Ted English Motivates Students

WILL HANSEN

Ted English, President and CEO of the TUX Companies, Inc. (which includes Marshall's and T.J. Maxx) gave a lecture on Wednesday, September 22nd to a packed Babson auditorium. This speech was part of the Babson Entrepreneurial Exchange as part of their Arthur M. Blank Entrepreneurial Speaker Series. The lecture, entitled “From Stock Boy to CEO,” was a smash success with students on campus.

The man who began his career as a stock boy for Filene’s has become one of the biggest success stories in the business world today. As a full-time student at Northeastern University in Boston, English began working for Filene’s. Upon graduation, he purchased stock in the company and finally began to get his piece of the pie.

In 1988, English became a buyer for Marshall’s, and since then spent many years in different executive positions throughout the company. He switched jobs every year and a half, and worked in each different department. At one point he even became VP of Merchandising.

As VP of Merchandising in 1995, English engineered the merger between T.J. Maxx and Marshall’s merchandising at TUX acquired Marshall’s. The merger of all the products of the two companies took an amazing last four months. Because of this, and because he showed excellent leadership ability and versatility, he was finally promoted to President and CEO of TUX in 2000.

As if he weren’t busy enough, Ted English is part of a few other companies and organizations in the Greater Boston Area. He is a member of the board of directors for Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, and the National Alliance for Autism Research.

He is also chairman of the board of Visitors for Northeastern University, as well as part of the board of trustees for Xaverian Brothers High School. Despite all his success, English stresses the simple things in life. He advises to make sure you are always observing and caring for the people who are working for you. If you do this, he says, they will always want the company, and their leader, to grow faster.

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Blackboard Founder Shares Higher Goal

SCOTT MEYER

STAFF WRITER

You’ve missed your chance to take a lesson from a co-founder and chairman of a company worth more than $500 million dollars and affects more than 2,600 educational institutions around the world; unless you attended the first Maverick Seminar at Blank Center held in Olin Auditorium Monday night at 6:30.

As an undergraduate student attending American University, Matthew Pittinsky, 24, along with fraternal friend Michael Chasan, co-founded the company Blackboard, Inc. Matthew was a student of education and admits that he is first an educator and a public speaker second. The concept for a program that integrates the class room to the internet came to the young entrepreneur when he saw a gap in the way in which colleges were set up. His internship was to install network systems for college campus. After the labor intensive side of installing the wiring, and countless hours programming, what did it all students to do? It allowed them to have many populated gamers of Quake and Duke Nukem. No learning was actually getting done.

Matt asked himself, “Why can’t we use this same technology to learn outside of the actual classroom environment?” This leads the way to e-learning, or as Pittinsky sees it, just more learning. His theory was that if one could influence and take control even ten percent of the heavily funded educational system nationally and internationally, this person would have control of millions.

Through aggressive dreams and determined will, the company has grown to be worth more than $500 million in market capital. It moved from a company that had begun with only twenty-six subscribers to a company with 3,600 subscribers, ninety per cent of that pool being repeat subscribers. The company now offers a free item product like that not only helps education but commerce as well.

The advantages of Blackboard are huge. Students have a means of knowledge at their finger tips. Teachers can now post more resources and crucial papers and assignments. Walks to the library may be eliminated with the online-teaching strategies implemented into the program. Pittinsky told of how Blackboard was being used to give homework on the third day of a snow storm that plagued a school district. “Literally, we were involved with the death of snow days,” says Pittinsky receiving a chuckle.

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First Maverick Seminar a Moderate Success

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from the audience.
Blackboard went public this
fun on the NASDAQ and fared
very well for an internet com-
pány. The great increases in cap-
ital have the corporation thinking
on its toes. One of the newest ideas is called Blackboard One. It allows for financial transac-
tions to be processed through a student's identification card. This strengthens the ties with
community companies surrounding
campuses and allows for greater participation in school ID
programs.

Although Matt felt it neces-
sary to place a disclaimer on his
oratorical skills, the crowd ap-
plauded the wonderful lesson he
brought to us. Many onlookers
were thrilled that he remained
after the seminar to answer any
questions not fulfilled during the
proceeding events.
The Maverick Seminar was
designed to allow for public
speakers to not only give to the
community the info they felt im-
portant, but for the audience to
be able to extract information it
wanted to know. Speakers are
given about thirty-five minutes
to tell their side of the story and
then are questioned by a panel of
MBA students participating in the
class. A general question and
answer session follows for the
audience. The seminars are de-
signed to bring modern entrepre-
neurs who have taken original
risks to form what is being seen
as a new entrepreneurial scene
that challenges current market.
There will be a Maverick Semi-
nar held next week in Olin Audi-
torium at 7:30 with guest speaker
Arkadi Kuhlmann, chairman and
CEO of ING Di.

Babson College Public
Safety Incident Log
9-13-04 - 9-20-04

Lockroute 116
Motorist Assistance 10

Monday 9-13-04
7:06 pm: Student who reported
being stung by a bee was trans-
ported to NWH.

Tuesday 9-14-04
12:17 am: Report of a fire alarm
in Vanwinkle Hall. Alarm reset
5:40 pm: Report of an alcohol
violation in Plata Hall. Report filed.

Wednesday 9-15-04
1:25 pm: Report of a fire alarm
in the Horn Library. Alarm reset.
1:30 pm: Request for an ambu-
 lance at the BeCC. Person not
felt well as transported to NWH.
5:21 pm: Student from Olin Col-
lege with a finger injury trans-
ported to the Glover Hospi-
tal.

