Beloved Student Leaves to Serve Our Country

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Rachel Wilson, a Babson sophomore, will be leaving campus on a mission no other current Babson undergraduate has experienced. On Tuesday, October 26, Wilson will leave Babson to serve in the United States Army Reserves for 16 months and will most likely take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Growing up in Utah, Rachel went to high school in New Jersey and joined the Army Reserves in Pennsylvania in order to pay for college and because she had been interested in the military and wanted to help her country.

Though she wanted to serve as a financial analyst, Wilson was told that she was needed at the Army Reserve and would be a valuable asset to the military.

"I really didn't want to leave school," Wilson explained, "but now I'm really excited to go." Wilson said that she was hesitant to give up her college education, but she knew that it was a necessary part of her service. Wilson said that she is working on the college registration form and that she will see her professors, her Dean, and her advisor.

"I have expressed my gratitude," Wilson said. "Rachel has been an awesome sister to me, and I am truly grateful to have her as my friend." Wilson said that she will continue to support her and her family throughout her military service.

Tedd Haley, a senior in the Marketing program, said that he is proud of Rachel and that he is confident that she will do great things.

"I have known Rachel for four years, and she is a very talented and hardworking student," Haley said. "I am sure that she will do great things in the military and that she will come back to Babson as an even more successful student." Haley said that he is looking forward to seeing her again when she returns to Babson next year.

Rachel Wilson celebrating at a going-away party at Roger's Pub Wednesday evening. The gathering was sponsored by SGA and was highlighted by the Red Sox victory over the Yankees.

Presidential Series Kicks Off This November

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Due to the staggering number of speakers being invited to campus lately, President Barefoot, in conjunction with Carol Hacker, Associate Vice President for Student and Community Services, and the Office for Campus Life, has begun certain initiatives to help correct this problem.

Currently, there is no central source for registering an event with the college to ensure that there are no conflicts. Although having a variety of speakers is beneficial to the student, staff and faculty populations, the issue of scheduling conflicts has continued to worsen.

Having more than one speaker at the exact same time slot or having multiple speakers in a week hinders the ability of students to hear about some amazing experiences.

To solve this problem, a campus-wide online calendar has been created. It can be accessed at http://calendar.babson.edu. All events occurring at Babson will be available on this calendar, which will be updated by the departments or organizations. This will greatly aid members of the community in planning other events to reach the greatest audience possible.

Events sponsored by student organizations, college departments, and any other event open to the Babson community will be listed on this calendar. Additionally, the academic calendar is posted to assist in planning. All CAB events have been added to the calendar as well as events sponsored by the Office for Campus Life.

The calendar has many features which add to its great functionality. It can be sorted by date, type of event, or even target audience. One can view the calendar daily, weekly, or monthly. The calendar can also be synchronized with Outlook. Student organizations can get their events on the calendar by filling out an event registration form with the Office of Campus Life.

President Barefoot's second initiative is the 'Presidential Lecture Series.' In an effort to bring CEOs and executives of prominent companies closer to students, the President is kicking off a new type of speaker series. Each academic year will have a different theme; this year's is 'Leadership.' He plans to bring in 5-3 speakers who are well-known for their advocacy in leadership.

Other themes in consideration are ethics, entrepreneurship, and social entrepreneurship. President Barefoot wants to bring in speakers who will have the most impact with students and who are prominent in their respective fields of expertise. Examples of past speakers who have come to campus include Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's and Gary Longley of Stonyfield Farm, Inc.

Speakers will be symbolic of more than 'just the bottom line,' said President Barefoot. The series will focus on executives who have a message and are not solely concerned with financial figures.

Another consideration is bringing in international speakers who have operations in Boston.

The President requests that student organizations co-sponsor each speaker event with him. Organizations could be chosen either by their similarity to the industry or theme the speaker represents. The chosen organization will then aid the President in planning and orchestrating the event.

The focus of the series will begin with a talk and Q&A session with the speaker in Sorenson, followed by a net-working reception. There will then be a small-dinner with the speaker, President Barefoot, and a few representatives from the sponsoring student organization. The dinner is an opportunity for students to interact with the speaker on a more personal level, like "Dialogue Dinners," noted President Barefoot.

On November 17th, the first speaker of the 'Presidential Lecture Series' will be Dr. Ben Fish, Chairman, President and CEO of Citizens Bank. President Barefoot sponsors this event with the Center for Women's Leadership. Fish is a huge advocate for women's leadership in the corporate world. He is a graduate of the London School of Economics and a Harvard MBA. He has held his current position at Citizens since 1992. With Fish at the helm, Citizens' Bank has grown from a small community bank to a $68 billion asset bank. The bank has operations in 13 states with over 24,000 employees. His motto, "Net Your Typical Bank," is surely analogous to its CEO and we look forward to welcoming him in November.

These initiatives are being implemented this fall. Check out the calendar and register for all the events that your organization is planning this fall and spring.

Watch for emails about the lecture series and how your organization can get involved.

ELECTIONS

The No Child Left Behind Act is forcing public school districts to struggle to keep up, something it was never intended to do.

LIFESTYLES

Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance.

SPORTS

On Saturday, Women's Rugby (4-0) prevailed 20-12 in a battle of the unbeaten versus Framingham (3-1) to put them in the driver's seat to postseason play.

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Kines Named New Dean of Admissions

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Once students begin life at Babson, what goes on inside the admissions office remains largely behind the scenes. After all, most current students don’t exactly have a reason to visit the one building on campus that caters to prospective ones.

As a result, most students are probably unaware that one of the newest additions to the Babson community is the school’s new Dean of Admissions Alan Kines. Kines replaces Monica Inzer, who left at the end of last semester.

He comes to Babson from Worcester State College, where he served as Dean of Enrollment Management. He was also previously Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Northeastern University.

Kines began working at Babson at the end of September, one month earlier than originally planned. He will oversee the admissions office which reviews over 3,000 applicants to the college annually.

The hiring of Kines comes after an extensive search by the college. The initial search over the summer was called off after finding no suitable candidates, only to be picked up again in August.

After rejecting several overtures, Kines agreed to come to Babson for a preliminary interview.

“I was not at all looking to leave, but when I came back for a full interview, I was very impressed by the students I met with and blown away by the curriculum and the campus,” he explains.

Kines says that his biggest learning curve comes from having to learn the Babson culture, also mentioning the list of acronyms that every new Babson staff member receives was a bit intimidating.

“I’m very excited to be connected with a known quality institution and to be part of an organization I can believe in,” he went on to say.

“[Alan] not only brings a new set of skills for us all to learn from, but he arrived on campus already a major Babson fan,” says Patricia Greene, Dean of the Undergraduate School.

