Price Waterhouse Coopers xTREME Campus Competition!

Vanessa Williams
News Editor

Anxious to put your accounting skills to work? On Wednesday November 2nd, 85 Babson students did just that. Price Waterhouse Coopers came to Babson to host their xTREME accounting competition. The competition is held annually nationwide, involving 31 colleges and over 1,000 students in total. One team of 5 is chosen from each school to receive a cash prize and a chance to enter the national finals.

Students were given two weeks to prepare a course of action for a fictitious accounting case then made a 12 minute presentation to a panel of judges. Judging was based on critical thinking, presentation quality, and teamwork.

There were 3 tiers of winners for each school. 1st place received $750 gift certificate to Best Buy for each group member. 2nd place received $1,000 to be split between the five members. 1st place received $1,000 after taxes and has recorded video presentation sent to the PwC headquarters to be considered for the National Finals. The winning team of the national competition receives $10,000 and full paid trip to New York City to present to the corporate partners.

Seventeen Babson teams participated in this year’s competition, which is impressive for Babson’s small size. The first prize recipient this year at Babson were Jallia Bouchareb, Beth Myzucka, Peter Rogers, Sabrina Sarli, and Amy Wilkinson.

Many students gained interest in the competition through their accounting professors. The IMC accounting professors played a large role on Babson’s participation and Michelle Allen, the recruiter for PwC, did a lot on PwC’s part. Teams of five were self selected and were required to have two sophomores and one junior who is an accounting concentration and two other members of any year.

‘My favorite part was getting to work with people I don’t usually get to work with and getting the opportunity to think about accounting and auditing outside of the textbook and how it impacts the economic and financial world. I thought it would be a good experience to get more involved in accounting and to network with some important people in the accounting profession,’ comments Jallia Bouchareb, participant and first place winner.

Lastly, when asked the question “How does it feel to be a champ?” Bouchareb states: ‘After all the tears and sweat it feels great to know that hard work pays off. No, but more seriously, I’m just glad to have been given the experience and to have accomplished something with a group of extremely talented individuals and to learn a lot about accounting from my peers.’

For more information about the competition and how to participate visit the xTREME website:
http://www.pwc.com/extweb/career.nsf/d deceit/2aef2eb12ae7a787b6b37e9700d28ef

Above, the xAct team is all smile after winning the competition. They prevailed over the other seventeen teams to take top billing in the competition.

International Challenges for New Balance

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Ed Haddad, a Vice President of New Balance, came to Babson to lead a discussion about the International and Intellectual property issues his company is currently facing. He has been with New Balance for a decade and works in its intellectual property department.

He feels that the biggest challenge facing the company is global sourcing. The company relies on China and Vietnam for most of production. Since there is a great deal of scrutiny surrounding China dumping, the company needs to have a diversified sourcing strategy with it. If there is a contingency plan if new rules are put into place. There have been European anti-dumping rules established against Sweden and India has also put up trade barriers against China. The company needs to have global sourcing so it can still be able to produce to capacity in an ever-changing regulatory environment.

The company has been trying to figure out the most effective way to keep up with the companies who compete globally. It feels that not being a soccer brand adversely affects how it performs and that its performance focus is not as important as endorsement and advertising to International customers.

A major effort that New Balance is undertaking is to open offices abroad so that it will be able to cater to its international customers.

A Great Week for Babson Field Hockey

David Barner
Sports Editor

This past week has been a historic one for the Babson Field Hockey team. Over the past week, the team placed itself in Babson’s first ever Field Hockey NEWMAC Championship game, has landed four of its players on the all-conference team, has one of its players named as NEWMAC Field Hockey player of the year, and has found itself playing in its first NCAA Division III Tournament game. What’s more: The team won yesterday’s NCAA tournament game and has advanced to the next round of play.

Its extremely impressive run toward the NEWMAC final included a thrilling 8-0 win on Saturday versus the Mount Holyoke Lyons. Before the game, the fans truly expected a tight match. Mount Holyoke had faced Babson just once this season. That previous game proved to be a nail biter for the team and fans. The two teams battled their way into overtime, with Babson losing by just one sudden death goal. Truly, the Babson team was seeking revenge against Mount Holyoke to win a spot in their first ever NEWMAC Championship game.

The first half of Saturday’s game proved to be fairly even. At the blow of the halftime whistle, the two teams were scoreless and seemed to be edging toward a repeat of October 21’s overtime match.

Thankfully, the second half unravelled in a much different way. With 34:08 left in the game, Babson forced its way downfield, coming up the left side. After a straight pass from the left towards the top of the circle...

In its first ever NCAA birth Beavers made the most of their opportunity and advanced to the second round. Babson will be sure to turn some heads in the big dance.

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Mark Billings, Director of Marketing at First Quadrant, came and talked at last week’s BMA meeting.

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Babson has made history in Sports with wins from Rugby and Field Hockey. Both teams will play in huge tournament matches this weekend.

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Your VU Efficiency Consultant Contributing Writer

We all know how connected Babson can make our lives at times, but the VU can be a bit overwhelming. It is easier to stay connected during every minute of every day. Kuljit Bhangu, President of Microsoft Canada, speaks about Microsoft and ITSD, recently showcased a new way for students with smartphones to synchronize their Outlook Exchange Server on campus, which is what we all use to get our email on a regular basis. This very impressive upgrade to version 2003 implements a new technology called "ActivSync" that allows for mobile users to have a minimized version of their email on the go.

