Babson Announces 2007-2008 Rates

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You may have asked yourself, at some point in your Babson career, "How much is this going to cost me?" This is not an uncommon question for prospective and current students. Usually, too, this question is followed up by "How much is the meal plan and how much is housing?" Well, this time around the Free Press will hopefully save you some time and, quickly run through exactly how the numbers break down. From graduate and undergraduate tuition, to housing, to meals, we have it all covered.

First, here are the numbers for the undergrads. For 2007-2008 the total cost of tuition for the year is $44,112, average room rate 87.6%, and average board meal plan $4,140. Compared to this year's numbers, that's about a 5.3 percent average increase. These numbers were created by the Board of Trustees at Babson based on a close study of the investments the school will make in the upcoming year to maintain the school's core values and goals.

So, how do the numbers for undergrads stack up against other educational institutions? Where does Babson rank among colleges and universities across America? Well, according to the College Board, the typical undergraduate tuition rose 5.9%, with room and board charges climbing at a 5.0% increase. A good measure, though, to track education cost increases is the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). The HEPI measures the average "price" that a college must set to cover its relative cost of education. This year the HEPI was 5.0%, matching almost hand-in-hand with Babson's 5.3% increase.

In turn, the total undergrad fees and charges that the school collects from Babson students will fund only 68% of the total costs of the college. The remaining 32% will come from grants, gifts, endowments, and auxiliary activities. This 68% of funds will go toward paying for meal plans, professors, maintenance, club funding, and countless other activities that the school sponsors each semester. Dennis Hanno, Dean of the Undergraduate School, noted the importance of these community building activities when he emphasized what first brought him to the college: "What drew me to Babson was the unique combination of a very caring, close-knit community that reaches broadly and boldly into the world." Babson, through its various means of financial support, aims to reach the level of investment needed to fund these supportive programs.

It looks, too, that the benefits of a Babson education far outweigh the costs of attendance. Upon graduation, 97% of those surveyed from the Class of 2006 indicated that they were employed or enrolled in graduate school after just six months of graduation. By the way, too, U.S. News & World Report ranked Babson #1 in Entrepreneurship for the tenth straight year, and the #3 school in the Best in Business Category.

For many prospective and current students at Babson and across the country, though, it may seem difficult to finance the cost of tuition, room & board, and a meal plan. Here's where Financial Aid comes in. In the upcoming school year (2007-2008) Babson will spend $22 million for financial aid, an 8% increase from funds allocated to financial aid in 2006-2007. This $22 million will go toward Babson's mission to accept and attract the most innovative and entrepreneurial prospective students. Melissa Shaik, Director of Student Financial Services and an Associate Dean of the Undergraduate School, commented on the school's efforts to help finance many Babson students' college educations: "I am proud to say that Babson is continuing to increase its investment in financial aid. Our goal is to make sure that highly qualified students from all backgrounds can continue to come here."

If you have any further questions on rates for next year, financial aid, or anything pertaining to your bill be sure to contact Student Financial Services. They can be reached at (781) 239 - 4215, M-F 8:00am-4:30pm. You can also check your bill, financial aid, make payments, change your meal plan, and set up an eProxy (Allowing a parent, or another individual) to view your bill and make payments online at the Babson Portal, under the 'Student Financial Services' tab.

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Dennis Hanno
Dean of the Undergraduate School

This week on campus we celebrated the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day. The activities of this day, capped by a public address from Naomi Tutu, highlight and honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Dr. King. In 1965, Dr. King led the boycott in Montgomery which eventually led to the U.S. Supreme Court declaration that Alabama's segregation laws were unconstitutional. This event catapulted Dr. King on to the national scene, and until his death in 1968 he was the US's most visible and vocal civil rights leader. Honored in 1964 with the Nobel Peace Prize, his tireless efforts during his short public life had a profound impact on many Americans, as he shaped the debate during a critical period of our history on important issues such as voting rights, segregation, education and housing.

The legacy behind someone like Martin Luther King Jr. is often public, but it can also be very personal. We know from the history books about Dr. King's impact on the civil rights movement, but we should and can also learn about his personal lessons and meaning in his words and accomplishments. For me personally, a key part of Dr. King's legacy is the evidence he provides that we all have the power to make a difference. Dr. King showed us that even one person, with commitment and passion, can take on formidable challenges and effect change. More importantly, he showed us that change can take place by building bridges rather than constructing walls even when walls might be easier to erect. Despite tackling divisive issues that at times threatened to tear the country apart, Dr. King remained true to the ideals of peaceful protest and non-violence. He taught us that true change is about building community rather than creating separate communities.

