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to celebrate Babson with the wider College community.

The relaxed atmosphere set just the right tone to learn more about the campaign and why it is imperative to launch a campaign now.

"This is a very special time in Babson's history," said President Barefoot.

Compared to many of its competitors, Babson has achieved great success with relatively limited fundraising resources. Babson now faces fierce competition for our faculty, students, and for our leadership position from well-resourced institutions that have top-notch reputations. We need to act now to secure Babson's place as the #1 business school for entrepreneurship in the new millennium.

The campaign is a set of fundraising and outreach activities focused on raising funds and generating excitement for the College's priorities. In the past, Babson has been successful in raising funds for new building projects like the Reynolds Campus Center and Giavoni Family Chapel. This campaign focuses on those who make Babson special—students and faculty. Seventy-five percent—or $140 million of the $200 million total—is earmarked to support faculty through scholarships and fellowships. The remainder of the fundraising effort will support entrepreneurship and global initiatives as well as help improve student life.

"As a current student, I'm interested in building the value and recognition of the Babson brand," said Prescott Paulson '08. "In the future, I hope a degree from Babson will increase in value and that Babson will still be ranked consistently #1 in entrepreneurship."

The campaign's name—Babson Rising—was kept under wraps until the kick-off, said Vice President for Advancement Richard Vos. "So that the announcement would infuse the Babson community with the energy needed to propel the campaign forward. This occasion marks the importance of philanthropy to the future of the College."

Everyone had a great time at the Babson Rising campaign event Friday night.

Additional campaign activities are planned through the school year to maintain the tremendous excitement surrounding Babson Rising's premiere. You have a vested interest in the promise of Babson's incredible future, so be sure to show your support.

Sorenson Center and BSU to Co-Produce Play: Joe Turner's Come And Gone

"A high milestone in Babson's diversity effort"- Burl Hash, Director Sorenson Center for the Arts

Robin Messerli
Co-Editor-in-Chief

When I got the email from BSU promoting Joe Turner's Come and Gone I thought to myself, "what and awesome looking cast!" Not only do I know (and you probably do as well) the handsome ladies and gentlemen in the ad, but it sounds like a really cool play. What I've heard from multiple faculty members, over my few years at Babson, is that in their perspective this event is a real turning point for Babson's diversity initiative and the arts at Babson College. Burl Hash has said that, "Our African American student population is now a large and vibrant cultural presence in our community. When I arrived here 10 years ago Black students were few and far between."

The Sorenson Center for the Arts and the Black Students Union have joined forces to bring to life a play by theatrical genius August Wilson. Wilson (1945-2005) created a 10-play cycle illustrating African American life in the 10-decades of the 20th century. He was a Broadway success, and has won three Pulitzer Prizes and many New York Theatre awards. His best known plays include Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, The Piano Lesson, Fences, and Radio Golf, which is currently running on Broadway.

The cast and crew are all members of BSU. They include Satira Grizzle, Lyndon Mouton, Katrina Floyd, LaShonda Cooks, Josh Jones, Renee Barton, Chris Joseph, Nailah Miller, Shanna Sierra and Janami Evereld. Jazmin Flete is Stage Manager. The only white character in the play is being played by retired Babson professor Donald Redfoot. The play is directed by Josephine D'Angelo who has directed the eight previous TheatreWorks shows at Babson. Sarah English, President of Black Students Union is serving as codirector and acting coach. If you would like more information on the event, please speak with Teas Blackwell—Director of Student Diversity programs—to provide you with a historical perspective. Also, contact Sarah English, President of BSU, or any of the other cast members who you may happen to know around campus.

Here are the details about the performances.

ThetreWorks @ Babson and the Black Students Union Present:

Joe Turner's Come and Gone By August Wilson

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Anyone with a Babson One card and will be admitted as a guest.

