Welcome, Parents & Family,

to Babson's Campus.

The staff of the Babson Free Press would like to welcome the families of our classmate, peers and friends to Family Weekend. We hope you get a chance to partake in and enjoy all the events scheduled for the weekend. As the school newspaper of a small community school we like to print the voices of the students here at Babson. We'd like to extend this invitation to you, as you are a big part of the Babson Community. We welcome you to mail your comments, concerns and questions to:
The Babson Free Press
Babson College
Babson Park, MA 02457

Also from the Editor,

While the Babson Free Press is all for press that's free, as in free money and free speech, there are some amounts of controversy that we would like to avoid when possible. There is a certain website that some readers may be familiar with, which tries to voice a much more radical message about Babson to students and prospectsives. I think that the other members of this staff would also agree that the Free Press may not want to align itself directly with this website, because we feel there are better methods available for us to be heard. However, I personally respect how difficult it can be to create change, and I've certainly felt angry enough more than once to slip into a negative mentality. It is important for members at all levels of this school to recognize when something could potentially harm the organization. Some would call the website harmful, where others were argue the lack of proper communication is what hurts Babson. Personally, I believe that sometimes it takes extreme tactics to develop a working channel between those who need to be heard and those who may not realize they are isolating others. I think it would be wonderful to hear from the students who put together this website in the context of the Free Press. It is the multi-varying opinions that make a paper like this substantial on campus and worth reading. Maybe we can be the conduit that students are looking for when trying to reach the seemingly untouchable. The only limitation for the most part is that we ask that everything written is respectful. I will say, though, that not many students get to chat it up with President Barefoot on a Wednesday morning, and the Free Press has made that possible for me. Perhaps the Free Press can not only be the voice of the students, but can also be the connecting tool that lets students know what's really on our President's mind! Did you know that he recognizes the apathy on the campus, that he cares about the structures that aid student organizations, and that he

Bernet Center Hosts Pumpkin Carving Event for Camp Charity

Nicole Smith Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Bernon Center for Community Outreach hosted a Pumpkin carving event in Reynolds Campus Center this week offering three times: Tuesday morning, Wednesday night or Thursday midday. Donations will go to the Camp Sunshine's Annual Fundraiser. The Pumpkin Festival. Camp Sunshine is a camp in Casco, Maine for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Overall there has been many students looking to decorate their pumpkin in the holiday spirit. SGA also carved one to display at their Wednesday night meeting. Make your way over to Reynolds Thursday to carve your own.

Volunteers carve their own pumpkins at a Wednesday night! event in Reynolds.
BARNER TO GET THE BOOT FOR NOT WRITING?

David Barner
Senior Editor - For Now

This just in: The Countdown has been postponed until next issue...or will it? Due to a tough workload this week, and increased responsibilities across the board, I have been forced to bump writing for THE Babson Free Press down to the 2nd tier of responsibility. This may come as a shock to all, as THE Babson Free Press should be everyone’s top concern. It should be up there with checking BBC.com, the weather, and YouTube.

While I hate to leave the devoted readers of the countdown with no fix for this week, I do have a special treat for the technologically inclined. This weekend I will be posting up the next 10 or so couples in the countdown on the Internet. (The Internet is composed of a series of hosted pages that contain information created by you, me, and that big corporation who’s sponsoring both of us.) Within the internet, I have targeted one such website that I believe will reach the vast amount of THE Babson Free Press’ readership. This site is called Facebook.com.

On Facebook, you can easily search for the profile “Babson Free Press”. The profile you’re looking for contains a black, purple, and orange icon that looks like the front of our paper. Next, click “Add Friend”. It will prompt a message that confirms your friendship with THE Babson Free Press, which, between you and I, is silly. We both know you have THE Babson Free Press.

Within this profile, you will find the next 10 or so in the countdown as a note. It may be a posted note. It may not. It can’t be guaranteed, though, that it will be obvious and easy to find.