This technology works for users with both Windows Mobile based phones and Palm OS based phones. Bhangu did tell us that his personally has had no success with the Windows based phones and implied that support was directly built into them. Users of a Windows based phone, such as the Treo 650, will need to buy a program like DataVU's RoadSync to allow for email access on the go. Visit www.datavu.com for more details.

Babomail on-the-go can be easily added to any mobile phone by configuring the settings to use https://sync.babson.edu/ for sync.babson.edu and setting the domain, if applicable, to "Babson." Then, save your username and password used for Babson's network login on your phone should automatically download the necessary details and keep you constantly connected to your campus life while traveling. It's much better and easier than lugging a Babson laptop around, especially when copying your DataVU Documents to Go for the Treo 650 users. Certain Windows Mobile users should have this functionality built in.

This allows you to open, edit and send Word, Excel and PowerPoint documents all from the comfort of your mobile phone.

Money for College

The Army is currently offering sizable bonuses of up to $20,300. 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 $65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call (781) 251-0122.

CCD Corner:

NETWORKING BASICS

You've heard the expression, "It's not what you know, but who." Who you know is at the core of networking. 70 - 80% of jobs are acquired through networking. Outlined below are five strategies for effective networking.

STEP 1: CREATE A NETWORKING TREE.

Think of personal contacts (e.g., family, friends, professors, and former supervisors) that are employed in industries that interest you or can provide you with the names of industries who work in areas that appeal to you. Compile this list of names, including business and personal (if available) contact information. Expand your "networking tree" to include Babson alumni. Refer to the Babson Alumni Directory at http://www3.babson.edu/Alumni/networking/alumnidirectory.cfm.

STEP 2: DO YOUR HOMEWORK.

Before contacting individuals in your network, it will be important for you to gather company information (e.g., Internet research) and to create a list of pertinent questions. Researching employers will help you to prepare questions that demonstrate your knowledge of the company. You will also want to prepare questions about your contact's personal career path.

STEP 3: SCHEDULE INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS.

Informational interviews are one form of networking. These meetings provide you with insights about trends in particular industries and expand your professional network. While you should not ask a networking contact for a job, informational interviews may lead to job opportunities down the road.

Typically, there are two ways to obtain an informational interview. The first is a letter/email to new contacts asking for assistance and mentioning how you received their name. This letter is followed up with a phone call to establish a date and time for a meeting. The second approach is more direct and is used with people you already know. You would either call or approach the individual in person to make your request for a meeting.

STEP 4: CREATE A "NETWORKING LOG.

As you network, you will gather a great deal of information. It will be helpful for you to maintain a "networking log" in order to accurately remember the information you receive from each source. A sample "networking log" might include the following headings: name, title, organization, phone, email, referral source (if applicable), date of contact, type of contact (e.g., phone, face-to-face meeting), comments and next steps.

STEP 5: MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS.

When networking, it is crucial to maintain relationships over a period of time as this demonstrates your sincerity and commitment. In addition, as you advance in your career, it will be important to develop these relationships as they can provide you with valuable help in a future job search or provide counsel and assistance as a professional colleague. Good practices include sending periodic emails to members of your network to update them on the progress of your job search or to let them know how things are going in your new position.

Networking opportunities exist 24/7. Whether you are participating in an internship, working outside of the gym, or standing in line at the grocery store, there are countless opportunities to meet someone new who can become a part of your network.

Mark Your Calendar for SPEED NETWORKING!

Monday, 11/14 7-6 pm - 7-9 pm Reynolds 241

This program is a great opportunity to meet alumni and to practice networking.
Where do Mardi Gras Beads Come From?

Jalila Bouchareb
Managing Editor

Even think about where Mardi Gras beads are made from. Your first intuition would probably be China because most everything seems to be made in China these days. Babson's history and society department showed a documentary entitled "Mardi Gras: Made in China" on Monday evening. The film followed Mardi Gras beads from China to New Orleans. The film addresses issues such as globalization and human rights amongst other things.

Mardi Gras is a celebration that has traditionally taken place in New Orleans. During Mardi Gras the French quarter is packed with drunken and noisy, rarely topless women. The Mardi Gras beads are thrown to women as they rush to gather them for public amusement, or as a women in the documentary says, "Beadwhores.

The documentary starts off with the question "Where do the beads come from?" The vast majority of the beads are made in China. Little do they know, the beads are manufactured in a factory in China. The factory workers are very intensive and serious injuries are at their fingertips. The factory workers are 95% women, who are very young and un-educated working to earn money to send back to their families. The workers make $0.10 an hour and work 11-15 hours a day.

Unfortunately, their working conditions are 10 workers who share five beds that are in a room 20x24. The women and men are completely segregated. They are not allowed to leave their rooms or factories on Sundays.

The documentary very skillfully switches between the Chinese bead factory and the Mardi Gras scene in New Orleans. Toward the end of the documentary the Mardi Gras goers are shown pictures of the Chinese workers in the factory. They are drawn back and realize that they spend more on Mardi Gras beads than the bead makers make during an entire year.

A young female factory worker's voice is skillfully placed at the end of the documentary and she says that the point of the documentary is not to make Mardi Gras goers stop buying beads and that the Chinese still need jobs. This film especially brings to surface some of the ethical dilemma associated with globalzation that is ever so prevalent in present day society.

I highly recommend seeing this film because it gets you to question your own stance on pertinent global issues and if nothing else, it is a great conversation starter.