“His enthusiasm for our approach to higher education is infectious and I know that he is going to have great success in continuing to build the Babson community class by class. It is a real pleasure to have him with us.”

Kines says he is looking forward to learning more about who Babson students are, adding that his strong first impressions of the school have already been exceeded.

“Babson is a unique and different place. I’m hoping it will be my permanent home.”

Vermont Company Committed To Customer Service

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Their solution was relatively simple. The solution was to create an entirely separate brand. Doing so allowed the company to expand into other areas where their expertise could be used, such as flowers, without disrupting their core business.

Robert and the rest of the management team realized they weren’t in business of selling products, but in the business of personal communication.

Vermont Teddy Bear’s operating system now consists of a stop list enabling them to hold any order, even once on the delivery truck to its destination, as well as the ability to personalize any package in an incredibly short lead time, down from around five hours to five days only a few years ago.

Furthermore, their system is built to handle peak capacity which occurs three times annually: Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day.

Recently, the company went so far as to move a mini-assembly line and shipping center adjacent to the FedEx hub in Memphis, taking orders until 11:30 pm on February 13th, shipping over 11,000 bears that day this year. This commitment to customer service in part has enabled the company to increase revenues over 50% to just over $55 million for the fiscal year 2004.

In a question and answer session at the end of her presentation, Robert gave a few tips to aspiring entrepreneurs. “It’s not necessary to be the person with the idea. My success came in helping support the ideas that came from within the organization,” she said. Can vision be learned? “Yes. By listening, asking questions and getting involved, finding and interpreting one’s position in the marketplace becomes a much easier task.”

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Academic Services Spotlight

Concentrations Update

What are concentrations?

Concentrations at Babson College are an optional way for students to plan their advanced studies and certify their focus of study on their final transcript. The concentrations have been developed by the Academic Divisions and College Centers to provide groupings of courses that will help students to choose a coherent set of courses for your own academic development and external recognition.

Why do I want a concentration?

By expressing interest in a concentration you will receive pertinent information regarding your academic and career interests. You will be added to the communication list for the self-selected concentration(s) in order to receive news of events, speakers or other important information. If you do choose a concentration, you should keep in mind the following:

- Concentrations are only available to students first enrolled as of fall 2003, or thereafter.
- Up to two concentrations can appear on your transcript.
- You can only use one course, and only one course as an overlap between two concentrations.

How and when do I declare my concentration?

You may not formally declare your specific concentration until you complete your Application for Degree your senior year. You will then receive guidance from the Office of Academic Services and the Center for Career Development in order to ensure that you are taking electives that fulfill your personal and career aspirations.

We have an integrated advising system that utilizes specific faculty contacts for each concentration in addition to the ongoing advising done by staff members from the Office of Academic Services and the Center for Career Development. This system has been designed to provide academic, personal, and career path advising, whether you choose a concentration or not.

For more information: http://blink.babson.edu

Stay tuned for a detailed announcement regarding an upcoming Concentration Fair being held November 1st 2004, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
KKG, Babson Community
Send Own Off With Love
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Wilson had worked with Kades in the Health
Life. Another of Wilson's coworkers,
ners, D.J. Hageman '06, expressed
his feelings about Wilson's departure,
"As a coworker and as a friend, I will miss the good
"We've had and I look forward
to her quick return."
The afternoon event took place in
the Reynolds Dining Room from
3:00pm to 4:00pm on Wednesday.
On display were letters and items
sent to Wilson from other KKG
chapters around the country. Babson's
chapter received hundreds
of letters and e-mails in sup-
port of Wilson and over 160 chal-
ters offered to write to her in Iraq.
"Almost every letter I've read has brought a tear to my eye,"
gushed Danielle Young, another
KKG sister. KKG chapters also
sent aloes, lip balm, pens, station-
sary, shirts (KKG), CDs (from
country music to movie soundtracks to
Frank Sinatra), DVDs, magazines
(Allure, Cosmopolitan), "Wet Ones,"
candy, pictures, cups, mugs, mosqui-
to spray, cards, photos, letters, and
even a bag full of
jamin, shower gel, lotions, shampoos, soap, gra-
ics and a letter. One KKG alumn
sent flowers and one chapter sent
a banner which read: "Rachel, you
are in our hearts."
On Wednesday night, students
gathered in the Pab to "send her
off in style." The $3 cover will be
used to buy her phone cards. Deco-
rated with red, white, and blue
streamers, yellow ribbons and bal-
loons, Roger's Pub was packed with
students to say goodbye to Wilson
while watching the final
game of the Red Sox vs. Yankee's
playoff series. Wilson wore her
army beret and camouflage pants.
Wilson had hoped to join the
woman's rugby team before learn-
ing that she was being called up.
She also enjoys ceramics and she
wrote this year's Fall Ball Tourna-
ment in Van Winkle.
On the war, Wilson seems to
have mixed feelings. "I think we've
ever been over there for a specific
purpose but then there were no weap-
ons mass destruct. We de-
stroyed the country and we have to
rebuild it. If Iraq is better when
we leave, then I think it was for
a good reason."
Wilson will serve for 18 months,
including three months of train-
ing. When her tour of duty is com-
plete, she will restart her sopho-
more year at Babson. By then, her
classmates will have moved onto
their senior year. All of Babson
prays for Wilson's safe return.

Public Safety Incident Log
10/11/04 - 10/18/04

Lockouts 106
Motorist assistance 7

Monday 10/11/04
10:05 am: Report of vandal-
ism in Putney Hall, broken
windows. Report filed.
1:57 pm: Report of a fire
alarm in PSC. Alarm reset.

Tuesday 10/12/04
12:05 am: Report of an alco-
hol violation in Roger's Pub.
Report filed.
12:24 pm: Student reports
being harassed outside
Canfield Hall. Report filed.
6:59 pm: Report of an odor
of smoke inside Reynolds Cam-
pus Center. Report filed.

Wednesday 10/13/04
11:20 pm: Report of a noise
complaint inside Canfield
Hall. RA contacted.

Thursday 10/14/04
12:27 am: Report of a fire
alarm in Canfield Hall.
Alarm reset.
1:07 am : Report of a
noise complaint in Canfield
Hall. Officer spoke to stu-
dents in the Office.
11:32 pm: Report of a dom-
tic disturbance in Forest
Hall. Report filed.