For those without the internet, I hope this message finds you well and healthy. Most likely, you’ve picked up this issue at Babson College, in Babson Park, MA. If such is the case, there are computers around campus that you can use to access the previously mentioned Facebook profile.

If such is not true, please send request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

THE Babson Free Press
ATTN: Barner’s Top 100
Campus Box #2160
Babson Park, MA 02457

I will get this countdown to you. I will not let you, the trustworth, engaged reader, down. I see a future to this countdown, and the future is bright.

Lastly, some have asked me, “Do you, Barner, have any idea what the other 64 couples on your countdown are?” Well, to address this concern, yes and no. Yes, I do know what #50, #25, and #1 are. Am I going to leak these? We’ll see. All’s I really know, though, is that the countdown will survive this off-week, and the next set of exciting couple will be 25 times more awkward than the second batch.

Last week’s volume of the countdown as, in fact, weak. It contained some serious matchups and some matchups that I really wanted to see happen. For that reason, there were fewer couples that were funnier than Fred Durst and Britney Spears’ relationship. I will make more of the funny, and it will be delivered in the next issue (SO GO GET IT WHEN IT COMES OUT!)

Until you read again, just as VH1 might have presented this countdown this week, at least they might have been able to present the last phrase of this week’s, once again, mindless article: Have the Best Week Ever.

A Note From A Babson Student

Babson has started off the year on a very competitive step. We’re the “hottest” business school, ranked by Kaplan, and in the top 10 overall colleges. We’re all over the interwebs, and we were in Newsweek a few weeks ago. Congratulations to the professors and students that have gotten us this far, as well as the administrators and SGA (the biggest props to Dean Hanno) that have helped provide the infrastructure to do so.

But if there is anything that I want to say right now, it is to warn of the evils of apathy. Apathy has run rampant on the Babson Campus for a number of reasons. In the past, some people have been disappointed with Babson, so they choose to not take part in the community. Right now, some people might be apathetic towards getting involved because they see no need. “We are already the hottest; why bother changing anything?”

And I know it is the nature of a business school that most people here are involved in

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Classified Ads


Be on the lookout for contests and prizes from the Free Press. Check it out!
Escape!

Jessie Levin
Contributing Writer

There is no way around it, the first two and a half years at Babson are an outrageous challenge that will rip you apart, and put you back together just to rip you apart again. If you manage to grapple on to the semblance of hope that it does eventually get better, and if you happen to be blessed with an incredible sense of self, unrelenting fortitude and a really dark sense of humor, you might just make it to that second semester of junior year when it just all seems to get better. In those first two and a half years, the young blood at Babson is put to the test. Either we learn to play the game, or we move on!

Staying sane and maintaining some form of physical and mental health, all while trying to survive in the early years at Babson, is no minuscule feat. The deans try their best to reach out in hopes of offering life lines to the struggling fledglings through late-night faculty hosted dinners, casino nights, and other miscellaneous randomness. While this is a valiant effort, it just doesn’t quite do the trick. It is imperative to find an out, an escape, a passion, or a significant other in those first few years or else life will be a bleak, seemingly unrewarding mess.

After four and a half years here, I happened to stumble on a little world within our bubble that I never knew existed. The pottery workshop, the dark room and the drawing studios are full of chilled-out people who have found a relaxed, sane, welcoming environment in which to escape. When you walk in to the pottery studio, you are greeted by one of the most uplifting women on this campus, Joyce Gordon, who makes you feel like you just ate one of your grandmother’s chocolate chip cookies. In short, the place is full of characters, good vibes, and NO BUSINESS!

So for whatever this is worth, I would suggest all of those youngsters, and seasoned Babo veterans alike, have a bit of an exploratory adventure into the art wing behind trim. I have no doubt you will encounter some interesting characters, and you may just find a new hobby that will help cure that stress twitch that never seems to go away.