Non-Babson affiliated ticket: $3 (students), $6 (faculty, staff, alumni, children) and $12 (general adult). On sale in the Sorenson lobby at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 27.
Olin and Babson make a Great Team!
Robin Messerli & Christina Nguyen

I am a vocal advocate of more collaboration between the Babson and Olin student bodies, and so I thought it would be good to let the Babson community know about some of the things that Olin has had to offer in two lectures—one that went on this Wednesday and one that is taking place on November 6th. If these are the type of things that you would like to attend once in a while, I can hook you up with information on how to join the OSA (Olin Students for Awe-
some) mailing list, and you should contact Christina Nguyen from Olin People for Progressive Reform (Christina.Nguyen@students.or.edu).

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The Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, spoke Wed., October 24, 11 a.m.
Olin College Academic Center Room 115
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This lecture discussed some of the
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Editor’s note:
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Not All About High Heels and Stockings

Learyn Sherman
Contributing Writer

"If you're not a business owner, an entrepreneur or an aspiring entrepreneur, then you might as well leave now because this presentation isn't going to be for you."

This was author Beth Goldstein's introduction to her presentation at the Author Series Event last Monday, hosted by the Center for Women's Leadership. It was a highly interactive and professional presentation about succeeding in business. Goldstein discussed her "8 Principles of Marketing" and encouraged members of the audience to participate in a casual, yet engaging dialogue about business strategies throughout the evening. Goldstein is the president and founder of Marketing Edge Consulting Group, LLC, and is the author of The Ultimate Small Business Toolkit, a guide book to success in the world of business and entrepreneurship. She is a faculty member at Boston University who teaches Entrepreneurial Marketing and derives her expertise from twenty-two years of marketing experience. Jan Shubert, the acting director for the Center for Women's Leadership, invited Goldstein on behalf of the Author Series program, which began two years ago and has continued monthly since its conception. The number one skill Goldstein repeatedly emphasized was being able to identify customer needs and exceed them. She stated, "six out of ten new businesses fail within their first five years," and gave suggestions as to "how we can make our business one of the six that succeeds" using examples of colorful canine food boxes appropriately labeled "Fido Flakes." She periodically invited suggestions as to what would be the ideal marketing strategy for this product, and used this as the sample business to guide the audience through the eight principles:

1. Know yourself and your customers.
2. Research on an entrepreneur's budget.
3. Look outward, then in.
4. Identify opportunities.
5. Pick your tools appropriately.
7. Manage Relationships.
8. Turn your business vision into reality.

However, the most essential piece of advice Goldstein had to offer for Babson students was to "make sure you're passionate about your business, and make sure your customers are passionate about whatever it is that you're selling."

Jan Shubert commented afterward, "the information on the PowerPoint seemed like common sense at first, but then you realize with explanation that it's all very valuable."

Many of the women who attended Monday's event take pride in their status as regulars, like one mother-daughter pair, who said that they had missed only a few of the author series events since the center created this program. The audience ranged from freshman to undergraduates to the most seasoned of businesspeople from the Wellesley area. Though the room was mostly packed with women, credit must be given to the one male graduate student that came to listen to Goldstein speak. Sharon Pemstreich, a woman who works for CFW, was disappointed that more male students didn't come to the event. She said, "we've not all sitting here talking about stockings and high heels. (Those are not only women's topics, they're business topics," and emphasized that men are invited to come to these events, and that they should come to these events, as they provide valuable opportunities to network and learn about business.

After the presentation, the attendees mingled and networked with each other over wine (for the adults), and snacked on the artichoke and guacamole hors doives provided by Sodexo catering. Goldstein signed copies of her book at the bookstore's table and chatted with all of the women who had questions. The bookstore will keep extra copies on hand for anyone who is interested in purchasing one. The Center for Women's Leadership will be hosting their 10th Annual Conference in November, so the next author event will be in December and will be open for anyone who is interested in coming. All information will be on the website at www.babson.edu/CWL.