Friday 10/15/04
12:23 am: Report of a noise
complaint in Bryant Hall.
RA contacted.
1:11 am: Student reports
vandalism in Piets Hall.
Report filed.
1:37 am: Report of suspicious
activity in Forest Hall.
Report filed.
2:07 am: Report of an intoxi-
cated person in Forest Hall.
Report filed.
2:19 pm: Report of a larceny
at the BECC. Report filed.
11:50pm: Request for an am-
bulence at the Babson Police
Station. Individual having a
problem breathing trans-
ported to a hospital.

Saturday 10/16/04
12:18 am: Report of vandal-
ism in Putney Hall. Report
filed.
12:16 pm: Report of larceny
from the BECC. Report
filed.
3:02 pm: Request for medical
attention in Tomasso Hall.
Transported to NWH.
8:46 pm: Report of suspicious
activity on the lower level.
Non-students asked to leave
the area.
10:39 pm: Report of a fire
alarm in McCullough Hall.
Alarm reset.

Sunday 10/17/04
12:27 am: Report of a distur-
ance in Woodland Hill 8.
Report filed.
2:04 am: Report of vandalism
in Coleman Hall, broken
windows. Report filed.
2:28 am: Report of a distur-
ance in Coleman Hall. Area
checked, found quiet.
4:00 am: Report of a noise
complaint in Forest Hall.
Area checked, found quiet.

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KKG Corner
Considering Graduate School?
An Overview of the Graduate School Search Process

While most students will seek employment after graduation, some students consider graduate school as a post-graduation option. Figuring out which graduate school is right for you can be exciting, but also a bit stressful. You have many options to consider. Below are a couple of suggestions for approaching the graduate school search process.

RESEARCH GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Several on-line resources and print publications are available to assist you in gathering information. For example, Gradschools.com provides a comprehensive on-line resource of graduate school information, you may search for schools by subject or state. OED's Career Resource Library also houses several resources, including American Bar Association Law School Guide; Business Week: Guide to The Best Business Schools and Peterson's Guide to Graduate Programs in Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law, and Social Work. The CCD web site also provides helpful resources (http://www.babson.edu/hrd/cd/). On the CCD home page, click on "Services & Resources," then select "Graduate Law School."" http://

As you conduct your research, you are likely to review the "rankings." While rankings provide a guide for the reputation or quality of a graduate program, it is not a good idea to base your entire decision upon those rankings. The methods by which these rankings are compiled should be reviewed to assess the criteria used. You should ask yourself if those criteria should be an element of your own selection criteria.

As part of your "research," it will be important to contact graduate programs to request literature, catalogs, and application materials.

VISIT THE CAMPUSES
Consider as part of your research attending an Open House/Information Sessions or scheduling an interview with graduate admissions counselors. Visiting campuses can provide you with valuable insights about the culture, faculty, administrative services, and student life.

APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL
With the information you gather from your research and by visiting campuses, you will be ready to make some decisions. A good strategy is to apply to a broad range of graduate programs, e.g. programs you are "likely" to be admitted to and programs that may be a bit of a "stretch." You will notice that many graduate programs require you to submit standardized test scores. Subsequently, it will be important for you to register and take standardized tests, e.g. GRE, GMAT, and LSAT.

As you prepare your application materials, including application, essay, and resume, you will also need to make some decisions about recommendations. Consider asking for recommendations from individuals who can comment on your academic abilities and work performance providing admissions officers with valuable insights into your qualifications.

FINANCING YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION
For many students, graduate school is a significant financial investment. If you are applying for financial aid, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and any additional financial aid forms requested by the school by the appropriate deadlines.

MAKING A DECISION
After you receive your acceptance letters, evaluate each program - its strengths and weaknesses. You may also want to contact each graduate program to learn additional information about student services and resources, including orientation and housing assistance.

Once you have reviewed all information, including offers of financial assistance, you are ready to decide which graduate program to attend. Be sure to send the appropriate enrollment form and deposit. On a final note, don't forget to let those who wrote your recommendations know which graduate program you have selected as this is a great opportunity to thank them for their support.

If you have questions or would like assistance with your graduate school search, please contact the Undergraduate Center for Career Development at ext. 4210 to schedule an individual appointment.

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HEAD OR HEART? EAT OR SLEEP? CHICKEN OR BEEF?*
Babson Spirit Day
Thursday, October 28th

Come by the Reynolds Info Desk wearing your Babson apparel and enter in a chance to win $100 to the Babson Bookstore!!

Meeting the needs of the highly demanding luxury market can be quite difficult, but Orion seeks to appeal to a niche that has never been fulfilled - men's luxury belts. Utilizing the craftsmanship of renowned American design, top-quality diamonds and white gold, fine imported and domestic leather, and uniquely engineered packaging, the Orion experience will be like none other.

The founders and management team consist of Christopher Lehmann (CEO), Jason Reuben (President), and Robert Varvara (Strategic Sales Director), all sophomores here at Babson College. Don Joffe (junior) has been appointed the CFO of the company. “The male connoisseur of style has the ability to easily pay $10,000 for a Brioni suit, $75,000 for a Rolex Watch, and $150,000 for a Mont-Blanc diamond pen, and then they go and buy a $100 belt off the rack at Saks and that just doesn’t make sense,” exclaims Christopher Lehmann.

Part of the Orion Experience is not only the most impressive individually numbered belt buckles and handmade leather belts you have ever seen, but a highly atypical box in which to display your Orion belt. The box is of mahogany, has a glass top, lined in classic Orion red velvet, and prominently displays the timeless Orion logo laser-inscribed into the glass. “It is this total experience that the customer will pay for. We are selling Orion, not simply belts,” stated Jason Reuben, who brings the company the strategic advantage of having a connection in the diamond industry. A customer will be able to go to OrionLuxury.com, type in their belt collection and number and through an advanced database, find out all the specific details about the product including date of manufacture, appraisal value, and leather specifics.

Brand awareness will drive the company, as well as its reputation for impeccable quality and personal service. Finally, Orion wishes to lend itself to charity from the very beginning. Orion is striking a strategic partnership with the Prostate Cancer Association based in Santa Monica, California. Fifteen percent of all profits will be given to this organization for a cancer that strikes one in six men. Sales will be through world-class department stores such as Bergdorf Goodman in New York. The building of a great brand takes time and great commitment, but this company is starting with such a specific product line and has the ability to thrive in a world where older Americans' expendable income will double by the year 2010.

Orion™

Above is Orion's company logo. Pictured at left is a sample of one of the belts they are selling.
The French/Iraqi Oil-for-Fraud Scandal Exposed

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"I have never received any gifts from the Iraqi government," claimed former French interior minister Charles Pasqua, "(I am) not involved, but maybe other former ministers are involved." This denial of involvement in the oil-for-food scandal came after the CIA’s Duelfer Report exposed him for supporting policies favorable to Iraq in return for eleven million barrels of oil. But the corrupt Franco-Iraqi connection doesn’t end there. According to the same report, "As of June 2000, Iraq had awarded short-term contracts under the oil-for-food program to France totaling $1.76 billion, equaling approximately 15 percent of the oil contracts allocated.