I believe that Dr. King's...
ON CAMPUS

A Letter to the Editor From Issue 02/05/07

The following was a letter sent to the Babson Free Press February 26, 2007. Their views, opinions and beliefs expressed in the following piece do not reflect the views of the Free Press or its affiliation.

The Feb, 8th 2007 issue of the Babson Free Press had a part advertisement for a practitioner of Alphabiotics. Unless you read the very end you might miss the word "advertisement" in standard size print. I did a little research on Alphabiotics and "Brain reboots."

From the web site for Alphabiotics International (http://alphabiotics.biz) I learned that their work headquarters is in a building above a Blockbuster Video and a Pizza joint. They claim "Alphabiotics is one of the most scientifically validated hands on healing systems on the planet today." They go on to mention thousands of tests conducted, while somehow not actually explaining a single one of them. Where they did conduct a thrombosis, nor actually saying what the tests validated.

They also claim that "alpabiotics are renowned for their devious natures, their low level of moral standards and their limited concept of truth and reality." Arguments like these, where the person attacked is attacked on a personal level without using facts, is often the sign that someone has no actual facts to back up their claims. Checking with www.quickwatch.com, www.skeptic.ca, and www.randy.org (all great sites for finding out about various dubious medical practices), I turned up some interesting stuff.

Alphabiotics was invented in the 1970's and became popular in the 1980's. It is essentially a cult of New Age chiropractic practice in which the skull is pulled up off the spine and rapidly turned. A Washington State legal case in the court found that this technique was "potentially dangerous," and that it was being performed by individuals with little or no medical training.

This technique, according to that court, can lead to a stroke. Supposedly this is why the practitioners of Alphabiotics formed a church, and anyone taking their treatment must also join their church, the Alphabiotics New Life Church. This has been done, in some instances, by having a standard looking medical form contain a clause indicating the patient agrees to church membership as part of their treatment. The medical technique being part of their religious rituals allows them to practice their technique under freedom of religion laws with no medical or government oversight.

I'd also like to point out that in the Free Press ad the only degree mentioned was the man's bachelor's degree in biology. I would assume he had some other accredited education in what he would have been mentioned as well.

Yet in the Babson Free Press, there is a photo of the sign for his Boston office, which clearly lists him as a doctor.

I would hope that in the future the Free Press would consider its advertising more carefully and label its advertising more prominently. Hopefully people will do their own research, looking for factual material, rather than assuming someone else has vetted the information for them.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gaukne

Public Safety Incident Log

02/19/07 – 02/26/07

Lockout 83
Motorassist 11

Tuesday 2/20/07
9:26 am Request for an ambulance in Gerber Hall. Student who was not feeling well was transported to NWH. 9:34 pm Student reported his room had been searched in Forest Hall. Report filed.

Wednesday 2/21/07

2:05 pm Request for an ambulance in Forest Hall. Student transported to NWH, alcohol related. Report filed.

3:02 pm Request for a fire alarm in Putney Hall set off by discharged fire extinguisher. Alarm reset.

11:47 pm Student reported individuals tossing rocks at the windows in Pitsa. Area checked, no one found.

Saturday 2/24/07
1:35 am Request for a noise complaint in Colelman Hall. RA contacted.

3:07 am Request for a noise complaint in Coleman Hall. RA contacted.

1:44 am Request for an ambulance in Coleman Hall. Student transported to NWH.

Sunday 2/25/07
3:35 am Report of some breaking glass in Coleman Hall. Officer checked the area and found broken bottles in the area. Report filed.

2:47 am Request of students drinking and making a lot of noise in Putney Hall. Report filed.

2:58 am Report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall. RA contacted.

3:02 am Request of an injury at the Babson Ice Rink. Transported to hospital by mother, no ambulance requested.

8:25 pm Request for medical attention at the Webster Center. Two students transported to NWH with head lacerations.

Monday 2/26/07
12:17 am Report of a noise complaint in Coleman Hall. RA contacted.

11:44 am Request for an ambulance in 81 Map Hall Drive. Report filed.

10:35 pm Report of a noise complaint in PMC. RA contacted.

8:26 pm Report of a noise complaint in P Taz Hall. RA contacted.

