Small Fire in Van Winkle Dorm

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On Sunday at around 1:30 AM, students in the Van Winkle Dormitory were rudely awakened by a fire alarm. The usual initial reaction to a late night fire alarm is well understood: there is that yet another false alarm, but when students woke up and saw smoke, there was a distinct smell of smoke in the air. Alex Melen ’06 recalls, "Everyone was scared but we knew that this could not be a false alarm. Nobody was panicked but we all tried to escape as quickly as possible." Students evacuated the building and then stood outside Van Winkle waiting to be let back in. However, students were told by Babson Police that there would be a wait to get back into the dorm and that they needed to leave the walkways outside of Van Winkle. Students later reported that the cold in Coleman dormitory for the hour and a half wait was brutal.

Meanwhile, Babson police and the Wellesley fire department arrived at the scene. Eventually, Babson put out the fire and restored the building. Most of the fire was contained to the resident’s room on the third floor. The department also confirmed that the cause of the fire was electrical in origin.

Tough Loss for Women’s Basketball

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Babson’s Women’s Basketball (17-11) team fell to the Fitchburg State Lady Falcons Wednesday night in the ECAC Quarterfinals by a score of 75-71. It was a tough loss for Babson which was coming off a seven game winning streak. The quarterfinals were a very close game throughout and finish in a three way tie with Springfield and Mount Holyoke for first place in the NEWMAC conference.

Unfortunately, the Beavers could not hold on to their late game lead and closed what was a seven point lead in the first half to only two points at halftime. Fitchburg State finished strong and played well down the stretch.

Guard Caitlin Bouiller, ’08 on defense against Wellesley during a 64-66 win in the NEWMAC quarterfinals.

Photo Courtesy of Louis Reddy for The Babson Free Press.

Amnesty International for Petitions

JASON BEDRICK
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"We talk about the Holocaust, Kosovo, Rwanda, Cambodia and so on and we say 'Never again!' but it's happening again," explained Barbara Wong '05, one of the members of the Babson chapter of Amnesti International, of the situation in Darfur, Sudan. "The United Nations is persuaded by the member states; we must demand that our government take action."

"A lot of people don't understand what's going on," continued fellow member Supreet Maniakta '05, noting that "about 90% of students surveyed knew nothing about the conflict." "We're always studying history but it's up to us to study what's happening now."

For the past week, Amnesti International has been collecting signatures on petitions to be sent to the United Nations and letters to be sent to United States Secretary of State Colin Powell to call the situation in Darfur a "genocide."

A State Department report, based on over a thousand interviews with refugees, found that 61% had witnessed the murder of a family member while 16% had been raped or knew a rape victim and about 32% had heard racial epithets while being attacked.

The United States has given $567,622,238 in humanitarian assistance since 2003, more than two-thirds of the total aid money internationally.

Last December, President George W. Bush signed a law enabling him to impose sanctions on Sudan and authorizing an additional $900 million in aid.

"We want to direct media and political attention to the situation in Darfur to raise public awareness," imparted Barbara Wong, "It's a different kind of relief that went to the Tsunami tragedy."

"I've received e-mails from students who claim that Amnesti International wont make a difference and that they're a waste of time," said Shelby Catino '07, who has been involved in Amnesti International since high school. Nonetheless, the cheerful Catino related that she believes that petitions could make a difference and notes that they have successfully raised awareness on campus.

"Petitions are useful because they spread awareness and let the government know that people support a specific cause," argued Maniakta. "Petition campaigns have been successful in the past."

Other students were worried that the campaign was one-sided and that the full story of the two-decade civil war wasn't being told. "We don't want to blame anyone," explained Catino, "We just want to stop the human rights violations."

Attracting students' attention hasn't always been easy. "We often had to resort to sound bites to get people's attention," said Wong.

"I think our campaign has been successful," said Shelby Catino. So far, Amnesti International has collected over 200 petition signatures and signed letters, and they hope to collect many more. There is still time to sign petitions and letters in Reynolds on Thursday, March 3rd, from 9:00am-6:00pm.

Amnesti International is small but growing and looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining Amnesti International should contact Shelby Catino at scatino@babson.edu for more information.

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The women’s tennis team of Babson College in their 7-1 victory over Mount Holyoke College last match was very close for Babson which was coming off a seven game winning streak. The NEWMAC tournament, Babson went into this match up looking for their third straight win and was very competitive early in the game.

There were five leads changes through- out the game which was closed what was a seven point lead in the first half to only two points at halftime. The Babson Students fans which was led by Meredith Heiler, ’05 and Caitlin Bouiller ’08 going into the sec-

Tough Loss for Women’s Basketball

However, the Beavers went ice cold to start the second half and were never able to get back into the game. Babson was only able to score three points in the first ten minutes of the second half. Fitchburg State was able to build up a double digit lead during that period of time and never looked back.

The lead for the Lady Falcons was as big as twenty points and the Beavers were unable to narrow the gap that fourteen points by the end of the match.

The difference in the game was that Babson was unable to hit their shots and uncharacteristic turn- overs for Babson. At one point in the game, Babson turned over five straight possessions.

The Lady Falcons were led by seven scoring byu of D’elero ’05 and Jen Fontaine ’06.

Defensively the way for Fitzburg was strong with twenty two points and five rebounds.

Fonatine also came up big for the Falcons with fifteen points and two rebounds.

While the Beavers had three turnovers in the first half, the Falcons turned away from three in the second half.

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Laughter Through Clothing

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NEWS EDITOR

One of the most exciting business
trends to sprout up this year is
ParoTees. A company based on sell-
ing creative Baboon slogans on t-
shirts.

Now, one may be wondering just
what makes this company different from the thousands before it. What makes this t-shirt company unique and independent of all oth-
er in the past?

The answer to this is creativity.

Since the original group of six had
developed the idea to start this t-
shirt business, creative minds were
working to compile a long list of ele-
ments to change to be worn in
ways in the back of Baboon stu-
dents' minds.

Phrases such as, "Baboon, More Squared than Girls" and "Average GPA 2.7, Average future income $8.7 million" were written down in hopes that they would be able to unkite the campus like never before.

ParoTees envisioned that their fur-
ty-shirts would be marked with a dec-

and playful slogans that the whole
campus would enjoy.

Today, the ParoTees business is
flowing smoothly with hopes of great
success. One great example of this
fulfillment can be found in the
friendly examples of employee
interaction. Their employees of the week system, for example, includes
free a t-shirt for the week's employee
followed by a broadcast in bed.

In their operations department, Jason, their sales VP, gave the least hours of time for the company. During his time in searching and finding a vendor, he made over
less phones calls, emails, and even
went to China to get the ball rolling
fast.

A question concerning many stu-
dents at Baboon revolved around
ParoTees three CEOs.