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followed by a deflection inside of the key, Babson Senior (and NEWMAC player of the year) Tanya Sillow kept the teams in the back of the net, putting Babson up 1-0. Immediately, the stands exploded with excitement as they saw their home team pull ahead of Mount Holyoke. Following this goal there seemed to be a strange turn of emotions from the Mount Holyoke fans. Instead of being the team in the driver's seat looking to finish off the game, Mount Holyoke was holding onto every second in the hope that their season wouldn't fade away with Conley's goal.

Unfortunately for Mount Holyoke, the Babson pressure did not stop. The Bears used their all-star squad to prevent the Lyons from pulling together any last minute rallies. With 10:49 left on the clock, Sophomore Annie Pease took a rebound of a shot from Conley to the back of Mount Holyoke's net to give her team some insurance. This goal immediately silenced the cheers of "Holyoke! Holyoke!" and gave way for the rumbles in the stands from the feet of the Babson fans.

The win on Saturday against Mount Holyoke led Babson to the semi-final of the NEWMAC Championship game. Indeed, like the semi-final match, this match against Springfield College looked like it would be a close one. The teams had met in an earlier match which Babson won with a 2-1 final score. This match could perhaps be deemed the most thrilling of the field hockey games this year. In the first half, both teams looked to dominate the other with offensive play. With Springfield leading the game, Mount Holyoke fielded itself amidst a questionable call inside the arc, giving Springfield a penalty shot. The team netted the ball in the back of the Babson net with a nice shot to the top left, putting them up on top 1-0.

From the stands, it looked like the teams would have to regroup and come out roaring in 2nd half. On the field, though, the Bears had another plan. With 36 seconds to go in the first half, Conley netted a pass from a penalty shot that tied the match at 1-1. Like Saturday's game, the Babson fans were without any other desire to go home, cooking dutifully nuts for their home team.

In the second half, each team found itself with scoring opportunities. The difference proved to be the defense for each team. One of the most impressive players for Babson in this game was first-year goalie, Metz. After the posts, Sillow kept the Bears in the match with one huge save after another. Indeed, it was the fuel added by the defense that propelled the team into overtime play.

In overtime, Springfield did manage to score the first goal. Winning the match, Babson then had to wait until Sunday to see if it could score a first ever appearance in the NCAA division III tournament.

With the news that they had made it into the tournament, Babson hosted the Utica College Pioneers in their first ever first round match. Coming off a huge weekend in the NEWMAC semifinals and finals, Babson proved that it was able to play with the best. The team plowed through the match with five goals, three coming from Conley, one from Senior Gina Giardina, and one from Senior Katie Jonson. The Pioneers tried to hold onto their NCAA future, but could not match Babson's solid play.

This weekend's exciting matches, Senior Elise Conley was named NEWMAC player of the year. To many, this comes with little surprise, as Conley's Field Hockey résumé has been filled with many bright highlights such as the nation's leading scorer, an appearance in Sport's Illus., and is the leader of the Babson team.

The next NCAA tournament game is for the Babson team this Saturday at 2pm at Upright. Go Babson!
This Week’s SGA Organization Profile:

Amnesty International

Meeting Time(s)
Periodical according to campaigns

Club/Organization Mission Statement:

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights.

Amnesty International’s vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

In pursuit of this vision, Amnesty International’s mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.

Amnesty International is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights.

If applicable, list some of your past/future events or activities:
Last year: Darfur campaign where students signed petitions to stop the genocide occurring in Sudan. Also, we showed “Hotel Rwanda” in Sorenson.
This year: we will be holding a campaign on child soldiers in Africa

Why should someone join your club/organization:
Amnesty International’s letter-writing campaigns free prisoners of conscious everyday.

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.

Memories of Fall Weekend are still with us. Just a few short weeks ago the new executive members of the Campus Activities Board successfully organized their first major weekend. The first event of the weekend was a viewing of “Robin Hood: Men in Tights.” Although cut short by a fire alarm, those in attendance enjoyed air mattress comfort, free popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, and pizza. On the following evening, CAB sponsored a packed Pub Night complete with spooky decorations and wooden drink tokens. Not to be out done by our weekday events, the board concluded the weekend with a series of blowout events on Friday and Saturday. On Friday, students were eating candied apples in one hand while making waxed hands with the other. A few snow-cones and bags of popcorn later, the excitement moved to the upper fields for the Greek Council sponsored Ultimate Frisbee and Powder-puff tournaments. After a short break for dinner Babson filled Sorenson to watch Brian Brushwood perform his freak magic show. Finally, the weekend was capped by a blockbuster PepsiCo party. Featuring your favorite tunes, dance staging, and music video screens, students partied hard in their costumes until the ye olde Medieval Knight ended.

The Campus Activities Executive Board would like to thank the following organization for their help in making this weekend a success: Student Government Association, Office of Campus Life, Babson College Public Safety, facilities staff, Greek Council, Class of 2008 Steering Committee, Sødexo, and Woody.

Please forward all questions and comments about this or any CAB sponsored event to Joshua Neman (jneman@babson.edu), Public Relations Chair. Don’t forget, you can come and voice your opinions in person every Monday night at 6:30 in Trim 201/202.
Economic Outlook topic of choice at B.I.M.A. meeting
Alex Turczak
Staff Writer

The Babson Investment Management Association hosted Mark Billings, Director of Marketing at First Quadrant, for its weekly speaker series this past Thursday. Billings spoke to B.I.M.A. members about his outlook for the United States and global economies, as well as answering questions about his career and industry.

Both a Boston native and Babson graduate, Billings began his career at the first ever institutional equity derivatives salesmen at Merrill Lynch. In retrospect, this pioneered the usage of derivatives in financial markets. He then joined First Quadrant, the investment management company, and now serves as its marketing director.

