On Saturday, February 12th, the StartingBloc Institute for Responsible Leadership held an evening event on campus entitled "Innovation through Enterprise: A Convening of Social Capitalists," that brought together students from many different colleges from Massachusetts and the neighboring states. The conference is designed to develop an understanding of sustainability, corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and the global economy for undergraduates.

The event at Babson began early in the morning with registration for accepted fellows at 8:30am. The conference sessions continued until the second of the conference and students representing thirty-eight universities and thirty-nine countries were represented. The event was reserved to Babson students and alumni. 8:30am to 3:30pm, after which the speaker panel and the keynote speaker opened registration.

The morning was filled with opportunities to listen to professors and industry leaders on their perspective on social responsibility. In addition, StartingBloc engages its fellows into a unique project in which teams of six work together to develop strategies to improve one of these companies, Zipcar or Mercado Global. The heads of both companies were present to meet with students and speak to them about their company and where they were looking for strategy development.

During the open registration event on campus, the attendees and students were given the choice of attending a panel on "The Social Capital Markets or on Education. The Social Capital Markets session had a diverse group of panel members ranging from venture funds to the University of Chicago. The keynote speaker at the event was President and founder of The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). The keynote address by Marriotti emphasized on how he developed his organization and the on-campus hill battle he faced. Marriotti also engaged the audience on entrepreneurship, and doing something that they feel passionate about. When asked about Babson, Marriotti stated that Babson is like his alma mater, and he stressed on the impact Babson has made to entrepreneurship.

The mission statement as stated is, "StartingBloc is dedicated to building a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs who will tackle the world’s most pressing social, environmental and political problems. The national educational organization, registered as a 501(c)3 was created in 2012 by Smith with help from Blake Bible. When asked why he did pursue StartingBloc Martin Smith stated, "Since the New Deal and in some ways, in response to it, the private sector has largely been defined through the eyes of Milton Friedman and other hardnosed free-market economists. Two generations have now been trained, both formally and indirectly through the paradigm of individualism and self-interest that now exists in our culture, in the Friedman philosophy: that the only reason for the company is to maximize profitability, for the winner, and best of all, the companies is to generate short-term profits to its shareholders."

The event was a success with students coming from many colleges in New England and the rest of the country, and many others. The next event for StartingBloc's series of events will be held at MIT followed by Harvard and Boston College. The organization has expanded with this year being the first year of the program for their New York Institute with plans to open institutes in Philadelphia and D.C., and expand further to reach a national level and bring the characteristics of a socially responsible person in business and outside to students across the country to a fellow of StartingBloc I can strongly say that the knowledge and the leadership that the Institute tries to impart to its fellows are very important for the future of the business world.

Introducing the New Miss Babson!  

On Saturday night students packed the house in Knight Auditorium anxious to cheer on friends and classmates competing for the title of Miss Babson. In what has become a tradition on campus, this year's Miss Babson pageant once again gave students a chance to share talent, school spirit, and an overall good time.

As part of the Campus Activities Board's "Winter Weekend," the event had something for everyone including 3 mini "Pod" races, free "Babson High" parking, and a free audio tape of the winner, and best of all, great entertainment.

The event kicked off with a performance by BDE and continued with music as the contestants showed off their skills with no handed flip cup, retro aerobics, dancing, singing, drumming, and even a strip tease.

This year's nominees: All-Stars Gina Stabile, Kim Gaudet, Gretchen Hackmann, Grace Wong, Keri Barrett, Kristen Williamson, and Amelia Adams. Main event: a new talent beginning with the first category. "All Stars" started off with "Waltz," and "Educal," this was the talent category. While most expected to see dancing and singing, all students were surprised at their talent. Artists showed off their creativity and entertained the audience.

After the first categories was the talent for the most memorable, and at times shocking. Gina Stabile again rose to the occasion in the talent category. While most expected to see dancing and singing, all students were surprised at their talent. Artists showed off their creativity and entertained the audience.

As the applause died down, Gina Stabile began the next talent, a demonstration of no-handed flip cup, this year's stop was continued as Jamie Gaudet.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day

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CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day on March 7th, Dr. Muhammad Ali will speak at Babson College. Dr. Yunus is the founder and managing director of Grameen, a microfinance, and he has been the lead applicant for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the poor in Bangladesh. He was chosen to speak at Babson because he exemplifies Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of dealing with social, legal, and business issues, especially helping the disenfranchised.

Dr. Yunus will have a full day of activities during his stay at Babson. He will start off with a breakfast with President Barack Obama and then participate in panel discussions at the Babson Center for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Babson Business School. At lunchtime, he will meet with students from the Business and Entrepreneurship program. At dinner, he will speak at a Martin Luther King Jr. dinner.

