Congratulations
To the Babson Players

On another Outstanding performance in

Pippin!

Strength through Influence
Influence through Credibility

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Dedication

I guess it always happens when you have an ambitious set designer that there is too much to be done and just not enough time to do it. It is then at the eleventh hour, three days before opening night, that you wake up and realize that you have actors, costumes, props and music but no set. That feeling of sheer hopelessness is temporary because help is just a phone call away.

If there is one thing that I have found during my two years as president it’s that if things seem hopeless call Mary Sykes. A typical call from me to Mary will go something like this: “Hi Mary, we need elevators that fly off stage.”, “Mary, we would like to use pyrotechnics on stage.”, “Mary I think we just broke all of your tools.” After all of these problems she will always answer, “No problem, let’s see what we can do.” No matter the task she is always there being the calm hand that fixes all of our backstage problems. So for putting up with one crazy problem after another, Mary this show is for you.

Chris Norwood

April 2003
The Sisters of ÓÊ

Would like to congratulate

Christy Walsh!

In order of appearance

LEADING PLAYER ...................... DAVID DRADY
Pippin ............................................. BEN RACKL
King Charles ............................. CHRIS NORWOOD
Fastrada ................................. MELISSA O'BRIEN
Lewis ................................. GREGORY NEUFEILD
Berthe ................................. SCOTT SCHREIBER
Catherine ................................. JAMIE DI MATTEO
Theo ................................................. ALEX STEIN
Players ........................................... KIARA BARRETT
Anuj Chulani
Ryan Cunningham
Brianna DeGennaro
Cindy Fine
Brigitte Gehring
Aaron Honig
Crystal Hosking
Christy Walsh

There will be a fifteen-minute intermission between acts.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers for the duration of the performance
Production Staff

Directors.......................... David Goldman
                                  Janice Wright
                                  Kelley Baran

E-Board....................... Chris Norwood, Pres.
                                  Christy Walsh, VP
                                  Craig Anderson, Treasurer
                                  Brigitte Gehring, Secretary

Tech Director ............... Craig Anderson
Stage Manager............... Craig Aronson
Assistant Stage Managers .... Lisa Chin
                                  Rick Shaughnessy

House Manager ............. Anthony Micale
Lights ......................... Alisa Boguslavskaya
Spotlight..................... William Droege
Sound ........................... Jemima Fevrier
Property Manager......... Bethany Yeasted
Program...................... Alisa Boguslavskaya
Band........ Dave Sass, Kevin Ritter (Reeds)
                                  Randy Quast (trumpet)
                                  Tony Sumbury (Bass)
                                  Tim Maynard (Drums)

Good Luck
Aaron
and to
The Babson Players,
Graduating Seniors
& Crew

pippin
Ellen & Martin Honig
Good Luck Ben and all the Babson Players

The Rackl Family

Cast and Crew Bios

David Drady (The Leading Player): Dave is pleased to be performing again with the Babson Players, having played the role of Mr. Twimble in last year’s musical, “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”. He has done extensive musical theater in the past with roles including Tevye in “The Fiddler On The Roof”, Peter in “Peter Pan”, Rooster in “Annie”, Huck Finn in “Tom Sawyer”, The God of Water in “Once On This Island”, Neville Landless in “The Mystery of Edwin Drood” and Mamillius at Trinity College in Shakespeare’s “The Winters Tale”. Dave was also proud to have been named an All-State Connecticut singer in High School. He loves the theater and considers it an honor to be part of The Babson Players. He would like to give his heartfelt thanks to not only his fellow cast members and crew, but also to the directors and choreographers for their excellent job in this year’s production.

Ben Rackl (Pippin): Ben is a first year student at Babson and this is his second show with the Players. You may remember him from his role as that lovable Pornography writer and director, George Rushmore, from last semester’s show: Bottoms Up! You’ll see a bit of change this time around, as he portrays a naïve young man searching for meaning in this thing we call life. As for Ben’s life, when he doesn’t find himself buried under mountains of Babson schoolwork, he enjoys films as well as 24 on FOX. He also enjoys soccer, skiing, cereal and long walks on the beach with his darling girlfriend Jackie. His acting career has spanned from Shakespeare to sketch and standup comedy; this is his first musical, and he is really feeling his costume…ahem.

Chris Norwood (Charles): After spending two years as a lowly president, Chris has now landed himself the role of king. Along with his normal stately duties of raising taxes and beheadings, he has found delight in the simple tasks such as waging wars against the Two Towers, the “I” and “E”. Feeling that war might bring about an assassination attempt, King Chris has hired Scott Baio and Eric Estrada to be his bodyguards. Chris hopes you enjoy the show, but not too much or you might get a visit from his henchmen.