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An Intervention on this "Ugly" Interjection

Robert Moses
Co-Executive Editor-IN-CHIEF

Editor’s forewarning: I hardly consider myself a fashion expert, and sometimes I have to be reminded of this. This is an article I had written last year, but decided not to publish. I thought maybe it would be too harsh, however, as an interview where you don’t really have to harsh on them, it’s harsh on the people who have to look at this. I don’t know if that’s the best way to come to the dire conclusion that if you are one of the girls still committing this heinous crime, then you deserve to feel at least slightly, if not down-right guilty.

One can’t help when walking across campus on any given nice, crisp autumn day. The New England color palette changes before his or her eyes and one cannot help but notice the leaves falling. This fall, it seems that the leaves have found their way onto campus, and into the hands of some girls. This sight is not without its own beauty, but it is a reminder of the beauty that is fleeting. It is a reminder of the beauty that is here today and gone tomorrow. It is a reminder of the beauty that is here, that is not ours to keep.

Most of those same girls would probably scold me on the use of the term “ugly” as opposed to “Ugg,” —the word given for uggs in the dictionary. I am not writing about being branded, that we may tackle some day after I spill a thought from my noggins first pertaining to the legging disappearance of this fall.

I was pretty frustrated my freshman year when the trend continued to last longer than usual. A few years later, I think I am seeing more of them and I can only hope that this will help some of the girls understand into this craze, as it doesn’t look as if the boots will be hitting the ground anytime soon. In writing, I find it hard to write as if I am not starting with a quotation or definition. Dictionary.com is my favorite place to discover the beginning to many a useful pun. So naturally, the first place I went to start gaining some understanding as soon as I had the idea for this article was that site. Very neat. Let’s just get into it. The directionality of definition has done some work, related to relevant convoluted job on its own, but do follow; I promise there is a point attached to my “ug” observation.

To begin with:

Ugh: —interjection
1. used as an exclamation paradigm expressing surprise, anger, laughter, horror, or the like.
—noun
2. the sound of a cough, grunt, or the like

Hmm. Perhaps the feeling I get when I come across these things on campus isn’t just a liberal hot button (a few side of me making me feel sick. Next, I felt that maybe a deeper investigation into the specific words used could provide more clarity to the definition. What they call ‘disgust’ is not a term of art, but instead a group of these boots is that they come from Australian surfers who had no problem calling them “ug,” “uggz,” or “ug” (and neither do I). If “ug” can be defined from the context of being slang for the word “ugzy” to a fashion statement, then these girls obviously must only wear for their looks, then maybe “disgust” can be misconstrued as well.

Disgust: —verb
1. to cause loathing or nausea
2. to offend the good taste, moral sense, etc., of, cause extreme disgust or revulsion in

Oh. Well, I really don’t feel it necessary to expand on that, but I guess I can’t be entirely accurate. They are now- a-days. I will repeat my favorite part: “to offend the good taste, moral sense, etc., and point out (usually) the poor condition of the maximum amount of times I would allow myself to explain on such a topic. I.e. not very much). The fact these boots are supposed to be made such a contradiction. If they are not, then they don’t support the physical appearance well at all. If they are, then the pointless use of boots made for beaches and ski slopes. I haven’t seen either of those settings on this campus, and just to let everyone know, the same boots are “ruined” when worn on the ground, to get the conditioners and protecting agents also sold on the same site. Continuing...

Aversion: —noun
1. a cause or object of dislike, distaste, or other thing that causes antipathy.

Horror —noun
1. an overwhelming and painful feeling caused by something frightening, terrifying, or revolting; aching fear.

Mostly, just want to point out that one of the antonyms of “ugly” is “attractive.” Also, let it be known that one of the synonyms of “ugly” is “attractive.” These boots don’t do anything for a person as far as fashion, or the shaping of the face. I can see these things are just uncomplimentary as the hip hop freezing cold feet mini skirts, normally accompanying the boots, that either grit out of fashion or put growing the mentality of a seventeen-year-old or after the temperature drops near

Human Rights week at Babson

Dains Ruback
Staff Writer

The most difficult aspect is trying to find a non activist organi- zation at Babson College. such a STAND: A d e n t A n t i G e n o - i c i d i a C o a l i - tion, is quite as surrounded by the active- ists that are all so desperate to ignore.