Thursday 9-16-04
12:56 am: Student from Putney
Hall reports harassment. Report
filed.
9:11 pm: Report of a fire alarm
in Woodland Hill 6. Alarm reset.
9:50 pm: Report of larceny from
the Horn Library. Report filed.
10:12 pm: Report of a disturb-
ance in the Reynolds Campus
Center. Area checked, students
asked to keep the noise down.
11:43 pm: Report of an unknown
odor in Putney Hall. Area
checked, student found using
paint.

Friday 9-17-04
12:44 am: Report of vandalism
in Plata Hall. Report filed.
12:59 am: Report of a noise com-
plaint at Woodland Hill. Area
checked, students asked to keep
the noise down.
1:09 am: Report of an alcohol
violation in Kendall Hall. Report
filed.
4:36 pm: Employee reports sus-
picious items in the woods by
Bryant Lot. Officer checked, found
to be trash.
4:36 pm: Report of a suspicious
person by the CEB lower deck.
Area checked, no one found.
11:27 pm: Report of a fire alarm
in McCullough Hall. Alarm reset.
11:51 pm: Report of a odor of
marijuana in McCullough Hall.
Report filed.

Saturday 9-18-04
5:45 pm: Report of a fire alarm
in McCullough Hall. Report filed.
6:11 pm: Report of a larceny from
McCullough Hall, missing wal-
et. Report filed.

Sunday 9-19-04
9:13 am: Report of vandalism in
Trice Hall. Alarm reset.
9:23 pm: Report of a fire alarm
in McCullough Hall. Alarm reset.
10:55 pm: Student not feeling
well reports medical attention
in Putney Hall.

Olin Seminar Series:
Dr. Joseph Silverman
The next installment of the
Olin Seminar Series will oc-
cur on Wednesday, Septem-
ber 29, from 4-5pm. Dr. Joe-
seph Silverman, Chairman of
the Math Department at
Brown University, will be talk-
ing about "Public Key
Cryptography for Fun (!) and
Profit (?)." This lecture will
take place in Olin Auditori-
unm. Be sure to come and
check out this informative
lecture outlining the tech-
nology behind encryption
for consumers, including
credit card purchases and
other online transactions.
Dr. Silverman will need to
speak about the history, policy
and mathematics behind this
technology in (mostly)
friendly language.

The Maverick Seminar Series:
Arkadi Kuhlmann
On Monday, September 27th,
Arkadi Kuhlmann, Chairman
and CEO of ING Direct, will be
speaking as part of the "Maverick
Seminar Series in Olin Audito-
rium at 6:30 P.M. Arkadi built the
nation's largest internet bank
from the ground up. The bank
has collected over $30 bil-
lion in assets, without a
single ATM. ING Direct is
also on campus to look for
students who could be good
candidates for careers at
ING. Make a good impres-
sion on the seminar and per-
haps they'll give you a look at
your resume. A randomly
drawn attendee also has the
chance to win a $100 gift
check from American Ex-
press.

Voter Registration
Drive
Thursday, September 23, 2004,
The Graduate Women in Business
will be running a Voter Registration
drive from 11:00am to 6:00pm.
If you are not yet registered
to vote, or would like to switch
registration to Massachusetts,
this is your chance. The drive
will take place in the lobby of
Olin Hall. You will need to bring proof of
MA residency with you. Stand up and let your voice be heard.

Waterline Reading
Series
The Waterline Reading Se-
ries offers poetry and fiction
writing is coming up in a few
weeks. On Wednesday, October 20th, in Glavin
Chapel, faculty poets and
fiction writers will meet and
work their scenes. There is a
lot of talent in the faculty,
including Mary O'Donoghue,
Aaron Tillman, and Steve Bauer.
The program beings at 6:30pm, and refreshments
and open mic will follow the
scheduled performances.
Come and listen, and then feel free to share your own
works.

CCC Corner

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Tues. 9/28 • 6 pm - 7 pm • Reynolds 241

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Sleep, get it, you need it

BRUCE TOFIAS MD
COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

When one has the opportunity to write to an audience of mostly college age people, one will get all excellent advice on health, such as taking your vitamins, "drugs, sex and rock and roll..." which I am sure I will do at some point. The tone that I would start off with the "basics" and move on to the catcher sub- ject matter. The body and mind need cer- tain things to maintain health and happiness. Sleep finds its way into this category quite quickly.

It is nothing that many col- lege students either take for granted or see as an expendable item on their long-to-do list, which is a very small list.

Sleep is something that we all know but have difficulty defining in the context of a "normal" sleep. Sleep in a time when the outward mind and body involute and passivate. Make your bed. It is a time of energy replenishment. The body seems at rest but the brain has various cycles of sleep called REM (rapid eye movement) and non-REM sleep. The REM sleep is a rich and feel- ful quiet state and one that ap- pears as active as many wakeful states. REM sleep is what you feel rested and replenished.

First and foremost sleep is im- portant at every age. Most people need between 6-9 hours of sleep per day. Sleep dep- rivation or the lack thereof has an impact on health and perfor- mance. It can alter your immune system, affect blood pressure and heart, mental acuteness and disposition. It may even affect sexual function (I bet that got your attention).

Many people accrue sleep de- ficits at busy times and make them up at other times. This may work in the short term, but in general sleep is essential.

A good guide of how much sleep you individually need is how many hours a night you are naturally ex- pected to sleep is when you are not forcing your sleep-wake cycle to align to your daily activities. Sleep hygiene is the term used for positive sleep behaviors. A good way to introduce your sleep once you accept its need may seem self-evident: 

1. Set a sleep schedule and stick with it.
2. Avoid stimulants late in the day (e.g., caffeine, nicotine).
3. Do not allow your bedroom to become a haven for distractions (e.g., television, computers...).
4. Shut off electronic devices...however, not close to bedtime.
5. Avoid stimulus late in the day (e.g., caffeine, coffee, tea or soda, over-the-counter cold reme- dies that include drugs such as pseudoephedrine and certain other drugs such as speed or cog- naine).
6. Use your bed for sleep and in- timate things, not for TV, read- ing or eating.
7. Maintain a sleep promoting en- vironment, quiet and comfort- able. The environment that you are in when you sleep.