11:29 pm Request of a noise complaint in Putney Hall. RA contacted.

Babson Public Safety Incident Log 02/05/07 – 02/12/07

Lockout 93
Motorassist 14

Monday 2/5/07
2:23 pm Request for an officer at the Babson Ice Rink for an injured skater. Skater transported to the hospital.

Tuesday 2/6/07


9:37 pm Student requested transportation to NWH. Transferred to NWH.

10:29 pm Report of suspicious activity in the parking lot at the BECC. Checked ok.

Wednesday 2/7/07
12:46 pm Student reported receiving threatening email from an off campus address. Report filed.


2/10/07

12:32 pm Facilities employee reports that there is a student in a bathroom in Malloy not feeling well. Student transported to NWH. Report filed.

12:41 pm Report of an odor of marijuana 1st floor McCallough Hall. Area checked ok.


1:20 pm Report of vandalism to the elevator in 81 Map Hall Drive. Report filed.


7:20 pm Request for an ambulance at the Babson Ice Rink for an injury to a skater. Skater transported to NWH.

10:35 pm Report of a noise complaint in PMC. RA contacted.

11:05 pm Report of suspicious activity in Publishers. Officer spoke to male party found in the area waiting for a Cab.

Sunday 2/11/07
1:45 pm Report of a noise complaint in P Taz Hall. RA contacted.

6:55 pm Request of a noise complaint in PTC Hall. RA contacted.

7:11 pm Report of a larceny of a laptop from Trim Hall. Report filed.

11:29 pm Request of a noise complaint in VanWinkle Hall. RA contacted.
When WiFi turns sour

Piyush Bhandari
Staff Writer

Wireless Internet is probably the ultimate service of the new millennium. You have definitely made WiFi your savior for that day when your flight was grounded in the airport or when you had writers block, and went to Starbucks to write your essay sipping a nice Frappucino.

Now consider this—being charged by a criminal offense for using the free WiFi right outside your local library. Yes, being put in jail and being charged as much as $750 for something that is originally free.

A string of very similar cases have been erupting around the world, and though the victims are usually students, policemen of the towns have united together to hunt down these bloodsuckers of WiFi.

Wait a minute! Aren’t I a blessing, you—yes, you too have been leeching every bit of bandwidth off a WiFi service. We are a generation of trashfeeding blood-sucking leeches who pounce on every bit of bandwidth that is available to us.

Back to reality, it was pointed out by Mike I., a popular blogger on legal issues at Techdirt.com, that "the fact is that almost every single home and office wireless access point and WiFi-equipped router comes by default with an unencrypted, insecure configuration, most of the time set by the manufacturer, those who are exposing and abusing these networks need to be those setting them up".

Just about any laptop equipped with a wireless card will constantly look for and connect to wireless networks, making many blissfully unaware that they’ve even done anything, let alone something wrong.

While that undoubtedly does not provide one with an excuse for deliberately stealing WiFi service from someone, the producers of these devices aren’t helping either. All they are doing is misleading products to satisfy needs, and not considering the security repercussions.

Whether to get WiFi for free, just out of curiosity or a myriad of other reasons, has undoubtedly become a topic met with bitter controversy around the world.

One such case occurred in Singapore, yes, that same country where chewing gum is illegal, spitting on the pavement invites you to a $500 fine, and smoking in a car will earn you a sweet little $5,000 on your wallet.

This case involved a 17 year old who was facing up to three years in prison and a possible fine of up to 10,000 Singapore dollars ($6,000) if convicted despite the lack of aggravating factors to his alleged crime, all by hopping on to his neighbor’s wireless network, according to channelnewsasia.com.

The basic principle was that stealing Internet access was enough for him to face a jail sentence and a potential fine. "There’s no suggestion he did any mischief beyond the alleged offense of downloading his neighbor’s not connection without permission."

On an ethical standpoint, there is absolutely nothing wrong with piggybacking on an open WiFi connection. Well, it’s the owner’s responsibility to secure the access. According to the companies, those who supply the WiFi waves are no longer under the control of the access owner once they drift out of his property, and if those radio waves reach my property, then it’s not the owner’s problem, such as giving your regular FM radio the loud enough that I can hear it on my property," as said by Mike at Techdirt.com.

Although other cases seem to be popping up like leeching WiFi internet in one car outside a public library in the middle of the street, the Singapore policemen excuse the not only arrest, but confiscate the one’s laptops.