Many of the competing busi-
nesses asked how and why they
would take the conventional
CEO and create three. The answer
to this question can be found in the
advantageous component of the biz-
creativity. It is this creativity that
moves the business forward.

A marketing plan falls through,
or group of t-shirts does not get sold,
the company as a whole must
find new ideas to improve business.

With three CEOs, it seems that
ParoTees has used these three dis-
tinctly different minds to con-

and settle on a correct plan of ac-
tion for the company.

One of the most interesting com-
ponents of ParoTees is their service
to organizations on campus and
around the area.

ParoTees hopes to use their com-
bined creative genius to bring the
time enjoyment to groups in the
surrounding Wellesley and Greater
Boston area.

So where can you find them?

ParoTees can be found in one of
the small offices on the first floor
of Reynolds. Here, one can purchase
any of their eight designs of t-shirts
(7 for girls and 8 for guys), and
en-
joy the friendliness of the company
and employees.

Individual t-shirts run for the
price of only $12, with a second for
only $10. The third through the eigh-
th t-shirts are only $8 each.

For more information, be sure to
visit: http://ParoTees.babet.edu
and their Reynolds office. Be on
the look out, too, for ParoTees t-shirts
because soon they will make their
way onto the basis of every

Pictured above is the office of the FME business, ParoTees. The company focuses on making T-

T-shirts with funny or clever slogans. Sitting in the office is Freshman Thomas Campbell.

Photo Courtesy of Leslie Burtel for The Baboon Free Press

Babson College Public Safety Incident Log
2/21/05 to 2/28/05

Lockouts 89
Motorist assistance 12

Monday 2/21/05
4:50 pm Report of a noise complaint in McCullough Hall. Officer spoke to

To decrease the noise.
9:44 pm Facilities reported finding a purse in Tomasso Hall. Owner located.

Tuesday 2/22/05
4:38 pm Student reported finding a bicycle in the Reynolds Center.
10:54 pm Motorola pager found in Malloy Hall. Owner located.

Wednesday 2/23/05
12:45 am Report of a lar-

in ITSD. Report filed.
1:10 pm Report of a birthday in Pub-
lishers Hall. Report filed.
8:01 pm Report of a fire alarm in the CEE garage. Alarm reset.

Thursday 2/24/05
12:45 am Report of a noise complaint in PMC. Officer spoke to

students to decrease the noise.
5:54 pm Report of a motor vehicle accident off campus with a college vehicle.

Report filed.
11:49 pm Report of an in-

ized person being dropped off at Public Safety from

Boston. Student returned to his
residential hall.

Friday 2/25/05
12:42 midday Report of a noise complaint in PMC. Officer spoke to

residents of the room
to decrease the noise.
2:45 am Request for an ambulance in Peetz Hall. Student transported to Metro West.

Hospital.
3:50 am Report of a motor vehicle accident at Woodland Hill. No in-

juries, report filed.

Report of a found wallet in McCullough Hall. Owner contacted.
2:35 pm Report of found property in the Webster Center.
2:38 pm Report of found property in the Webster Center.
2:47 pm Report of found property in the Webster Center.

Saturday 2/26/05
3:06 am Report of a fire alarm in McCullough Hall. Alarm reset.
10:00 am Report of a lar-

in from Knight Aud. Report filed.
2:12 pm Report of a noise complaint in VanWinkle Hall. RA contacted.
4:29 pm Report of a motor vehicle accident in the Coleman Lot. Re-

Port filed.
11:16 pm Report of a found wallet in Olm Hall.

Sunday 2/27/05
12:46 am Report of a male and female yelling in the area of Deetz Hall.
1:58 am Report of a disturbance in Keith Hall. Area checked, nothing
found.
2:11 pm Report of a fire alarm in VanWinkle Hall. Reported fire in

lounge area.
2:02 pm Student reported a laptop stolen from Forrest Hall. Report filed.
2:38 pm Report of student reported his room. Report filed.

5:12 pm Report of vandalism to smoke detection in Forrest Hall. Report filed.
6:44 pm Student reported the loss of a cell phone. Report filed.
6:50 pm Student from Olm College reported transportation to Gouvern

Hosp.
Monday 2/28/05
12:30 am Report of a noise complaint in Publishers Hall. RA contacted.
Simple Business Idea
Leading to FME Profitability

STEPHEN SILVER
STAFF WRITER

The idea was, "To sell a simple product that students and companies show interest in, with the main idea being customization." As both CEO's Douglas Chaborek and Niall Bouchereb began managing 4Head Designs, they realized that an FME baseball hat business doesn't just have to be some boring company.

"The purpose of our business is to provide quality, customizable, affordable, and comfortable Flex-Fit hats for both casual and promotional purposes." 4Head Designs offers a lot of flexibility when it comes to the embroidery and hat color options.

Both Babson graduate and undergraduate students have shown a surprising amount of interest so far. I wasn't able to access any of the financials, but apparently they have already broken even on their initial inventory.

Most of their business has been from selling on campus at the Reynolds Cart (M: 3:00-6:00pm, T/TH: 12-2:00-5:30pm) and they are just starting to sell at the graduate school.

Jauls says, "Selling a product gives us, as students, a hands on way to learn the realities of the business world and what it takes to create something that you can be proud of."

The past couple months there have been very few disagreements within the company, but like any startup, they have had some friction. But it sounds like 4Head Designs is not going to have too many personnel issues, due to the fact that the CEO's have been, "Working a lot with HR to build team spirit.”

4Head Designs' community service project will be working with "Croads for Crazons", a non-profit organization that provides help, toys, and basic necessities for homeless children. Within the next few weeks they will be organizing a toy drive here on campus, and will be giving the toys to the children that will be visiting Babson on April 2nd and 4th. "All of your donated toys would be greatly appreciated. Big, small, whatever you can offer!"

On a final note internet sales will begin in a couple of weeks. This will allow salespeople to accept credit cards both at the Reynolds Cart and on their website (http://4headdesigns.babson.edu). There is also the option of picking up your order at the Reynolds Cart or you have ordered online from the comfort of your own dorm room, apartment, or house.

The Footage Firm, Joel Holland '08

Congratulations!

The Student Business Initiative Award Committee is pleased to announce the following students and their businesses have been chosen as finalists in this year's competition:

The Spa at Litchfield Hills, Megan Mae Harpin '06

gobaoosh.media, inc., Gabriel Schaffzin '05 & Katie Jerden '05

The finalists will present their businesses to the SBIA committee on Wednesday, March 9. The winner will be announced at the Founder's Day event on Thursday, March 31, followed by the presentation of the $2000 award from the Alumni Association.