A new dimension to the program this year is the addition of a new event: a mini-course on the Making of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy in every FME class. In the words of Dr. Yunus, "different presentations, the Martin Luther King Jr. legacy day speech and essay contest will be running all over the place, including the day after the day," so be prepared for the expectation,

award last year for best Martin Luther King Jr. essay is looking for new ideas, especially in the area of social justice. Dr. Yunus and I am very excited the elected committee chose Dr. Yunus to speak at Babson this year. "His revolutionary blending of business and philanthropy into the concept of micro-lending is the epitome of social entrepreneurship,"

Make sure to see Dr. Yunus speak at Sorensen theatre on March 7th at 8:00, discussion titled "A Day to Get From Here: Chaos or Community?" and take part in the rest of the day's festivities. It will be a great day for everyone to remember and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DEPTING AHEAD OF THE CURVE: Marketing Yourself

You know that resumes and cover letters are an important part of the job search process. You've drafted your marketing materials and now want to know how you can "Get Ahead of the Curve." Below are several strategies that can help you market yourself more effectively.

The Resume

Use industry-specific vocabulary to describe your tasks and responsibilities shows that you are knowledgeable. For example, if you are interested in a marketing position, use words such as "client presentations" and "ad placement or order placement on your resume."

Keep your eyes on the ball. Communicate the tasks and responsibilities that most closely relate to the position for which you are applying. Focus on the relevant details, not unrelated duties. For example, you may have held a summer job at the General Motors as a sales associate and now seek a position in sales. You may want to emphasize your interpersonal skills as opposed to describing, in extensive detail, your responsibilities for conducting store inventories.

Think outside the box. Even if your role in a company was limited, you probably learned valuable lessons that are relevant to the position for which you are applying. Do not hesitate to share this knowledge. This knowledge can help an employer view you as a future colleague.

Go by the numbers. Include quantitative data in your resume to demonstrate your accomplishments. For example, if you are a Resident Advisor, state that you lived with 200 students for three years, three times per semester, it would be important to state this information explicitly as it provides valuable information to employers about your ability to manage a large number of people as well as projects.

Step up to the plate. Articulate your contributions in an intentional manner. Select words that show your leadership and value. Examples of action verbs include the following: coordinated, managed, contributed, and achieved.

The Cover Letter

Audience analysis. As you write, ask yourself "Who is my audience?" and "What information is important to my audience?" Then, write your letter keeping the reader - his/her interests and needs, in mind. Be certain to emphasize how you can benefit the employer.

Grammar 101. Vague sentence structure. Integrating short sentences with more complex sentences can keep the reader's interest.

Stick to the point. Avoid being vague. Articulate your qualifications and accomplishments in a short, concise manner.

Organize your thoughts. Review your resumes and identify weaknesses. When listing your work, present the most important themes first, then add supporting details as necessary - keeping in mind that you will also want to be brief.

The finishing touches. Your cover letter should be customized for each employer and addressed to a specific individual with his/her correct title and business address.

Sample resumes and letters are available on the CCD web site at http://fusion.babson.edu/cd; Highlight the "Services & Resources" tab and then select "Resume Writing" and "Job Search Letters." If you would like to have a member of the CCD staff critique your resume or cover letter, please visit us during drop-in hours Tuesday afternoons through Friday morning.

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showed off her impressive Brit- tany inspired dance skills. In the next act, Gretchen played dress-up, a bear, and a killer in a comedic parody style. Grace Wong followed showing off her best moves as a singer and a dancer.

Next, Keri Barrett picked up where the previous act left off. She showed off her aerobics routine complete with male backup dancers, and Kristen Waisman showed her drumming skills. Finally, Amelia Adams completed the package with an energetic dance and Step routine. Enthusiastic applause and support continued throughout the evening. The questions portion that concluded the competition.

All of the girls performed well showing their multifaceted attributes, but in the end, the judges chose the winner. On based on talent, execution and audience reaction, the judges chose the winner. All Stacks was named Miss Babson 2005! The show, with its Architects, Miss America, and judges, was an annual tradition. On show, and judged by Chris MORT (Former CAB Special Events Chair), Kristen McQuist (SGA President), and Leigh (Trim manag- er), and Keith (Trim manag- er), was an annual good time. The audience, as well as the contestants, enjoyed them- selves.

**Putting Prize Winning Poet Visits Babson**

LOUIS BELOTT
SENIOR EDITOR

Paul Muldoon, an Irish poet who won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for his work, "Moy Sand and Gravel," will speak at Babson's nearly fully Sorensen Center Wednesday night. Muldoon was this year's thompson Visiting Poet, a series that has been at Babson since 1983.

Most of Muldoon's poems have been published in his four books, 08, that spoke softly, with an Irish accent and somewhat monotone voice, which lulled the audi- ence at some points. Often times he paused to reflect while reading, and his embarras- sment for his work was obvi- ous.

For many of the students, the large auditorium setting detracted from the reading, even though Muldoon was telling jokes and was very friendly with the audience. On Muldoon, gave a good performance that would have been more suited for a solo stage, "a small town scene," said Riley Gibson, '08.

Muldoon even made the audience laugh during the question and answer session that followed saying he felt, "detached," from the audience. In spite of this, he still believes that there is no success in poetry other than writing good poems. Perhaps this altruistic view is a main reason for his suc- cess.