Many people find using an alarm clock relieves the burden and at- tentiveness required to avoid over sleeping for classes or appoint- ments and actually enhances alertness.

The take home message is sleep is important. Get the amount of sleep that you need (you can not alter this very much). If you are not waking rested most of the time after fol- lowing some of the suggestions in this article, consult a health care provider. Perhaps we can help you.

If you have questions or any ideas for future articles slip by the Health Center or email me at btf@east.com and re- member WeCare!

69.6 FM Talk Rocks the Vote on Campus

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OPINIONS EDITOR

"We have free ice cream!!" announced one of the 96.9 FM Talk staff members outside Reynolds' Campus Center today. "I love that word," replied Ben Edwards, a first-year graduate student at Babson.

Students gathered to test Ben's new idea of, "Free Ice Cream Day," with Primary Berry Graham (a twist on strawberry cheesecake) and to register to vote in the general election. Said Ben: "We're here to get people out to vote and sample really good ice cream," ex- plain a few of the other students. Babson alumnus '96 and an employee Greater Media Boston in the sales depart- ment.

It was Craven's idea to bring the 96.9 FM Talk Street Team to Babson Col- lege after successfully partnering with MVT's "Rock the Vote" campaign at other area colleges, including Northeastern University.

"Where's Jay?" asked a number of students as Niel Kiley and Ty Reyes, 96.9 FM Talk Street Team staff members, were distributing 96.9 pens, shirts, hats, mugs, and coffee cups along with Wiley & Sons' voter information and voter registration forms.

The students were hoping Jay Stone, the station's SVP, headliner from 3:00pm - 7:00pm, Monday through Friday, would be broadcasting live from Babson.

The radio station billed it- self as "Your Campaign Headquarters" and some of the station's directors doubled as people who have been long been both the 96.9 and Babson Free Press slogan: "We've got issues...."

Though Severin wasn't there, the event was still a success. Many students regis- tered to vote, expressed their underlying love for Laura Inghram (the witty and attractive talk radio host who follows Severin), and had their pictures taken near the patriotic-ally decorated 96.9 FM Talk Street Team van for the www.969fmtalk.com website.

WTTK also features radio personalities such as former Boston Red Sox's Michael Brudie, Margery Eagan, Don Imus, Mike Barnicle, Hank Morris, Bill O'Reilly, and Sean Hannity. The ice cream was don- ated by Ben & Jerry's on Newbury St. in Boston. All the students who came out to, "Rock the Vote." Anyone who would still like to register to vote in the state of Massa- chusetts should go to www.969fmtalk.com.

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Babson Welcomes Capable New Students for 2004

WILL HANSEN
B & T EDITOR

According to Kat Beaudoin, Se- nior Director of Undergraduate Admis- sion, this year's freshman class is, "(At least) as talented and bright as any class currently on campus." Clearly Babson has been trying hard to increase its standing as a school that really add to the Babson commu- nity. The students come from all walks of life and with all sorts of skills, so they will be sure to add diversity and talent to the already amazing students here at Babson College.

The 426 incoming freshman are as interesting as a group as Babson has ever admitted. With 49% women and 60% men, this class has more females than has been seen in quite a few years here at Babson. The college has seen a 16% increase this number lately, and with more and more women interested in joining anywhere in the world, it is easy for Babson to accept more female students.

Of the 426 students who ap- plied this semester, 426 were enrolled. This amounts to an ac- ceptance rate of around 37%. The acceptance rate is on the second highest in Babson history. Fur- thermore, the enrolled rate of 426 greatly exceeded the enrollment goal of 410 students. Both of these numbers are treasures to be proud of, but there is always room to improve on these numbers next year.

Along with the freshmen, the college also admitted 52 transfer students, essentially accomplishing the second highest transfer goal of 450 students. Both of these numbers are treasures to be proud of, but there is always room to improve on these numbers next year.

The freshmen we have met here at the Babson Free Press have seemed responsible, com- mitted, and intelligent: basically everything that Babson looks for in a prospective student. It is no surprise, or to any- one else on campus, that this new class is one of the best classes that Babson has ever seen.

Several students have also played major roles in student government programs in high school. Many of the incoming stu- dents were class president in high school, and these students will become leaders of organiza- tions, including SGA, on campus.

The new class also has many members of the National Honor Society, as well as members of sports teams and leaders in or- ganizations all across the board. These students will add to the environment in and out of class.

More amazingly, we now have a few students who have their own law licenses, some students who have competed, and suc- ceeded, in Triathlons, and even a student who ran in the New York City marathon.

So far the students have been well accepted. Kimberly Keely, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admis- sion, says, "So far we're hearing really good things about the class."

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New Faces in The Residential Life Office

REBECCA SOON
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The Office of Campus Life's residential life staff welcomes new faces to the team this year. Over the summer, Jennifer Malby was hired to take on the position of Resident Director (RD) for upper campus, and soon the Office of Campus Life will be hiring a new RD for lower campus. After being an RA for her alma mater, Michigan State, and receiving her master's degree in public administration from George Mason, Malby decided to remain involved with collegiate life by accepting the position of Director at George Washington University in Washington D.C., a position which is very similar to her role as an RD.

