 17 percent of the Red Sox) reported that Theo rejected the Red Sox’s offer of $5 million for 2007 – 2009. After all the time since the negotiations heated up (after the ALDS), there was a leak. For a front office that is so PR conscious, this comes out two weeks before Theo’s contract was set to expire. Nothing but a smear campaign by the Red Sox, leaking information to their own newsletter to the public to make themselves look good. They simply wanted to say, “Hey, we offered the money. We want him back.”

But this was not money in the end, even though they labelled him in the beginning. Theo was tired of Lucchino stepping on his toes on basic baseball operations. He could no longer stand the politicking around and fighting through the leaks and spins from within. Lucchino is a snake. It was, after all, Larry Lucchino who spilled that Manny requested a trade near the July 31 trading deadline. The rift between Lucchino and Epstein was ripped open during the negotiations. There was a philosophical difference between Lucchino and Theo. Lucchino was too arrogant and egotistical to let Theo run the ship. What did Theo get in return? Opportunity and a chance to become GM. A move to Cubs, another franchise in need of help? Epstein may be the one with the bigger deal.

Babson’s Upcoming Sports Games

**November 5**
**Home- Field Hockey vs. Mount Holyoke (NEWMAC Semifinals) - 12pm**
**Away - Women’s Swimming (Betty Spears Relays) - 1pm**
**Away - Cross Country (ECAC Championships at Conn. College) - Time TBA**

**November 6**
**Home - Field Hockey (NEWMAC Finals) - Time TBA**

**November 10**
**Away - Men’s Swimming vs. Brandeis - 6:30 pm**
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