In closing, Muldoon said that he thought no one was a poet, the poem picks the poet. "Poetry cannot be forced, it has to come from within." Despite his success, he still believes that there is no success in poetry other than writing good poems. Perhaps this altruistic view is a main reason for his suc-
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Thank you,

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New Option Exists to Save the Hubble Telescope

When NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe announced last year that the Hubble Space Telescope was going to be retired by 2008 the scientific community, and more importantly the general public, was reeling in outrage. Clearly upset that NASA could discard one of the greatest scientific achievements of all time so easily, the outrage was so great, in fact, that O'Keefe decided to agree to suggestions that NASA send a robot to do the job. However, the costs quickly spiraled from $50 million to $1 billion to $2 billion before the President took the item out of the budget, but funding a $100 million de- orbit vehicle instead, dooming the Hubble to a fiery death.

However, a new, and in my mind better, option has been presented by a Johns Hopkins University led team of astronomers and researchers. Instead of repairing or decommissioning the Hubble just build another one. Dubbed the Hubble Origins Probe and using the same cored shape as its predecessor the team says a new telescope can be operational within five years or less as a whole, ready to roll.

While this still will cost more than simply destroying the old and getting a better design from the start, it is a repair mission and NASA will be getting a brand new semi-state-of-the-art telescope.

In the team's presentation to congress last week, they pointed out that the cost of the primary scientific instruments have already been built and could be refurbished in the fourth shuttle repair mission, which of course has since been canceled. They also called for the abandonment of the "Advanced Camera for Surveys", the camera that produced those amazing deep sky images of early galaxies that awed the world last year, would be built and paid for by Japana, further helping to keep the cost down.

As Colin Norman, one of the leaders of the team says, "The groundbreaking science, the cutting-edge technology generated in the development of new instrumentation, the ability of Hubble science to engage the interest of the public and its impact on the imagination of students, makes it worthwhile to invest this sum of public funds to complete the last chapter of Hubble's remarkable legacy." I agree.

Hanging on a wall in my room, along with the posters of John Baruchi chugging beer and Homer eating a hot dog are several of my favorite Hubble discoveries. This wouldn't be so much of an issue if there was another telescope to take Hubble's place, but there is nothing planned until at least 2014 and even then it barely made it past this year's round of budgeting. I do not have faith I won't get cut in the future. Even a gap of the planned 6 years is far too long when we are in the midst of new discoveries that the Hubble makes.

If not a robot to build a new and improved Hubble they will spend less money than repairing it and get the better product than the first Hubble ever could, and being brand new they could count on it for at least another decade of work. Plus, if the new telescopes that NASA is planning to launch next decade go off as planned, then the United States will have a formidable array of orbiting telescopes captivating a whole new generation of students and parents alike. For more information visit www.astroblog.net.

Keep in Touch a Mile High in the Air

ANDREW WOODWARD
B.T. EDITOR

Air travel certainly has its ups and downs. The long security lines, slow check-in, and occasional lost bags are a few of the more annoying parts of air travel. One that all of air travel's downsides may be resolved over the next few years with the help of the FAA and the major airlines required by the FAA to shut your cell phone off when your plane leaves its gate. The help comes in the form of new systems that have set out to build systems to allow passengers to stay connected with the world.

Now I know that for the last ten or so years, planes have been equipped with Airline service in seatbacks through their cabin. However, if you have ever thought about it, it is a bit to door to door to really realize the prices are sky-high.

It is easy to see how this service has a major impact on passenger's sales, and it is no surprise that they charge their prices. Therefore, I don't think I need to mention that an in-flight service that offered prices which were competitive with long-distance calls would certainly be a hit among airline passengers.

A growing partnership with a European technology company, by the name of OnAir, has lead to the deployment of a service which would allow people to get cell service while in the air, and make calls without interfering with the plane's navigation systems. This system would allow passengers to actually make calls with their own personal cell phones, and would likely automatically bill the users for their calls. The system would also allow people to send and receive messages, which would be significantly cheaper than a minute of talk-time.

Now for those of you who enjoy catching up on some shut-eye while flying, and don't think you would enjoy a financial banker holding a conference call next to you, there is no need to worry about that.

On night flights, it is likely that the system would be shut off, so that passengers would not have to endure the conversations of their co-passengers at night. Furthermore, the system can be switched to only allow messages be sent and received, and would not allow calls to be placed. Clearly this feature is designed to offer the best of both worlds, a quiet cabin for those who want to get a good night's sleep and for those who need to get something done.

Boeing is not the only one developing this technology for several years, with their company called Connexion. This company offers a similar technology to OnAir's, but is designed specifically to easily install on current Boeing models. It is likely that the when both services become widely used, their prices and service will be very similar.

Although the FCC and the FAA have not said whether they will give the go-ahead for these systems to be installed in U.S. planes, the future is looking promising for air travel.

Within the next few years, it is likely that you will begin to see these technologies in planes, and at the very least you should be able to message your friends while you fly. While some people think this service will allow for too many conversations in the air, it is likely that the vast majority of airline passengers would not want to talk, especially not as a major improvement over today's in-flight information black-outs.

Babson Can Help You, Entrepreneurs

KEN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In my short time here at Babson I've noticed that many students don't quite realize all that Babson has to offer which comes into entrepreneurship. So I am here to tell you that for the student entrepreneur looking to get ahead there is plenty. All we know about the academic curriculums has to offer but there are also numerous competitions, funds, and speakers. That's just for starters.