When Malby began her position at Babson in late July, she was filled with excitement for the upcoming year. Although such a transition can be challenging, Malby hasn't worked with nearly as small a campus as Babson, and she is thrilled to be able to work with various departments and student groups that she would not have an opportunity to work with at a larger school.

In particular, she says, "I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students on the conduct council better."

After four years as the Residential Director for lower campus, Brian Duggan will be making the transition into a new position as the Coordinator for Intermediate Programs.

He will remain the RD for lower campus until September 24th, at which time the new RD will hopefully have been chosen and will be ready to transition into the position. Duggan's new position will still allow him to keep in direct contact with students, and he stresses the importance to him that students know he can still be reached and contacted in his new office in Hollister. In his new role, Duggan's main responsibilities will be to work with the class deans, professors, and students on IME II and IME III projects. He will also be the first contact for students transferring into Babson College and will help them to make the transition into Babson life.

Duggan looks back on his experience with Babson residential life as an enjoyable time, during which he was able to work with a wonderful office and RA staff. He is especially proud of some of the progress and renovations that have been made in the residential halls, with which he played an integral role.

But Brian Duggan is ready and excited to move into his new role as Coordinator for Intermediate Programs.

He says of his excitement, "I think this will be a great opportunity for both myself, and the college," especially noting plans that he has for the future of the halls, including renovations to the common areas and junior year series.

The new year brings many changes, but it looks hopeful for the future of Babson programs. Various sources have noted that this has been one of the most successful openings to the school year in Babson's history.

Malby praises her co-workers and RA staff by excluding, "The RAs and Office of Campus Life have done a fabulous job with opening." He continues, "The success has really been a testament to the [staffs'] hard work."

Ted English: From Stock Boy to CEO
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Ted English stresses that you must never step outside the capabilities of your company. Always know its capabilities, and be able to recognize when it can and cannot grow.

Another key to business, according to English, is flexibility. Ted was able to constantly change jobs, in order to show he was capable of working on any facet of the business. Overall, he believes that he is a natural leader and jack-of-all-trades: exactly the sort of things one looks for in a president or CEO. One must always be willing and able to do the task at hand, regardless of theMiscellaneous.

Overall, the speech given today was a great success. According to sophomore Clarice Elizondo, who attended, "It was a very simple advice. He told us to focus on the task at hand and not to focus on how to get to the top. By doing your job right, others will see you have the potential to be at the top."
Kerry's Economic Plan Leaves Many Questions

CHRIS LEVINSON
STAFF WRITER

What is John Kerry's economic plan? Does anyone know even one key element of it? Will the economy being a central issue in the election, one would think that any reasonably well-informed voter could easily answer these questions. But, in fact, I doubt that more than a tiny handful of professional economists or economic journalists, if that, could do so. The reason is simple; there is no plan.

Kerry has policies of course, but the cliché is that they don't hang together in any logical way that could even loosely be called a plan. Examined independent of one another, any one of Kerry's positions might be defensible. But when you put them together, they often contradict each other and don't really add up to very much.

Having a plan implies that some thought went into creating a coherent set of policies that are linked together philosophically. It is on this basis that I say that John Kerry has no plan. In a weak attempt to rectify this problem, Kerry made an effort to present a coherent economic plan.

It has four key elements: creating good jobs, middle class taxes and health care costs, restore America's competitive edge, and cut the deficit and restore economic confidence. Kerry's proposal to create jobs involves reducing outsourcing by closing a tax provision that he believes encourages U.S. companies to invest abroad. The $12 billion per year that this would raise would be used to increase the corporate tax rate slightly.

He would also reinstate a tax credit for new jobs and crack down on imports from China and elsewhere. Economy.com, a respected independent forecasting service, looked at these tax provisions and concluded that their net impact on job creation would be "very modest." On the other hand, Kerry's implied protectionism could be very damaging to economic growth.

Renowned Columbia University economist Jagdish Bhagwati calls Kerry's trade policy "muddled and maddening" and "the voodoo economics of our time." Kerry's plan for restoring America's competitive edge involves increased government spending for research and development, tax credits to expand broadband service to rural areas, and encouraging businesses to set aside money to study math and science.

His only proposal that might actually accomplish something is elimination of the capital gains tax for long-term investments in small business startups.

Finally, we get to Kerry's plan to cut the deficit, and all that he offers is his word that he will do it. "Americans can trust my promise to cut the deficit because my record backs up my word," he says. This is like Dan Rather telling us he can trust him when he says that obviously forged documents are actually genuine.

Even Kerry's own allies don't believe him. A Washington Post editorial called his deficit reduction plan "fawed" and "undercut by his fine print."

A New York Times editorial said, "It's hard to imagine how he could combat the deficit, expand health care benefits, increase spending on education and grant middle class Americans more tax breaks simply by rescinding the Bush tax cuts for those earning more than $204,000."

In the end, all Kerry has is "his" word that everything Bush has done on the economy has been wrong. His plan, though for hard core Democrats and Bush haters, but anyone who is remotely open-minded is going to have a hard time believing that Kerry will do better.

He would have helped himself by proposing something bolder and more interesting. It's not that he can't come up with something with nothing.
John Kerry Makes the Case Against John Kerry

JASON BEDRICK
OPINIONS EDITOR

Like the three-headed knight who let Sir Robin slip away while he argued with himself in "Monty Python's Quest for the Holy Grail," John Kerry is letting the election slip away as he loses the debate with himself over Iraq.

Forget Senator Kerry's now-infamous statement, "I actually voted for the $877 billion...before I voted against it." As duplic- itous as it may have been, Kerry can make the (albeit weak) case that he voted against the bill to fund the war in Iraq because he wanted to give loans, not grants, to the Iraqi people. While that has been the most-talked-about flip-flop, it is far from the most important (and most damning).