After a brief career summarization, Billings elaborated on his philosophy for understanding and predicting market conditions of the economy.

"Ever since I was a Babson student I was always interested in understanding how investors think, and I believe in the idea of socio-political cycles and seasonality. By looking at these cycles you gain valuable information about the shape of the economy. By forecasting economic data you can anticipate these short-term cycles with a long-term historical perspective you should be able to predict which direction the economy is heading. I look at economic cycles as four different periods. There are complete cycles of these four seasons that take roughly 100 years to complete."

Billings continued with his outlook for the financial markets, "I have a hard time believing stocks and bonds giving more than single digit returns. 5-6% returns on stocks seem reasonable to me."

As far as an economic forecast, Billings predicted a GDP of 3% and productivity at around 2-2.5% seem reasonable for the U.S. economy. The funny thing is that these numbers have been unheard of in the past. Globally we are in a growth movement away from manufacturing content to intellectual content and outsourcing is to be expected. To me outsourcing in the intellectual age is no different than immigration in the industrial age.

In terms of Real Estate, "I do not see a concern for a bust in the housing bubble. We will see more real estate bubbles, but we have always had them in the past. Ever since the emergence of the zero tax bracket, it has redefined real estate investing and the asset class in general."

Billings later discussed the idea of retirement, "To me retirement is a celebratory concept. It has only been around for the past 20 years. My advice is to find something you absolutely love to do and do it for as long as you can."

Billings concluded with a synopsis for a successful career in financial marketing, "To be successful you need to always be learning. To develop relationships with people, you need intellectual capabilities, and the ability to tell a story."
Good Course Registration for Bad Courses
Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

As many of you are trying to register for your courses next semester, you may run into some general problems. There are just not enough courses offered in some concentrations, too many in others, and even in the concentrations that have courses available, there are not enough spots in the better courses. The end result is that classes are overcrowded, students are forced to take courses they have no interest in, and you end up with disgruntled faculty and students.

Students are unhappy because they do not get into the classes they want. People who are trying to do a concentration are often forced into courses they do not want to be in with professors they do not like. To counteract this, the registrar has made class sizes 42 for advanced courses. Even large universities have fewer students in their advanced courses. We are a small business college that attracts students with promises of small classes. Then, once students get here, they may never have a class of fewer than twenty five.

The school is supposed to have a thirteen to one student-faculty ratio according to the Administrations Office. Faculty generally teach about three classes. Students take five. With some basic math skills, that should mean that the students per class should be twenty two. PME has sixty plus students and many advanced classes have fifty two, as mentioned earlier. Where are the classes with them?

I am interested in accounting courses (not necessarily having to do with finance), global management courses, and quantitative courses, but just the ones that are business related. There was only one course I could sign up for that met my interest, and it was full a few minutes after my registration opened. Now there is one spot open. I was lucky though. Some courses were full after the first round of registration. If the school knows that some classes are particularly popular and get filled every time they are offered, why are they only offered in one section?

Courses like negotiations, consumer behavior, and international finance should have more than one section. They fill up immediately and it is obvious that they could support multiple sections of at least twenty people each. I do not understand why such a small college needs to have such large advanced classes. Just like more classes of French, there should be an actual discussion and class participation, something that BEE is supposed to be good at but apparently is not. The classes are too large to facilitate discussion. Professors end up lecturing the whole time and boring the students. It is a shame. What is the point of having good professors if the classes are so large that you cannot actually have any meaningful discussion with them? Someone could read a prepared PowerPoint.

Especially for a small business school, the fact that we do not understand the laws of supply and demand is somewhat pathetic.

There are courses that are preferred by the student body that get offered in more sections, so offer them! The point at which supply equals demand is the bee. If I hear from one more person that the Office of Academic Services told them that there is nothing they can do, there are only a certain number of courses offered, if that were an adequate excuse, I will leave. I think it is great that the UC DBM is updating courses and making UCDBM better. I do not however, understand why simple changes are not being made to improve choices, shrink class sizes, and provide more students with more classes they actually want to take.

FREEDOM NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH FRENCH
Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

Freedon might not have been the best word to replace French after all. Terms like "freedom fries" and "freedom taco" have taken over in the last few years, sometimes out of a sense of patriotism, sometimes mocking the French, and sometimes mocking the administration. Now, more than ever, it strikes me as a joke.

France is in a state of turmoil as one of its most fiscal minority is exercising its power. Young Muslims all over France have been staging protests, burning cars, sometimes even getting violent. Looking at the statistics, it is no wonder this group is so marginalized. A recent study in France found that individuals with Muslim-sounding names are five times more likely to be rejected from a pool of resumes. The unemployment rate in France is about 10% overall, but is 40% among Muslims. They have less political representation per capita, fewer jobs, lower incomes, and appear to be sick of it. Having said that, the majority of the Muslim leaders have come out against the protests, saying they will accomplish nothing. The thing is, the French are already starting to cave in. More legislation and policy changes have been passed in favor of Muslims, especially Arabs from North Africa in the hopes of appeasing the Muslim population and stopping the riots. Meanwhile, after alienating itself from any country that would actually no how to deal with a situation like this, France has to deal with itself.

In the hopes of skirting or halting the protests and riots, De Villepin and the French government are imposing a curfew on young people throughout France. Violence Tuesday night was at a low with only 600 cars set a fire, after Saturday's high of 1400. Having said that, the second largest subway station in the country had to be shut down after a bomb was set off.