The committee also wishes to thank the following businesses for submitting their applications for consideration in the competition:

Impressions, Miao Media LLC, Orion, Perds, and Webbing Ltd.
they’ve already helped guide the accounting standards of an entire nation. what’s next?*

xACT 2004

Last fall, over 1,000 students from 31 colleges and universities were given a difficult task: determine the appropriateness of using fair value accounting. Their ideas were evaluated by a panel of PricewaterhouseCoopers professionals, who named the top team at each campus.

Join us in congratulating all the students who participated and the top team from Babson College:

Carolina Baker
Lidia Smirnova
Pavel Khodorkovsky
Sara Gentes
Yuliya Kalmanovich
Professor Robert Turner, Faculty Advisor
Professor William Coyle, Faculty Advisor

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Dear Babson Community:

It is with great pleasure that we tell you some of what has been going on with regard to certain policies and practices on campus. There are a number of policies that will continue to be reviewed over the remainder of the semester, with potential/anticipated changes being effective in September. Some of the policies being reviewed are:

* room painting policy
* administrative reviews
* alcohol violations – including open container policy
* the posting policy.

With regard to administrative reviews, Babson is looking at an appeal process similar to those of the Judicial Board and Conduct Council. We are also currently benchmarking ourselves with comparable schools with respect to their room painting policies and posting policies. We will have more information for you as soon as it becomes available. Also, SGA is going to be instituting a Residential Life committee and adding it to our Constitution as a standing committee. This committee would be able to act as a direct contact with the Residential Life staff, so that we can head off issues before they escalate and create an open forum for new ideas.

While researching recent issues raised by students through SGA we have found that several concerns had been created by misinformation and not based on fact. To assist with communication overall, we will be instituting a web log on Blackboard in the next few weeks which will act as a forum for all questions regarding policies at Babson. Students will be able to post questions or concerns that they may have and receive a response from a member of the Babson Administration who has expertise in that particular area. Responses will be saved online so that other students with a similar question will have instant access to the answer. We’ve listed below some questions that came up recently for clarification.

Some common misconceptions:

* Are two 30 packs considered a central source or large quantity of alcohol?

Two 30 packs of beer does not equate to a large quantity of alcohol/central source – The central source policy was created to address issues related to the consumption of large quantities of alcohol in a short period of time. It does cover kegs, beer balls and punch bowls. For individual cans or bottles of alcohol, the large quantity of alcohol policy would reviewed along with other factors including: number of students at the event, amount of alcohol and how it was being distributed/consumed, and impact to the community.

* Can we change the policy on room/suite occupancy and how many people can be at a party or gathering?

No, unfortunately not. Babson does not set room occupancy standards, the state does. The number of people that can be in a room or suite on campus at any given time is determined by state fire codes.

* I heard that if a student painted their room when they moved in that they will not be able to walk at graduation – is this true?

This is NOT true. Students WILL be able to walk at graduation even if they painted their room when they moved in.

* Am I going to be charged if I painted my room or lounge?

Students will only be charged for painting if the condition at checkout is different than that at move-in (minus normal wear and tear). Students who moved in prior to the 24th of August need NOT repaint their rooms before Spring Break. All rooms will be evaluated at time of checkout for damages and painting.

Please continue to read the Free Press as we will keep you updated on any and all progress that we make. Thanks again for your continued input as we all try to make Babson the best place we can.

Sincerely,

Kristen McQuaid
President
Student Government Association

Fred Grant
Director
Office of Campus Life
Thought Police Aim to Stifle Intelligent Debate

LOUIS BELOTT
SENIOR EDITOR

Have you ever said or thought anything that goes against what most people believe in? If you're capable of thinking for yourself I would hope the answer is 'yes.' I would also hope that if and when you express an opinion that differs from that of the majority that you will not receive the Communist dissenter-like treatment handed down by Harvard professors to their president, Lawrence Summers.

Summers, in a speech to the National Bureau of Economic Research, attempted to give reasons for the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering. He suggested that there may be biological as well as social reasons behind this phenomenon.

Please keep in mind that Summers reportedly stated that this was only a theory and a guess to explain why, there are fewer women at the top of their field in science and math compared to other professions. Said Summers, "I've given you my best guess after a fair amount of reading the literature and a lot of talking to people. They may be all wrong. I will have served my purpose if I have provoked thought on this question and provoked the marshalling of evidence to contradict what I have said."

Joe McCarthy would be proud. Instead of questioning and criticizing Summers’ ideas and thoughts, something any good professor teaches his students to do, Harvard professors are instead attacking him as a person.

According to a New York Times article, "With his faculty threatening open revolt, the president of Harvard, Lawrence H. Summers, promised that he would temper his management style and begin treating people more respectfully."

"One reason the first amendment exists is to protect unpopular speech. I’m sure most of the professors in opposition to Summers are aware of this on some level. What’s sad is that they lack the confidence in their argument to make it a fair one, and instead seek only to censor the opposition instead."

Looking back on American history, this has been visited time and time again. Ironically, with more media outlets now than ever before, the censorship tactics used by the Harvard faculty have proven to be more effective due to the apathy of the masses scared into shutting up. For most people, winning the approval of others takes precedence over making a stand.

Political correctness should be reserved for politics, where the idea is to garner as much favor from the masses as possible. At an academic institution such as Harvard, or even for the vast majority of private citizens, fear of retribution should not dictate the expression of a person’s thoughts or ideas.

Unfortunately we don’t live in a perfect world. Most of us don’t have the courage of someone like Lawrence Summers to express an unpopular opinion on a public class. We should be saluting and then disagreeing with him instead of cowardly saying his character.

The full text of Summers comments can be found at http://www.president.harvard.edu/speeches/2005/02ber.html

OPINIONS
Supreme Court Usurps Democracy Again

JASON BEDRICK
SENIOR EDITOR

"The age of 15 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood. It is, we conclude, the age at which the line for death eligibility ought to rest," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy for the majority in Roper v. Simmons (2005) this week.

With this pronouncement, a slim majority of the Supreme Court rendered an opinion which overturned previous Supreme Court decisions, ripped the authority to legislate away from the legislatures, and tore up the Constitution in the process.

Hyperbole? Unfortunately not.

I am personally opposed, in principle, to the use of capital punishment. Nonetheless, it is within the rights of states for their citizens to decide for themselves whether or not they want the death penalty.

Justice Kennedy and his co-horts have decided that the state legislatures no longer have this authority; democracy has been usurped by five men and women in black robes.

This is not to say that the Supreme Court should never strike down laws as unconstitutional or overturn its own precedent. For example, when the Supreme Court eliminated segregation in Brown v. the Board of Education (1954), they overturned Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) and eviscerated numerous state laws.

However, Brown was rooted firmly in the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment and the spirit of both the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

By contrast, this decision has no foundation in the Constitution unless you truly believe in Justice Kennedy's "evolving standards of decency" (which would more legitimately express themselves through the legislatures than the courts).