Furthermore, the report shows that Iraq gave 14 million barrels of oil to a French businessman considered "a conduit to French President Chirac."

Of course, Chirac has always been a friend of Saddam Hussein—he even gave Iraq a nuclear reactor to produce nuclear weapons back when he was the Prime Minister. Tariq Aziz, former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, has admitted to personally giving oil illegally to French officials. "According to Aziz, both parties understood that resale of the oil was to be reciprocated through efforts to lift U.N. sanctions, or through opposition to American initiatives within the Security Council."

The Duelfer Report also states: "In 1999, Iraq paid $1 million to the French Socialist party, according to a captured letter dated July 16, 1992. Abd-al Razzaq Al Hashimi, former Iraqi ambassador to France, handed the money to French defense minister Pierre Joxe, according to the report. The IISI instructed Hashimi to utilize it to remind French Defense Minister Pierre Joxe, indirectly about Iraq’s previous positions toward France, in general, and the French Socialist party, in particular." American liberals are constantly fretting over the fact that France didn’t support America in our war in Iraq. Why would they?

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But author PJ O’Rourke says it best in his book "Peace Kills: America’s Pro New Imperialism" when he notes, "French ideas, French beliefs, and French actions form a sort of lodestone for humanity. A moral compass needle needs a butt end: Whatever direction France is pointing — toward collaboration with Nazis, accommodation with communists, existentialism, Jerry Lewis, or a UN resolution veto — we can go the other way with a quiet conscience.

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Kerry further argued: "I believe that I can’t legislate or transfer to another American citizen my article of faith. What is an article of faith for me is not something that I can legislate on somebody who doesn’t share that article of faith." Of course, this is ridiculous for a number of reasons. First, you don’t have to be a member of any one religion to believe that life begins at conception and that taking life is wrong. Certainly this is a strongly held belief among Catholics and evangelical Christians but there are also plenty of Jews, Muslims, Hindus and even atheists who oppose abortion. One needs not believe that Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai in order to oppose legalizing theft or murder.

Second, Kerry’s faith can’t affect “everything that he does!” without having policy consequences. In fact, in the same response, he specifically lists his positions on poverty, the environment, justice and equality as having been affected by his faith.

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Third, Kerry’s very assertion that he believes life begins at conception, but will do nothing to protect unborn children, is hypocritical at best, and cynically distinguishable and immoral at worst.

Imagine a politician in the pre-Civil War South who believed, as an article of faith, black people shouldn’t be enslaved but, in order to get elected, argued, "I believe that I can’t legislate or transfer to another American citizen my article of faith.”

The argument is the same now as it is then. It is legitimate to believe that life does not begin at conception and therefore have no qualms with abortion, but anyone who believes that abortion kills an innocent human being cannot morally still support the unfettered access to abortions. This is the same as believing that African-Americans are entitled to equal rights but conveniently supporting the “right to choose” to own slaves, just to get elected.

An honest person must choose to be on one side or the other. There is no justifiable fence-sitting here.

Does Kerry really believe that abortion is wrong and has sold his principles for his political ambition? Or does he not really believe that life begins at conception and he’s trying to appeal to those on both sides of the issue?

Either way, he is a man of corrupt character who does not belong in the Oval Office. Americans will make the right choice on November 2nd.
Final Presidential Debate Proves Utterly Pointless

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The final debate between the two Presidential candidates took place at Arizona State University last week accomplished nearly nothing, as both Bush and Kerry squirmed and danced around any serious questions posed by moderator Bob Schieffer.

Take for example this exchange which took place early in the debate. Schieffer: "Mr. President, what do you say to someone in this country who has lost his job to someone overseas who's been paid a fraction of what that job paid here in the United States?"

Bush: "I'd say, Bob, I've got policies to continue to grow our economy and create the jobs of the 21st century. And here's some help for you to go get an education. Here's some help for you to go to a community college."

Kerry's response was not to give an alternate answer, but to state his policies. I wanted you to notice how the president switched away from jobs and started talking about education principally.

The quip back and forth continued throughout the night. On Medicare and health care coverage Bush at one point said, "I think it's important, since he (Kerry) talked about the Medicare plan, has he been in the United States Senate for 20 years? He has no record on re-forming of health care. No record at all. He introduced some 300 bills and he's passed five. No record of leadership."

Kerry then defended himself. "Once again, the President is misleading America. I've actually passed 56 individual bills that I've personally written and, in addition to that, and not always under my name, there is amendments (sic) on certain bills."

And on it went. If anyone actually got anything useful out of the half and a half that would help decide between the two candidates, I would be extremely surprised. About the only thing that was accomplished was giving political talk show host material for the upcoming week, and giving the respective campaigns a hundred-plus page transcript to pore over, looking for mistakes to be emphasized in negative advertising for the final two weeks of the campaign.

In the post-debate coverage, considered by many to be just as important as the debate, if not more so, only NBC's coverage focused on the issues of the campaign. Perhaps this is not surprising, given the overall tone and lack of substance the final debate provided.

A recent study by Middle Tennessee State University polled likely voters in that state on a variety of issues. Some of their answers: "Only about half of Tennessee adults can accurately name the President," which supports rescinding the recent federal income tax cut for people earning over $200,000 a year. About a quarter (23%) incorrectly attributed the proposal to Bush, and 87% admit they don't know which candidate supports the measure."

Given the nature of the debate and the campaign, I can say I blame them. I'd be confused too. With two more weeks to Election Day, it's unlikely anything of much use will come out of other campaigns, leaving the few remaining undecided voters to make their choice either on style points or whatever substance they can decipher.

JASON BEDRICK
OPINIONS EDITOR

The most common complaint coming out of the Kerry camp about President Bush's education policy is that the No Child Left Behind Act - the cornerstone of his education policy - is an "unfunded mandate."

In other words, all of the money authorized for NCLB has been distributed and states are "required" to spend their own money to meet certain standards. However, the reality is quite the opposite. NCLB was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the House (381-41) and Senate (87-10). Even Sen. Ted Kennedy and, yes, Sen. John Kerry voted for the liberal majority of the Senate.

So where's the "mandate" for more funding with the conservative desire for higher standards and accountability? Whereas the Republicans of the early 1990s wanted to get rid of the Dept. of Education, President Bush has strengthened it.

