The Babson Players Present:

RUMORS

by Neil Simon
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Written by
Neil Simon

Directed by
Ed Monahan
This season’s production is dedicated to the one person who has made everything possible, not only in this show but for a dozen shows since. Once a Babson student himself, and (of course) a Babson Player, he has undeniably been the most involved alumnus this organization has seen. Our director over the past decade and a half, he not only has dedicated thousands of hours to the production of our plays, but more importantly understands what it is like to be a Player, a Babson Student, and (most importantly) a Player at Babson. Throughout all the years, rehearsals, shows, laughs, hardships, actors, tech weeks, and generations of Players, Ed has sacrificed sleep, sanity, and time with his family to serve as not only a director, but a collaborator, mentor, and friend.

Many, many years of Players thank you Ed, and your complete and utter dedication to this organization has made The Babson Players something we are all very fortunate to be a part of. You have made a lasting impression on all of us, our most sketchy of alumni.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Babson Players

Kristen Henson
Ashleigh Alvino
Geoffrey Anderson
Brian Rodkey
Cast of Characters

The Gormans
Ken Gorman.................................................................Garrett Hatch
Chris Gorman.............................................................Kristen Henson

The Ganzs
Len Ganz...........................................................................Danté Savoy Love
Claire Ganz....................................................................Jacqueline Chambers

The Cusacks
Ernie Cusack........................................................................Darius Eslami
Cookie Cusack.................................................................Vanessa Theoharis

The Coopers
Glenn Cooper.......................................................................Matthew Mashburn
Cassie Cooper.....................................................................Sasha Pelich

The Officers
Officer Ben Rackl..............................................................Geoff Anderson
Officer Chuck Zoltar..........................................................Lorne Order

There will be a fifteen-minute intermission between acts.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers for the duration of the performance.
Flash photography is prohibited.
Production Staff

Director...........................................................................................................Ed Monahan
Producers........................................................................................................Kristen Henson, President
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Technical Advisor...........................................................................................Craig Anderson
Technical Director..........................................................................................Darius Eslami
Stage Manager.................................................................................................Stephanie White
Assistant Stage Managers................................................................................Ashleigh Alvino
.................................................................Aaron Hartman
Running Crew.................................................................................................Stefanie Chow
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Priyanka Chanchani
LaShonda Cooks
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Sarah Winnett
House Manager.................................................................................................Betty Chen
Ushers................................................................................................................David Kelly
Christina Manfroni
Victoria Richmond
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Patrick Wolenter
Mike Yaffe
Publicity............................................................................................................Ashleigh Alvino, Justin Brooks, Priyanka Chanchani,
Betty Chen, Darius Eslami, Aaron Hartman, Garrett
Hatch, John Holden, Dante Love, Christina Manfroni,
Victoria Richmond, and Patrick Wolenter
Program.............................................................................................................Ashleigh Alvino
Cast & Crew Biographies

Geoff Anderson (Officer Ben Rackl): Geoff has the honor of playing Ben Rackl, some actors go their entire career without reaching such a level of infamy as this...Geoff is pretty sure there is really nothing else to say after that...

Jacqueline Chambers (Claire Ganz): Jacqueline is a freshman at Babson, and is thrilled to be a part of Rumors. She most recently spent the summer as a resident actress at the Arundel Barn Playhouse in Kennebunkport, Maine, where she played Margie in Bye Bye Birdie and Phyllis in 42nd Street. She also served as Dance Captain for 42nd Street. In high school, Jacqueline performed in numerous shows, both professionally, and at her high school. Her favorite roles include: Annie in Annie Get Your Gun, Abigail Williams in The Crucible, and a Follies Girl in Crazy For You. She thanks the entire cast and crew of Rumors for making her first Players experience such a memorable one, and you, the audience, for showing up! Enjoy the show!

Darius Eslami (Ernie Cusack): An avid listener to alternative music, Darius poses as an art school dropout in his free time. He can often be found fantasizing about mermaids who dwell in shady knolls (but then again, who doesn't!?!?). Like all college students, Darius is in need of money and is available to perform at birthday parties and bar/bat mitzvahs. He is a chronic liar, a hyperactive introvert, and, yet, the nicest kid in town. Darius would like to give mad props to Hugh Jackman (HE'S A BIG FAN). He is, also, able to undergo the process of photosynthesis, but keeps it on the DL.

Garrett Hatch (Ken Gorman): Rumors will be Garrett’s third show with the Babson Players. He wants to thank all the incredible people who give their all to putting on these shows year after year. Garrett does not thank our director. Ed. however because he is not
returning next year as he wishes to “spend time with his family”. What a pansy...

