View from Hollister 112

Dennis Hanzo
Dean of Undergraduate

Congratulations to sophomore Jillian Brooks, who carefully read the last column I wrote and stopped by to pick up her $50 Bertucci's gift certificate just for saying hello. Read these columns carefully — you never know what pleasant surprise you might find embedded in them! And if you know Jillian, make sure she uses the gift certificate to network with you.

An announcement occurred last week that was a small blip on the world news scene, but one that I think has important consequences for all of us at Babson. Mohan Saran, an Indian professor and current board member of Garman Foundation, was selected to receive the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. Yunitus visited Babson in March 2005 to discuss his work in microfinance, lending and micro-credit.

The choice of Yunitus sends a strong message about the importance of economic activity and institutions as a mechanism for bringing about peace. Arguably, a primary reason for the existence of business schools is to develop leaders of economic insti- tutions who will contribute to peace. The student of business, this year's decision on the Nobel Peace Prize, suggests that you have the abil- ity to have a real and substanti- tive impact on world peace.

As you reflect on how your career choice might affect world peace, I suspect that you might find it hard to believe that you could have a significant impact as an investment advisor, an accountant, a production man- ager, or whatever profession you choose. Yunitus is a shining ex- ample of how something that at first seems quite small entrepreneurial and philan- thorpic activity (lending $27 to women starting their busi- nesses) turned into something with the ability to change soci- ety (22 million families have had access to microcredit by and his partner organizations). I hazard to guess that you might find it easy to believe that $27 can help entrepreneurs in emerging countries.

From the Tub to the Stage
Nicole Smith
Managing Editor

"Legend has it that I started singing in the tub at eighteen months old," says Professor Michelle Abadía. That's right, a professor that sings, and well too. This Saturday, Professor Michelle Abadía opened herself to the Babson community for an amazing concert held in the Glass Chaper.

But this concert was not like others, and Michelle Abadía shared her talent for two important reasons. Prof. Abadía is ex- tremely dedicated to raising money for "The Global Outreach through Entrepreneurship Orga- nization, a non-profit focus on entrepreneurship in developing countries. Business students travel with members of the pro- gram to countries around the world, and help local entrepreneurs to create sustainable business models in their local economies. The cul- tural and business exchange is invaluable for local entrepre- neurs and business students.

Professor Abadía is known for her music; "I want students to know me as a musician, because they all have their Saturday night, the chapel glowed with the aura surround- ing Abadía. Abadía is all her well deserved glory. Professor Abadía welcomed friends, fam- ily, colleagues and students to witness her at her best. Michelle Abadía captured her audience with her music, her voice, and her sense of humor. With the acoustic guitar and a surprise skit to commence her performance.

Throughout the show, Pro- fessor Abadía's talent was complimented and enhanced by the smooth beautiful music performed so delightfully played by Catherine Grein. Also joining Professor Abadía was Stephan Schiffman, who highlighted a piece with his clarinet talents. The performance began with Mozart and other classical pieces; Abadía's ability to ex- press these pieces was mesmer- izing. The phenomenal acoustics of the chapel as well as the in- tricate design and structure modified Abadía's voice.

This classical, eloquent por- tion of her recital ended at in- ternmission, and following a short break, she began on a slightly lighter note. While keep- ing the professional aspect abloom, Abadía combined pop- acoustic guitar and short skits as she also captured the audience and heightened the entertaining atmosphere.

Michelle Abadía's perfor- mance gave great insight into her musical passion and how she displayed herself as much more than another professor in the classroom. "I am so glad that I was able to accomplish a well sought after equi- librium of recital at Babson and show while maintaining an in- credibly eloquent nature she still managed to convey a down- to-earth, true-to-self perfor- mance.

All who went were amazed and captivated by the per- formance they witnessed. Exciting rumors that she will host an annual recital at Babson are cir- culating, and I for sure hope she does. If this does happen, I know everyone of the community to attend.

Posse's Third Year and Still Going Strong
Nicole Smith
Managing Editor

This year Babson welcomes ten new members to the Babson Posse Community. Posse is a program that recruits strong leaders, admitting ten students from the New York Posse location each year. Those students, although from the same city, are distinct and unique many levels. Scholars range from managing full time jobs and running campus orga- nizations, to students who have bettered their community through community service and leadership positions all the while maintaining excellent grades and demands program responsibilities.

The Posse Foundation began back twenty years ago with three goals. 1. To expand the pool of students from which top colleges and universities recruit young leaders with diverse back- grounds 2. To build a more in- tersectional campus envirop- monent 3. To ensure Posse Scholars persist in their aca- demic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership posi- tions in the workforce (www.possefoundation.org).

To become a part of the Posse Foundation students en- dure a rigorous interview series consisting of personal documents, a counselor's nomination. The ad- missions process that these students must go through is differ- ent, however as Professor

Kenneth McKone-Sweet shares "I wish we could do this [the da- matic interview process] for ev- ery student we admit.