Policemen interrogated made it sound like no-brainers as to why it was illegal using free internet, despite not giving any justification.

If it is so suspicious, what happens if one is using internet service such as HSDPA or HSDPA+? Basically, the same access points used by your average Tree, or BlackBerry?

Does this give the men in blue, who have dedicated their lives to instilling the laws, protecting and serving the public, that one opportunity to confiscate the new hard ware of today’s corporate communications?

Either way, we can be sure such an issue is not by some and annoying to others. It treads on new legal grounds and has just kicked up new privacy issues.

The (fairly) new BlackBerry Pearl.

Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish.

Arjun Shote
Staff Writer

Those were the last words of Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple at the commencement speech given at Stanford University in the summer of 2005. The power of original thinking in business can’t be underestimated. Baby’s catch phrase—“Innovation is our Religion,” comes of no surprise in this day and age of ruthless competition in the fight for better, bolder, bigger and unique ideas.

This seems to be an invisible tagline even for giant corporations and companies and leaders alike who are striving to woo customers and demonstrate a superior functional value as much as a close sentimental value to their products and services.

Now, eventually it all boils down to one question: how do some companies crack the problem of innovating effectively in alignment to customer needs and buying decisions better than competition? The answer lies within you, the individual.

Your experiences, your actions, your beliefs eventually shape the person who you are and therefore, you are unique. A product or a service is similar. Steve Jobs created the Mac through experiencing a problem himself. He says in his speech, “Reed College at that time (1972) offered perhaps the best calligraphy instruction in the country. Throughout the campus, every poster, every label on every drawer (yes) beautiful hand-made calligraphy. Because I had dropped out and didn’t have to take the normal classes, I decided to take a calligraphy class to learn how to do this. I learned about serif and sans-serif typefaces, about varying the amount of space between different letter combinations, and about what makes great typography great. It was beautiful, historical, artistically subtle in a way that science can’t capture, and I found it fascinating. None of this had ever been a part of any practical application in my life. But ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me, and we designed it all into the Mac. It was the first computer with beautiful typography. If I had never dropped in on that single course in college, one Mac could have never had multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts, and since Windows just copied the Mac, it’s likely that no personal computer would have them. If I had never dropped out, I would have never dropped in on that calligraphy class and personal computers might not have the wonderful typography that they do.”

Now the fact is that be took those classes out of fascination and attraction. His personal skill set and talent came in handy after ten years! He created in every sense of the word. Not only did he connect creatively but stayed innocent in a sense and applied two things he had learnt not linearly but radially. Therefore, the secret perhaps lies in the “connecting of the dots” that Jobs mentions and highlights and in relating your various experiences and coming up with something new, powerful, extraordinary and disruptive. I use the word disruptive for a strong reason. Disruptive because it breaks the patterns, theories, preconceived ideas and notions of a particular way of doing things and really breaks the tradition by being innovative. Being able to look at things anew, everyday without any elements of prejudice or bias allows one to really appreciate the value of things. Ultimately, do you want to create something brilliant and leave a stamp of ownership on it or conform to others opinions and voices and let your own inner voice be subjugated? That’s a question one must ask (and answer) everyday if he/she wants to create an iPod-like product or service in another field.
Leader
Bricklayer
Human being*

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An "Earnest" Review
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"I too like the portrait of Freud in the entryway, it's, it's yours," And with those parting words - Eduard was always bad at closing conversations - he descended the stairs, picked up his coffee, in the foyer, and headed for the car that was waiting outside.

The cigarette, in his fingers for nearly ten minutes, pierced the filter and burnt his hand. His day-dreaming sequence was finally over. The pain it had caused him was almost too much for him to bear. He stood, looking at his pastiche of clothing and returning to bed. After dismissing that thought in fear that his narrative sequence continue, he contemplated returning to Paris. This thought had occurred to him before, but he never took it seriously. This time, the longing seemed more real.

He wanted Camille back; he wanted his life back. He was tired of dwelling in this cave, of having his only solace come from alcohol and books, from his precious paintings deteriorate in front of his eyes; he could not stand it any more!

Saidly, he would stand it, no matter how excruciating the pain and he knew it. He was not miserable because to be miserable one has to have hope. Eduard had lost all hope. He took one look around his flat to see if a lonely cigarette pack had lost its place in the mouth on the floor. He found one, his favorite look. He grabbed the one closest to him and made his way out the door, stopping to stare at Freud's portrait one last time. It was the only painting he ever hung in his apartment. The door shut and Eduard went to deliver his speech.