**Kristen Henson (Chris Gorman):** This is Kristen’s fifth consecutive Babson Player’s show and it has been no less memorable. Every semester brings something new, and this year she seems to have developed a nasty little habit of, during rehearsal, forgetting the names of many characters (including her own), so if you hear a “hey you!” at some point during the show, please do not blame her, she is convinced it is a disease. Despite changes from semester to semester, she seems to have noticed some sort of trend in the roles she keeps getting cast for. From playing a B-List Movie Boyfriend Stealing Hollywood Floozy...to a Hot-Box Dancer with a strip number...to a nice hotel girl who becomes intoxicated and also develops a tendency to strip...to a professional woman turned pedophile...to another professional woman turned drunkie, again. She is beginning to think that she is being type cast... Shout outs to her SK ladies, to LC, MC, GM, MA, and much love to all the fabulous alumni out there tonight – especially the dirty little elf.

**Danté Savoy Love (Len Ganz):** Often noted for his gentle hands and lovely skin, Danté considers Lenny the role of a lifetime: it’s Chandler Bing meets Louie De Palma meets William Shakespeare – well sorta. Somewhere amid his loving albeit overly-sardonic wife, his tennis club, and his BMW; Danté considers himself complete in his own happiness. Toss in the copy of the Chinese Yellow Pages and life is nothing short of amazing.

**Matthew Mashburn (Glenn Cooper):** Matt Mashburn, born in New Orleans and currently domiciled in Baltimore, Maryland, was interested in film production all through high-school and has currently begun to dabble in theater. He is most famous for an impression he did of his high-school history teacher several years ago, which can be found by searching for his name on youtube.com.

**Sasha Pelich (Cassie Cooper):** Sasha is a freshman who likes to rub quartz crystals and yell at men. She would like to take the time to
thank a few people, her family, her friends, and the Vice President
of this fine organization for taking the time to write this bio for her...

**Vanessa Theoharis (Cookie Cusack):** Vanessa, a theatre fanatic, is
ecstatic to be a part of the Babson Players! As a freshman, she was
excited to jump into one of her passions right when she hit campus.
Throughout middle and high school, Vanessa participated in
numerous school and community theatre productions. She was also
Speech Team captain and competed in many state and national
tournaments. She is relieved that she has met wonderful fellow
theatre geeks and looks forward to further involvement with the
Players. She hopes you all laugh your faces off at this incredible
cast, and that you have a Cookie in your lives.

**Lorne Order (Officer Chuck Zoltar):** Having once again failed to
graduate last May, Lorne is thrilled to be appearing in his twelfth
Babson Players production. At the risk of being stereotyped, he is
playing a law enforcement officer for the second time in this play,
but, mirroring his academic career, he has been demoted from
Lieutenant (in Guys and Dolls) to patrolman.

**Stephanie White (Stage Manager):** As a relatively new member of
the Babson Players, Steph is psyched to be stage managing this
hilarious play. As a Babson sophomore, she is a member of the
Babson/Olin Jazz Ensemble and the Program Coordinator for the
Women's Leadership Program. Although she loves the tech aspect
of theatre, she has acted in Babson College's Vagina Monologues
last semester and did a stunning one-night engagement as "the girl
allergic to tabasco" during "Big" the Musical. She thanks the Players
for always making rehearsals absolutely hilarious and her parents for
putting up with her arts obsessions since she was directing the 4-
hour long Barbie doll productions.

**Ashleigh Alvino (Assistant Stage Manager):** Ashleigh is back in
black behind the curtain in this, her 5th show, with the players.
not seen...as per her usual during fall shows. However, since her and her fellow SM's share one mind, surely the show will run smoothly...*cricket*... Ah well, such is life. She would like to now make some thanks, so here goes. To her friends and family, thanks for putting up with me all these years...seriously. To her classy Chi O's, FABULOUS! To the cast & crew, "eh...it's good enough!" To the sketchy alumni, don't you all have jobs??? And finally, to Ed and in his last show with the Babson Players, we'll try not to screw it up to bad...

Aaron Hartman (Assistant Stage Manager): After spending the season with the other stage manager, Aaron has decided they all share the same mind. So rather then write a bio he suggests you read either of their bios. Just change the pronouns and you’ve probably got one that works for him.

Ed Monahan (Director): Rumors will be Ed's final show with the Babson Players. Ed has directed twelve fall productions over the past fifteen years. Ed would like to thank the cast for their humor and dedication that made the time spent together enjoyable. He would also like to thank Stephanie, Ashleigh, and Aaron and the crew for their tireless work and Richard Mandel and Nick Purdy for their contributions. A special thanks goes to the Babson Player alumni who have come to this evening's performance. The time spent together will always be remembered. Finally, none of this would mean anything without the love and support of his wife Katie and his sons Zach (10) and Jake (5). During the wedding scene in the production of Fools, legend has it that as Katie was walked down the aisle by Dave Pelletier, Ed turned to a crew member in the balcony and said "I'm going to marry her someday". Of course, that could just be a rumor....

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