This week, the new Kerry strongly condemned the war in Iraq. On Monday, in a speech at New York University, Kerry said, "Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator who deserves his own special place in hell. But that was not, in itself, a reason to go to war." However, on October 9th, 2002, Kerry declared on the Senate floor, "It would be naive to the point of grave danger not to believe that, left to his own devices, Saddam Hussein will provoke, misjudge, or stumble into a future, more dangerous confrontation with the civilized world."

As for the weapons of mass destruction, the new Kerry declared, "We now know that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and posed no imme-

nent threat to our security." However, as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Kerry was privy to the same intelligence as the president and he too believed that there was a legitimate WMD threat. In October 2002, Kerry said, "In 1991, the world collectively made a judgment that this man should not have weapons of mass destruction. And we are here today in the year 2002 with an un inspected 4-year inter- vention during which time we knew through intelligence he not only has kept them, but he continues to grow them."

Indeed, just over a month ago on August 6th, when asked if he would still have voted for the war knowing what he knows now, the old Kerry responded, "Yes, I would have voted for the authority. I believe it was the right authority for a president to have.

Furthermore, the new Kerry complained that capturing Saddam has made America even less safe. "We have traded a dictator for a democracy that has left America less secure," he howled.

This statement directly con- tradicts the position that the old Kerry held. "Those who doubted whether Iraq or the world would be better off without Saddam Hussein," he admonished, "are those who believe we are not safer with his capture don't have the judgment to be President or the credibility to be elected President."

Ouch.

As harsh as these words may have been, the old Kerry was right about the new Kerry. He doesn't have the judgment nor the credibility to be President. Serving in a war — even serv- ing honorably and courageously — does not automatically qualify someone to be Commander-in-Chief. In fact, Kerry's long and frightening record of voting against the bills for the very weapons systems, vehicles and body armor which helped the American military to fight more efficiently and to protect the lives of American soldiers is a better indicator of how he would act in the Oval Office.

It is unclear at this point how many podiums will be necessary for the presidential de- bates. That will depend on how many John Kerrys decide to show up.

Want to write about the upcoming election?

Starting September 30th until October 28th, the Free Press will be running an "Elections Page."

Submit your thoughts and opinions on the Kerry/Bush race to freepress@babson.edu.

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We are constantly looking for ways to help student businesses and have spun off the Chamber of Commerce to do this for licensed business owners.

I encourage you to find out more about SGA, and if your interest is business please feel free to drop me an email at Commerce@babson.edu. Our Committee is dedicated to helping student entrepreneurs and we invite you to join us as a representative or allow us to license your business. Please read next week to find out about some of the businesses that are already licensed.

Thank you,

Gautam Gupta
Class of 2007
Vice President of Commerce
SGA
Apple’s iTunes Service Has Students Sharing Music, This Time Legally

WILL HANSEN
B & T EDITOR

For the longest time, I was completely against using any soft-ware for organizing, playing, sharing and buying digital music from Apple. When the now-famous iPod came out, I knew I was in the shit. The good side of me was absolutely obsessed with the sleek beauty and usefulness of the device while the evil side of me kept saying, "It’s an Apple Not!"

Finally I broke down, bought the iPod, and quickly realized it was useless without a little piece of software known as iTunes.

Quickly becoming the premier program for organizing, playing, sharing and buying digital music from Apple, iTunes truly is an amazing program. Nothing could be easier than telling iTunes to, "Consol-date Media Library." This command will automatically organize all the digital music found on your computer into easy-to-find folders. These folders can be organized by artist, by album, and then by album.

These folders can be automatically maintained by iTunes, if the artist or album title is changed, just as long as the music is added, it will automatically be found, copied, and labeled. Music can also be "routed" using an easy-to-use "Create Playlist" to help users organize playlists and to tell people who are sharing your music whose songs are really good (or really bad).

This system carries over to "rapping" music, the practice of copying legally-owned CDs to your computer and placing your titles onto the "import" button and the files will be quickly added to your library in the proper folders and with the proper information.

Another feature of iTunes, which on many accounts could be a party strike, is "Patch Shuffle." This system will automatically shuffle your entire library, and play continuously until it is turned off. The system will also play high-rated songs more often, if the user so chooses. The amazing thing about this system is that all of the songs in the shuffle always seem to fit together. I’m not sure if it was meant to work this way, but so far I’ve yet to hear a load of crap (song against the machine, for example) immediately followed by a load of crap (let’s put the special sauce comes to mind).

The program really shines, however, when used in conjunction with an iPod. Simply connect the iPod to your computer, and iTunes will automatically update all the songs onto your iPod, playlists and all. If you want to do it manually, there’s an option for that, but why bother when you can just plug in your iPod after a day of rapping, have your music transfer to your iPod, and then unplugging your iPod after only a few minutes?

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But this strength is one of Google’s weaknesses as well. Google trouble in the future. Why? Because Google’s very success creates competition. If Google is the center of all marketing data and the things analysts’ growth projections are built on, its promise that it can solve any content management problem with math. And, simply put, it can’t.

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The search technologies would not only be crucial to the enterprise search market, by companies like Autonomy, but the technology could start looking more seriously at the risks of an investment in Google. The company’s technology is tip-top, there is some doubt about its ability to capitalize on a marketplace which most investors probably don’t see.

As a good news story, Google is currently as strong as ever, and seems ready to deploy their technology on consumers with the coming months. The Gmail beta is proving well users and the service (myself included) consistently give it top ratings. Music is coming as just that; music.

As a poor news story, Google, though—a look at the domain registration from GlimpseMedia (GSMI), it’s pretty clear to everyone that Google’s web search engine and interface are still superior.