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What Does it Take?
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Staff Writer

Everyone at Babson can relate to not feeling treated completely human at one time or another. A woman at a party, or worse in a classroom, feeling patronized by her male colleagues.

An international student hearing someone who thinks he or she knows them, better than they know themselves. A black student recognizing that subtle racism is more powerful than out-right bigotry. An atheist full of heart and hope who is still treated as something to solve or save. A professor whose students don’t realize or she has a life of their own. At Babson, the possibilities are endless. Part of what Naomi Tutu may have been trying to say the other night, which I hope you didn’t miss, was that differences make for opportunities towards success as well as opportunities towards discrimination.

At the event and listening to the speakers, Wednesday evening in Sorenson with Naomi Tutu speaking, I was very much provoked. What may have struck me most at the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day Awards, however, was just one question posed by a contributing audience member: “What does it take?”

What does it take to make a person’s entire life all about change? Does it take facing murder as Martin Luther King Jr. did? Does one have to face a bullet from the janissary militis, while helping at a refugee camp in Chechnya? Does it take the dedication of every day of a person’s life to giving speeches? Knowing every single fact and figure about one cause and all those related? Does it take the donation of every dollar a person has ever made? What does it take?

For Naomi Tutu the answer was simple. It wasn’t about the devotion of her time and energy to an issue that was meant to help others. It was for herself. And in my mind, I’m thinking “of course it is,” I feel that it’s always for ourselves when we are trying to “save the world.” We are, in fact, a part of this world. It is about me when I get angry at the news or at the President of my country. It is about me when another country’s government is suppressing its people. When a woman on this campus allows others to degrade her mind and her body, it is about me.

If there is nothing you feel passionate enough about, something to make you feel as if there is a right and wrong, a good and a bad, in order to analyze, than maybe “what it takes” has nothing to do with the worth of the cause. Maybe you just don’t know enough about it to care. As soon as you do, I promise... it will no longer be about helping other people. You will care enough to have to do something about it. I think we all know this, and I think this is why most of us avoid edging to this level of intimacy.

Herbie’s Presidential Recap
Herbie Weirbach
Opinions Editor

I like the United States of America. I am a patriot. I do, however, not have the same pity for the demagogues who have built for ourselves in the founding fathers. I would like to take this opportunity, in the President’s Day issue, to recap some of America’s heroes, the Founding Fathers, the way that most of them drunken, Southern (for the most part), egotistical bighoods would abhor telling their story as I see it.

So where should I start? I may as well start at the beginning. George Washington was no commander. He was no leader. In fact, he was not much of anything, except for a halfway decent land surveyor. In fact, he was probably highly corrupt land surveyor, as he was one of the largest landholders in America before he was president. No one was more willing to admit “Washington’s inability to get along with people” than himself. He admitted to anyone willing to listen that he was no leader, no intellectual, and not easily fit to lead. You know that old woman who is at an amazing story, says that she is fixable, but expects everyone else to tell her how incredibly fixable she is? Well, that’s Washington.

John Adams, the second president of the United States, was a preference know-it-all who did not actually want to go to war. He wanted to please with the British, powerful enough to be the “civilized world.” Very few people liked John Adams. If you thought they did, you are probably mistaking him for his drunken hot-headed cousin, Samuel Adams, who, not surprisingly, now has a beer named after him. John Adams was a federalist, one of the two heads of the party, along with Alexander Hamilton, who riled him for being the most pompous politician of the time. Adams had a serious superiority complex, but I must give him credit for one thing. The main reason he did not serve two terms was that he couldn’t make the conversions by stating the French over his beloved friends, the French, into a party. In one of the more amusing shows in American history, Adams, who had not performed what are referred to as the midnight appointments,” a series of appointments to empty positions at the end of his tenure as president. If he could have come to office in the first peaceful change in parties, he had some little surprise waiting for him.