I find it ironic that France always plays the annoying goody-two shoes sitting in the corner criticizing everyone else for human rights violations, unfair trading, picking on the Irish, gay, and, best of all, persecution. Meanwhile, the French are some of the most prejudiced people in the world in my experience. There are far too many beatings of Jewish people in France every year. The Muslim population is being ever找准 both politically and economically. Americans are stereotyped as stupid people who believe in the Holocaust. This is a joke.

Now, France and its national government have alienated every country has been in a state of turmoil for weeks. Touchdown is being discouraged. If the riots continue any longer, they could have serious economic repercussions. The United States and Great Britain are already telling people not to go to France, or at least not to the areas of the country most heavily affected. I would not do business in France right now. I know as Israeli woman who owns a business that has a branch in Paris. Coming from a country France has pushed for countless sanctions against for representing Muslim population, she is staying away from France because of its riots. I wish I could feel bad for France. Its government, and its people, but be aware of my experiences as a Jewish American who does not speak French and has been to France, the only people I feel sorry for are the Muslims then. Some will probably be persecuted unfairly because of the riots. Others will be rejected from the government because its names, skin tone, and beliefs. It is not fair and in a country that advocates freedom and tolerance. The French government should be exercising these principles. I believe that this was the wrong way to gain more rights and equality, but I am just as upset at France, its government, and its citizens for allowing it to get this far.
Who Would Actually Pay For This “Food”?

Erik Litwin
Staff Writer

Is it just me, or does it seem like Trim food is just getting worse and worse? From what I remember four years ago, I was looking at Babson and I was told the food here is very good in comparison to other schools in the area. If our school has better food than most, I have no idea how people at other schools are doing anything but starving.

The way I see it the meal plan is a complete rip off. Who the heck eats over $1000 worth of food at Trim per semester? I would be surprised if I ate over $1000 worth of food at Trim in all my four years at Babson! There are many things about Trim that just disgust me, so I try to keep my distance, if you know what I mean. First off, who wants to eat in a place that is warmer than a sauna? Seriously, I remember the first month or so of school I was sweating in Trim while eating. One would think that for $1000 per semester per person they would be able to afford an air conditioning system. I know, most of the year is cold, but for those three warm months of the year I never go into Trim unless I am forced against my will.

The biggest problem with Trim however, is not necessarily the temperature: it’s the food, or whatever you want to call that stuff they feed us. There are only two foods that they served there that I liked (food meaning past tense) and they completely ruined them this year. The first of these is the stir fry. In previous years, the stir fry station actually served stir fry, not soup with vegetables. Come on, you know it, they put so much sauce and oil in the stir fry now that a meal that is supposed to be healthy is just as bad for you as a cheeseburger with fries.

The one and only, let me stress only, other thing I liked there was the grilled chicken breast. Last I checked, grilled meant on a grill, not pan fried. The grilled chicken breast is for some reason now almost a crispy chicken breast. I have no idea why these changes happened, but they did and now the only thing I can eat there without vomiting all over the salad bar is either a salad or cereal which both require no preparation or skill to serve.

I’m sorry, but the food preparation is so horrible that these are the only types of foods that are even edible! Please let me graduate already so I don’t have to deal with this terrible meal plan and even worse food.

SGA Would Like to Congratulate Our New England Champions!!!
BABSON WOMEN’S RUGBY

If you see these girls wish them good luck at the Northeast Championship held at UMASS Amherst this weekend!!

Way to finish it SENIORS! Congratulations on your FINAL SEASON of BWR!

Pam Panagian* (President), Missy Fine* (Social Chair), Kim Brunelle*, Meaghan Lally-McGurty* (Treasurer), Jacque Decoco* (Captain), Kira Maddigan* (Match Secretary), Kaitlyn Knowles* (Captain), Terry Nasa*, Caitlin Laman*, Ashley Burgess*, Amelia Adams, Jenn Bell, Allison Harden, Kathy King*, Abby Hammond, and Myra Singleton

*Pictured Above
Staying Warm through the Winter Months
Ashley Jain
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

With the coming of Thanksgiving, and the month it usually comes in (November), and the following months (December, January, February, March, and maybe even April) if you are Balinese students may unexpectedly find yourselves very cold. As a seasoned New Englander, I learned the art of staying warm in places for this unbearable cold are still unknown. I suspect it may be because the leaves on the trees are now on the ground, and thus have stopped insulating the air, but don’t trust me, I’m no scientist.

In any event, wouldn’t it be cold if we could keep warm during the winter time? Here at the Free Press think so, and we thought, what the heck, why not let the students of Balinese in on some tips to warm themselves? Especially for those who are not used to the New England weather.

Keep Historical Accuracy Alive.
When buffalo roamed the plains of Central Massachusetts, many immigrants, even until the late 18th century, killed the buffalo in hopes of making Berkshire Mountain Oysters. When they realized how useful these ‘tenderers’ tasted, they became the ‘buffalo’ which might as well make use of the rest of the buffalo. When it got cold they wrapped themselves in the furs of the buffalo. So just find a buffalo, kill it, and warm from it.

If you are not a big meat eater, don’t fret, there is still hope. Ancient Toghebon law states that massive green patches of moss have proved to be full of iron and protein, which in turn will raise the metabolism of your body and keep you warm.

Horoscopes: Useful or Not?
Manjari Rastogi
Lifestyles Editor

Upon waking up, of the 1087 emails I receive daily, a proud member of Balinese’s ‘ugly’ community, there is one only I truly bother to read. Can you guess what it is? Of course, it’s the daily horoscope I have signed up for which gets emailed to me at 1 AM every night.