First students attend a meeting with large amounts of students in which they are asked to perform specific tasks. Shelleance Henderson recounts to describe Posse "the moment to walk around like a chicken and act crazy together, but that they wanted to see us perform among others and see who took the lead, at the end of that we had to write an essay," Jenny Estevez re- members writing the essay as well, "I poured my whole heart into this essay for that scholar- ship." She like the other mem- bers of the posse did all that they could to get it.

In the second phase, appli- cants who were invited to move on, engage in a one-on-one in- terview with the Posse Founda- tion. In this interview they talk about their high school experi- ences, leadership and commu- nity involvement and are gener- ally assessed for their confidence and personality traits that would establish them as posse scholars. The final interview is with Babson administrators, faculty and staff. During this time dis- cussions are prompt in the groups of three formed from the remaining 25 applicants. From this the Babson administrators, faculty and staff choose those students who they feel are best for Babson. The Babson commit- tee is charged with ensuring that the best are chosen, who will enhance the fabric of the insti- tution, a task which has been more than fulfilled.

From a local, regional, na- tional, and even international perspective, Posse members serve as a role model to other organizations to create impor- tant opportunities. When asked about the impact of this whelming response what that of an intricate support network. And we all know networking is something Babson drills into its students from community members from day one. "Posse is very resourceful, the opportunities available through posse are endless," explains Darnell Jeremiah. The overall opinion of the program by the students is "I love Posse!"

Each year, the members of the program are grouped in to those that they came in with; Posse 1, 2, and 3. Weekly meet- ings, frequent events and pro- grams, and important campus wide partnerships are expected from scholars. A mentor over- sees the group, and works with them to accomplish important group goals and promotes oppor- tunities and programs being or- chestrated by other members. Posse 3 mentor, Mary Pinard, explains of the program, "It is my great hope that Babson will continue to partner with Posse as it enriches the community and in the long run strengthens the workforce of the world."

Yearly retreats are held by Posse in which members of the Babson community are encour- aged to participate and discuss important issues facing busi- ness, Babson, and the world. Tuni Blackwell, Assistant Dean, shares, "This program really helps to fabricate the kind of environment Babson would like to be." This is clearly evidenced by the staggering range and ex- tent of student involvement seen within the group. Students can be seen participating everywhere on campus and enlisting the programs to Babson to other- greek life, athletics, campus services, cultural clubs, investment opportunities, business organizations, entrepreneurial and career groups and so much more.
Are you Scarred Yet? Well you should be...

Aashwin Bhat
Staff Writer

At times, it almost feels like people do not care about the world anymore. C'mon, admit it - when did you last spend even 1 minute purely thinking about all the troubles afflicting the world today? Do you know what's going on in Darfur, or how many died in the devastating tsunami nearly two years back, or the extent to which AIDS has spread now in Africa and Asia? If you don't, you are certainly not the only one. I don't know the answers to all of my own questions either. But if there's one thing that does know, that is behooves us to do something about it, and will ensure that it strives to tackle such issues head-on, it is Amnesty International.

An issue of worldwide importance right now is the 'Arms Trade'. This is the issue which Amnesty International will be tackling with full force here at Babson, this semester. To those not familiar with the exact nature of this particular troubling issue, the 'Arms Trade' refers to the exchange/trade of any type of weapons or ammunition between two different parties or perhaps two different nations.

The reason why this should make you cry and get seriously worried is because analysts say that in 2006 alone, nearly 1000 billion US dollars worth of arms will be bought. Some may say that such steps are necessary to alleviate the threat of terrorism and other evils from the world. Such people would probably retract such comments if they found out that an exceptionally high majority of arms is in fact bought and handled by terrorists, militants, and a high number of civilians for purposes that are dubious, to put it (exceedingly) mildly.

Some of the Amnesty International fliers around campus relate some staggering statistics. Nearly 60% of small arms are in the hands of civilians; many of these civilians are teenagers or younger. There are so many guns, that almost every 5th person on our planet can have one dangerous arm. That's almost one per family, if you think about it. In addition, there are around 16 billion units of ammunition in the world - that's over 2 bullets per person. (If you are not scared by now, then you are probably the kind of person who needs ten actual munitions/ waved weapons/ shots to all point an AK-47s at you before you get scared.)

Our friends in the Amnesty International group are very scared too, but they are endeavoring to do something about this problem. We can all do our little bit to help this important cause by simply listening to what they say and supporting their beliefs. You don't need to be Superman to make a difference in the world, and freedom fighters typically are armed with will and spirit, not guns and steel. We can all participate in supporting the important causes of our time by supporting our very own - this will ensure that we will all have been a part of it.

Firstly, Amnesty is holding a 'Control Arms Campaign' between October 23 and 30. There will be a letter-writing to the 10,000 letter-writing to the Roealds from 12-4pm; please attend this, and SHOW YOUR SUPPORT for Amnesty, in helping to get the momentum crediting the presence of the growing and highly disturbing arms trade.