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jobs and other extracurricular pursuits... too often we feel too busy to do anything for anyone else. But this is a truly toxic habit to get into. As you sit idly by, letting other people write tricks for the Free Press, letting other people create or manage clubs, and as other people run your student government, Babson is losing your intelligent observation.

You, of course, might not care. I think that there are too many people on campus that think Babson is good enough, so they just don’t care about getting involved. And it is those people that I believe are truly toxic to the Babson environment — not the people that cry foul over Babson’s shortcomings (the complainers, the bloggers).

I honestly believe that you need to push your institution just as much as it pushes you. If you don’t — then we won’t remain on top for long. We need to demand to be able to take whatever course that is about whatever we want and available whenever we want, because, dammit, you know you need the course in your life. And if that course doesn’t exist at Babson, we need to look to Olin and Wellesley, we need to send your class-day emails (several, keep that in mind) about what you want to see happen to your school. Because if we don’t, then we will fall back into simple complacency, we will be replaced by the hundreds of other business schools jockeying for that “hot” status.

You see, if you want to wear that “hottest” t-shirt — you got to work for it. This is something I’ve tried to do through my involvement with a controversial website, where I have written under code names. Yes, it was done semi-anonymously, and yes, I’ll stay that way for now, because no, it doesn’t matter who I am, I’m just an undergrad at Babson, and I’d like to maintain the right to feel free to type pretty much whatever the hell I want. I guess I could call that bad, immature, maybe even dangerous or... destructive? But I’m young and dumb, and I don’t care. I just like to write these words.

And if you don’t like it, write to the newspaper. They want to hear what you think. If you want it published, write it well. Dean Hanno is loved for one reason: he communicates.

Babson’s a good school, perhaps even great. But there are still problems with Babson’s education, just like in any Ivy League school. It’s everybody’s responsibility to do their part to make sure these problems are solve; we need people who point out problems as well as people who fix problems.

The good news is that there are a lot of people here at this school trying to do just that. You can thank them for their work and honor them by continuing it yourself. Or you can be a prick and not care.

Don’t be a prick.
Camp Sunshine Fundraiser was a hit! Below: The pumpkins carved for charity by Babson students.

Babson students handcrafted these fine, fine pumpkins. Check them out!

We went into Reynolds to see what they were up to on a Wednesday night....

Eric Camfield surprised to see a camera pop up mid-phone call.

Surprise, E-Cams!
Babson Welcomes Families to Babson:
Here's what they're doing!

Friday

(4-9 PM - Registration in Reynolds Campus Center)
4-5 PM Mathematics & Science Division Reception in Babson Hall
4-7 PM Chi Omega 50/50 Raffle ticket sales in Reynolds Campus Center
5-6 PM First-Year Resident Assistant Meet & Greet in Residence Hall Lounges
6:30-9 PM Campaign Kickoff at the Intercontinental Boston Hotel
9-12am Intercollge Salsa Harbor Cruise in Boston

Saturday

(8:30-2:30 PM Registration and Coffee in Reynolds Campus Center)
8-10:30 AM Cruickshank Race for Shelter 5k walk and run Knight Parking lot
8:45-12 PM Boston Duck Tours meet in Reynolds Hall
9:30-11:30 PM Parent Sessions in Malloy Hall
9:30 AM Women's Rugby vs. Boston University on the Lower Fields
1 PM Soccer vs. Clark University on the Upper Fields
1 PM Field Hockey vs. Smith College on the Upper Fields
10-11 AM College Admissions 101: Myths & Realities in Reynolds 241
10:30-2:30 PM Tastes of New England Brunch in Trim Dining Hall
11-12 PM Admissions Campus Tour departs from Reynolds Campus Center
11-7 PM Explore Boston and Head of the Charles Regatta on your own departs from Reynolds Campus Center
12:30-1:30 PM Bookstore Giveaways in Reynolds Campus Center
12:30-3:30 PM Open Gym at the Webster Center
2PM Babson Players Present: Noises Off! by Michael Frayn in the Sorenson Center
2:4PM Lookout Farms: The U-Pick Adventure located in South Natick off Route 16
2:5PM Boston Duck Tours departs Reynolds Campus Center
3:30PM Undergraduate Awards Ceremony in Knight Auditorium
5:6:30 PM Kappa Fashion Show in Reynolds Campus Center Dining Area
6-8PM Great Greek Grillé Out outside Reynolds
8PM Babson Players Present: Noises Off! by Michael Frayn
9-12AM Casino Night in Trim Dining Hall