In order to receive the promised funding, the states must meet the NCLB Act's high standards. However, as a recent General Accounting Office report indicates, since the states aren't actually required to appropriate any money, the condition of receiving federal funds, this law isn't actually a "mandate." Some of these unfunded mandates Reform Act of 1995. If states don't want to work with Bush, they don't get federal funding.

But the Kerry campaign and the teachers unions flailing at the mouth over an "unfunded mandate" don't understand this or don't want to. Instead, they want money allocated without means and standards. Their solution to the crisis of poor performance in our nation's schools isn't to change practices and teacher prep methods, but rather just to throw money at the problem. And the teachers unions, Washington D.C., where per-pupil spending is higher than almost any other area in the country (in Washington D.C., it's $15,000) don't main consistently at the bottom, clearly what's working.

Is 'No Child Left Behind Really A Success?'

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In the past few weeks, Baybourn students have turned to the Kerry-Bush debates and heard the contrasts of opinions between the two candidates on a variety of issues. One of the more controversial points of the domestic policy debate was the "No Child Left Behind" act and the charge that Bush's administration failed to fully implement the plan into schools across America. The far-reaching effects of this act have had on the U.S. public school system can be felt right in Baybourn's backyard, on the south shore of Massachusetts.

The "No Child Left Behind" Act was meant to pump life into our schools, which were lacking a standard of public education in many areas. The reality of the matter now is, that we are still dealing with adverse affects of this administration's under-funded act. Bridgewater-Raynham High School in Massachusetts is under-funded to the point that the science lab is an hour earlier in the day, because there are less classes to fill.

Overworked teachers are doing their own preparation at home to keep their students up to speed, and middle-class students, whose parents cannot afford extra expenses, are paid out-of-pocket for uniforms so they can play a sport. If a child needs to pay to enjoy a healthy, school-sponsored activity that keeps them off the streets, then there is a problem.

By some estimates, the NCLB act has cost over $37 billion by the Bush administration. The American Institutes for Policy Research conducted a study last year that showed progress thus far, and determined that the act has proved "to bring gains in reading and math." The knowledge that students must acquire and to keep up with the advanced, information age classrooms, and school sancions. This is back--w.

"No Child Left Behind Act is making public school students struggle to keep up, which is not what we intended to do. President Bush took the first step with the idea, but didn't do it right. Our students and teachers would say that actions talk louder than words."

Public schools educate the majority of America's children. Going to public school can give a child a sense of unity and local pride that private schools cannot.

This is where our K-12 education plan as large as the NCLB requires three important steps; A: A well thought-out strategy; B: Established communication between the schools and government; and C: the ability to adapt to unforeseen circumstances. This administration has proved inadequate in all aspects. We need to handle none of A, B, or C. But after all, what were our expectancies?

From the true right, Repubvicans argue for the displace-ment of local leadership into private schools with school vouchers, and argue for the end of the "success of our public schools" on American education. These concepts essentially change public schools to be a chaotic and the public school system on the whole as a failed project.

Why, then, is this Republican administration's focus on fixing education? We can see that the thought was there, and the intentions were there, but what has come of it?

The issue of public school re-form is beat to death to those who will see it through its implemen-tation and take responsibility. It is those who believe public educat-ion can actually work if you believe in its value to America.

At Baybourn, we study strategy, communication and adaptabil-it to the world around us. We see the effects of the changes, and what we see is real for a reason: they are all required traits for a successful outcome. If we expect these results in the business environment, why not expect them from our executive branch?
FedEx Uses Solar Cells For Environment, Bottom Line
WILL HANSEN
B & T EDITOR

On Monday, October 18th, FedEx announced one of the biggest solar-energy projects in history, as it plans to begin generating nearly a full megawatt of energy using solar cells. This announcement comes mere days after the completion of a 403 kW solar system at its Integrated Service Facility in West Sacramento, CA.

The FedEx project is going to take place at their Oakland facility, which is located at the Oakland International Airport. The solar panels will be placed on top of the roofs of two large buildings, generating 81,000 square feet in total.

Just like the USPS project, the solar PV modules will be provided by Sharp, based out of Japan, and the installation and construction will be handled by the Berkeley-based PowerLight Company. The project is planned to be finished by May of 2006.

Generating a projected 904kW of energy, the solar array will be the largest solar PV system for a private company in the entire country. FedEx projects that this array will provide 30% of the power needs for the Oakland facility. As a point of reference, 904kW of power could keep around 900 homes supplied with electricity for one day.

This is one of the many new projects like this that are now coming to light in the Bay Area. Companies like Sharp and FedEx are working together to create models that others can replicate to improve the bottomline, and our planet as well.

Other companies are setting an excellent example in the community, showing that solar power can help companies to cut overhead costs, but also in protecting the environment.

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The Future of Mobile Computing Is In Palmtops and Smartphones
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The future of mobile computing is rapidly changing. In the past, the only options available were desktops, laptops, and handheld devices. However, with the advent of smartphones and palmtops, the possibilities are endless.

Smartphones, such as the iPhone, have revolutionized the way we communicate and access information. They are becoming increasingly popular among consumers and businesses alike.

On the other hand, palmtops are a more specialized type of mobile device. They are typically used for tasks that require more processing power and storage capacity than a smartphone can offer.

Both smartphones and palmtops have their own advantages and disadvantages. Smartphones are more portable and easier to carry around, while palmtops offer more processing power and storage.

As technology continues to evolve, it will be interesting to see how these two types of devices will evolve and what new innovations will emerge in the future.
Corruption on the Rise Across the Globe

VIRAL KAPADIA
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

Corruption is a problem that most countries across the world face today, especially in the developing world and among third-world nations. With corruption on the rise in so many countries, it becomes extremely difficult for a country's government to run successfully without any hindrance being made on progress in science, education, and many other areas. Corruption in the third world countries causes poverty and the poor class to grow even more, disabling a chance and diminishing opportunities for those in the poor class to ever rise out of it.

In the recently report by Transparency International of the world's most corrupted nations based on the government and its officials, Haiti and Bangladesh came out on top from among one hundred and forty-six countries. These two countries were followed by Niger, Libya, China, Chad, Paraguay, and Azerbaijan.

At the top of the list for countries which are the least corrupted is Finland, followed by New Zealand, Denmark, Iceland, Singapore, and Sweden.

The head of Transparency International, Peter Egen, was quoted as saying, "Developing countries in particular must root out disgrace in public works if they hope to improve the quality of life of their people. Corruption in large scale public projects is a daunting obstacle to sustainable development. It results in a major loss of public funds needed for education, health care, and poverty alleviation, both in developed and developing countries."