In addition, Amnesty will be showing the movie Lord of War starring Nicolas Cage, on Octo- ber 24. This movie goes into incredible detail about the issue of arms trade, and will certainly be an eye-opener for anybody who is not fully aware of the impact of this issue upon our lives, since it is based on "actual events". Even if you don't care about this issue, do come and watch the movie - it will certainly leave you with much to think about. Hey, a movie with a tagline of "Where there's a will, there's a weapon" has got to be good, eh? Please support Amnesty International on this issue. Think about it a little. We live in a violent world, we seriously need to curb the depravity and violence that is slowly proliferating all over the world. I urge you to sup- port what Amnesty is doing. Let the world, let Babson, and most importantly, let yourself know that you do not support this growing cataclysm.

Wednesday, October 25, Reynolds, 12-4 pm

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Bottom line: The question is asking you to 'put all your cards on the table' - acknowledge that you do not have the particular skill or qualification and then articulate a plan for getting up to speed.'
Rumors Comes to Babson
Dante Love
Staff Writer

You mean you really don't know what's going on? You've been living under a rock around campus is that the Babson Players' new show, Rumors, has all the makings of a comedic masterpiece.

With car accidents, exploding microwaves, spacious bath- rooms, and one very elusive kit- ten; the show is as witty as it is fourth.

Set in the lavish estate of De- puty Mayor Charley Brock, Rumors is a non-stop thrill ride driven by a strong ensemble cast, and, of course, a healthy dose of sex, lies, and scandal. Rumors is definitely the Babson Players at their best—a great plot, a great cast, a great time.

Rumors is playing in Emerson Theater October 16th, 20th, and 21st—Tickets are only $5 in advance or $8 at the door and can be purchased at the Reynolds Info Desk or at www.babson.edu/babsonplayers.

Bring family and friends, but whatever you do—don't tell any- one I told you.

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**Go Back to being Five with Wendi Fox**

Becca Sook
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"Go Back to Being Five!" Those were the startling words of comedian and speaker Wendi Fox at Olm Auditorium this past Wednesday. Speaking to filled seats of college women and, well, two men, Fox roused the crowd with stories of her own crazy college days of drunken stupors and series upon series of bad decisions, with the most important lesson to go back to a time of pure authen- tity and self-expression with- out all the drugs, back to when we were five.

Wendi Fox came to Babson as part of her "Alcohol Inanity Tour", touring colleges across the country and taking students on a self-proclaimed roller coaster ride through under- standing the danger of alcohol, living with alcoholism, and the way life can change in seconds with the wrong decision. Her biography explains, "Wendi was the first speaker in the college market to successfully blend the serious subject of alcohol aware- ness into a stand-up comedy for- mat, while effortlessly maintain- ing a delicate balance of humor and insight, while still sending a strong message."

That strong message clearly came through, explains one at- tendee. Chanelle Carver '07, shares, "she wasn't telling us to not drink nor advocating for it, instead, she emphasized us be- ing responsible and not taking our life or surroundings for granted."

The mixture of her humor captivated the attention of the audience and kept it until the very end.

The Women's Advisory Coun- cil, affectionately known to its members as WAC, brought Fox to Babson as a part of their cam- paign to raise awareness about alcohol and alcohol related abuses on campus. WAC also held a luncheon dialogue earlier in the day and had a fruitful dis- cussion with attendees regarding alcohol use, abuse, and more on campus.

According to a Core Alcohol and Drug Survey given at Babson last year, Babson stu- dents rate higher than a Na- tional Reference Group across the board on negative effects of alcohol consumption from fights and injuries and all the way to sexual assault. Additionally, of Babson students surveyed, 39% have missed class, 32% have reported driving, 15% thought they might have an abuse problem, and 5% have reported sexually taking advantage of another person all due to alcohol.

WAC is a new organization, created as a way of supporting women and women-led groups on campus. This amazing coalition led by Danielle Young and Eliza- beth Muszyka is comprised of the leadership of organizations from women athletics teams to securi- ties and women affinity groups.

Last weekend, members of the organization sponsored and walked in the 2006 American Cancer Society's Better Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Look out for more excite- ing and important events by this dynamic group of women.
**Gas Prices: Political manipulation? Is inflation next?**

By: Dhawal Kapadia
Lifestyles Editor

After consumers spent astounding amounts of money on skyrocketing gas prices during most of 2022, and not all of the summer season, what suddenly happened to gas prices? There's been 22% global decrease in gas prices since July. That means price has decreased nearly a dollar per gallon ever since a barrel of oil dropped from around $80 in July to about $60 now. Everyone has their own view as to why the prices have decreased, such as the upcoming elections or peace in the Middle East, something that has been fed into the minds of the public as a result of media spin. There are those who believe these lower gas prices are part of just another scheme from some of the controlling politicians of Washington. These prices are definitely good for the Republican incumbents, however, are very controversial lines politicians want to take their places. Moreover, it is not surprising that the media is free to pick and choose which politicians have been actually increased President Bush’s approval ratings.

The plummeting prices have strangely sparked a new kind of war between gas stations. Most, if not all of the gas station owners are fighting for low prices, and who benefits? The consumers. Many drivers have signed a deal which potentially could change the long-term goals of the world’s largest search engine.