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FOESMISMIC FOR PEACE PROCESS POTENTIAL

JASON BEDRICK
SENIOR EDITOR

With the death of dictator Yasser Arafat and the election of a new Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas (a.k.a. Abu Mazen), members of the punditocracy are rushing to proclaim the new opportunity for peace in the Middle East. EX-AMPLE: Even the President has pledged millions of dollars in additional aid to the Palestinian Authority at the prospect of peace. Forgive me for not being all that excited. This isn’t the first attempt at peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors and Abbas isn’t a new face. In fact, he’d been Arafat’s lieutenant for 40 years so he’s been involved in the previous failed attempts at peace. Also like Arafat, Abbas has been known to denounce violence in English but condone and promote violence in Arabic. In years past, whenever peace has been attempted, Palestinian terrorist groups redoubled their efforts to slaughter Israeli citizens. The creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel is antithetical to their beliefs: their main goal is the complete destruction of the Jewish state. “Cease-fires” are repeatedly violated by terrorists in concert with the terrorist groups with the implicit approval of the Palestinian Authority. By bombing Shavei Zion’s pizzeria, public buses, nights clubs and hotels, the Palestinian terrorists aim to derail the peace process by preventing Israeli citizens from returning to Israel. In 2000, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak acquiesced to nearly every Palestinian demand. At Camp David, Barak offered 90% of the West Bank, 100% of the Gaza Strip, and half of Jerusalem to serve as the capital of an independent Palestinian state. Without even making a counter-offer, Arafat walked away from the peace table and initiated the bloody “Second Intifada.” So far this time around, history seems to be repeating itself. After the “cease-fire” had been in effect for merely two days, Israeli forces forced one would-be terrorist suicide-bomber and another would-be bomber prematurely detonated his explosive device, killing himself. (In the words of terrorist for that killed a “work-related accident.”) The next day, the Syrian-backed Palestinian terrorist organization, Hamas fired a barrage of mortar and Qassam rockets into the Israeli village of Qush Katif. Fortunately, they failed to kill anyone. Hamas claimed credit for the attacks citing vengeance for the suicide slits as one reason. Though Abbas claims that he is going to reign in the terrorist groups, it’s hard to swallow. In 1983, Abbas published a book, “The Other Side: The Secret Relations Between Nazism and the Leadership of the Zionists.” Publicly denouncing the national movement of Jews to reclaim their homeland, Israel, and establishing a Jewish state there.) This book, which was originally his doctoral dissertation at Moscow Oriental College, accuses Jews of conspiring with the Nazis to murder other Jews in order to cultivate sympathy for the Zionist cause. At the same time, denying that six million Jews were murdered or that any gas chambers were ever used. Similarly ridiculous claims abound in today’s Arab press. Israel and America have been accused in mainstream Arab newspapers of intentionally causing the recent devastating tsunami by setting off nuclear weapons under the ocean. An Iranian mullah even accused Israel in the “Tehran Times” of employing “nuclear warfare” and urging the mullahs. As long as the mainstream Arab and Iranian press continue to blame Israel for all the ills of the Arab world, there cannot be peace. While I am ever hopeful that I will see peace in the Middle East in my day, the facts of reality will permit only this gloomy, magic 8-ball forecast: outlook not so good.

Cheers and Jeers Around the Campus

Cheers to Tony Bonistallius ’07, Lindsey Watts and CAB for putting together the very successful Comedy Night last Thursday. Special cheers to Babson alumni Chris Grant ’04 and Chris Moore ’04 for being good ol’ Babo to entertain us all. Good times.

Jeers to the juvenile delinquent(s) who spray-painted obscenities on the rock between the Coleman Lot and Van Winkle.

Cheers to Thelma Lake and Health Services for the creation of the magnificent Serenity Now room located in Reynolds. An ounce of stress-prevention is worth a pound of cure and a half hour free massage is priceless.

Jeers to anyone who hasn’t figured out how to turn off the showers in the residence halls. How did the Admissions department let you slip through the cracks?

Cheers to the FMI business “Pancakes” for taking the oldest and lamest FMI idea (t-shirts) and turning it into something creative and fun. If I wasn’t graduating this year, I’d probably buy a bunch. Even so, I’ll at least buy one.

Jeers to the uncivilized troglodytes who persist in transforming the residence hall bathrooms into replicas of Grendel’s lair. You live with other people, your mother isn’t here to clean up after you, and the janitors shouldn’t have to.

Cheers to the Babson Republicans for inviting local State Senator Scott Brown.

Jeers to the Babson Democrats for not getting your act together. Where are you guys?

Cheers to whoever came up with the idea to open the Reynolds’ Back Dining Hall for lunch.

Why Parliaments Don’t Work: The Iraqi Example

HERBIE WEISBURG
OPINIONS EDITOR

Iraq is starting to feel the first pitfall of parliamentary government. They have not existed for more than a month, but there is no time limit on finding problems with democracy. Well, thanks to Ahmad Chalabi, there is now controversy surrounding the would-be仓umper election of a new Prime Minister, The Shitites won a majority of the seats in the new Iraqi Parliament. Unfortunately, the Shitites, who have learned nothing from American history, are divided between two parties: On the one side, there are the Sciri, who are more democratic-leaning and have mostly been in exile. On the other side are the Dawas, led by front-running Prime Minister candidate Ibrahim Jafari. Recently, these two parties made a deal to complement, creating the Shitite alliance that won a majority of the seats by two.