Instead, the justices had to twist and contort our take into consideration global standards (particularly the standards of "civilized" nations). However, by "we" I mean "the people" through our businesses and legislatures.

The members of the Court, conversely, should only consider the Constitution and its own precedent, nothing more. The Supreme Court justices swear an oath to uphold the Constitution, not to uphold the laws of Canada, Britain, India and the European Union.

Moreover, a case could be made that any of his 18th birthday party inter- duction between people vol- uted the aforementioned Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment. If an 18 year old kidnaps, rapes, tortures and murders a girl, mandatorily states would put him to death.

If said murderer was three years shy of his 18th birth- day, why should the courts see any difference? Are 17 year olds accorded more protection than their 18 year old peers? What is so "cruel and unusual" about putting a 17 year old murderer-rapist to death that it violates the Constitution?

In "Republic," Plato argued for the rule of enlightened "philosopher-kings." Aristotle criticized his teacher for putting too much power in the hands of the few which will ultimately lead to tyranny.

Instead, Aristotle argued that power should be in the hands of the many. Several thousand years later, we see that Aristotle was right about the tyranny of the "philoso- pher-kings" on the Supreme Court.

In 1804, Thomas Jefferson echoed Aristotle's casting in a letter to Abigail Adams: "The opinion which gives to the judges the right to decide what laws are constitu- tional and what not, not only for themselves, in their own sphere of action, but for these exalted electors also in their spheres, would make the Judiciary a despotic body.

For more information about the dangers of the Supreme Court, read Man In Black: How The Supreme Court is Destroying America by Mark Levin or The Supremacists: The Tyranny Of Judges And How To Stop It by Phyllis Schlafly

Babson Cheers and Jeers

JASON BEDRICK
SENIOR EDITOR

This week, Babson students have de- cided to take up the call and voice their opinion.

Jeers to SGA for handing out to those who buy in bulk, but to individu- als, i.e. 25$ per drunk ticket which charges $1 for beers in the Pub, and $1.50 a bottle of natural water whom they charge $2.55 in the machines.

Jeers to whoever would stand in the way of a student business that wants to bring Zante dry cleaning on campus.

Cheers to facilities for making the campus look like a country club, and cleaning up the snow quickly, and at all hours.

Jeers to facilities for letting the Kappa Sig- berry holding turn green, and the bricks come up in the ground behind them.

Jeers to SGA for having a "uniservice budget crunch" causing all student org budgets to be slashed, not helping the reason for this crunch a secret.

Cheers to CITG for their new inventions enabling us all to find and receive links between integrated ecosystems, and their in- teractive case study software.

Jeers to whoever was screaming a ciger in the Vassar Winkler, and caused every- one to be evacuated at 2:00 am.

Jeers to these administrators who al- lowed us to help students succeed (Steve Spinelli), Jim McKellar, Fred Grant, Janey Curt, to name a few.

Jeers to these administrators who stood in the way of student progress and inno- vation (you know who you are).

Cheers to Reetz, 05.

Cheers to Doug, manager of the Pru, for creating the 25 cents Pub meals and writing the name back to the Pub Monday- Wednesday.

Jeers to Trins for attempting to cease an international hot dog bar as a themed night.

Jeers to the Greek Community for in- troducing eighteen new members.

Cheers to CABS for thinking outside the box and planning an off campus trip to Canada.

Jeers to Herb Weinberg, 06.

Cheers to the Administrative Office for ad- mitting a class of 80% females.

Cheers to Anxiety International for the commendable efforts.

Jeer Bouvier 06: Cheers to Srigna Koppa for their 20th anniversary.

Anonymous Entrapped Members

Cheers to Trisah Godon for apologizing for Prius residents for the way they were treated during the hall meeting.

Jeers to whoever did not cancel school because of more (on Tuesday).

Jeers to Chris Hall for being off Double wine. Best ever.

Jeers to the IT department for still not figuring out how Sophos can keep their laptopse like Bentley and Bryant.

Jeers to whoever sent out the RA survey which received "awful" wording in every cert-

Jeers to everyone who missed out or the CABS trip to Canada.

Jeers to SGA for the recent budget cuts.
Ten Commandments Come Before Supreme Court

HERBIE WEIBUSH
OPINIONS EDITOR

The imminent decision of the Supreme Court on the future of religion in public buildings has many advocacy groups up in arms. Religious fanatics of all orders can be found in Washington seven days a week, protesting the potential outlawing of the Ten Commandments at court-houses. Meanwhile, secular liberals, led by the American Civil Liberties Union, are campaigning for the ultimate separation of church and state. The problem is, after a point, the separation of church and state is not the independence of church and state, church and state begin to repel each other.

It is a fact that many of the laws of these United States of America descend from the Ten Commandments. Most of the commandments are in some way codified into law. The Judeo-Christian mindset was always present in the minds of lawmakers. Our forefathers, those great men who founded the United States, were all Christians. The abolitionists were almost all working from a Judeo-Christian position.

To say that the most sacred rules in the bible did not have a powerful influence over the creation of the most fundamental laws on the books is preposterous.

I thought it would be a cold day in hell before I agreed with Scalia, and in all honesty, I still do not completely, but we are on the same side of this issue. This country is becoming obsessed with political correctness. The Ten Commandments in a courthouse is not a job at Muslims or Hindus, if it is an affirmation of the roots of the county.

Unannounced Budget Cuts Infuriate Students

WILL HANSEN
LAYOUT EDITOR

I must say that in all my years here at Babson, I have never witnessed anything as disgraceful as the recent budget cuts instituted by SGA and the infamous Office of Campus Life. No wonder there is a campaign that states "OCL Ruined My Campus Life." The leaders of every organization on campus have been canvassing the thought of confronting the Office of Campus Life, but no longer. You have no more power over us, OCL! If the Student Government Association was useless before, it is obsolete now. Not only does the recent budget scandal bring up questions about the effectiveness and integrity of the supposed cornerstone of the student's voice on campus, it also means that there is no reason for the organizational senator to suffer through the SGA meetings.

Now, there will not be any real reason for the SGA to exist, nor for its incessant nagging of the entire student body. Do your own fundraising, my fellow students and organization leaders, do it and rebel. I have no idea where all of the money went, but there is no way that all of the money was allocated to organizations, or even if it was, why was the money then taken away from said organizations? I am not the one to answer those questions, but I am outraged by what I assume are the answers. I don't understand how you lose hundreds of thousands of dollars. Where did it go? I can think of a few bank accounts I would like to check.

We are in a business school. I have taken accounting, as well as most of my readers. As such, we demand to know what happened to all that money! Was there a special fund for Campus Life; were there major expenses that could not be foreseen? The ambiguity, innuendoes, and roundabout language that SGA and OCL officials treat the student body with does not quench my thirst for truth; it only fuels my growing curiosity and fury.