As Dmitry Shapiro, chief executive of Voeh, a YouTube competitor that is backed by Time Warner and former Disney chairman Michael Eisner, believes the online video market is a virtually untapped medium of entertainment, stating, “If you know what then you know now and you had the chance to acquire Amazon or eBay— which weren’t making money when you would have bought them.”
Spotlight on Success: John Henry, Red Sox Owner, Hedge Fund Manager

Virul Kapadia
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

It is only a dream for many of us to be able to excel in our professional and personal goals that respectfully encompass business and sports as did John W. Henry. This business professional and sportman combined his skills to grow his fortune even further. Son of two farmers, John Henry started off from humble beginnings on an Arkansas farm. Before entering the world of business, Henry tested his abilities in a very different talent, singing, and was very successful with it as well.

John W. Henry, was faced with many obstacles and daunting periods in his life which he was able to surmount and thereafter, took himself to the next level. His skills as an expert broker and hedger were not completely learned from an institution or a university, as he never earned his degree, but rather by himself as he was faced with the task of managing his father's farm after his death.

"It was while managing his farm that he began hedging and trading in commodities such as grains and also developed and practiced managing risk and while increasing his return. Clearly, Henry demonstrates that understanding risk and reward profiles and hedging your exposure is something that can even be learned from running a farm as a young adult if given the right amount of financial ingenuity. In fact, John Henry received the Alternative Investment News 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award for the work he has done himself and with his firm, John W. Henry Company. According to Alternatives, the award "honors an individual who manages accounts for major Wall Street firms as well as select institutions and high net worth individuals. JWH’s investment program utilizes futures and forward markets to create unique investment opportunities for the world."

JWH has been very successful in creating returns for its investors through the various futures portfolios that the company focuses on under the leadership of Henry. In fact, it has been stated that one of the portfolio's that has demonstrated outSpotlight on Success: John Henry, Red Sox Owner, Hedge Fund Manager

standing returns is the financial and metals portfolio, averaging out to almost 25% over a period of slightly more than twenty years.

It was the wealth that John Henry amassed through his work in futures that he was able to enter the world of baseball as a contender to purchase teams. His first purchase was not the Boston Red Sox, but actually the Florida Marlins. It was in 2002, that Henry decided to sell the Marlins to buy the Red Sox, just two years before the Red Sox won the World Series.

John W. Henry is someone who has demonstrated throughout his life that he is persistent and committed to the goals that he has set in mind and thus has accomplished so many milestones. For many of us, it is only a dream after coming out of Babson to someday own our own companies and sports teams, but it is something that is clearly possible with the right formula as demonstrated by Henry.

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Writers and Artists
Football vs. Football: Why There Can Be Only One Winner

Nicholas Gibb Staff Writer

I am compelled to devote this column, and, given the utterly extant and almost surround of this superficially useless duty, I hope that you the American people, read this column. Let us be starkly clear for, rather than speaking in quip, this column’s purpose is to act as a pacer in the hurricane North America. It is neither Friedel Engel or and lap’scort of communism which has spilled, with their respective political academics, hang’som-hang’somps and fiscal polices, and latitudinarian yet eld-gang plaidness — nor is it an affable huggable specter Casper, those goosy antis playing a harlequin and a small elk drove how that laugh so much that milk came flooding from my nose, despite the fact that at least 8 out of 10 school kids do, dear heroes of the land stretched from Sea to Shining Sea, I bring page to page, this is about the most specter that hangs over us acting its eminent shadow is foot-

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Shall we uncover the force of the world? Let me show you this: it is possible for one person, so contrasted that it truly must be termed a metaphor. Its stark appearance, however, may be accurately described as perfectly the truth a man named Thomas Edward Patrick Brady Jr., as a bird in the NFL draft and now has three Super Bowl rings and the heart of the carnally conservative Bridget Masach, or a man whom means Little Ronaldo’s in an European language, whose country’s per capita GDP is better than that of our best friend’s that identifies its playersused sports for the United States of America), will continue to reinforce this truth. Real football, like its founding country, prove-

Vladimir Putin’s & Russia’s

Jonathan Kennedy Contributing Writer

If Russian history has taught us anything, it is that then it comes to matters of sovereignty, the idea of which is not to be found in just a few peaks of our proud sport, played by some and, for a time, before old and tired, has not been vapid as she advertised her to wearing her clumsy, sort-of-field hockey outfit and finesses & Samos-entered-leather she-nishan presentation snug, one daughter — of the American Heartland, I do not wish to engage in the discussion of American capitalism and democracy, where the evil defense holds the imposing Manifest Desirability. We get an average of 111,000 subscribers, perhaps no more than 1,400,000,000 Americans, a number that has not increased since the days of 1929. However, the number of subscribers has remained stable, under the auspices of American free market, capitalism, socialism, and, most importantly, the retaining Miller Lite when used for celebratory purposes on Mike Tyson’s athletic team celebration best party business. A question? I think not.