If Chalabi actually runs against Jafari and splits the alliance, then the decision might go to the Kurds, who account for about twenty-five percent of Parliament. My guess is that the Kurds will vote for Chalabi, but Jafari is still expected to win. Frankly, there is no good that could come out of competition at this early stage in the new democracy. Once it is established, if it is, the opposition is just too much to handle the strain of a divisive election, but not at this time.

The other problem is that if Chalabi splits the party and carries at least to members of Parliament with him, it could cause the majority to be less than a majority for the Shitite alliance. Because of the deal between the Sciri and Dawas, the Dawas might become upset with Chalabi’s candidacy if it starts to threaten Jafari. The last thing the region needs right now is another hostile Iraqi populace.

Dawa claims that Sciri said it was going to endorse Dr. Jafar in exchange for certain posts after the election. Now, Sciri is saying that it just promised to withdraw Adil Abdul Mahdi. They profess never to have agreed not to run a candidate, at least until Dawa gives in to a few more demands. It took the American government two hundred years to get that corrupt. By threatening to take away Shitte seats in Parliament, Sciri is basically threatening the Shiite power, because without a majority, they will not have the same privileges.

Meanwhile, if Chalabi defects from the party with his constituents, the more secular Shitites might be able to elect their leader, the current Prime Minister, Ayad Allawi. While Jafari has said that he is in favor of not making Islam the official base of Iraqi law, he is a very religiously oriented individual, which is true of many Dawas. The prospect of the top seat is in the government filled by a secularist could act as extra incentive for them to deal with the Sciri amicably.

Chalabi is taking a big risk running against Jafari. The government might not be able to handle a real race for Prime Minister within the Shitite alliance. Let us hope we do not have to find out.

Have an Opinion? Disagree with something our writers have said? Write up your ideas and send them in to: freepress@babson.edu
Seirstad Explores A Different Sort of Journalism

Eoin Daly

What is the difference between journalism and literature? Ear- nest Hemingway, in a conversation with A.H. Hotchner, said the following: “It’s all so beautiful in this misty light. Mr. Degas could have painted it and gotten the light so that it would be truer in the canvas that what we see now. That is what the artist must do. On canvas or on printed page he must capture the thing so truly that its magnification will endure. That is the difference between journalism and literature. There is very little literature. Much less than you think.”

Hemingway would say that Ane Seirstad’s novel, The Bookseller of Kabul, comes in between journalism and literature. Seirstad went to Afghanistan in 2001 with the Northern Alliance to document their hunt for the Taliban. When the Taliban fell, she made her way to Kabul, where she met a dusty-haired old man stopped behind a counter in an 18-bit bookstore. The bookseller’s name is Sultan. Sultan is a knowledge man who survived the Communists, the Mujahedeen, and finally the Taliban. He put his life on the line to save precious Middle Eastern literature from the greedy hands of the various regimes that sought to censor his medium of exchange. After a few visits to his bookstore, Seirstad attends dinner at Sultan’s house. She meets his sons, daughters, wives, and brother, all living under the same roof. Sultan’s family is well off, for Afghanistan’s stan- dards. Sultan takes home money from the bookstore weekly and stores it in a chest. He is able to provide food, clothes, and a place to stay.

Even though Sultan’s family is not a typical one, Seirstad be- comes interested in writing a novel about the family. Even though they are better off than most families there are cultural constants that remain the same. Sultan has two wives: a young wife and an old wife. When the young wife moves into the house, the old wife is kicked out of Sultan’s room and sent to look after Sultan’s minor dwelling in Pakistan. Also, the youngest daughter does most of the work. She wakes up before everyone else, protests and prepares breakfast. Throughout the day, she does not rest. At night, she prepares the meal. When everyone is gone to bed, she makes lunches for the men of the house for the next day. She does all of this while Sultan’s young wife stares de- spondently into space, thinking about nothing in particular.

Also, Sultan’s sons run his bookstores. They drop them off in the morning, where they remain for the entire day, until he picks them up at night. They long for social contacts and exci- tement. Seirstad follows the lives of each of the family members and dwells on their particular situation and role within the family and the larger Afghan culture. She has recorded every detail down to the characters emo- tional responses to their situa- tions.

Although the novel is limited because of its journalistic ap- proach to the story, it provides an accurate account of a compli- cated society and deserves care- ful consideration.

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VANESSA WILLIAMS

"I’d like to thank the GRAMMY people." - Loretta Lynn

The 47th Annual GRAMMY Awards cer- emony was held on February 13 at the STAPLES Center on Febru- ary 13. Continuing the tradi- tion of the last 18 years, the Record Academy in 1957, awards were given to music artists to celebrate achieve- ment and to promote a spirit of community in the music industry. The show, hosted by Annette Funicello and Tony Orlando, includes performances by artists such as: Sylvia, Al Green, Bobby Vinton, Jann Arden, Jann Arden, Jennifer Lopez, and Kanye West.