Melissa O’Brien (Fastrada): Melissa is a junior here at Babson College and this is her first show with the Babson Players. She believes many people don’t realize that playing dead can help not only with bears, but also at important business meetings. So, if life gives you a bowl of lemons, go find an annoying guy with paper cuts and make it worthwhile!
**Greg Neufeld** (Lewis): Greg is a freshman student enjoying his first production with the Players. He has been involved in music and theater for many years and has been in many musicals such as “West Side Story”, “A Chorus Line”, “The Fantasticks”, and “The Secret Garden”. Greg is a very talented New York All-State vocalist and plans to record his first album this summer. Greg would like to thank his parents and younger brother for their support. A special thanks goes out to his high school music director, Mrs. Debbie Myers for giving Greg over ten years of her wonderful musical instruction and guidance. Greg looks forward to many years to come with the Players.

**Scott Schreiber** (Berthe): Scott has only had two major roles in productions throughout his performing career. Both roles required him to play the part of a woman. Scott wonders if this is not some sort of sign. Regardless, he is thrilled to have his first major part at Babson, and he expects his gender confusion to clear up soon, hopefully before he buys another fifteen pairs of shoes. On the other hand, he has noticed he color-coordinates a lot better. Make sure you give lots of applause to this still-attractive, well-dressed woman… err, man!

**Jamie DiMatteo** (Catherine): This is Jamie’s second year at Babson, and fourth show with the Players. You may have seen her last year as Rosemary in *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* crooning that #1 feminist hit, “Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm”. She assures that this year’s fare won’t disappoint. She’s had a wonderful time with the cast and crew of Pippin, and wishes everybody good luck!

**Alex Stein** (Theo): This is the first time Alex has performed with the Babson Players, but the third time he has portrayed the role of Theo. Other favorite credits include Big(Billy), Grease(Sonny), How to succeed (Twinkle)... Little Mermaid(Borgy), Joseph(Asher), and Footloose(Willard) - All of these characters were either children, slightly slow, or in children’s shows. Alex is glad that at nineteen years of age he is still type cast as an odd small child. This is probably due to the fact that he has yet to go through puberty and still has the maturity level of the average second grader(Toilet humor is funny) Alex would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making his first theatrical experience at Babson a memorable one. He hopes that everyone has a quacktastic time tonight.

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**Leading Actress - Musical**

And the Tony Award goes to:

**Melissa O'Brien as Fastrada**

Congratulations on a Terrific Performance!

Love: 
Mom, Dad, and Stephanie
Kiara Barrett: This is Kiara’s first show at Babson, but not her first stage production. She has been involved in such shows as Oklahoma!, Little Shop of Horrors, and Sound of Music. She loves theatre ad is so happy to be a part of the Babson Players. She would like to thank her mother, not for any theatrical or artistic talent that may have been passed down (because it didn’t happen), but more so for her support and love.

Anuj Chulani: Disclaimer: Despite all of the rumors, Anuj’s nickname is not “Twinkle Toes Chulani.” From a businessman to a porter to a pantyhose wearing dancing man, this is Anuj’s final performance with the Babson Theater group. So I guess he’ll have to get his “Playah 4 Life” tattoo removed from his....Anyway enjoy the show, hold all your applause until the end and God Bless the Queen!

Ryan Cunningham: From his humble beginnings as a singing cowboy in Gershwin’s “Crazy for You”, Ryan has risen to play the roles of Johnny Casino in “Grease” and most recently gained the prestigious title of Assistant Stage Manager (ASM) in the Players’ production of “Bottoms Up”. Ryan looks forward to continuing to perform with the Players and would like to thank his family, friends, and Anheiser-Busch for making this experience so much fun.

Brianna DeGennaro: Hello! Brianna is very (adjective) to be in this show. It reminds her of her life long goal to move out west to become a Las Vegas (occupation) by the time she is (number) years old. By then she hopes to closely resemble her idol, (celebrity name). She knows that this (adjective) show will make the audience leap out of their (pl. noun) and scream “(exclamation)” after laughing so hard they almost bust a (body part). So sit back, (verb), and enjoy the show! Brianna would also like to thank the Players for all of their (noun) and support, her family for coming all the way from (place) to see her, and most of all (personal pronoun)! Have a (adjective) night!

Cindy Fine: Cindy is delighted to be making her second stage appearance with the Babson Players, after performing in How to Succeed last year and being backstage for both Bottoms Up and Drop Dead. When asked how this semester was going, Cindy shyly declined to comment and ran for cover under a large pile of books. Cindy would like to thank her bestest friends for always being there (L,M,J,&S-ILU), her other friends (yeah, you guys), her family, and the friendly goblin living outside her room on a tree branch that likes to knock against the window during periods of heavy wind.
To Alex and the entire Cast and Crew of Pippin:

Brigitte Gehring: Brigitte is appearing in her sixth show on the Babson Stage. Before setting her roots here she worked as a Zamboni driver in Constantinople. Citing political differences in the industry she was relieved from that job and moved to the land of Nelwyn where she served as special assistant to Warwick Davis. Of course, her real passion has been & always will be a VH1 VJ. Chase your dreams girl, chase your dreams.