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more sobering economic picture, for it’s not just the right amount of growth, but the right kind of growth that makes for a healthy economy. While the flood of petrol-dollars is definitely helping Russia’s previously sobe-

but...
The Truth as Mark Flynn Envisions It

Mark Flynn
Contributing Satirist

The United States lost the war in Iraq the day it decided to ponder public opinion. It is impossible to root out the origin of all sin in the world when there are millions of treasonous citizens and French-Canadian who would rather eat caviar and sip champagne with King Jon-Ill, than put an end to the lives of those who oppose freedom. And I’m not talking about the freedom to spend $500 bucks on a pound of home grown then picket in Time’s Square for Africa, a whole continent that you, in your smoke-induced wisdom, think would benefit from sucking the proverbial teat of the United States. This all while the clothes on your back, the ones you just charged to your hard-worked blue-collared father’s credit card at Made Outfitters, were made by 300 derelict Chinese girls stashed in an abandoned barn for 19 hours a day.

But you’re right, liberal America. We shouldn’t be in Iraq. And that’s why I have a plan that will make the removal of our troops possible. First I have put together two lists. One list contains the few names of countries that sit atop our side by the edge of the Iraqi conflict: The UK, Spain, Bulgaria, Australia, and Poland are a few. The other list was made up simply of those not on the first. I envision White House press secretary, Tony Snow, former of the fair and balanced Fox News Network, a red-blooded American, standing at the podium with these two categories:

Is it true graham crackers were invented to cure the great fear of lust?

Cecil Adams
Contributing Writer

Dear Cecil,

While eating graham crackers recently, we were discussing the myth that they were invented to keep girls from engaging in, uh, self-abuse. Is this true? How were they supposed to work? Didn’t Graham realize he might frustrate an entire generation? — Chris C. and Frank L., Washington, D.C.

Cecil replies:

Frustrate, nothing. Health lecturer Sylvester Graham (1814-1851) was trying to save asthmatic lives—not just of women, but every who suffer from what Graham referred to variously as “venereal excess” or “sicking sensibility.” Graham believed in the virtue of hard work, no matter how expressed and regardless of whether you were married or not, was guaranteed to have dire physiological consequences.

A founder of the health and-blandness school of moral instruction, Graham said excessive carnal exercise would cause indigestion, headaches, feebleness of circulation, pulmonary consumption, spinal disease, epilepsy, insanity, and early death of offspring, among other things. He thought men should reduce their sex until age 30 and then should make love only once a month—not at all if they were sickly.

To control lust, Graham prescribed a special vegetarian diet—no alcohol and 15 to 16 hours of sleep. If you’re going to go around preaching like this, you might as well try the health Valley or New Morning brands, which can be very filling and healthy, for instance. The white whole wheat flour, oil, unsulfured molasses, and so on.


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Foley’s Folly

Jonathan Kennedy
Contributing Writer

The exposure of Florida congressman Mark Foley’s “hellish” affair with young congressional pages has hijacked last week’s news cycle, but I, for one, am more interested in the croc-like strategists across the nation. The explicit internet trial zealous Foley and his colleagues in doctors and TV pundits, and will likely become the apocalyptic moment of the mid-term elections. Reports that high-ranking figures in the Republican leadership, including Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, were aware of the scandal, will elicit further outrage and condemnation. This most recent debacle could have come to a worse time for the free-market Republicans. Observers believed the core is to Republican success at the polls, and in Congress, is a healthy economy in which consumers feel secure. Republicans will look to their most dedicated supporter to shore up a narrow election victory.

Just when Middle America thought institutionalized pedophilia, revealed to Roman Catholic, further scandal has erupted in what many believe is the last bastion of decency, the GOP. The latest fracas bears an un unrecognized Catholic Church’s recent dis- grace, and Dennis Hastert’s removal. The media mind of many of Cardinal Law’s similarly dismissive attitude to the latest revelations.

Some of the very same congressmen who so piously sermonized about the vulturine indignities of the Clinton Administration have now found themselves on the receiving end of a drubbing. The “Party of No” will have lost a tremendous amount of credibility among its base, and lost a number of us evangelicals, who Graham invented in 1929, were another manifestation of the same idea.

Gray, a trusted friend, was inundated with letters, followers, who opened Graham boardhouses in New York and Boston where his dietary regimen was observed. But most people regarded him as a nut. He was assaulted by mobs on at least three occasions, once by butchers and bakers who thought he was going to drive them out of business. He was cranky and aloof and alienated even those who admired him, so much so that he gave up the home business in 1839 and lived out the last years of his life in relative obscurity.

His saving grace was that in many respects he was what he was and that he was right. Although he was a little goofy on the question of sex, he was correct in his thinking that the sin that would come of those who wronged him would be wronged. He advocated daily toothbrushing, once considered a vulture. He had an obsession with fresh air, regular bathing, exercise, and seven hours of sleep. Despite such extreme health ideas he urged people to drink pure water.