He went on to say, "Nations rich in natural resources, such as oil, too often undermined their own prospects with widespread graft among local leaders and foreign investors. In these countries, public contracting in the oil sector is plagued by revenues vanishing into the pockets of western oil executives, middlemen and local officials." He also very strongly believes that important steps should be taken ahead of time for the safeguarding of oil revenues in Ireland and France to prevent a rise of corruption in the country's system once it begins to be functional independently.

Corruption is a problem that has existed in society for more than 2,000 years, and can be seen in a book, Anti-christmas, published by Kauttiala 2,000 years ago in the Indian Kingdom of the ancient world. The Monetary Fund has published a detailed thirty-six page report on corruption, which is titled, "Corruption Around the World: Causes, Consequences, Scope, and Cures". This report thoroughly outlines the reasons why corruption is a global problem at the forefront today, and was considered something not to be discussed in the past.

Another leading international financial institution, the World Bank, released a report which said that in the past they allowed a certain level of corruption and bribes among developing nations who bowed money, because they felt that it was part of the cycle and generated a wealthier nation for the world. The bank, World Bank, agrees, that the situation has changed as the bank has taken action that has risen past the acceptable level.

The bank's crackdown on corrupt countries began in the 1990s, and the current President of the World Bank, James Wolfensohn has said it is a very important issue for the bank. In addition, the bank has taken steps to reduce the use of corruption in banking and to increase the level of transparency in the corruption.

With this issue becoming more and more intense, the bank has taken steps to reduce the use of corruption in banking and to increase the level of transparency in the corruption.

"With a greater number of fake euros in circulation, trust in the euro is being diminished.

2003, Bulgarian police shut down more than 24 illegal steps and seized millions of fake euros. The police found fake euros in the country and the value was in the range of a critical offense to own counterfeit equipment. A criminal offense for a country that wants to prevent illegal printing of euros, this is one apparent law Bulgaria should put into effect much earlier. With the aim of stopping fake euros from crossing into Eurozone countries, the Crimean Games, Last June, Bulgarian authorities began a massive effort in investigating forgery operations.

In the past year, police in Western Europe have arrested many counterfeiters attempting to smuggle fake euros to this area. Many of them stashed in cars, trucks, and buses, and even inside loaves of bread. The successful carriers travel to cities such as Vienna and Amsterdam to exchange fake currencies for euros or any other currency. To secure their own safety and to prevent any kind of legal action, the counterfeiters may be constantly moving their operations and deciding to branch out the world to distribute their fake euros. The European Union needs to be constantly cracking down on counterfeit operations but illegal notes soak up the value of euros.

Great Britain, Europeans Favor Kerry Over Bush in 2004 Election

VIRAL KAPADIA
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

With the presidential elections quickly approaching in the United States, people all over the world are anticipating the results, and hoping that the American people will make the right choice in choosing their leader, and also become the leader of the world.

After being in London for over a month now, during study abroad, I feel as though I can definitely make a connection with the counter with the public here, that they do not have a particular liking towards President Bush or his policies.

One of the leading British newspapers, the Guardian, in its animosity and dislike of President Bush went so far as to ask readers to write letters to residents of Ohio urging them not to vote for President Bush, but vote for Senator Kerry. The newspaper was able to purchase the list of undecided registered voters in Ohio, and chose to do so since it is a swing state.

Many people in Ohio were outraged at the fact that the newspaper actually used the data to send letters to voters in Ohio, and received positive and negative responses from Americans.

Even the British Prime Minister is coming under heavy scrutiny for deploying troops to a different part of Iraq, which is seen as a way to help the President. The opposition party and many people in the media are accusing Prime Minister Blair of escalating the troops to support President Bush, and reduce the criticism from the American people for not having enough of a strongly developed coalition and coalition troops.

Even based on some of my classes, which sometimes involve discussion of American policy, the professors express very strong animosity towards President Bush, and blame him for the problems in Iraq, and even for the American involvement in the world.

On the most presidents does not even like to call him by his name, but instead says, "That guy at the White House." Some of the criticisms I have heard of President Bush include his "war on terror" and the tense atmosphere in the world, withdrawing the United States from the Kyoto Treaty, and his so called 'short' work day.

In fact, anti-Bush sentiment is so high in Europe that in a recent poll conducted in Britain, 47% chose Kerry over 16% for Bush. In France 65% favored Kerry, Spain 51% supported Kerry over 10% for Bush. In Spain 47% supported Kerry 7% Bush. In Spain 47% supported Kerry 7% Bush. Keep in mind that both Kerry and Bush are in favor of the war in Iraq, which is a war that many were aware of American politics and thus does not add up to 100%.

The cover of one of France's weekly newspapers, Le Nouvel Observeur said "Why Bush Must Be Beaten: His Re-Elec- tion Will Be A Catastrophe for the World and for America."

The article was written by Jean-Gabriel Pilet, and stated the reasons he outlined for why Bush should not win are for causing American isolationism, his arrogance in leadership, his passion towards re- duction of the government, and the benefit for the wealthy for so many Americans.

As it seems the Europeans have already made up their minds about whom they would like to see as the next American President. It seems that the Europeans do not want to see another American president, who will make their decision in less than two weeks, as the world awaits and watches.
Rome. Total War is a Hit for Strategy Players

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Rome: Total War, part of the Total War series by Creative Assembly, released in 2004 for Windows and Mac, has been lauded by gamers for its deep strategy and gameplay. The game allows players to control ancient Rome through various campaigns, offering a unique blend of strategy and historical accuracy.

With this game, players can build a powerful army, engage in battles across the Roman Empire, and manage resources to support their military campaigns. The game's detailed graphics and realistic sound effects enhance the immersion, making it a popular choice among strategy gamers.

The game is praised for its ability to keep players engaged for long periods, offering a variety of challenges and objectives that require strategic planning and resource management. The game's integration of historical elements with a fun and engaging gameplay experience makes it a standout in the strategy genre.

However, despite its popularity, some players have expressed concerns about the game's pace and the difficulty of mastering its various systems. The game's depth and complexity can be daunting at first, but for those willing to invest time and effort, Rome: Total War offers an immersive and rewarding gaming experience.
Life Is A Lot Like A Video Game: Diablo 2

WILL HANSEN
B+T EDITOR

Well it's not exactly a new game, but there are still thousands of players out there logging thousands of hours in Blizzard’s 2001 hit, “Diablo 2.”