Aaron Honig: These days Aaron wishes he pursed an acting career over business, because he is sure that finding an acting job is easier than finding a finance one. Although optimistic about finding a job before graduation, he has plans if nothing pans out. Aaron will strive to be the first individual to see Atlantis, hear a unicorn gallop and drink Pan Galactic Gargle Blasters. Or he might just pace in-front of big buildings with a sign that reads “Will Financial Analyze for Experience.” He knows his current situation would be even harder without the support of his parents. Aaron’s wonderful girlfriend makes life’s disappointments tolerable with her love, wit and warmth and for that he deeply thanks her.

Crystal Hosking: Crystal, a junior here at Babson, is performing as part of the ensemble in her first musical ever. She’s taken a great amount of time to perfect her line and hopes you all enjoy it. Let’s all hope that she doesn’t trip over her own feet on stage and remembers to sit up straight and keep her legs spread. Her aspirations are to move to Cali, work at a record label, and own a house with a waterfall in the backyard. Keep your eyes open for her in the future and don’t forget to vote for her when she appears on American Idol and auditions with a song from Pippin. Crystal would like to thank her friends and family for all their love and support in most everything she decides to do.

Christy Walsh: Christy is excited to be part of her 6th Babson Players performance, although she had one slight problem. She lost so much money in the casino on spring break that she had to stay in the Bahamas to pay off her debts. She now works as a taxi driver by day and a Bahamian club singer by night. Luckily, just two days ago she went back and struck the jackpot on a slot machine and managed to get enough money to come back up for the show. Christy has an excellent acting resume including performances in episode # 37 of America’s Funniest Home Videos, When Animals Attack, MTV’s Spring Break, The Fifth Wheel, and America’s Worst Drivers. She will also be auditioning for the next American Idol, so wish her luck.

CONGRATULATIONS and Thanks for a Fun Night of Theater

Love,
The Steins
Craig Aronson (Stage Manager): Craig was raised as a poor groundhog. As the years went by, he noticed he was not growing enough hair but rapidly outgrowing his cage. He realized that he needed to represent his oppressed brothers and founded the Association for the Protection of Large and Hairless Groundhogs. Finding little support from congress Craig fell into a deep depression, emerging only to stage manage business school plays and to knit intricate door mats. One word of caution, don’t clap too loud or Craig will be scared away into his hole, and we might have to endure more winter.

Craig Anderson (Tech Director): Craig is excited to be working on his 6th show with the Babson Players. He is quite happy to be working on a smaller set this semester as opposed to the overambitious 5-day set of Bottoms Up!

David L. Goldman (Director): David first choreographed the Greater Middleboro Junior Miss Scholarship Program in 1985. For ten years he served as Director and President of the Program, retiring in 1995. David now serves as Director and Co-Chairman of the 2003 Massachusetts State Program. Locally, David has directed at the Burt Wood School of Performing Arts, Xaverian Brothers High School, and Bentley College. David retired as director of the Middleboro High School’s annual musical review after 20 years. David has performed with the Middleboro Special Events and the Burt Wood School of Performing Arts. Memorable roles are the Jester in Once Upon A Mattress, Ito in Mame, Benny in Guys & Dolls, and Daddy Warbucks in Annie. David is employed as a Senior Assistant Director of Financial Assistance at Bentley

Kelley J. Baran (Choreographer): Kelley is excited to be working with the Babson Players! As a graduate of the Boston Dance Teachers Club “Teacher Training School”, she has been choreographing for dance studios, independent organizations, high schools and colleges for the last 10 years. In the future, she wants to own and operate a performing arts studio. Kelley thanks her husband Mark for his constant support and the talented staff who gave their time to this show.

Janice Wright (Music Director): This is Janice’s 2nd work with the Babson Players. After last year’s “How to Succeed in Business” she just had to come back for an encore performance. She thanks you for coming and hopes to see you again soon.

Amin Damoud (Headless Man): is making his 8th appearance with the Players. Ever since he lost his head over theater as a child, Amin has been chasing the relatively few parts available to headless actors. He is disappointed that his limitation made him ineligible for the orgy scene. When not rolling out another performance, Mr. Damoud is College Dean.

CONGRATULATIONS
BABSON PLAYERS
ON ANOTHER FINE PRODUCTION!

PIPPIN 2003

GOOD LUCK JAMIE!
GOOD LUCK CRAIG!

FROM THE DIMATTEO FAMILY
Break a Leg, Babson Players!

From your friends in Class Deans!
Brent Damrow, Chris Merlo, Steve Lerner,
Jamie Glanton Costello, Rachel Reiser, Pam
Solomon, Erin Evans, Jim Berrigan, Peg Maki

Best of Luck!
from the
Department of Athletics

BREAK A LEG DAVID
Someone Who Truly Knows
The "SIMPLE JOYS" of Life
(Those "Sweet Summer Evenings")
and
THANK YOU
for
Definitely Being
"ON THE RIGHT TRACK" in life
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lassie, Snickers, Phoebe, Gus
And All
Your Friends and Family

Congratulations & Best
Wishes to the entire "PIPPIN"
Cast, Crew, Directors,
& Choreographers