Jefferson serves as the epitome of this with one of the politician’s attitude of “do what I say, not what I do.” His job, knowing himself to be highly in that the man who was the most staunch advocate for the rights of the country and keeping a weak presidency and central government was most of anyone in his terms as president to further the powers of the office. In fact, he was John Marshall, the Chief Justice, would probably have not been appointed to the Supreme Court if his trial after impeachment. Nothing like this happened to Jefferson’s backhandedness than his original vice president, Aaron Burr. Burr had been among his former best friend Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and you are probably mistaking Burr due to a moronic system of election, the predecessor to the wildly successful (as we all found out in 2000) Electoral College, could have easily had Jefferson lose if he had had Jefferson’s sense of moral ambiguity. Instead, he had the luck to deal with Northern politicians to secure victory, leaving that up to a different of the presidency with the fact that Burr refused to side with Jefferson in the two major votes that he served as tiebreaker for one of which was to impeach Samuel Chase, a supporter of the American Revolution (who Jefferson was not fond of), got Burr the boot. Thus, in a year where the first time that a president’s second in command, Jefferson accused him of trying to pack the Supreme Court with a worthless government. Burr having been on a boat far away from Washington, drunk with a group of friends, fishing, pear, and some guns. With an army the size of a suit, Burr was supposed to have planned a master criminal attempt at taking over the entire country. Most of the things Jefferson is better known for violated the US Constitution, which he would have. Take the Louisiana Purchase, for instance, which he knew was a one-sided benefit that did not carry out legally, and by no means part of the President’s responsibilities. The well known Democrat Republican state rights advocates had lost (for the moderates). After Jefferson came the quiet little Madison, the founding father. He was the Constitution, but by no means a leader. He had spent about a year in college, not for lack of intelligence, but for desire to become part of the clergy. He was not the intellectual, a law student at the University of New Jersey (now known as Princeton), well but the time being, not to be associated with the Burr family. Burr, in fact, introduced the quiet little Madison to Dolley, a former teacher of his, who he promptly fell in love with. She ended up totally dominating his life. Madison never actually proposed, not once. He made a decision for himself. But wait! He became president. For any of those who think he never had a female president. I challenge you with this. Do you think Madison’s decision was any better than Madison’s? Actually, under Madison, our horrible excuse for a national anthem was written, and we were watching the White House burn down. You know the one there was a man who was the daughter of Madison, Dolley Madison lived in. That is the one Dolley Madison built.

The one who came Monroe, who was only or not elected unanimously, because, for the monarchy. Interestingly, a representative, George Washington should be the only person to be re-elected as US president in American history, Monroe, most famous for his doctrine, was anything but a great politician. He was John Quincy Adams, the Secretary of state, not he. There is something else, other than that, Monroe can’t be given too much credit. He mainly followed through on Madison’s policies. As if you say Delly’s?). He did, however, it did not launch the infrastructure development plan to build canals and roads, among other things.

John Quincy Adams came next. He was highly successful... at everything but being president. Here’s the reason: smart people mask bad moments. Adams would have been too clever for the intelligence, but could not get along with his congress, and was one of the most ineffective presidents who did not required forlorn to get in and out of the tab. He did, however, fight for the emancipation of slaves before it was popular, and for in a sense, he earns a gold statuette.

After John Quincy came the embarrassing Jackson, the most insane president in our history, who was the first elected president to sit in the office of the presidency. He was the punch of every joke. It was said that you could count the ridiculous antricks across the city. He was a crazy, bigoted before he even became president. He despised Indians, used the army at his personal disposal, referred to events that never happened, and generally gave the impression of being the last person who would ever be the head of a country. He was our version of one of the last of the very few pretty good presidents to follow, Jackson’s legacy may well have been the fall of a nation as well.

I hope you have enjoyed my ramblings, Father. Who, I actually do, have a lot of respect for. I do, however, voice the opinion that the creatures sent from Heaven to found the greatest nation in the world to be inhabited by just, men who did great things with their lives and will be remembered in the years to come. If I were in your shoes, I would love to continue with useless information about the battles of 1700 or 1700,000,000 maybe in a future issue.
MBA Student's Program Trip to Dubai and India

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I have now had the pleasure of taking two offshore electives for my MBA. The first was the China elective. The second was the India elective. Having spent close to three weeks in China, I thought I was prepared for what I was going to experience in India. Boy, was I wrong.

India was completely different than I expected. To me, it seemed like a country of extremes. On one hand you have one of the largest economies of the world "dilapidating." On the other hand the poverty and pollution are shocking.

The constant appeared to be thefriendliness of the people. Everywhere we went everyone was extremely friendly and polite.

During the class we visited a variety of businesses in Delhi and Mumbai. From manufacturing, software, to politicians, we seemed to cover all aspects of a company in India.