I always read these because I love to know what’s in store for my day. Usually its something vague like ‘Crescent news will arrive today’. That’s funny, I could have sworn my fortune cookie said the same exact thing when I ordered Tian Fu last week. Regardless, there is a comforting feeling in knowing what is in store for you. But how many people get the same exact message as me? Granted they throw in my name every now and then, but seriously, who writes these things? What if I’m one of those people who truly relies on the horoscope and plans my day accordingly? How? How could it be if I get daily reminders of letting us know what will go wrong in the day if we don’t take immediate action? This would go something like this.

LIFESTYLES
A Call-out to the “Nice Guys”: No More Finishing Last
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I’m not going to lie to you. I’m no bad boy, I’m not mysterious, I don’t dress dangerously, and I don’t try to act tough.
I’m a nice guy. I’m the guy girls come running to when their high-boy friends break their hearts. I’m the guy those boyfriends want to beat up because fighting is the only part of life I don’t dominate in them. I represent the “kind of guy you marry.” You know what that is? I’m the kind of guy you want to date too.

So, all nice guys out there, listen. Use it or you want to waste our chance last?

Life is a game that you have to play and lose.
As long as you stay there waiting for it to make sense to you, it leaves you cold and it doesn’t work that way. We know we’re nice guys, and we pride ourselves on not being like everyone else. Do you know how many wonderful girls we’ve let get away every day just because we don’t want to come across as anything else? We can never blame anyone but ourselves. We only hold ourselves back. Here is my story . . .

All my life I have tried to write a script in my head, and play out in reality. I have positioned every move, and scripted every word. I predicted reactions from the people I knew, and I had my answer. However, I always ran into the same problem. Reality is not a movie, and life is not a perfectly written script. In real life, the main character is the biggest. I’ve always felt that the girl I’m supposed to. Sometimes she gets a little girl on all girls. Reactions cannot always be predicted; you always get the girl you want, and no one ever has all the answers.

But in a scenario where things come out of life if you just let life happen, it’s harder to predict. In the past, I’ve always felt the script I wrote, it tells a story nonetheless. It could be a dramatic comedy, full of wine and twisted sub-plots.

Would be a film of arrogance and self-doubt, of wonderful triumphs and even greater failures; a story of friendship and rivalry, that was to be never was. But mostly it would be about a girl. A girl so beautiful, the mere mention of her name takes your breath away. With eyes as deep as they held their youth with just one glance. When she smiles, you wish to smile back, and your heart melts with each breath you take. The opening scene would be breath-taking. The glistening water would reflect back to your eyes, and smooth planks of the summer sunset as it silhouettes the clouds; two people sitting close together, tall and proud — the other reaching out across the water as if reaching for the other. The water ripples to reflect the breath-taking beauty of the world. You can hear the waves crash tightly against the beach, as a velvet voice infected, soft and reflective, as an grown born begins his narrative tale.

I can remember the first time I saw her. I mean really saw her. It was the first day of school, sophomore year. It was history class, and she sat in the fourth row from the right, third seat back. We had been friends for a few years, but today I knew something new; it was something unannouncing — yet radiant, and cupids arrow came early this year. I looked back, and for the next three years I would chase her. I worshiped her. She was my last thought before I fell asleep. She was the object of all my dreams, and she was my first love. When I woke up this morning she did not see her days were that were not whole. My whole pathetic world revolved around a single glimpse of her smile. But one glimpse was never enough, and I never wanted to take my eyes off of her. I would do anything to win her heart.

One day I would say to her, ‘I wish I would never have a happy ending. It would be a tragedy of sorts, where the timing was just never the same. It would be a tragedy worthy of the Shakespearean type, with our hero falling at every opportunity afforded him. We take him step back by step back by step back by . . . .

Students and faculty celebrate Diwali and Eid at the dinner put together by Aman at The Holy Club in Cambridge (L-R) Kirchner and Professor Ansari.

They live.

If you thought your miserable weekend was coming to end and you were looking forward to the weekend, think again! Check out your horoscope and see what’s in store for you.

Can’t stand the sound of that phone call you have been anxiously awaiting regarding that summer internship you have been looking forward to? You actually ended up tripping over your laundry bag. You know, that laundry bag which is overflowing with three weeks worth of laundry that you have been neglecting to do. In the course of doing so, you end up tripping, stairing yourself and missing the call, ignoring the pain, you excitedly check your email account and learn the sad news that you would sorely get the internship you had picked up right that instant.

You call the sweet Human Resources department to verify the news, you’re crying as you hang up, you’re crying as you hang up, you’re crying as you hang up, you’re crying as you hang up.

I hope you like me? To your laundry!)

To me or move it out of the way. When you are expecting your call back from the employers, make sure you keep your phone accessible at this time. I must call you. I must call you. I must call you. I must call you. I must call you. I must call you. I must call you. 

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The Gems of the East
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Arts Editor

Recent pieces included in the Arts section convey a certain penchant for Western art, and I do not deny that I tend to favor Rembrandts over silks, this bias does not preclude me from appreciating Eastern art. In fact, I strongly object to the lay opinion that Eastern art is primitive because its "civilized" Western form. The Chinese and other Eastern cultures were experimenting with different techniques and materials just as the Europeans were, and the art produced by each respective people was, in many ways, a reflection of the culture, social, political, and historical contexts unique to each of them.