Countless people have been willing to put their name on the e-mail list and a dozen or so attend an oc- casional forum. While being a form of activism, it is an additional form of the organization in the present. Then again, I guess the same can be said for Jews and days know. They know what it means to be seen, experience, and articulate in what matters.

Sheepskin. I’ve already alluded to the fact that sheepskin are herd-like animals, but I want to also mention that sheepskin are a part of the American pastoral tradition. The superficial. It’s clear that how we look is more than just a reflection of our utility, but plays a big part of how we are perceived by others. UGG stands for Urban Golf Gear. How surfers became a.”

Two years ago the major- ty of people we spoke with had never heard the word Darfur before, and now I see people every day with a green "I Support Darfur" sticker wearing an anti-genocide t-shirt. Still, I needed to take a step back and realize that STAND’s mission is to raise awareness and make action against the genocide that is taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan. Now this is a pretty nuanced topic and I realized that I couldn’t claim that people did not "care" solely because they were not wearing the sticker.

The lack of activism on campus, on the other hand, was a deaf ear could not ignore.

The Iraq war has become quite a hot topic these days. Many Babson students are in favor of the Iraq war that is bringing further instability to an already volatile region, that the debt the US has incurred was the least of our worries, that the mechanizing our own economy, and that the US’s true interest is only oil. But, hey, I wonder how these sissies drive their Volkswagen stoner-vans to work every day. Do people seriously think the cost of oil does not affect their country? It is as much of a domestic issue as an international one, if not more.

And when we discuss domestic issues, like the right to kill people, (or yourself for that matter) the subject of taxes, or if birth control should be subsidized on college campuses, what purposes across the nation, what the rest of the world thinks does not matter.

The United States, unlike other less developed countries has a petroleum-based economy. And that means we need oil and lots of it, so that we can be free, we can prosper, and we can spread our greatness. If that means war, then so be it; it worked for the Romans. But many on the left say that it is unfair that the US uses the most energy, specifically oil, per capita in the world. But there was always a reason.

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**OPINIONS**

**Winter: Make Like a Tree and Get Outta Here!**

*by John V.尾巴*

"A winters day In a deep and dark december. Going from my window to the streets below On a freshly fallen silent shower of snow. I am a rock. I am an island."

Simon & Garfunkel
"I am a Rock"

Dave Barney
*Has a Cold*

Depressing, right? I couldn’t wait to kick off the most up-to-date argument against the season of winter. The following words are what I hope to be the seeds of another round of whining and complaining about the fact that winter is the season of snow. This is why I’m writing this column about the season of winter. Winter, throughout my 21 years of existence, has continued to be a season I’ve loved. Rain, snow, freezing cold—thank you for being there, winter.

Winter is coming, or at least it feels like it. This is a season of cold, snow, and ice. Many of us dread this time of year because it can be so uncomfortable. But I have a different perspective on winter. I believe that it offers us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our lives. This is a time when we can slow down and appreciate the beauty of nature. Winter is also a time when we can come together with family and friends to enjoy each other’s company.

As a child, I remember spending countless hours outside playing in the snow. We would build snowmen, have snowball fights, and sled down the hill next to our house. Those memories are some of my favorite things about winter. Winter has always been a special time of year for me, and I hope that it is for you as well.

Winter is a time of change, and with change comes growth. As we embrace the cold and the darkness of winter, we are reminded of the resilience of nature. The trees are bare, but their roots are deep and strong. The plants are dormant, but their seeds are waiting to sprout in the spring. Winter is a symbol of new beginnings.

So this winter, let’s appreciate the beauty of this season. Let’s take the time to connect with each other and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Winter is a time to be grateful for what we have and to look forward to the promise of spring.