Most important, we now know the diet he recommended to be vastly more healthy than the one Americans were eating at the turn of the century. This diet...
Tramp Through Director Michael Gondry's Mind

Elizabeth Bugayong
Staff Writer

Giant hands, a life-size toy horse, erupting clay volca-
noes, and celophane oceans are just a few of the myriad
fantastical images that Michel Gondry crafts in his new film
The Science of Sleep. But in spite of the engaging imagery, the plot stagnates in self-indulgent intro-
version.

The film follows graphic artist Stéphane, played by Gael Garcia Bernal, who returns to France after his father's death. Stéphane, however, seems to be unaffected by this loss, and quickly becomes enamored with his neighbor, coincidentally named Stéphane. Stéphane's mother gets him a soul-crush-
ing job at a calendar publisher, where he meets the sexually ex-
plcit Guy and comically argu-
mentative Martine and Serge.

But as he becomes more deeply mired in the monotony of everyday life, he compensates by creating a dream-world filled with whimsical interpretations of his waking behavior. This is first seems Gondry's creative interpretation of the universal compensations for the acceler-
ation of modern society, but soon becomes nothing more than an aesthetically pleasing distrac-
tion from Stéphane's annoying inability to function in an adult world. His behavior is treated as
normal or cute for the duration of the film, whereas in reality he would be ostracized for his puer-
tility. When Stéphane sees him drop off a manic note under her door completely naked, she just
laughs. When he cries and whines and does everything ex-
cept actually, rarely ask her on

a date, she continues to humor him. When he insults her and
makes offensive sexual com-
ments, she forgives him when he
huddles in the fetal position. Suspending the disbelief of his waking actions becomes much
more difficult than doing the
same for his dreams.

It could be said that this is
Gondry's intent, to subvert rea-
ality for fantasy, but the rest of the film does not indicate this so
much as reinforce that those
who are socially stunted are of-
ten creatively gifted. Unlike his
previous offering, Eternal Sun-
shine of the Spotless Mind, this
narrative style does little to re-
veal anything about the charac-
ters, and Gondry discards rele-
vance to make things look
prettier. This is most evident in
his hasty insertion of the Guy
discarding his television in frus-
tration with current program-
ning. It is as if he wishes to sum
up the hundred or so min-
utes in two-by-four-handed as-
serting that even the delus-
sions of a young man are super-
fiercely popular forms of expres-
sion, a very original postulation
indeed.

The film does offer some
enjoyably comic moments, and the interactions of secondary characters prove far more inter-
esting than those of the main
subjects. Overall, this film is too
much stream-of-consciousness
autobiography to be effective
in communicating any type of rele-
vant meaning.

The Science of Sleep is currently playing at the Embassy Cinema in Waltham, Dedham Commu-
nity Cinema I and II in Dedham, and the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline.

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Welllesley, MA—The Davis Mu-
museum and Cultural Center at Wellesley College presents Unembellished: Documentaries on the War in Iraq at the Collins Cinema on October 19, 21, 22 and 26. The war in Iraq is one of the most documented in the his-
tory of warfare. From the most intimate images, from the heartbreaking to horrific have not been captured by the networks or embroidered reporters but by individuals—from soldiers in the field to private Iraqi citi-
zens. These documentaries com-
bine those intimate images into
a greater narrative showing a
year-long tour of duty of an unit in the National Guard as re-
corded by the soldiers them-
sever. From the war zone, an Iraqi doctor living under US occupa-
tion and one Iraqi family devas-
tated by the death of a son.

October 19 Thursday 6pm
The War Tapes (97 min)
Director: Deborah Scranton
In March 2004, ten soldiers from a National Guard unit arrived in Iraq carrying digital cam-
eras. The War Tapes is compiled from the over 800 hours of vid-

camcorder footage shot during the soldiers deployment and another 200

Photo Courtesy of www.factor1.com
The Michael Gondry "Science of Sleep" exhibit at the Deitch Gallery

Unembellished: War in Iraq Documentary

On October 25 Wednesday 7pm
The Blood of My Brother (84 min)
Director: Andrew Bewes

Premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, The Blood of My Brother takes the viewer be-
hind the scenes to see the war from an intimate perspective. After the eldest son in a family is shot and killed by Americans on patrol, Ibrahim his younger brother looks to an uprising against the American occupation as an act of revenge but as the only male member left in the family must take on the role of a sol-

teer. This film shows a rare perspective into a war-torn Iraq as we watch a family come to terms with their struggle to survive.

Presented by the Davis Mu-
museum and Cultural Center.

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The Departed Blows Everyone Away

There are some as-

many forms documentaries in "The Departed" as there are actors fight-
ing it out.

Jack Nicholson plays an over powering role, while Matt

Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio
play equal parts. Although,
Nicholson does have some great moments and plays a Janus-like
character.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays a less glorified role that he did in
some of Scorsese's other films as "The Aviator" and "Gangs of New York." This helps
diminish his usually overpower-

ingly presence.

And Matt Damon is right at

home, playing yet again, an

other Boston boy which he has

pulled off so well in the past in
films such as "Goodwill Hunt-
ing".