One of the most celebrated of these accomplishments is the beginning of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), a period which saw three successive Emperors rule China through one of its most prosperous eras. The Qing were Manchu warlords who, upon defeating the Ming Emperors in 1644, settled southward to become the greatest empire of all time. The Qing were not barbarians, as once believed, but rather one of the most sophisticated cultures of the world.

Review of "Le Diner de Cons" (The Dinner Game)
Justin Peagram
Arts Editor

French movies are not as popular this side of the Atlantic as they are in Europe, except for the exception of Quebec, the largely French speaking area of Canada. French films usually avoid political and religious effects, large explosions and gratuitous sex (though sexuality is ubiquitous enough in French films). And, as an introceptive French-American perspective is that most of them need to be watched with subtitles, and often do.

The main problem with French films is that they are often slow and cloying with close-ups and long stretches of dialogue, not to mention the ubiquitous "voile" which no real French film would dare to do without. The pacing is slow and the dialogue is often contrived and cheese-ball-like.

The Dinner Game is the funniest movie I have ever seen. Its numerous plot twists keep the viewer on the edge of his seat, guessing as to what stupidity the idiot will commit next. Lhermite's performance is marvelous, and the way he plays his character back and forth between his repulsive arrogance and unashamedly charming.

Though primarily a comedy, the movie does deal with deeper themes such as the changing of the world, the decline of the French and the perils of an adulterous life. The film's message, in true Voltairean fashion, is not to take life too seriously. This message is especially relevant considering that final exams are only a month away. This movie is perfect for Babson students to relax and learn a thing or two about the French, all the while enjoying freedom fries of course.
Kate Watson:
3.65 GPA
Road Tripper
Sports Fanatic*
Is Welcome Here

Your life. You can bring it with you.
Learn more about Kate and tell us more about you
visit pwc.com/bringit
Defining international students in the United States

Edelweis Witozky
International Editor

1. Students who are neither US Citizens nor permanent resident of the United States.
2. Students who study in foreign schools for the reasons below:
   a. To improve their language
   b. To advance their specialized studies because US offers a diversity of educational opportunities
   c. To obtain a foreign degree, especially if earned from certain countries because it is considered much more prestigious than a local one
3. Students who need to fulfill at least 12 credits every semester.
4. Students who are sometimes ridiculed or even harassed due to a linguistic barrier.
5. Students who gain admittance to the College by the issuance of an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrants (F-1) Status.
6. Students who usually bring two luggages: one full of clothes and the other one full of snacks and staple food from their home country.
7. Students who often do not stress about flying in an airplane for 24 hours because they are used to it.
8. Students who pay roundtrip airplane tickets 10-15 times more than the domestic students.
9. Students who pay more for the application fee to enter College.
10. Students who cannot go home over the weekend.
11. Students who usually prefer to live off campus.
12. Students who prefer to eat at Reynolds/Olin rather than Trim Dining Hall.
13. Students who pay more for phone bills than the domestic students.
15. Students who need to take TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) on top of SAT Verbal test.

... And of course the list goes on. There are no fixed ways to define international students.

Latin America Business Forum Next Week

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, November 15th from 5:00pm – 6:30pm The Global Society will be hosting The Latin American Business and Economic Forum at Babson College in Olin Hall. The forum will feature a diverse group of speakers from the region and include representatives from Babson, Council Generals of Latin American nations, and various other people.

The panel consists of Jim Bodell (President of the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America), Alejandro Calderon (Consul General of Colombia), Roberto Escobar (Consul General of El Salvador), Dominico Cabrall (Consul General of the Dominican Republic), and Porfirio Thierri Muzo Lede (Consul General from Mexico). In addition, there are also various people from Babson, Winer Equital, Director of Babson College Institute for Family Enterprise, and Carlos Ruffo, Professor of Management and Associate Director of the Institute for Latin American Business.

President Barfoot will make the opening remarks for the discussion and the event will be a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the political development and business growth that many Latin American countries are experiencing today. The Global Society has brought together one consul general from each area of Latin America, and will provide a diverse perspective on the region.

The event will be followed by a reception from 6:30pm – 7:00pm in the Needham/Wellness Room of Olin Hall.

The Global Society is a recently initiated organization on campus that is bringing together the diversity and educate the campus about different regions in the world through panels such as these, and its newsletter.

World Current Events for Week of November 10th

Viral Kapadia
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Amman, Jordan

The international hotels in Amman, the capital of Jordan, were damaged by bomb blasts that resulted in the deaths of approximately fifty-seven people. The three hotels that were attacked were the Radisson Hotel, the Grand Hyatt, and the Days Inn, all three of which are prominent in the city.

President Barfoot will be in Jordan and will visit the area in order to assess the damage and to discuss the situation with local officials.

Santiago, Chile

The return of former Peruvian President, Alberto Fujimori, is expected to have significant consequences for the Chilean political landscape.

Peru and Chile have been embroiled in a conflict over the rights to the waters of the River Loa, which flows through both countries.

Paris, France

The French government has imposed new measures on the country, including a curfew from 11pm to 5am.

Damascus, Syria

Syria has been involved in the assassination of former Lebanese leader Rafic Hariri, and has faced serious criticism from the UN.

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Above, the picture exemplifying centuries-old architecture with houses built along a bridge which creates for amazing views of the river, the mountains, the local community, and sunsets.
NFL Week 9: Studs and Duds

Jeff Peterson
Staff Writer

The midpoint of the NFL season is here and teams are getting ready for playoff push. This week we saw Peyton Manning exercise his Foxboro demons and Terrell Owens be dismissed from the Philadelphia Eagles. Overall, it made for a great weekend of football. Without further ado, I present to you the NFL Week 9 studs and duds.