I have friends who go to schools that actually have a social life and, lo and behold, they do not have to put up with as much red tape and barriers from campus bullies. It doesn't do north of campus; it is just a matter of how one perceives the world, nor does the world come to an end. Meanwhile, here at Babson, we are rapidly destroying our nonexistent student life, courtesy of the very people whose job it is to protect and encourage it.

The next logical question is: Does OCL/Life and SGA have the power to alter budgets already approved by the Wye & Morris Committee? Does OCL have the right to pillage the only funds set aside for the enjoyment of the student body? I say no. So then, what is to keep them from cutting the Christian Fellowship's funding, possibly the most benevolent, friendly, and open organization on campus, by more than half? That what protects Hillen from being penalized, with a budget less than one third of its former needs be the need for the salvation of the spiritually and physically hungry and the tyranny of a few power-crazy individuals. It's just a matter of how one perceives the world; we are transferring this is why.

Bush's Social Security Plan: Disaster

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Every day my father works two jobs as a railroad machinist, totaling about 16 hours on the clock each day. After work, he cares for my legally blind grandmother, who lives in a nearby one bedroom apartment. Social Security doesn't buy my grandmother the care she needs, or my father a decent night of sleep. When he says Social Security is broken, he is wrong to think it is an argument of younger workers in a dangerous scheme that threatens our golden years. Although a graduate student at Babson College, one does not need a top-ranked MBA to know that Bush's plan does not add up.

President Bush touts Chile's 1981 privatization as a model. Yet, it was enforced by the blood soaked regime of General Augusto Pinochet. Today, labor leaders in Chile, who in this country would likely run a union my dad would belong to, continue to vigorously oppose privatization. Mr. Bush pushes a rosy picture of Pinochet reform, while Pinochet's enemies push up daisies. Will he next propose adopting plans for Hitler's autobahn to fix the Big Dig? It is an outrage!

Since the days of Barry Goldwater, conservatives have sought to slop this miasmic revenue stream out of Uncle Sam's hands and into those of their friends on Wall Street. Regardless, this is a gang that ones included the likes of Ehran's former leader and Bush backer Ken Lay. Goldwater never succeeded, because, in spite of her challenge, my Grandmother and her generation weren't going to be robbed blind. They remembered the Hoover Twenties coming as a seething hale with the crash of 1929. AARP states that Bush's plans inclusive of lower cost of living adjustments. How much lower an existence would my Grandmother adjust to, Mr. President?

I beg of every member of generations X and Y to stand with the greatest generation and the AARP against Presi dent Bush's privatization plan for Social Security. Let us stand for those who, rather than advocating their poli ciies, stood against fascists. Dictators have saved the world from tyranny. Let us also stand with an exhausted Amtrak machinist against Republicans before they dis mantle the third rail of American politics.

See it? Just go to prove what I've always said about trusting the

[Image of a card saying Trust the Bank]
Hedge Funds: What In the World Are They?

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The Wall Street Journals and New York Times of the world can be a little off-putting to a reader (such as myself) willing to catch up with the hedge fund industry or even understand the basics. They either deliberate on lawsuits, major crashes, managerial miscalculations or just Mr. Elliott Spitzer’s renegades in the investment industry. As a result, I decided to Google the word hedge funds and research their background and put it in a series of articles.

These articles attempt to briefly outline the background of these investment vehicles. Progressively, it will detail the complex arbitrage opportunities as well as the general relationship of hedge fund with the rest of the market in the later articles.

It is important to note that the volatility in financial markets amplifies the debate about the role of hedge fund plays in the market dynamics. Historically instances like the 1992 exchange rate realignment in the European Monetary System, 1994 international bond market disasters, 1997-1998 Asian Crisis and a hedge fund crisis, the ever favorite LTCM’s (Long Term Capital Management) crash in 1998 all lead to doubt even regarding the role of a regulator in monitoring these vehicles. Thus, the allegiances we see in the journals and newspapers.

First and foremost, a simple description would be as follows: Hedge funds are eclectic investment pools, typically organized as partnerships and often located offshore for tax and regulatory reasons. The basic meaning of hedge is to protect against a loss by betting against a countervailing amount against the intended movement. Simply put, it’s a risk-reduction technique. In 1949, Mr. A. W. Jones established what is regarded as the first hedge fund in the United States. The basic mechanism was the method of short selling, borrowing or a security and selling in anticipation of being able to repurchase it at a lower price in the market, at or before the time when it must be repaid to the lender.

In accounting terms, you just created a liability for future anticipation of a profit through asset value discrepancy. This art of using borrowed funds is called leverage. When there’s no countervailing bet, these strategies of short selling and leveraging are highly risky. Jones has performed a detailed study to limit market risk using these strategies. Jones’ study was based on the assumption of two risks in stock investments: risk from individual stock selection (security-specific risk) and risk of a drop in the general market (market risk). He sought to separate out the two.

In anticipation of a drop in the market, Jones maintained a basket of shorted stocks to potentially profit from the drop in controlling market risk, he used leverage to increase his return from picking individual stocks. He went long on those equities which Jones thought were undervalued and went short on those that he deemed overvalued. Thus a fund was considered “hedge” to the extent the portfolio was split between long and short positions. If the market went up, and short positions that would benefit if the market went down. This practice usually considers the movements in the markets and has been to avoid simple market movements.

Jones’s fund had two other notable characteristics that, with variations, continue to this day. First, the fund was an incentive fee a function of profit in his case, 20 percent of realized profits and agreed to keep his own investment capital in the fund (ensuring that his incentives and those of his investors were aligned).

Hedge funds multiplied in the late 1980’s, as the stock marke
to rose and Jones’s simple arbitrage techniques gathered pub
cation.

According to U.S. SEC survey, approximately 140 of 215 investing institutions had categorized as hedge funds in 1989, and they were mainly invested in the equity market. With the market up on an upward trend, fund managers relied on some aggressive techniques for hedging a portfolio with short sales was difficult, time consuming, and the financial managers increasingly resorted to strategies with only token hedging—ren
ders. Jones’s strategy was to provide to the extended market downturn that started at the end of 1989. By the time emerging management by the 28 largest hedge funds had declined by 70 percent, and Jones’s techniques simply could not hold up. Thus, simple strategies created by Jones proliferated in the market.

Next, the more aggressive side of hedge funds and the operations of hedge funds.

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Google Toolbar Gains Controversial Feature

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B & T EDITOR EMERITUS

The people who complain about Google’s targeted advertisements and the power of Google’s search box have something to bemoan about. The most recent Google controversy sur
counds its toolbar plugin for Internet Explorer.