The event kicked off with a performance by the Black Eyed Peas, Gwen Stefani and Eve, setting an excited tone that continued throughout the evening. Dur- ing the event artists were recog- nized in 31 fields (pop, rock etc.) with awards including genres such as Rap and R&B, and 107 awards were given. In total, 50艺s GRAMMY, the Record of the Year, Album of the year, and an array of other titles can be found, but the GRAMMYs will be awarded to the person who chooses the winners. In ac- cepting an award, Loretta Lynn would say, "I’d like to thank the GRAMMY people." If that isn’t enough of a hint, most people are clueless as to who chooses the GRAMMYs and how the process works.

The GRAMMY awards de- veloped out of Hollywood’s Beautification Committee’s request for record executive nominations of musicians to receive stars on the walk of fame. From this conceptual starting point, Paul Weston (of Columbia records), L.D. Dunn (of Capitol records), Sonny Burke (of Decca), Jesse Kaye (of MGM) and Henri René (of RCA Victor) formed the National Academy of Record- ing Arts, a nonprofit organization to recognize and establish the music industry community.

Today, the Recording Academy consists of two members per chapter located across the country with a total of over 6,000 members. The awards process begins as Recording Academy members and record companies nominate artists and albums to be considered. Those who vote on the nomi- nations are Recording Acad- emy members, professionals with creative or technical credits on six commercially released tracks. These are professionals in a variety of specialties including songwriters, composers, producers, art directors, and music video artists in addi- tion to vocalists. The Recording Academy also works in partnership with The GRAMMY Founda- tion. The GRAMMY Foundation works to bring attention to important global and local issues through the recogni- tion of musical achievement.

This combined effort has led to the tradition of GRAMMY Week, a week long series of events including many char- ity benefits. In this year’s GRAMMY Week a Left to the Tu- nami relief efforts were the focus of much attention and thoughtful insurance. Many were able to promote a tradition this past weekend, enjoying a night of amazing live entertainment.

Pictures, video clips, a complete list of awards from the awards show, and oppor- tunities to help the Tsunami victims can be found on www.GRAMMY.com

*All historical information provided from www.GRAMMY.com

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Arg, A Pirates Life for Me

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I love pirates. They are totally swashbuckling. I mean like really, really swashbuckling. My love of pirates came to me years and years ago. I was a pirate fan way before Dodgeball and Pirates of the Caribbean, you bunch of posers. I got down with the Pirate crew way back in the day. Yeah, you know what movie I am talking about. That's right, Muppet's Treasure Island. Nothing is more hardcore than a Pirate Kermit ready to roll. But seriously, let me go over some of the reasons I actually like pirates.

First of all, pirates do what they want when they want. That's right, if they like your necklace, they will just grab it with extreme disregard to your feelings. Go ahead and cry, that will just make them take your wallet too. I heard that there was a Pirate in a bar enjoying some Meade and looking about for a sea wrench to "engage in relations" when some guy gave him a dirty look. Just like that, the pirate totally pillaged that entire town. Nobody can mess with a pirate.

Secondly, they always find a way to justify anything at all.

The pirates I am talking about are the old Bar- barossa and Henry Avery, who sailed the 14 seas looking for booty (both fair maidens and in treasure form). I think it is always amusing to think of groups of people calling themselves the Caribbean with speed boats and Underwriters. They probably travel by yachts...and their fair maidens (aka trophy wives). I have only just begun to scratch the surface of pirate-hood and its awesome- ness.

Pirates are also great fighters. In fact, some consider them to be the best fighters ever. They are tough, too. If they lose a hand, oh well, now they have a hook to fight with. No other group could ever rock the hook like these sea warriors. Could the Vikings do it? No way. That's nay! Don't even think about it.

Pirates also get to have a parrot. That is so sweet. If I couldn't have a monkey, the parrot would be a close second. Having a parrot would be cool because you could teach it swear words and lines from the OC. I would name my parrot something like Captain Stubbblebrew or Sir Instant Ramen Cup.

Pirates also have a cool laugh. You know what I am talking about. "Arr, Har Har!"

Miss Babson Definitely Worthy of Her Victory

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As any guy who attended Miss Babson's Ball can attest, it was observed little. Sure, she was not the most talented, as far as I can remember, but she still had better than most. That is not to say that beauty pageants are won. All the feminine on campus can complete indefinitely, but the fact remains, she did work to look nice.

When she was straddling that chair, every eye in the room, or more specifically, sixty percent of them, were focused on one small piece of apparel. We should have known that the hat that she wore--the one from a marketing standpoint. Certainly in a business school, we should recognize that the hat it takes to capture people's attention so absolutely. Marketing spend billions of dollars and millions of men's hours to get the attention of college-aged males. Frankly, she could have told me that Bunch is the best beer ever made, and, at that moment, I would have believed her.

Let's face it, sex sells, and Ali certainly had sex appeal. In today's day and age, beauty is all. While it is not everything, in a beauty pageant, beauty is what is being judged. The idea of the average woman judged to be the prettiest in the world seems absurd, and the most famous supermodels model lingerie and bathing suits. There is also a reason why Playboy magazine is always one of the most well-known and purchased magazines. Very few guys actually go to Hooters for their wings, or read Playboy for the articles.