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SITCOM RELATIONSHIPS ARE TOO FAR FROM REALITY

WILL HANSEN
B & T EDITOR

One thing I've never been able to understand is the propensity for TV to show fat or unattractive men having disproportionately hot and accommodating wives or girlfriends.

Homer and Marge Simpson of "The Simpsons," Lois and Peter Griffin of "Family Guy," and Doug and Carrie Heffernan of "King of Queens," are all perfect examples of this theme.

Most of these men are stuck in low-level, dead end jobs, which begs the question of how they are supporting an entire family. It does not seem to follow that these men, who have had these jobs for years with no hope for advancement, should seem desirable to women.

Peter, an assembly line worker, Homer, a button-mender for a power plant, and Doug, a delivery truck driver for UPS, cannot possibly be pulling in enough money to support their families. Although Doug does not have any children, his wife has expensive tastes, and it does not seem to make sense that any of the women in these examples would be interested in these men for their money.

If not for money, perhaps the women are attracted to the men for their physical beauty. If you've ever seen any of these shows, it seems obvious that this cannot be the case. Homer only has two hairs on his head, and all three of them are well overweight.

Peter is actually fat enough to occasionally break tables or chairs that he tries to use. It doesn't seem possible that the women could be physically attracted to men of this caliber.

Furthermore, all the men lead such sedentary lifestyles, that it does not seem possible that they were ever in good shape. It would be understandable if the men were once attractive, but again, this does not seem to be the case.

Barring money, and physical attraction, the only other possible attraction for these men might be their stellar personalities. Again, this theory seems to fall short. Homer and Peter, let's face it, are downright dumb. Homer and Peter frequently have no idea what they are doing or why they are doing it. Furthermore, all three men are incredibly lazy. All three of them are most often found sitting in front of the TV with a beer and probably some snack food.

Regardless of their intelligence, all three men are incredibly inconsiderate. Homer and Peter frequently ignore their wives, and Doug usually misunderstands his wife, often with hilarious consequences.

Peter and Lois are constantly fighting because Peter never involves Lois in his decisions; in one instance this practice nearly leads to Lois' death.

With sitcoms coming closer and closer to depicting real life, it seems strange that many shows show such a disparity with the way things really are.

How often do you really see such a dumb, fat man with a beautiful wife? Is TV trying to send a message to women? Or possibly to men? "Stay fat and stupid, keep your dead end jobs and eventually some really hot woman will come up to you and ask you to marry her."

Is this really the message we should be receiving from television? I think not.

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"You have two most important board meetings... They are only kindly suggested to you, because the authority reserves a special right to do it..."
Party Fun beyond Beirut
LINDSEY ALIX
EDITOR EMERITUS

Ahhh, the Babson party. Hordes of guys and a couple of girls hovering around a Beirut table or even perhaps a flip cup game. The beer flows and the excitement grows after every toss of the ball. Now this is not every party I may find myself at. The secret is where there are the times one might encounter an exciting game of Kings.

Beyond that range however, some of the very creative minds at Babson do fall short when hosting parties. It is time for these creative minds to rise up and show their skill. Throw a party that people will remember; no, not just in mere size but in the creative and fun aspect of things. Forget the Jello shots and slip and slides...it's been done so try hard. Before opening the thirty packs and instant messaging the crew, plan a theme or at least prepare a game to play. Only so many parties can consist of standing against a wall holding a red solo cup.

When picking a theme party always find a way to incorporate dressing up. Having an orange, red, or yellow theme and make it easy for girls to dress in a revealing sort of way. Luau in December and December are hard...a little too hard to whip out the grass skirt and coconut bra.

Party is always a good place for those who need some inspiration. Beiruts are not the only things that never grow old. Many Festas can get rowdy with Tequila. A Babson favorite is the CBOs and well the other thing that I do not think the Free Press can print.

Anyways, forget the theme, back to the entertainment. Any fun game takes a little effort before the magic of alcohol takes over. Jenga should never be underestimated especially when darts could be written on the pieces. Suites should definitely spend a little money and invest in a game. Karaoke is great but only after everyone at the event sufficiently 'happy'. A game I suggest as a new variation is this "Flip, sip, or strip." The game is best with 3 to 5 people, more and the game will last longer. The rules are simple. Flip a coin and while it is in the air, call heads or tails.

If you guess right, pass the coin to your right. If you guess wrong, pass the coin to your left and either take one article of clothing off (anything that is a pair count as an item) or do a shot. One catch, you cannot do the same thing (sip or strip) more than twice in a row.

Of course, I suggest these options for only those of you that really enjoy drinking and are drinking responsibly. Remember that drinking too much brings the unpleasant trip to the hospital and that's never good. Also, when drinking interfere with important things like friends, family, or school, it's time to get help.

But have fun and remember to thank the party host that people will talk about at the next party they attend.

SARAH SILVERMAN
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I was soaking my legs in an ice bath after practice the other day. As my legs became numb, I thumbed through a magazine in a joystick, and picked off the table. National Geographic publishes a magazine called Adventure, basically Florida-among-the-grass-roots, get outside and bike, surf, backpack, rock climb, kyack, mountain bike, and a ton more extreme and outdoor sports.

You can read about the ten best "hidden" cities in the country to live if you are into outdoor sports, or catch a glimpse at some exotic part of Australia to go backpacking through.

As I turned the page I spotted an article featuring a sweet place to go surfing in November, Cape Hatteras, N.C. This area of North Carolina, better known as the Outer Banks, is a long strip of land right off the coast in the Atlantic Ocean. This was my home for three months this summer.