At its core, the toolbar does what most toolbars do: offers search en
cies to help you find information online. But the Google toolbar is designed to in
capability to remember personal in
formation. As an additional feature, users can enable the toolbar’s privacy protection feature. (Source: The New York Times)

But the company’s ethics are be

ing called into question with the new features. Despite Google’s promises that Google toolbar now has only one add-on, it does have a couple of new features. As analyst Coby Doctorow puts it, “Google toolbar is supposed to be a support for your internet experience. It installs its plugins and has all the affiliate links re

But the real issue comes when you consider that last suggestion. Google toolbar does not support different auto-linkers. It becomes a way for technology by your means. It’s a technology that supports the user, which is better. It seems most likely that illegal activity programs will be able to use Google toolbar to bypass your own benefit, and that could cause problems; even there will be bro

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Now, going back to the main point, the Google toolbar could be its ability to prevent 3rd party auto

In short, though, the Google has ex

implanted - Other people have a web

Christopher Cicchelli
STAFF WRITER

When the FDA approved the Verichip in November 2004 for medical use in the United States it signaled that the time of implantable microchips had finally arrived. About the size of a one-cent coin, the chip can be imbedded right under the skin layer into the arm or torso of a person in a painless procedure. The chip itself is small and lightweight. The chip itself only contains a unique 18 digit code, but scans with a handheld scanner and can be used to access a secure database that contains medical records and other information. The scanner uses RFID technology, similar to the security tags on clothes and the system that many of us use in the EZ-Pass toll payment system. Think of it as a medical barcode, but much more robust in terms of information it can provide. So, numerous people have adopted the technology.

For instance, Mexican Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha and all 200 teachers have Verichip’s, but rather than using them for medical records they serve as security identifiers. The only way to break the security is to cut the chip out of the person.

For those afraid of privacy con

Seemingly, Joseph Kroll, an internationa

Fortune 500 consultant says, “The potential for Verichip is significant and this technology’s benefit could mean that some of our perceived privacy issues or common misconceptions.

Actually, when compared with using a computer on the Internet or making a mobile phone call, use of the Verichip could be used for identity verification, privacy implications, particularly in light of the Compaq's competitive advantage. The policy for protecting personal data.

While the first generation of this technology will limit its applications targeted towards medical and security purposes the technology will likely be adopted in other industries. Already researchers are working on the next generations of this technolo

For instance, at least one group is planning on using implanted chips to monitor the health of the person, sensors imbedded in the chips will check for things such as blood pressure, body temperature, blood sugar, etc. This information could be communicated to the user by way of cell phone, PDA, or even a smart watch.

Still other groups are working to make the chips smaller, way smaller in fact. By shrinking tiny nanometer size they could travel throughout the bloodstream and give us a constant status on our health. Of course, making chips that small means powering them becomes very difficult. One way to avert this problem is to power the chips the same way the body powers its own cellular systems. Significant progress has been made in the last year on creating a biologically powered chip. This type of chip is still a few years away, maybe even a decade or two. The problem could be fetched as it may sound, powering chips with biomass is a very real concern.

Another solution is to chip the body’s own electrical circuit. Perhaps the most ingenious idea is to make nano-sized batteries. Reservoirs in several institutions have already made prototype bat

While the first generation of this technology is limited in the application, look for this technology to commonplace amongst the population within five years in many more robust forms.
Going Abroad? Make Sure You Bring Back a T-Shirt

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Have you ever gone to Mexico? I did, and while there I purchased a t-shirt.
Okay, I’ll admit it, I wasn’t in Mexico. I was at a Texaco that was attended by a Mexi-
can. But whatever the case, do not drink the water or you will get sick. But the t-shirt I got
was my favorite I have ever owned. It was of this guy known as Spiderman. He had super
powers to do spider stuff, and I liked the shirt because it reminded me of the tacos that
the gas station had. Spiderman is a sweet super-hero. He to-
tally deserved to have a movie made about him.

Unlike Daredevil, who is the worst super-hero ever. Dare-
devil was blinded as a kid by radioactive material. This ma-
terial gives him the super power so that he can see. The
man is blind and can see. Woopdy-do, I guess I must be a
super-hero too, because I can see and don’t even need to have
special powers to do it. I guess I could just go out and fight
crime right now.

But, I digress from my point. I love Mexican food. Chimichangas, Burritos, Guacamole, I like it all. Not as
much as I like Chinese food. It is definitely base to be rocking the egg roll. Egg rolls are great but I don’t like scrambled eggs.
Their color and consistency bothers me. One day I think I might go to China. While there
I would go clubbing and see all the cool Asians. Maybe I’ll of-
fend one and he will beat me up. I doubt that would happen,
because he would probably be so rich his pose would lay the
smack down on me for him. I have never been clubbing in Mexico or at the Mexican at-
tended Texaco, but I think that it would be like being in a club
in Spain. Not that I have ever been clubbing in Spain but I
have imagined it.

I once chatted online with a kid that has been to Spain.
He is almost never actually at his computer. He is signed on
but with an away message up. Whenever I sign online I usu-
ally go through the screen names of people and look at
their away messages. I do it because; they might be and
probably are doing something more exciting than I am. Hell, the
only adventure I have ever been on was to a Texaco.

I find that there is a fine art to the away message. I’ll give
are the lyrics from a song type (usually made popular by
whoever girls that have either been found love or in the desperate
search of it). The away message I call, “Just the facts.” Ex-
ample, “Got to the movies to see Hitch, be back at 9.” My
personal favorite is the un-cited quote usually something politi-
cal that makes people say things like, “Wow, Will is such
a weakly guy!” The next time I see him we will have inter-
course.” In conclusion, I want to go clubbing in Mexico some-
day.

I must offer my apologies to Chris Kandus. A few weeks ago, in the
February 3rd edition of the Free Press, I wrote an article entitled
“Children Taking Over Babson,” in which I made a joke at his ex-
pense. The joke was offensive and I was wrong to print it. I would
like to offer an apology to him for the comment and any undue
embarrassment or anger it might have caused.

Sincerely,
Herbie Weisburgh
Opinions Editor

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The Roof is On Fire? I Don’t Care, Just Let Me Sleep

WILLIAM PEARCE
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

As you may or may not know, there recently was a fire in the
lounge of Van Winkle. School officers sent out an email stat-
ing that the fire was started by a gentleman smoking a cigar. I
never would like to offer a dif-
f erent explanation. The fire was
in fact started by the well know
crazy criminal Jimmy “Cigar
Fingers” Tudesski.

I heard through a friend that
he was in town and was playing
ping pong in the lounge, when
he suddenly got hit with demen-
tia and began to burn the house
down. The fire alarms went off
approximately at 2:30 am and I
was forced to stand inside for
several hours.