Now, I could be politically correct, and join in the chorus of hypocrites and feminists protesting the decision of the judges, but, frankly, it was the logical decision to make. Miss Babson is a beauty pageantant, and today's standards of beauty, however slender, are centered on sexuality. Movies are consumed more and more scantily clad women, not because Hollywood is trying to entice a demeaning picture of women, or to make women feel inadequate, but because that is what society demands. Movies like Catwoman and Elektra are feminine, and feminine is the most insightful theme, or the brilliance of the acting. They contain beautiful women who realize that sex appeal is a very powerful tool.

For some of you who thought that Grace or Angelina deserved to win for their impressive showers of talent, enter them in a talent show. They are both very skilled, smart, capable women and I have nothing against either of them. They are beautiful women who should go far in life, but the fact still remains that this was a competition of beauty.

Have you seen Miss America? Do you really think that thumbing around batons is a skill worthy of a national competition of this sort? No. Isn't how do those women get so far in such a prestigious competition? The women are gorgeous. That they look good in a bikini is much more important in the situation. I usually like to watch them toss the glorified stick in the air. They usually wear tight corsets and bunch up and down. Many have been saying that Ali should not win merely because she had "bad teeth." Well, Indiana got paid to charm a snake out of a jar, because it takes effort, dedication, and skill. Why should Ali not get paid for doing basically the same thing, just on a larger scale?

Crazy Ming's Weekly Fortune

CRAZY MING
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Once again, I bring you, my dedicated reader, the weekly fortune cookie-esque "orientalized" horoscope. We turn again to the mad forecasting ravings of the blind but insightful fortune-telling Poro the Ser. So without too much ado or fanfare, your fortunes.

Rat — You will win the gold medal in special Olympic water polo by default.
Ox — You will finally succumb after an embarrassing and cowardly battle with the gun disease gingivitis.
Tiger — Despite the initial inclination, you are now certain that Vaselinol is your lubricant of choice.
Horse — Although you are successful in creating an army of the walking dead, getting them to do your bidding is a completely different issue.

Dragon — The difficulty of basic training did little to forewarn the humiliation of being the KFC mascot.
Snake — This weekend, you'll have your cake and eat it too. However, you'll also forget to remove the strips.
Rooster — No matter what you may think or wish, it is not possible to eat that many hot dogs. Sheep — You've always believed that God plays darts with the fates of mortal man. Though you are wrong, your death by giant dart is horribly ironic.

Piggies — As one of the illustrious seniors of Babson college, you should go get pancakes.
Boar — Your FME business is not original.
Where's the Love When We Need It?

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It was Valentine's Day when 10 people at a bar in Indonesia were injured in bombings in Manilla and two other cities in Southern Indonesia. The government assumed that the bombings were related to Al-Qaeda's network.

The first bombing happened in the financial district of Makati Manilla. The high explosive bomb struck a parked bus on the main road, killing one woman and injuring eight others. The bomb was placed in a large plastic bag under a car seat, and the explosion was heard by people nearby.

Muslim extremists group Abu Sayyaf claimed credit for the blast. The group said they had targeted the bus because it was carrying military personnel.

The second bombing happened in a bus terminal in Davao City, Mindanao. At least two people were injured when a bomb exploded in a public transportation depot.

The third bombing occurred in a market in Surabaya, East Java. At least four people were injured when a bomb exploded near a crowded street.

These bombings were the latest in a series of attacks in Indonesia. In recent years, Indonesia has been hit by a number of bombings, including one in Jakarta in 2017 and another in Surabaya in 2018.

In response to these attacks, the Indonesian government has increased security measures and deployed thousands of police and soldiers to protect public places.

For the people of Indonesia, Valentine's Day is a time to express love and affection. It is a reminder of the importance of family and relationships in a society that values harmony and cooperation.

The bombings on Valentine's Day are a tragic reminder of the ongoing conflict in Indonesia and the challenges faced by the government in maintaining peace and stability.

The government has condemned the bombings and called for peace and stability in the country. They have also urged the people to remain vigilant and to support law enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, the bombings on Valentine's Day are a somber reminder of the ongoing conflict in Indonesia and the challenges faced by the government in maintaining peace and stability. It is a time for remembering the importance of love and cooperation in a society that values harmony and relationships.
Ice Hockey Continues to Roll Over Opponents

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The sign of a good team is that they take care of the teams that they should be taking care of. The Minnesota Timberwolves are a good team. They took care of the San Antonio Spurs, 116-96, and the Cleveland Cavaliers, 121-99, in their last two games. The Timberwolves have a 3-1 record in their last four games, and are currently in the Western Conference playoff race.

In the other match-up over the weekend, the Minnesota Timberwolves took care of the Portland Trail Blazers, 123-109. The Timberwolves have now won six straight games, and are the team to beat in the Western Conference.

When it comes to the Timberwolves, there is no other team in the NBA that can match their talent. They have a balanced attack, with six players scoring in double figures. The Timberwolves are led by their young core of Karl-Anthony Towns, Towns scored 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins, who scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Jimmy Butler, who scored 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

The Timberwolves are also a defensively strong team. They rank second in the league in opponents' points per game, allowing just 107.8 points per game. They have also held their opponents to just 41.8% shooting from the field.