*John V.尾巴*

**Mother Nature Who’s boss?**

Definitions two and three better suit the slush that most of us know. It’s disgusting, greasy, and looks a lot like mud. Nobody likes it. Few dogs enjoy it. GET RID OF SLUSH, WINTER!

**Grievance #4:**

You seem to always snow a lot, but not enough to cancel school. What gives? This grievance frustrates me more than the past three combined. I can, in fact, deal with your cold temperatures and mud-filled slush, but not if you still have to go to class. Here’s a situation for you: winter’s at 3:30 a.m. I’m waking up for an 8 o’clock class. I’m sitting in my summer-inspired, warm and wool and knock on the door with 2 feet of snow, slush and ice. “Hi, winter,” you say, “I’m ready to ruin your day” “Absolutely not,” I say from the door, as I slam the door in your frigid face. You know when I let you ruin my day, winter? When you go to office that cancels classes on campus and cancel class. Next time you open the door and don’t cancel class first you’ll hear me say, “Hi, winter, I’m Optimus Prime. Prepare for battle. Transformers, UNITE!” (Alternate Nerd reference deleted)

**Grievance #5:**

I have a cold this week and I had to write this article with a fever.

That is all, winter.

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Human rights issues was born, and it is ostensibly unscalable. This brain child (which is now quickly becoming a reality) is a moderately fluid concept and every spear head of it by the STAND, Amnesty International, and even many staff. It is the hope that several organizations will coordinate activities during the week regarding topics that are concern to its members. For example (hint hint, nudge nudge), Habitat for Humanity could hold an event addressing homelessness and poverty (both at home and abroad); BSU can speak to issues of racism; Women's Leadership and/or Women Giving Back and/or one of the many sororities can tackle topics such as sexism; Hiller and/or AEPi can help to give both a historical and modern take on the issue of genocide; students in Professor Goldberg's Human Rights class can present their projects or host their events concerning a variety of topics during this week. That's the dream at least.

On the first day of the week, Monday, November 5th, STAND will take over Sorensen hosting Angalee Adams, a dean over at Brandeis University, and an amazing slam poet who has performed and spoken about Darfur all over the country and at every rally in Massachusetts that they have attended. His voice is extraordinarily powerful, impossible to ignore. He will open the night at Sorensen, 7pm, and be fol

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The following:
Is there a moral justification of preventive or preemptive war? If so, when? Even a hard-headed realist like Otto von Bismarck called pre-emptive war "murder from fear of death," and said that one can see where and when such a war begins, never where it may end, and that only it actually

stands. Moren Churchman, President of First Parish in Neddham, Unitarian Universalist, is a long-time activist for social justice and for a sensible US foreign policy. He went to Iraq in January, 2003, before the war began, with a delegation of US religious leaders led by the Rev. Bob Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. He gave over 40 public speeches in following weeks opposing a US invasion of Iraq on both moral and practical grounds. He now sees himself being drawn into a potentially disastrous war against Iran.

He is the author of Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals, and has served as Honorary President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace at <http://www.worldconfonrelpeace.org/>.

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I certainly can't, couldn't and wouldn't. Most importantly do you think you could consider yourself free if you were not able to get a good job, work, or go anywhere you wanted at any time? I know that I wouldn't.

I know that the US is a great country, we love freedom and we protect it for everyone else, even when it seems like we are killing them. We must insure our own freedoms first. Rising energy costs could trigger a slowdown in the US economy and would put many thousands out of jobs, creating the opposite of freedom. "Unfreedom" we could say. And in the globalized world that we live in, a US recession would cause a worldwide economic recession and spread "unfreedom" everywhere and people could die.

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of the United States, and is currently the expert witness for voting technology in a case against the State of Maryland.

Directions to the Academic Center: Walking from the intersection between Ceci College Dr. and May Hill Dr., (or from Reynolds Center): Go onto Map Hill Drive, and when you reach a fork, there should be a gate on the left side. Walk up the path labeled Olipin College. To your right there is a large building called the Academic Center. Enter through the doors, to reach room 113.