The fire alarm was extremely
upsetting for me. First of all, I
was tired at the time and did not
feel like standing outside. Also,
I was interrupted from my play-
ing of Battle Trodes for the Sega
Genesis, and nobody interrupts
my video game playing. But,
what upset me the most about
having to leave my room was the
fact that I was not wearing
pants. That’s right, I had to look
for them all over my room and
could not find them anywhere, so
I had to go outside without pants on.

Soon after going to bed, the fire
alarm went off again. Not only
am I not a light sleeper but also
I absolutely hate being woken-
up. The only thing that it’s okay
for someone to wake me up for
is either to watch reruns of
Nightstider, or for a boot-call.

The sound of the alarm is abso-
lutely horriﬁc and yet it still did
not wake me up. My roommate
had to shake me like a British
nanny to get me up. They need to
teach the alarm if they ever expect me to get up, and be in
d a decent mood.

Something that would work
for me is, “Hello Michael, do you
want to come over at three in
the morning and watch a movie?”
(come on, nobody wants to just
watch a movie at 3 am). That
would perk up my attention. I
probably would be disappointed
that I wasn’t going to be watch-
ing a talking car, but I would
get over it.

After this ordeal, I thought I
would forever be done with fire
alarms but alas. Like two days
later, we had a fire drill. If cur-
rent trends of fire alarms con-
Tinue, Van Winkle will have 63
more before the end of the semes-
ter. If life continues like this I
will never finish Battle Trodes.
However, I am surprised by the
response time of the local au-
thorities. They came very quick
and looked extremely ofﬁcial. In
closing, I hate Jimmy “Cigar
Fingers” Tudesski.
Semester in Spain: An Amazing Experience

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My time in Granada no longer seems linear. I don’t distinguish between the beginning, middle or end of my experience. I simply know that I could not have handled a better place to study. From the moment I arrived in Spain, I knew it was a match for me. To be honest, I never experienced the culture shock or homesickness that we were lectured about. I simply felt at home in eastern Andalucia.

The entire way of life in Granada can be described as “zumagullia.” There is no need to rush or stress when you are in Spain. Days were spent wandering the streets, sitting down to people watch at a café for hours, and simply enjoying your free time.

Remember, you are on Spanish time: where time doesn’t fly (it runs), morning lasts until 2pm and 8pm is still the afternoon. The European sense of time gives you a completely new perspective. Throw out your watch and cell phone; you won’t need them anymore, and you’re not being lazy, unproductive or making a mistake. You’re simply learning what it’s like to be alive. So many days there from start to finish embedded “the perfect day.”

Granada is unlike any other city; anyone who has had the privilege of living there will reminisce about its magical quality. First and foremost, it is not a touristic trap. The travelers that fill the city are mostly backpackers and young people. And of course, as a university town it is marked by the presence of students. I met people from all over the world. You meet people in the most whimsical of fashions and are sure to bump into them again. Your paths cross over and over again, you see familiar faces, you recognize the people on the streets.

I met people who had taken a year off—most of whom planned on staying in Granada for a couple of days and ended up there for months. I met scholars of psychology, philosophy, and politics. People who had very different ambitions than the community I had come from… people with different goals and interests. These are the people that bring out your spontaneity, make you feel up for anything, and are willing to try new things. They challenge you, you feel different and you turn them challenge.

One of my largest connections to the city of Granada and the country of Spain are the Spaniards. For me it was natural to immerse myself with the local people and I was accepted with open arms. My closest friends were people from all over Spain, who welcomed me (literally) into their homes. It’s difficult to express just how much we shared with each other and how much we learned from that exchange. By far those friendships were the most rewarding part of my experience and I will cherish and keep those friendships for a lifetime.

I had genuine Spanish experience because it was colored by the real people and the real places. Never was a tourist… I was giving Spaniards directions on the street, I was thinking in Spanish, reading the local newspaper, going to the movies, arguing about politics with baristas, cracking jokes with my host father and my own niece.

My time abroad was full of a lot of travel (covering London, Venice, Florence, Amsterdam, Spain, and backpacking through Austria and Hungary) and plenty of adventure. Spain wasn’t simply a different country for me, it was a different world. I was given the chance to pursue everything and anything I wanted and I followed my passions on a daily basis.

No postcard, e-mail, or photograph could ever capture the significance and meaning studying abroad has had in my life. And the truth is that no one will ever be able to understand your experience. But you know that it happened and that it changed you. I was born in the Ukraine and had done a lot of traveling through Europe throughout my life. But right now is when the world seems its biggest to me… when there seems to be endless opportunities and countless possibilities. For me, studying abroad has forever changed my course in life.

The Amazon Forest Gasps for a Breath of Fresh Air

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With its huge abundance of vegetation and wildlife, the Amazon forest plays such an important role in today’s world. This massive and vast forest and plant life continue to improve the environment by continuously thrashing oxygen into the air we breathe. This crucial process, however, is slowing down as the Amazon forest is constantly burning creating tons of carbon dioxide to rise into the atmosphere. This second source of carbon dioxide crossed amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere is the global warming effect that no one can ignore, now the Amazon no longer functions. It is dying. Staged decay of dead vegetation re-emerges in the Amazon, also called the greenhouse gas that itself is feeling much of the climatic changes. With rising global warming and constant fires the Amazon is facing, scientists are working hard to figure out the cause of this massive destruction. This region is almost 11 times the size of Texas, so it is taking much scientific investigation, the efforts of all kinds, and all the different efforts and processes taking place to save the Amazon as much as possible.

One process that is well known is the respiratory process. After the trees absorb carbon dioxide from the leaves, oxygen is released in the air. This procedure maintains a necessary atmospheric balance. It is disrupted by human activities such as deforestation, logging and other human activities ranging from the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, to the Darfur region in Sudan.

Libya’s Gaddafi Blasts United Nations, EU

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Leader of Libya, Muammar Gaddafi, who was granularity, non-compliance working towards reducing Libya’s nuclear ambitions, expressed that he believes the United Nations Security Council should be abolished during a speech in London. The European Union Security Council should cede its powers to the United Nations General Assembly which consists of 191 nations.

The UN Security Council, which consists of five permanent members of the United States, United Kingdom, France, China, and Russia.

Gaddafi also criticized the world’s elites and is a desire for reform by four nations to add members to the security council, which will be placed by India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan.

Gaddafi’s stance against the superpowers of the world comes very soon after he actually bowed to their growing pressure to dismantle his nuclear arms. Gaddafi is also strongly against any attempt by the UN Security Council and was quoted as saying, “The notion of broadening the Security Council is not a solution and will pose world peace to new dangers and would initiate a cold war that may occur here.”

Gaddafi is starting to play a greater international role recently after being expelled with the pressure to dismantle.

The Libyan leader visited Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to discuss the Middle East and the summit of the Arab League which will be held in Egypt this month.