The movie is fast paced, which
is necessary given its 3 hour
length. As the Rolling Stones strikes up the tune "War-

children, it's just a shot away"
Frank Costello drills through the shadows with a pair of aviators.

hours shot after they arrived in the war zone. The War Tapes is an intimate look at the lives of the stories of three men in Charlie Company as the unit

pulled a 1.4 million mile mission and lived through over 1200 combat operations and 250 direct enemy

tactics during the long tour. Told with honesty and

candor, this film presents a rare opportunity to see Operation Iraqi Freedom through the eyes of en-
listed men.

October 22 Sunday 5pm
My Country, My Country (95 min)
Director: Laura Poitras

My Country, My Country is an examination of Iraqi civilians liv-
ing under the US occupation.
The principal focus of the film is Dr. Riyadh, a father of six,
Iraqi MD, and Sunni political candidate. A critic of the occupa-
tion, Dr. Riyadh also believes that the US is the main threat to
Iraqi democracy, focusing par-
ticular attention on the need for Sunni to participate in the landmark January 2005 elections even as his waiting room fills with pa-

tients suffering the ill effects of increasing violence in this coun-

try. Poitras' eight-month-long efforts to get to know the Iraqi

doc tor living under US occupa-
tion and one Iraqi family devas-
tated by the death of a son.

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Economic Revolution: How India Did It

Ashwin Bhat
Staff Writer

If you’re one of the small number of people who actually bothered to read this article as opposed to merely skimming it, you may just be wondering, “did we act this fast because of the title? What the title refers to is how India went through a revo lution which raised the country to the most impressive economies of the world; indeed India is al ready the world’s seventh largest economy in the world if measured by purchase power parity, a Gross Domestic Product touching nearly US$1.4 trillion. If measured in the more common US dollar exchange-rate terms, India’s economy is the 12th largest in the world with a GDP of US$1.4 trillion. Those are large numbers, and for good reason; despite having a 1.2 billion population for the last 5 years, India continued to be the second-fastest growing ‘major’ economy in the world, in the first quarter of 2006-07, with a growth rate of 8.9% (thanks for the statistics, India economy watch). Such growth is quite phenomenal, especially when you consider that Germany, the world’s fourth largest economy, is on a precarious fiscal year of 2006.

India’s story at times seems to be a tale of two economies. A dozen years ago, when one thought of India, one thought of that corrupt, malnourished, third-world and highly overpopulated nation. Funnily enough, India still is all of those things. However, most

conomic analysts, and indeed even the common person on the street, can see a country that would now associate India with a country that is growing exceptionally rapidly, is turning into one of the world’s biggest powers (Bush, Blair, Putin, Wen Jiabao all paid India a visit in the last year alone) with a huge and impressive impact on the world stage.

Many think that this has occurred primarily due to India’s incredible English-speaking populace. It is true, but the people speak English in India than in any other country in the world. Outsourcing is the key, with an increasing number of industries from around the world are turning to India and the company is still in its infancy. Indians are generally considered to be very smart people, if you believe the statistics posted on various websites. Those are reasons, yes, but are there no other comparisons to the actual reasons. Now, I’m not going to say that I know all the reasons why India has become and how many other reasons there are as well as the world. Here are some of the other reasons why India has become the fastest growing economy.

1. In the early 90s, India opened up its economy, and allowed the private sector to become a huge player in the domestic market, then almost every product in India, was produced and sold in India. Before that, the Indian economy was almost completely controlled by the state. Later, the government and the private sector started competing to produce the same goods, which led to a rise in the quality and affordability of goods.

2. Now, unlike before, entre preneurship (Babson students often refer to the idea of entrepreneur ship as a disease) and innovation are highly appreciated in India - the number of entrepreneurs in India has multiplied twofold since ten years ago, according

3. The Indian government has been working on improving infrastructure, education, and healthcare, which has helped attract investments from abroad. The government has also implemented policies to simplify business regulations and reduce corruption.

4. India has a large and talented workforce, which is highly skilled and educated, making it an attractive destination for outsourcing and foreign direct investment.

5. It’s not just the students in India are of high quality, it’s the university, too. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) is so well respected and incredible difficult to get into that they don’t get into IIT. As for the Graduate schools, the IIM (Indian Institute of Management) is a very competitive and difficult to get into. People from other countries want their education degrees from Indian universities.

6. The importance of the king in Thailand is reflected in its nation building. The blue stripe in the flag, covering one third of the flag, represents the king and the monarchy in the nation.

People should also pay re spect to the religion, Buddhism and monks. The king is respected by 90% of the population and is regarded as the national religion. The king is very powerful, and one must not wear shorts or sleeveless tops or arrange a comical with the king.

In Thailand, making jokes about Buddhism is regarded as a major insult and can damage your reputation.

This unacceptable behavior has caused violent threats by the local authorities. Again, in this case, that problem too will be resolved to some extent. If anyone of this article sounded incredible to you, make a trip to India. You’re not likely to forget it for a long, long time.
Sports

Taking a Step Back During Bye Week

Brandon Luquette
Staff Writer

As the Patriots cruised into their bye-week at a cool 4-1, things are going pretty much as expected, minus one thing: they’re not undefeated. Now that might seem like a slight extra problem, at least if you hear it every year. Patriots fans look at the brand new NFL schedule for the upcoming 2006 season and say, “I think we could go 16-0.” And they believe it. Hell, the thought crossed most fans’ minds at some point. But what winning three of the last five Super Bowls will do is make anyone a fan base.