As for driving, make your way onto the intersection between Welleley Ave and Great Plain Ave. Continue on Great Plain Ave. Take a left on Olipin Way, and take the first right, which is a fork. Continue on the road, and park in Lot A. Walk to the main door of the building, and enter the building on your left.

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Brandon LaQuette and Patrick McNamara

1 New England Patriots

2 Indianapolis Colts
Indy's demolition of Jacksonville was more impressive defensively than it was offensive. Best Carolina, this week, and 'getcha' popemons next.

3 Dallas Cowboys
Not sure why Toney Romo is called a poor man's Tom Brady when Dallas has only one touchdown in the 1st quarter all of this year. Brady vs. Romo.

4 Green Bay Packers
The Pack can't run the ball (last in NFL), But they have Wheelchair Favors, and a great home crowd that could propel them deep into January.

5 New York Giants
The Giants take on the Dolphins in London this weekend for the first NFL game outside of North America. Yawn...Let's hope they buy into blowouts.

6 Pittsburgh Steelers
Cmon Pitt. Man, I mean let's go. The Pats and Colts were desperate to grab some competition in the AFC, and you go lose to Denver...shame.

7 San Diego Chargers
Still waiting to see if SD will be able to play at home this Sunday vs. Rams, after the back to back devastations wildfires. They practiced in Arizona all week.

8 Tennessee Titans
Tennessee is there to blow a game to Houston. You wouldn't be here if any other team was as good. But they're not. So, Welcome.

9 Jacksonville Jaguars
With David Garrard out for at least a couple of weeks, Jacksonville and it's backup QB, Quinn Gray, are fighting for their TPT lives vs. Tampa Bay.

10 Washington Redskins
If they just give the Patriots an NFL football game, we'll have to consider them a top contender. If they fold and burn, we'll send them packing.

Knocking: Carolina Panthers, Boston College or Detroit Lions

The Power Ten in game 7 in the second inning. This gesture was not only a play to prevent an intense Fanway fan, as we warmed up in the 3rd and 4th innings on two runs and eight hits, and one error. Surely, he can be trusted to come through on three days rest.

As a whole, pickers, starting on short rest in the postseason since 1985 have a .402 ERA and only average 5.23 innings pitched per start. Teams as a whole in those starts. These numbers don't bode well for a match up with the Rockies as they are carrying a postseason ERA of 2.08 as a team. In his only such start, Beckett did his best to lower those statistics. He threw a complete game shutout in game 6 of the 2003 World Series to clinch it for the Marlings. He is a few years older now, and we were able to push him after he was pulled after 80 pitches in game 1 of the ACLU due to an injury. He did show any signs of it in game 5.

There is plenty that could happen in the first three games of this series that could dictate who gets the nod for game four. We know all about marathon baseball in Boston, shown best by the ACLU in 2004 in which we were forced to start John Lackey on four days rest because of too extra innings contests. But if our bullpen is stretched and we're not down 8-0, I think you go with Lester. Those short rest statistics are bound to catch up with you sometime.

There is no need to deprive yourselves of a full rest start from Beckett.

With that said, I think you see Beckett on full rest finish up this series in game five. I think the Red Sox offense will come through too well to not get good results against the Rockies. It will be interesting to see how the weather comes into Colorado. I believe the Red Sox should be topping the Rockies on Monday night.

By then this series will be 3-3. He's 0-3 in his three starts with 26 strikeouts in 23.0 innings. We know he's willing to go on short rest as he went to the bullpen press conference when questioned about his play calling. At one point, he even felt the need to remind the reporter not to ask the game at. As far as I'm concerned, the best way to protect a lead is to go with what you lead the lead in the first place. Just so happens, abusing the Miami secondary was the name of the game in that one. If you continue to do this, you shouldn't have to explain your self like that after a win.