The visit was unexpected and spontaneous, but shows the desire by Gaddafi to reach out to his neighbors as it had already gone into a bribel over a discovered plot to kill Crown Prince Abbas of the Saudi Arabian royal family.

The other issues discussed by the two leaders range from the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, to the Darfur region in Sudan.

Gaddafi also spoke out against UN Secretary General Kofi Annan for asking the United States and NATO to step into the Darfur crisis in Sudan by saying that this is not what he wants to see happen. Gaddafist stated, “The brother of Kofi Annan’s statement is very dangerous and will lead to the collapse of the African efforts. If its statement were to be implemented that will make the situation worse. We will certainly make our position on that known to the African Union chairman and the leader in Darfur.”

He went on to say, “In case of foreign intervention in Darfur, I will bother my contacts that I am under-taking now with the people of Darfur, its tribes, chiefs and military leadership, which I am making in the international arena of thequist African summit.”

Perhaps the reason for Muammar Gaddafist’s outbursts is a result of being free of international pressure since many of the sanctions against Libya were lifted in 2003, and the nuclear disarmament pressure on his government has been removed. Gaddafi does not currently have any significant reason for which an international force might attempt to overthrow him.

The reaction and the response from the United States and the European Union on the statements made by Gaddafi will be very significant, and will determine the course that Libya’s relations with much of the international community will take.
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Optimism is a Funny Thing

MYLES TRYDER
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I've always loved sports' preprocessing, more specifically: I have many fond memories of playing basketball and soccer. And no, not for any of the normal reasons that you typically associate with these sports. As a matter of fact, my love for playing sports stems from some other writers and fans out there who actually love the sport for all its flaws.

For example, today on SL.com, I read an article about how Willie Randolph, the new manager of the New York Mets, is optimistic about his team's chances this season. This is what makes me wonder: what is he specifically excited for? The fact that last year's sub-.500 team took a few key steps in the right direction is no reason to jump on a bandwagon.

The first reason he's now back on the Mets is that he has a new manager. He's not the first new manager the team has had in recent years. There are a few others who have come and gone, and the rest of the roster is a mystery.

The second reason he's now back on the Mets is that he has a new player. He's not the first new player the team has had in recent years. There are a few others who have come and gone, and there's no real reason to expect any improvement.

But, I suppose, I need to stay positive. I need to believe that the team can turn things around. I need to believe that the Mets can compete with the rest of the teams in the NL East. And I need to believe that the Mets can win the World Series in 2004.

Men’s Hockey Rolls Through the Quarter Finals

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Men’s Ice Hockey (19-4-3) continued its excellent play with its blowout victory over Bentley University last Saturday by the score of 8-0. The win extends the second longest unbeaten streak in the nation to fifteen games. The Owls have won their last nine games in a roll. It is difficult to come up with any more creative things than the Beavers are right now.

The second-seeded Babson Bobcats' right wing has been exceptionally ranked four in the East Region by the NCAA and ninth in the country by U.S. College Hockey Online. They have completely dismantled their last few opponents and have an excellent chance to make some of their best defensive hockey recently. The Beavers are the complete package and very difficult to beat against. Look for them to make a lot of noise this play-off season.

March Madness: Babson In the Sports Spotlight

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The regular season is now a lock, as week four games are already in the books. The season has mostly hold some surprises, as each team only played four teams throughout the regular season.

5v5 B-ball, Indoor Soccer, and the fan favorite Dodge Ball will all carry eight teams into the post season. Before the post season rolls around, let me take one more look back at last week's biggest game in indoor soccer, between the Skins and Babson United.

The scoring started early into the first half when Kevin Guy, of The Skins, tucked a header past the Babson keeper Phil Shipper. Louis Berrios, of The Skins, capitalized on this goal and added a tally up at 43'. Danny Ferson, of The Skins, team captain and source of leadership for this year's team, broke the game open with only a few minutes remaining in the first half. Babson United regrouped at half time under the leadership of Rob Livingston and Sam Coons, and came out looking to regain control of the game. But the Skins, expecting to dominate from the beginning, were simply not satisfied with a 1-0 lead. The Babson offense was left with nothing to lose, as the Skins remain unbeaten and will take the number one seed into the post season.

Look for the undefeated A-Team to be the team to beat in the remainder of the playoffs as well as the 'The Dynasty' and Playgrounds Legends to battle into the post season. Babson United is a team to watch for March Madness is here, intramural style.

NL East Preview: Can the Braves Remain On Top?

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Braves:

Key Acquisitions: Tim Hudson, Danny Kolb, Brian Jordan, Raul Mondesi, D'Arrby Silver, Mike Wright, Russ Ortis

Their starting staff is the best it's been since the Maddox/Gravine-Smith/Molloy days. Danny Kolb's low strikeout are a concern as he takes over the closer's role, but never underestimate Leo Mazzone's ability to make pitchers better. The trio of Hudson, Smoltz and Hampton, is more solid than in a pitching heavy division, while a healthy D'Arrby Silver will keep the case the loss of J.D. Drew.

Marlins: (Wild Card)

Key Acquisitions: Carlos Delgado, Al Leiter

Key Losses: Armando Benitez, Jose Contreras

Many people question Guillermo Mota's ability to replace J.D. Drew. The Mets signed Benitez to a one-year, non-guaranteed contract during this month. What few people realize is that Benitez was helped tremendously by the Marlins defense last year, and opponents hit below .200 against him on balls in play. Carlos Contreras was traded to Houston for Miguel Cabrera develop as a hitter, and provide him with some much needed protection in a very dynamic lineup.

Amazing Performance by the Women’s Swim Team

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The women’s swim team, NEWMAC championships took place Feb 18-20 at Wellesley Col. The meet was won by outstanding performances by Meg Lynch, Rachael Bishop, Erica Gammon and the various relay teams.

Meg Lynch had an impressive three-day set, setting a school record, one NEWMAC record, came in first twice and third once, and was part of four record setting relay teams. She came in first in the 100 yard butterfly, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 100 yard backstroke, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard butterfly, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard free relay, which consisted of the 200 and 100 breast and came in 6th and 9th respectively.

Rachael Bishop won the 100 yard butterfly, finishing third in that race. Meg also set a school record in the 200 yard backstroke, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard free relay, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard individual medley, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard breaststroke, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 200 yard freestyle, which was a new school record.

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Also having an outstanding individual performance was Rachael Bishop who took first and second in the 100 and 200 breast respectively. Rachael also was a provincial qualifier for nationals, and she obtained the "B" mark for nationals in the 100 breast. Erica Gammon set a school record in the 400 individual medley, which she came in 1st, over the weekend. She set a new school record in the 100 yard freestyle, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 100 yard breaststroke, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 100 yard backstroke, which was a new school record. She set a new school record in the 100 yard butterfly, which was a new school record.

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