But why is it that everybody else? Monday night’s game drew attention to the other side of the spectrum in the NFL: the perennial losers. As the Cardinals blew two separate 20-point leads to lose the “destined” Chicago Bears, players and fans for the Cards practically saw it coming. Chants of “Same old Cardinals” stood out in this game in the way the Bears did on top. Practically having to move my Super Bowl ring out of the way to see the TV Monday night, I had to ask “How does anyone live like that?”

Now I’ve experienced a little bit of losing culture being here in Rochester, NY (Buffalo Bills country). I think a lot of Pats’ games in sports bars due to lack of TV coverage and I can’t help but notice Bites’ fans getting down in the dogs down from time to time by teams other than our beloved Patriots, like 2 weeks ago against the Bears.

Now it occurs to me, the Bills’ might not be the best example (they did go 9-7 in 2004). But I’m fairly sure we’re at some of the better examples of conditioned losers of the NFL.

Detroit:
The Lions are a whopping 22-64 since the turn of the century. Never been to the big game, the Lions history is littered with losses, with the only real highlight being Barry Sanders.

Arizona:
Since moving to Arizona in 1988, the Cards have had one winning season (1998). Not a lot to cheer about nowadays. They must be tough for Leinart, who comes from USC, a team that just expected to win. By time.

Cleveland:
For an expansion franchise, it’s tough. But for fans that were persuasive enough to bring back this team from the dead, you think a Super Bowl ring would be kicking around there somewhere. Nope. (There’s another category of teams, who inflict torture on their fans by being unable to win that big game (Indianapolis, Philadelphia, my own New York Giants).)

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My advice for you fans of some of these franchises, keep your head up. The NFL is a pretty competitive league. I make the Redskins, currently trying to avoid perfect imperfection this season, were playing for all in 2003. With all of this in mind, hold your head up high Patriots fans, and enjoy the good times. Now onto the most important discussion of the week: the prediction.

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Question of the Week

Are the New Orleans Saints (5-1) heading to the playoffs?

Brandon YBS. I couldn’t love this story any more. The new “America’s Team’ isn’t a bunch of Soffa either. This team has the heart of a champion and is a great way to build a Super Bowl team.

They are in the top 10 in both points per game on offense and points against per game on defense. Mix in a little spark on special teams, a.k.a. Reggie Bush returning punts, and you’ve got playoff magic.

The Saints fall short of Miami, but they’ll turn a few more heads before they are done and make us all cheer as the feel-good story of the year. They’ve got the momentum to start their first playoff birth since 2000.

The Prediction: Saints, 10-6, wild card berth behind Carolina.

Pat: NO. I give all the credit in the world to those crazy Saints. They have pride, spirit, an exciting Reggie Bush, and the desire to be better. What they don’t have, unfortunately, is a favorable remaining schedule. Consider that they have to play the Ravens, the Steelers on the road, the Bengals, the Falcons on the road, the Cowboys on the road, the Giants on the road, and their season finale against the surging Panthers is going to be meaningful. It will take ten wins in the NFC this season to be a wild card team, and for the Saints to win the division, they’ll need 11 wins.

The Saints will be an interesting story, and for all pur-

ities, good football, that I won’t say they are there next year though.

The Prediction: Saints, 9-7, miss the playoffs.

The bears are Overrated

Pat McNamara
Sports Editor

If you look to the Power Ten (TPT), you will find the Bears number one by Brandon and myself. You will also find the caption to describe the nature of my thoughts on both the NFL and the Chicago Bears as I have previously dis- cussed. It was sickening to listen to the Monday Night Football game crew praise the Bears for the comeback, and call it “deserving” that team should go 16-0.

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porters need to come back from cloud 16, and get a real- ity check. If his team is a ‘giant kind of game Rex Grossman did, every NFL expert would suggest that inevitable QB change in Denver. Otherwise, I think Rex and the NFL will come up with another stinker and the Bears fans and rest assured you are in the same company as our nation’s highest paid sports analysts and coaches. Being out of the top 4 apart of the few intelligent, unapplied realists who have been seeing much better de- spects of play. Last year in year and out year, you have little to ponder as no one in the NFL will go un- defeated this year, mark my words.

As for those two week rested Patriots, who have a lump of cap-room, an abundance of draft picks, and a less-than-average receiving core, things are looking opti- mistic. After seeing both the Colts and Bears struggle with one another, I wouldn’t feel so confident that when each of those teams come to town, the Patriots will not be able to knock one off. I may very well leave with a win or two. However, as I have previously mentioned in articular, I am concerned about the future of the Pari-

Qn: What’s the Bears offensive line? How do they take it to the next level? How do they score points?

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Brando’s Blurb and Pat’s Projection

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