My favorite part of the island was Highway 12. It was a two lane road running down the island. Riding south you looked out left window and saw a sand dune and then ocean, and on your right side was a patch of ocean grass and the sound. You could drive forever and just look out onto endless white sands and blue skies.

A very special attribute of Cape Hatteras is the wind. On an average day the wind speed would get up to 20-25 knots (yes I learned about knots...pretty good for a girl from Ohio). It would blow you around and there was nothing on the island to stop it. I guess this is the reason the Wright brothers decided to test out their airplane here. You could always catch a glimpse of a windsurfer or skateboarder taking advantage of the speed.

You could also take your four wheel drive onto the beach and some houses could only be accessed this way. There were wild horses you could spot lingering at the surf.

Looking up, pelicans would glide along the surface of the water...one behind the other in perfect uniformity.

I would find myself on the beaches where you could see no one on either side of you. At the end of a long day of sun it was always awesome to take advantage of ten cent shrimp and beer while looking out onto the water. Living in the Outer Banks was like kicking your shoes off and deciding you never needed them to begin with.

To reach the Outer Banks was a series of bridges connecting the mainland to the island. These bridges were not like the Golden Gate. They were huge long constructions spanning from one land mass to another.

You always had a clear sense of arriving and leaving the island due to these constructions, making the place even more surreal.

When I was living there I got used to being able to hang out at the beach a few hours after work and sitting out on the front porch with a beer and my housemates. I remember going to the beach late at night with everyone just sitting and enjoy the waves and sink into the sand. No one was ever busy. You always had time for just another round. The thing is, at the time I had no idea how lucky I was to be spending my last summer as a student, with minimal worries, on the beach.

The other day in philosophy class we were discussing whether a place effects how a person feels and how they act. One of my favorite things about the Outer Banks was the people (minus the tourists), but the locals who hung around
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THE OUTERS BANKS: WHAT NEEDS FLIP FLOPS?

BABSON'S 21 QUESTIONS

Follow the preceding set by Vibe Magazine, here are 21 questions all about Babson!

1. How excited are we about the DVD machine in Reynolds?
2. Didn't all of our FME groups have that same idea but thought it wouldn't work?
3. Don't we hate the people that got into "The Ultimate Entrepreneurship Challenge"
4. Why is Late Night Bingo the coolest thing going on at Babson?
5. What's up with the lighting (or lack thereof) in Putney?
6. Do you ever leave the lights on in your dorm just to get back at Babson for the outrageous room and board costs?
7. Where the hell are all these skunks coming from?
8. When is winter break already
9. What do you mean we've barely been here for three weeks!!
10. This is the weekend that we're gonna catch up on all our work, right?
11. Though we are grateful for the two new treadmills, doesn't Webster have a long way to go before it can even begin to compare to the gyms at other schools?
12. When are we going to get someone from Babson on the Apple basketball team?
13. Why does it take 5 hours to open your mailbox
14. Why are the veggie burgers cooked on the same grill as the hamburger and chicken, veggie burgers cooked in bacon grease kinda defeats the purpose, huh?
15. Why do we get hungry as soon as Reynolds closes
16. Does business really make you happy
17. In what language do they do in Nicho? 
18. Does having a small map on the corner wall really justify calling it the Global Lounge
19. Why is at business school that stresses international perspective is science a requirement but not a foreign language course?
20. How proud are we that none of the freshman had to be taken to the hospital for alcohol poisoning
21. Why does everyone start laughing when you tell them that your school mascot is a beeater
So Many Video Games, So Little Time

WILL HANSEN
B & T EDITOR

This holiday season has the potential to be one of the most expensive for any serious video gamer. Simply put, way too many games are coming out in way too short a time period. Furthermore, the games that are coming out are some of the most highly anticipated games of all time.

I think the gaming world would be a much better place if it was structured more like the major motion picture industry. Movies are spaced out throughout the entire year, so that great movies are not stacked on top of each other. Surprisingly, there is usually a short rush of "Summer Blockbusters" that come out around July. Just as there is a steady deluge of more sappy, romantic comedies throughout the holiday season, there are still many movies to be enjoyed throughout the year.

The gaming industry, on the other hand, generally sees fit to hold all major video game releases until October, November, or December.

Some years, this isn't really a big deal. Since a lot of the major publishers and developers of games go through two-year cycles, every other holiday season is generally fairly quiet.

But with a season like this coming one, gamers may not be able to save enough money to buy even one loved one a gift.

In a single week in November, three of the most highly anticipated games of the past two years are being released. On November 9, Halo 2, the sequel to the highest selling Xbox game of all time, is being released. The original Halo was seen by many as reason enough to buy an Xbox. Also during this week, Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater, the sequel to last year's hit Metal Gear Solid 2, has been anticipated by many fans of the stealth genre.

Finally, Grand Turismo 4, possibly the most advanced, detailed, and inclusive racing game of all time comes out at the end of the week.

Frankly, I wouldn't expect to see me leave my room during that week. I might get hungry, but that's doubtful.

Despite the fact that these three games are some of the biggest to be released in a year or two, they don't even scratch the surface.

Half-Life 2, the sequel to the First Person Shooter for the PC that is STILL the benchmark for other First Person Shooters, could drop at literally any time.

The gaming industry really needs to fix this problem. All of these games being released at the same time means that many will slip through the cracks.

It also means that many gaming companies will have highly inflated 4th quarter figures. This means that many companies will show false financial numbers which could cause consumers to have little faith in the large gaming companies.

Overall, despite all the worries of flooded markets, it definitely is a good time to be a video gamer. I think it is safe to say that all of these major games hit, I'm going to be a hard person to find.