There was also a day trip to the Taj Mahal, one of the most gorgeous sights I have ever seen. We spent the last three days of the trip in Dubai, UAE. This was definitely the highlight of the trip and a great way to end the class.

Dubai, like India, is also a city of extremes. Except in Dubai everything is the biggest, tallest, or best in the whole world.

The growth is truly staggering. If you get the opportunity to go to India/Dubai, I highly recommend it. Be sure to bring your credit cards for Dubai. The shopping there is great as is the indoor airpse skiing at the world's largest shopping mall.

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30 years ago, construction workers digging in an Israeli suburb unearthed a cave with 18 stone caskets. Inscribed on some of the caskets were the names Mary Magdalene, Jesus, and Judah son of Jesus. These names on the coffins took 20 years to decipher, but only in the last 10 years have a team of filmmakers made the connection between these names and Jesus' family. For 7 years, the coffins on the tombs did not mean anything because they were common Jewish names. But, the rationale of the film makers, including Hollywood block buster director James Cameron, is that the combination of Jesus family names on the tombs is like having the exact combination of names of the Bethus found on tombs. The entire documentary springs from that fact and archelogists as well as DNA specialists have helped the filmmaker back up their claims. While some archeologists question the claim, some archeologists question the validity of the claim and question whether this is a huge ploy for the filmmakers to hype their film. Hype in theform of new conferences like last Monday’s when James Cameron had a press conference and displayed 3 coffins. In addition a new special about the documentary on several international networks, the American version will be aired prime time on the Discovery Channel, March 4th. 9 PM, interestingly it will be aired on Sunday, Christmas’ day for rest.

Questions raised are why are filmmakers and not historians announcing the largest archeological claim in the Christian world? Does the filmmaker’s team have more expertise than historians or are they trying to make money off of other’s beliefs? Is it ok to publicly display the coffin of one of the most holy figures in Christianity and his family’s coffins? The filmmaker’s team can be seen like modern day Judges, using deceit to make money. So what do Christians think about the movie and how are they being marketed? Ken Ma, Senior stated “He would rather not see it happen (movies about Jesus), but if it is nothing new, people are doing it all the time. And getting offended is just encouraging it; giving them attention is not worth it.” He goes on to say that “In the end, it does not matter because Jesus rose from the dead. People’s bodies rot but their souls go up to heaven.” Either the Christian had a business like perspective to the documentary. It is just playing on the trends in entertainment such as the Da Vinci code, which is just providing people what they want to see.

He himself does not believe the claims at all, but definitely thinks the film has the right to explore and justify the claim. So what do non-Christians have to say about the movie? Xiao Wang, senior, at Babson College seemed to show indifference to the movie. When asked if he wanted to see the movie, he said, “Not really, unless there are hot chicks.”

Both Christians and non-Christians seem to not want to watch the movie. Christians are turned off by the idea that non-Christians just do not care about religion enough to watch the movie. It will be interesting how the movie catches on with the general public. Will this be another blockbuster hit like Passion of the Christ or a late night special on the learning channel?

Happiest (?) Stay at an Airport

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For Americans, it is South America, but for Japanese, it is the direct opposite of our country. I expected the weather, people and culture to be different. My natural conclusion was I would be culture-shocked; I was wrong. I could not speak Portuguese and did not know their culture but I enjoyed my time there a lot! However, there was a huge problem getting out of the airport.

The day is the 21st of December, everyone is flying around to see their families for Christmas. I knew that, but could not avoid it. The flight from Boston to Miami went rather smoothly. So I became optimistic, but then I arrive in Rio de Janeiro.

First I see a normal queue, and they serve me in the next half an hour or so. My flight is in 2 hours so I am feeling relaxed. But 30 minutes before my flight to Salvador, the line does not get shorter.

While waiting, I start getting worried, and I ask around first, if they speak English and second, what is the longest trip. One of the business man answers my question with a Portuguese accent, “this company is having a problem, and they cannot figure out the problem, so I say, “OK, what kind of problem?” He replies “this company has a system breakdown.” Oh great!

After asking several people, it seemed that the system breakdown is resulting from the plane crash, couple of weeks ago, which basically closed the traffic of airplanes.

Now the company (TAM) is placing the world have gone already passengers to new flights. This resulted in overbooking and so on. Along with the system breakdown, people have to wait forever to fly. So what happened in the end was I ended up flying the next day.