Stud: Peyton Manning. QB, Indianapolis Colts. Peyton Manning had never beaten the New England Patriots at Foxboro. This week he annihilated the Patriots, running an efficient offense that allowed him to pass for 3 TDs. In addition, both Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne gained over 120 yards through the air. It really hurts to say this, but I do think Tim Brady is a god, but this might be the year Peyton Manning wins his first Super Bowl (sobbing).

Dud: Oakland Raiders Defense. Since getting beaten by the Patriots on opening night, the Raiders were playing at a 3-0 clip. They had a great chance to beat the Kansas City Chiefs if their run defense could hold up. Surprise, surprise: the Raiders lined on a 1st second touchdown run by Chiefs RB Larry Johnson. The Raiders had a lot of hope going into this season, but with the Broncos in their division, the inconsistent play of the Raiders will ultimately be their downfall.

Stud: LaDainian Tomlinson, RB, San Diego Chargers. Did you hear about that? MVP...MVP... Tomlinson added another impressive game to his 2005 MVP run. Tomlinson ran for 3 TDs and caught another one. The Chargers fended off a feisty New York Jets team by a score of 31-30. If the Chargers make the playoffs, they will be building statues of Tomlinson in San Diego. Tomlinson has had an impressive career, and should keep playing the way he is now, expect him to be in the Hall of Fame.

Dud: Duane Starks, CB, New England Patriots. When the Patriots signed Starks, he had the makeup of a Pro Bowl player. He was a starting corner on the vaunted 2000 Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens. He had the mental toughness and smarts to play in a Belichick defense. He looked awesome on paper, but right now, the Patriots may as well have a room playing cornerback. Wide receivers are blowing by Starks and putting more pressure on the devastated Patriots secondary. Because the AFC is incredibly weak, the Patriots should be a shoe-in for the playoffs. However, expect a early round exit and Tom Brady's first postseason loss.

And Happy Trails to... Terrell Owens, WR, Philadelphia Eagles. One has to wonder what goes on Terrell Owens mind. He enjoys the life of an elite Wide Receiver in the NFL, and yet he still finds things to complain about. He calls out his Pro Bowl QB Donovan McNabb and complains about his contract, and then tries to apologize. Well, the Eagles are fed up with Owens' shenanigans, and he has been suspended for the rest of the season. Good riddance, the Eagles can win without him, and a team vying for the Super Bowl does not need him as a distraction.

Babson advances to the finals on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Mount Holyoke. The team shut out their opponent with a solid defense, and a defense that wouldn’t allow a ball to find its way to their half.

Pat’s Picks

By Pat McNamara
Staff Writer

It’s NBA season, the NFL is in full swing, and the MVP hardware being given out soon. Oh yeah, and there is still the NHL. Here are some of my top picks this week for the four major sports.

The Celtics came into today at 1-2...even though they are a free throw and 8 seconds away from 3-0. Many doubters have the Celtics out of the playoffs this year in the tough East, and after a decent start and Pierce on the trade block, so I. Celtics final record: 38-44, 6th in the East, 2nd in the division.

We head into the week where the MVP will be decided in both the AL and NL of the MLB. The huge debate surrounding the MVP is whether David Ortiz deserves the award contingent on the fact he doesn’t play defense. Ortiz’s numbers were similar to A-Rod’s. The difference? David racked up a huge amount of RBI whereas A-Rod was dominant in stealing bases. You can compare the actual numbers all day long, and you will find that they are similar in most regard. However, the one thing the other player possesses that separates him from the other is that plays the field (A-Rod) and one hits best in the clutch (Ortiz). When it comes down to it, I’ll take the clutch hitter and Billy Mueller at third. My AL MVP: David Ortiz; NL MVP: Albert Pujols.

The NFL is back in action with the Boston Bruins not defeated in regulation in their last 9 games. However, they have won only 4 of those nine games, and lost 5 in overtime. The Bruins are in the thick of things in the standings, and should come out with a better record than what they have now. My predictions for them is 94 points, fourth in the East. Look for them to make a run in the playoffs this year. The biggest regular season game in the NFL took place Monday night in Foxborough. The Patriots hosted the Colts, and the Colts took the game easily, 40-21.

Although the Colts are undefeated, it will be interesting to see if they can finally make it to the Super Bowl with the great team they have. As for the Patriots, look for them to start winning some games, and finish 11-5.

My predictions is that the Patriots will face the Colts in the playoffs, this time at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Colts will win this one, but this time in a much closer affair. As for this week, look for the Colts to stay undefeated with an easy win hosting the Texans, and look for the Pats to bounce back with a nice win in Miami.

If you are looking in play the odds this week in an NFL fantasy bet, be sure to take Ray "For Sure" picks. The Pats opened as 3 point favorites against the Dolphins. Look for the Pats to come out with a lot of fight in them after last week’s loss. Take the Pats to win and the Patriots with the spread.

The Broncos are only 2.5 favorites in Oakland. Look for the Broncos to keep playing well and win by a few touchdowns. Take the Broncos to win and the Broncos with the points.

Finally, the Lions at home are favored by only 3 versus the Cardinals. Take the Lions to win and the Lions with the spread. With those picks, you are sure to bring home a new pair of shoes for next weeks matchups.

Go Field Hockey!

(NCAA Division III Championship Tournament-2nd Round)

and...

Good Luck Rugby!

(Northeast Championship at UMass-Amherst)