Through the years I’ve had several bouts with the game myself. I remember, as perhaps many of you do, waiting months, and even years, as the release date for the game was bumped back over and over again. When the game finally came out, I was reasonably looking forward to something of a disappointment. At first, I played the game obsessively with my friend Tom over the summer after it came out. The entire point of the game, essentially, is to take your character (who can be one of seven different classes, or “careers” if you will) and kill monsters, so that he becomes stronger, more powerful, and carries better weapons.

The drive to collect newer and better items became so great that time would simply melt away. A few more “Mephs” runs (“Mephs” being one of the bosses and a run being the idea that you quickly go in, kill the boss, collect the loot, and then start over) turned into hours of trying new items on and figuring out which ones best complemented each other. Then there was the concept of requirements. Each item in the game has specific requirements: you must be a certain level, or have a certain strength, or a certain dexterity. Obviously, the weaker characters could never get a high enough strength to wear certain heavy armors or wield huge clubs, but there were still the level requirements.

This idea of always needing to move forward, in order to be able to wear that great new helm, is one that I think transfers very well into the real world. I don’t know about you, but I always feel like I’m constantly striving toward some goal; except that, when I reach that goal, it is checked off, and another one is immediately set in front of me.

The education system is a perfect example for this. Preschool prepares you to deal with other children in elementary school. Elementary school provides an excellent background for more applied learning in middle school. Middle school provides you with structure and experience necessary to move onto high school. Finally, high school provides you with the necessary skills to go on to higher education, or being a career.

Furthermore, in our society (I hate generalizations like that, but when I must, I must), there is the need for a constant pressure to own the best and brightest “things.” We always need flashier clothes, faster cars, and bigger TVs. Much like in Diablo 2, we as people feel the constant need to be striving towards some goal, be it buying a better house or learning a new trade.

Another similarity we can see from Diablo 2 is the fact that it often seems – especially now that we are in college – that our lives are set down a certain path. No matter how hard you try, you can never make your sorrows seem as hard as the barbarian. On the flip side, you will never be able to turn a shape-shifting druid into an intense magic user. Once you set down a certain path in the game, or in life, it is difficult to move from that path.

However, I think this is one lesson positive to teach us. I think the concept of a life is a good one. Not only does Diablo 2 put emphasis on collecting the best equipment available, but it also stresses moving your character up the ranks. What the game is trying to tell us is that we should always continue learning. We can’t survive on material satisfaction alone. We must always strive to improve our minds and our bodies.

To take a lesson from Diablo 2, What have you learned today?

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This Article Is Killing Me, According to Kuber-Ross

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Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance. To some, these are Elizabeth Kubler-Ross’s five stages of dying or grieving. Ross first wrote about these in her book “On Death and Dying.” The book is an examination of the stages which Ross states, every dying person goes through, and also which ever person who is grieving a dying person goes through.

Recently I had a bout with these stages myself. Before you start sending me sympathy cards, let me explain further. I offered to write an article for the Lifestyles section of the Bason Free Press. The article you’re reading right now. (This is some sort of weird time thing going on here.) The only problem is that I had no idea what to write about. But this was the first article, and I definitely had some trouble with it.

So, on the road to writing this paper, my first stage was denial. “The article isn’t due yet, I have plenty of time to write this article,” I said to myself. I knew, or thought I knew, that I had plenty of time to write this article. I started to deny that I even had to write the article at all. “I’m sure I can find some other way to write a lifestyles article and fill the space for me. Don’t worry about it,” I fooled myself into believing.

But as Monday rolled into Tuesday, and Tuesday into Wednesday, no one would write the article for me. This leads to the second stage: anger.

I started to get mad. “What was I thinking, signing up to write a lifestyles article?! I’m not even all that into coffee. Why do I have to write this?” I told myself. I still didn’t have a topic, and now it’s Wednesday night and I have to write an article, but me. After a long while of putting off it, I simply started to get mad. Why me, why do I have to suffer this terrible fate? (Editor’s note: Writing for the Free Press actually CAN be fun...this writer simply has no creative or motivation nor motivation.)

So I started to bargain with myself. “I’ll just have a little snack, and get right to work,” I said. Even as I started this article, I was still having a difficult time moving along. “If I can just get 200 words, I’ll allow myself another shot of caffeine (i.e. a can of Coen-Cola...er...Pepsi),” I bargained. This only took me to stage three.

I still wasn’t getting anywhere fast. I kept wandering out into the outer offices of the Free Press and whining to our News Editor, Louis Belott, “Louis, this article isn’t coming together, I really really don’t want to write it anymore.” I think I’m just going to go sit in the corner and cry until I come to stage four, depression.

Finally, I sat myself down (or was locked in a closet to write, whichever you prefer) and set out to finish the article. I accepted my awful (Editors note: awesome!) fate to write the article. There was no way I could do anything about it. I just had to finish writing and send it in.

I finished the article, and now I just have to wait for you to read it. I hope you enjoy reading your life reading. This article may not have killed either of us, but damn, it sure felt like it!

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Crazy Ming’s Mailbag Of Questions

MING ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

Dear Crazy Ming,
What should my FME business sell?
Grade Grubber

Dear Grude Grubber,
You should start a clothing business that sells stylish T-shirts and sweatshirts with clever puns on the philosophy of the school as it evolves. You’ll make so much money with such a clever and innovative retail idea that you won’t know what to do with it. It will be brilliant, you will be a star! I would be so happy for you. Another great business I would drink bleach.

Crazy Ming

Dear Crazy Ming,
I am having trouble with my job search.
Nervous

Dear Nervous,
Finding a job is the end all and be all of a career. You will be stuck doing what you hate for the rest of your life. Your entire education happened for this one year of your life. If you do not find a job, you’ve wasted not only the time, but also your life by being the servant of someone greater than yourself. On an unrelated tangent, I am looking for someone to cook for me as I grow tired of Trim.

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**Sports**

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**MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN ON THE ICE OR ON THE FLOOR**

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This year’s intramural floor hockey season can be looked at through the lens of the movie ‘Miracle.’ 8 guys came together to love for a sport. Seniors Henry Arlander, Jonathon Berg, Stefan Cangea, John Edward-Corbett, Brett Everest, Dave Vital and junior Ryan Ward formed the team called The Big Bad Bruins.

Coming into the playoffs, the Bruins were seeded third. The Blues were second seeded, and the SigEp Raiders were first seeded so they got a by for the first round. The Blues had the most members in their team but the Raiders had the most hockey experience. The Bruins, on the other hand, had only won 2 of their regular season games, one being due to a power outage. They weren’t expected to get far in the playoffs.

“We just went out there night after night to have fun. I believe this really helped our team chemistry so that by the time playoffs came, we felt like a real hockey team,” said Arlander.