The Timberwolves are looking to keep their momentum going as they head into the playoffs. With a few games left in the regular season, the Timberwolves are looking to secure a spot in the Western Conference finals.

The Timberwolves are looking to continue their success in the playoffs. They have made it to the playoffs in each of the last three seasons, and are looking to take the next step and win their first title.

With the Timberwolves' talented roster and strong defense, they are a team to watch in the playoffs. They have the potential to go deep, and could make a run to the NBA championship.
Ice Hockey

2/11 Babson 16, Castleton State 1

Babson

- 37 16

Castleton

- 16 0 1

SCORING:

1st Period

BAB - Sam Venuti (3) (John Mazzoni, Max Nesson) 5:30

2nd Period

BAS - Greg Bossi (Owen Reilly, Dan Green) 13:47
BAS - Owen Reilly (5) (Greg Bossi, Dan Green) 13:47
BAS - Greg Bossi (Owen Reilly, Dan Green) 13:47
BAS - PP - Dan Green (5) (Owen Reilly, Greg Bossi) 13:47
BAS - Owen Reilly (5) (Greg Bossi, Dan Green) 13:47

3rd Period

BAS - Owen Reilly (5) (Greg Bossi, Dan Green) 13:47

Attendants:

140

Babson Mens Basketball

2/12 Babson 5, Skidmore 0

Babson

- 29 0 5

Skidmore

- 0 0 0

SCORING:

1st Period

BAB - PP - Luke Oyston (Mike Venuti, Matt Haren) 3:10
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BAB - PP - Luke Oyston (Mike Venuti, Matt Haren) 3:10
BAB - John Geever (Ryan Murphy) 12:44
BAB - PP - John Geever (Ryan Murphy) 12:44
BAS - Steve Bell (5) (Steve Bell, Greg Bossi) 13:41

2nd Period

BAS - Steve Bell (5) (Steve Bell, Greg Bossi) 13:41

Attendants:

40 30 60

Skidmore Mens Basketball

2/2 Babson 65, Smith 51

Babson

- 15 2 65

Smith

- 18 3 51

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORING DATA - SCORE TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/12 Babson College 59, Springfield 69

Ovr Con 1st 2nd Total

Babson (17-16) (1-3) 40 19 59
Springfield 54 24 69

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORING DATA - SCORE TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/12 Babson College 70, MIT 58

Ovr Con 1st 2nd Total

Babson (16-12) (2-0) 31 29 70
MIT (15-12) (2-0) 34 24 58

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORING DATA - SCORE TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/12 Babson College 16, Castleton State 1

Babson

- 37 16

Castleton

- 16 0 1

Officiating: Falmouth

Technical Foul: SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE-HHS

Attendance: 69

Womens Basketball

2/3 Babson 65, Smith 51

Ovr Con 1st 2nd Total

Babson (16-18) (1-2) 32 33 65
Smith 18 33 51

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORING DATA - SCORE TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/3 Babson College 14, 9-1 New Hamp

Ovr Con 1st 2nd Total

Babson (10-12) (1-3) 52 33 85
New Hamp 13 39 52

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORING DATA - SCORE TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/3 Babson College 19, 9-1 New Hamp

Ovr Con 1st 2nd Total

Babson (10-13) (2-0) 52 33 85
New Hamp 13 39 52

Officiating: Falmouth

Technical Foul: SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE-HHS

Attendance: 140

Dodge Ball Reigns King

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STAFF WRITER

For those of you who signed up early, you know what I'm talking about. Dodge Ball. This fast-paced sport is the new King of the winter intramural season, taking your frisbee and kickball, and turning them into a hot, fast-paced, competitive and dominant sport throughout the winter months. Although 5th basketball teams are strong this year, with 22 teams, the enthusiasm brought to the dodgeball games is unparalleled.

You would think that the cold atmosphere would favor the male athletes, however, one game even proved us all wrong. The game featured the Bay Side Tigers and the Dirty Dudes. In the first half of the game, the teams came down to only three players, Phil McGuire of Bay Side and Damien Fazio and Tisha Stafelo of the Dodgers. Phil, Captains and star athletes in this past year's Vanity Men's Soccer team, simply was no match for the ladies as Fazio made quick work to eliminate Phil and take home the victory for the Dodgers.

The self-proclaimed best team in the world known as the A-Team, led by Brian German and John Billo, Bogarian, will have their work cut out for them as they will fight with the Dirty Dodgers this coming Thursday.

BUCS, Invictus, and the Ball Busters will also have to bring their 'F game as they have yet to lose a single contest. If you haven't seen the matches, swing by before your Monday Night Pub Night and get a taste of the action.

The MIBAs continue to dominate competitively in the Intramural world. Holding teams in all of our sports this winter. They continue to stay active throughout the year in Intramurals. Specifically, in dodgeball, where a winner will be crowned Monday and Wednesday nights in Peoplo. The MIBAs have had an impressive first two games. The team will even travel to Austin, Texas this weekend to play in a national wide MIBA soccer tournament. They are the real deal.

Attendants:

140

Babson Mens Basketball

2/12 Babson 5, Skidmore 0

Babson

- 29 0 5

Skidmore

- 0 0 0

Dodge Ball Reigns King