Sunday

11-12:30 PM Hillel-Sponsored Family and Friends Brunch in Reynolds Back Dining Room
11-1PM Fall Fest Sunday Brunch in Trim Dining Hall

The Sisters of Chi Omega invite you to make dreams come true.
Buy tickets this Friday in Reynolds from 4-7 or Saturday in Trim or Reynolds from 10:30-2:30.
Send Robin To Volunteer in Tanzania this Winter Break!

And maybe she’ll draw you
a sweet Facebook graffiti!
One Love, One Babson, One World.
Help Robin help a developing nation!

Robin drew this in Facebook Graffiti!

Donations may be sent to mailbox 1114 and go
directly to funding Robin’s trip to volunteer
with a small non-profit in Africa.
This can only happen with your help; keep an eye
out for more information as it develops!
Know which NPO would be best?
Wondering which Babson Org. wants to help
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with Subject Line, “Tanzania.”
The '03 Pats vs. the 07 Phins
Patrick McNamara
The Editor of Sports

Yawn...the Pats won again. No, enjoy it. Please. Enjoy it. Every play, every snap. With free agency impending next season, enjoy this season as much as you possibly can, ladies and gentlemen in the stands...in his prime...in this year. This year against the Dolphins, I'm afraid the Pats are going to revert back to the era of the 80s. We won't be the same again. The Patriots of old, in the past the Patriots would play downright boring football against teams that were very much a weaker team than them. There were exceptions of course. But this week might be somewhat painful to watch. You know what I'm talking about. Belichick shipped out of Miami with a win. Heck, he talks about them like they are contenders for the Super Bowl. So while we'll see gimmick football. We'll get the lead, we know they won't win no more. We'll keep it safe. We'll take three points. Even the Pats won't run a passing play in the 4th quarter.

The Power Ten
Brandon Loquetter and Patrick McNamara

1 New England Patriots
The fattest team in the league. The fattest team in the league. Stat of the week, for you football diehards. The Pats are 6-0 against the spread this season. Unreal.

2 Indianapolis Colts
The team the media loves. They've got the biggest star in the league. They can't lose. They don't need it. They take the spotlight Monday night at Jacksonville in a battle for the AFC South.

3 Jacksonville Jaguars
I am truly mesmerized. The Jags sit at number three here in the rankings. Can we just have the Pats and Colts play now and call it a night?

4 Green Bay Packers
The Packers managed to escape the Redskins at Lambeau after being down at halftime. But who knows if they can keep this up?

5 Dallas Cowboys
The Cowboys have nothing to be ashamed of. They are who they thought they were. The Cowboys are who we THOUGHT THEY WERE.

6 Pittsburgh Steelers
Three important weeks for Pittsburgh after this weeks bye. @Den. @Cin. @Ind. Will Bill show us how real the Steelers are.

7 San Diego Chargers
This team is a bad loss away from being really bad, and a dominating win from being really good. Contenders or Pretender?

8 Tennessee Titans
Titans fans are holding their breath, as Vince Young is listed as questionable with a quad. They are going to need him if they want to win.

9 Washington Redskins
The team that can't lose. If you beat the Packers, they'd probably in that 4 spot. If the best the Patriots next week, I promise I'll put them in the number 1 spot.

10 Miami Dolphins
The Giests cracked the TPT after winning four straight. Don't be surprised if they're 6-2 heading into week 10 vs. Dallas (SF, @Min) Knockin: Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Carolina Panthers (@Minnnnna)