The Bruins upset the Hoqueos in the first round of the playoffs. In preparation for the big game, the Bruins watched ‘Miracle.’ For those who have not seen this movie, it is about the USA Hockey team in the 1980 Olympics. Team USA was the underdog and not favored by any judge. However, with incredible determination and team cohesion, they went on to make history and win gold.

“We were able to relate to this movie because we felt the situation was similar to ours. The Raiders had pretty much dominated the floor hockey competition, much like the Russians in 1980,” noted Arlander.

Berg gave a JimmyCraig-like effort with his goalie skills, while Cangea slapped home the winning goal, like Michael Erusione Did for Team USA. The championship for both teams came down to that sole goal. Moreover, everyone gave an effort better than was imagined; each player was a vital part of the team’s success.

The movie teaches us that despite seemingly impossible standards, miracles can still happen. Coach Herb Brooks brought together a group of college students to challenge the legendary Russians. They came from all walks of life, not expecting to walk away from the Olympics with a gold medal. The Bruins had the heart and determination; they wanted their victory, their moment in the spotlight.

The Big Bad Bruins winning the season was certainly a miracle, and this team will remember their season forever.

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**Women’s Rugby One Step Away From Playoffs**

CRAG ZWERLING
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, Women’s Rugby (4-0) defeated 20-12 in a battle of the unbeaten versus Framingham (2-2) in a game that played out in the women’s soccer to postseason play. The Beavers went off to a quick lead in the game.

Babson owned the majority of ball possession during the early stages of the game and was able to penetrate thetry zone.

Women’s Rugby was, however, able to hold onto the lead. Babson Madigan ‘06 converted both of the kicks, which brought Babson to a 15-0 lead at halftime. Even Caitlin Laman ‘08 had a great individual effort as she faked a pass which let her get past a defender. She then turned to Jacquie Decooq who broke through defense for a try.

The Beavers then converted the extra point kick to bring the score to 15-0. Babson continued to add to the lead when Babson earned a line-out at its 22-meter and got the ball out to Laman. She then kicked a high punt from Babson Mary Finis ‘06 who scored a try.

After the Beavers converted the try, the Babson Madigan came off to make way for Madigan. She had a complete story. Babsonconverted both of the kicks, which showed why they were undefeated.

Babson continued to dominate in their conference. Babson went on to win the game by 15-0. The Beavers sustained injuries in the second half, which forced them to bring in four substitutes. Framingham was able to take advantage of the inexperienced players. The Beavers’ opponents came out and scored twice and converted a kick which brought the score to 15-2. Framingham’s defense was not good enough as the Beavers defense made sure that the protestors were held out of the game. Babson played through the game and had great individual moments from Finis and Myra Singloton ‘06 who both had some great tackles.

Beavers had a match good performance from both teams who showed why they were undefeated.

Babson continued to dominate in their conference.

With a playoff birth resulting from a win or tie in next Saturday ’s match against MIT (1-2-1), the Beavers look as though they will finally get over the hump and earn a much deserved playoff appearance.

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**Feeling the Intramural Playoff Pressure**

SHAWN HAWTHORNE
STAFF WRITER

Only one more week of games hold back the intramural champions for all of our fall season sports. Football, Basketball, and Outdoor Soccer have brought their respective seasons to a close after four years, and, after this past Tuesday, now only two stand a chance to become the champs.

The matches-up for Tuesday night’s games in 3v3 was the number one seeded Babson’s finest vs number five, Babson Pride and the sixth seeded Goodwillians taking on the seventh seed, Bomb Squad.

Babson Pride has no love all year as we should spotlight the captain Emir Ihlazovic, who put this team together to do one thing, compete.

They have competed quite successfully, as they snuck the win to playoffs with a 5-1 record, only to face off against the Pangosid & Friends, which gave them only their loss in the season. After stepping up to the challenge, the Pride now finds itself only losing one match to the finals.

Babson’s final will be played in St. Ake Gym in the Webster Center on Wednesday, the 35th.

Outdoor Soccer will feature the Pepper Bobs, who defeated Babson Bisons on Monday night to advance to the finals, and the winner of the number one seeded Trapper Jones and the number two seed Los Pachecos.

Both teams draw quite a large multiculural crowd so this match up should be interesting. The final will be played this coming Monday Night, on the turf, at 8:30pm.

Go ed Ultimate capped the fall season with a championship victory by the resident assistant team, Will House. They defeated the number two seed Free Agents in good fashion with a 15-7 victory.

Congratulations to all the members of the champions, We’ll House You, and specifically captain Emily Cashman. Having this high-caliber team together.

Check out all the scores and highlights on our website at www.babson.edu/athletics/intramurals.

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**North Alabama Trim Feels, Teams Lose**

JEFF HILL
STAFF WRITER

As has become a common theme in recent seasons given the parity of the NPL, several of the league’s premier teams have gotten off to slow starts to the 2005 season, placing their playoff hopes in jeopardy. Even though nearly half of the play-offs off from the previous fall year fail to return the next season, the teams that follow were generally not expected to be casualties. Generally speaking, these teams’ problems can be traced to a combination of sloppy play, injuries and/or glaring defensive weaknesses.

First, the NPC champion Carolina Panthers has lost three of the key contributors from its 2003 team, including its top injury. TR Kris Jenkins, and WR Steve Smith are out long term for the season. With Jenkins’ backup DeShawn Foster has both missed time in the first half of the season and combined with a difficult early schedule, the Panthers are off to a slow start, averaging only 5 points per game.

The Colts threw on 22 consecutive plays versus the Packers with two failed to convert a first down in the second quarter. Combined with Brett Favre’s six interceptions in the loss this year, the Packers will need a win starting this week against the Saints to stay in the playoff race.

The Kansas City Chiefs return home this week, looking to cap their 29th ranked unit last season. Another off-season change has been the addition of offensive coordinator John Kubiak. The Chiefs also suffer from a lack of a breakaway wide receiver on offense, leading to eight man fronts against RB Priest Holmes and cornerbacks covering wide receivers on tight end Tony Gonzalez. Even the league’s best offensive line and an able quarterback in Trent Green have not been able to cover up the Chiefs’ weaknesses.

A playoff return is unlikely in the more competitive AFC.

Lastly, the Tennessee Titans have gone on without co-MVP QB Steve McNair this season, whose age and perpetual injuries may be finally catching up with him. Like Favre, he has already thrown six interceptions this year. The loss of Eddie George has been minimalist at most with the good play so far of second year RB Chris Johnson. The Titans also only have nine sacks in six games and the lack of pressure has been a constant problem for the Titans. Of course, the only sure way to make the team is to be constantly early to count anyone out.