The good thing was I got free lunch and dinner. I ate at a fast food restaurant, which is equivalent to McDonald’s in the US. This would not have happened if I was on American Airlines, or any other airlines. It was one of the longest stays at the airport of my life.

With the days coming from Miami, it took me total of 2 days to get to the final destination, Salvador in Brazil. Ah yes, the risk of traveling abroad, but it was worth it, I will go into more about my trip in Brazil in my next article.
For Better or For Worse  Part 2: Pitching

David Nile Staff Writer

With pitchers and catchers reporting last week and the rest of the Red Sox squad arriving in Fort Myers, Wednesday marked our first look at the collection of players assembled by Theo Epstein. Overall, they are better than last year’s team. A team that not only failed to stay in the race, but was swept out of town by the Yankees, but couldn’t win the wild card or even finish second in their own division. Given that, they did have a rash of injuries last season and Theo broke open the piggy-bank to this off-season, adding JD Drew, Julio Lugo, and Daisuke Matsuzaka. In comparing last year’s team to the 2007 version, let’s take a look around the diamond.

B- 2006: Kevin Youkilis (.279, 13 HR, 72 RBIs)
2009: Youkilis will continue to provide solid defense at first and big offense at DH.

With the addition of Lugo and Drew he will probably see more playing time, and the Red Sox can probably expect some power, reducing in lower run and RBI totals.

Edge- Even

2B- 2006: Mark Loretta (.285, 9 HR, 50 RBIs)
2009: Pedroia had struggled after being called up from the minors at the end of last season. He is decent in the field but don’t forget Loretta was very solid despite limited range and made the All-Star team last season. Edge- Even (slightly)

3B- 2006: Mike Lowell (.284, 20 HR, 80 RBIs)
2009: Lowell could bounce back last season but I would expect his power numbers to sag a little more than what he did last season because of losing their middle infielders. However, with their acquisition of Lugo and Drew, as well as a healthy Coco Crip, the Red Sox will be able to score runs with almost any team in the majors. The Red Sox did have to substantially increase payroll to acquire Lugo and Drew, but I don’t think any Sox fans will be complaining about the Edge- Even (slightly)

2B- 2006: Alex Gonzalez (.255, 9 HR, 50 RBIs)
2007: Julio Lugo- He only played 139 with 8 HR last season but he is a definite offensive upgrade over Gonzalez. He doesn’t have Gonzalez’ range or overall defensive ability but he does still have a strong arm. Edge- Even

2B- 2007 (slightly)

LF- 2006: Manny Ramirez (.321, .549, 102 RBIs)
2007: Ramirez will continue to put up the same amazing numbers year in and year out. He always seems to have to live with the “Manny moments” because he is one of the greatest and most consistent right-handed batters in his generation.

CF- 2006: Coco Crisp (.261, .417, 225)
2007: Crisp. Coco didn’t live up to the fan’s expectations after returning from a hand injury. I’m expecting a bounce back year and CC to hold down the leadoff spot in 2007. Expect his BA to go 20-27 points and hopefully increase his OBP (.319) OBP by 30 to 50 points.

Edge- Even

RF- 2006: Trot Nixon (.268, .585, 50 RBIs)
2007: JD Drew- JD will surely put up better numbers than Nixon’s. He is probably good for a .280BA, 30 HR, 100 RBIs if he stays healthy.

Unfortunately, health has always been a question and he will cost more than 1650-1700 (.268) more than Trot.

DH- 2006: David Ortiz (.287, .549, 137 HRB)
2007- Ortiz: I would expect the power numbers to fall slightly but the BA to rise back over 300. If the Sox are in the hunt, Big Papi will be a big factor.

Edge- Even

Bench- The Sox bench looks relatively similar with Willy Mo Pena back as the fourth OF, Alex Cora as the utility infielder, and Doug Mirabelli as the backup (and probably the Sox’ personal) catcher.

Edge- Even

Overall- The Red Sox won’t be nearly as stellar defensively as they were last year because of losing their middle infielders. However, with their acquisition of Lugo and Drew, as well as a healthy Coco Crip, the Red Sox will be able to score runs with almost any team in the majors. The Red Sox did have to substantially increase payroll to acquire Lugo and Drew, but I don’t think any Sox fans will be complaining about the

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Stay tuned for next week when the Sox rotation and bullpen is broken down.

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