On the other side of the coin is Lynn, who is the wife of a woodcutter and spends time driving a school bus, shopping who help her husband's small business, and raising her two teenage daughters. Lynn does all the house cleaning and cooking herself. Lynn also enjoys making wood crafts such as Christmas decorations which she sells at local fairs. This show hopes to expose how American families operate and the differences in them. The families experience the swap for 10 days. Each wife has rules and mantras from the original wife of how the household runs. To be an applicant you have to be a two-unit family meaning husband and wife with children. The season premiere of the show is next Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 10pm on ABC.

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Performing Arts Schedules

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Gustav Mahler's 2 final works: the Adagio from the unfinished Symphony No. 10 and Das Lied von der Erde (The Song of the Earth).
Soloists: mez-z-soprano Gigi Mitchell-Velasco and tenor Thomas Young.

Gustav Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No. 10
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Sanders Theatre at Harvard University
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Athens 2004: A Beautiful Mosaic of Many Cultures

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As I sat on my Alitalia flight from Kennedy Airport to Rome, I could not help but think of the athletes in the Olympic Games. Much of the news surrounding the 2004 Olympics had been dominated by security fears and astonishingly pessimistic.

I had never taken a great interest in the Olympics. I enjoyed watching sports and rarely watched it on television. But this time, it seemed as if everyone was interested... actually worried about the outcome of the quad annual competitions.

There were the obvious heightened security concerns, transportation issues, water quality, financial issues, and even the completion of the venues that questioned the very capability of the Organizing Committee (ATHOC) and - many claimed - of the entire Greek nation. I was off wondering how the Games were going to fare, for it seemed that the foundations were already being eaten away by the media.

As the plane touched down in Rome, I could not help thinking what little would I be able to comprehend surrounded by the world’s greatest athletes. A year ago, a good friend of mine who would like to go to the 2004 Olympics. He lived in Greece and told me how excited he was that Athens was host to the 2004 Olympics. In Athens, he had been announced the winner of the bid for the 2004 Olympics by pitching an idea for a presentation to the International Olympic Committee.

Athens appealed to the committee with a vision of the Olympic Games “coming home” to Greece where not only the roots of the Olym

The next day, I had no idea where to go. Irakis - a fellow Sophon student and a dear friend who lived in Athens - was going to pick me up. After about an hour, I finally found relief as I saw him looking for me.

I seemed odd at how comfortable one feels when one comes into contact with something or someone even remotely in touch with one’s past. A sense of security and excitement ran through my head as I shook his hand and followed him through the terminal to the Metro.

The next few days were a bit of heaven and a bit of hell. While I enjoyed the busy streets in the Syntagma and Monistiraki areas, I was also feeling the butterflies in my stomach as I cautiously waited for my security clearance so I could start my work at the Olympic Village. I did not quite expect the “security 15 minute rule” often applied in Greece.

This rule consisted of delaying every response by 15 minutes. Reduced to 15/30min of that morning Irakis woke up and called the Security office asking if I had been cleared. After taking down all the details regarding my application, including my passport number, they asked for us to call back in 15 min-

Athen's: An Unforgettable Experience

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I applied to be a volunteer for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games as a sophomore in high school. I was excited to participate in the Olympic Games. I attended a Greek Orthodox Church and I lived in Texas, and every year the school would host its own version of the Olympic Games. Students would perform the opening ceremonies, chant the Olympic pledge, and even sing the Greek Anthem. These experiences as well as a deep interest in the Greek culture influenced my decision to volunteer.

The experience was incredible. Before I went to Greece, I read a lot about the problems that the Games faced, ranging from safety issues to incomplete stadiums. The Athens I saw was nothing close to what the media described. Every corner of the city saw colorful banners all over the city and a broad network of metro stations with plasma screens and sculptures.

The Greeks were friendly, especially OAKA (main stadium). The security for all the venues was so tight. There were two walls of security surrounding the Olympic Village. The streets were safe and there even when I jogged late at night I felt completely at ease.

Before going to the Olympics, I was expecting to just have a good time and watching a couple of sporting events; however, what I got was so much more. I learned about the other side of the Olympics. It is not just about the competing for the gold. If that is what people see it as, they have lost sight of the original meaning of the Games. The Olympics is a celebration of humanity and peace.

Athletes from all over the world are competing against each other. What they are really doing is celebrating humanity. In every country, they represent achievement and success because they have dedicated their lives to the sport and in the process have conquered their own struggle.

Another thing I realized was how peaceful the world could be. I was stationed in the Olympic Village and one thing that struck me was how friendly and kind people were to each other. While riding on the bus, I noticed how athletes from different countries would try to communicate with each other even if they didn’t speak the other language.

I told Erin, another Sophon volunteer, how surreal it was that even countries that were considered adversaries would socialize together. For example, I was a National Olympic Committee Assistant for the Chinese Taipei, i.e. Taiwan, delegation and they Olympic Games they won their very first gold metal. The first country to congratulate them was China, their political rival. China has over two hundred nuclear warheads pointed towards the island of Taiwan, yet at the Olympics these two countries stood more like family than enemies.

The highlights of my experience were the opening ceremonies and my trip with the athletes. While working for the Chinese Taipei delegation, I became good friends with the Olympic officials and as a gift they gave me $1,000 ticket to the opening ceremonies at OAKA.

I have never seen or experienced something so beautiful. I think the event was well planned and choreographed. I remember the goose bumps I had throughout the lighting of the torch since it was lit right above where I was sitting. The other highlight was going on a trip out to Corfu with all the athletes. I hung out with several athletes and we just had such a good time laughing and making jokes.

The most interesting place was Irakis’ father’s dental office where he taught us all about family and friends. Emails, pictures, and checks day discussions were sent through the famous internet connection. I even spoke to my future wife, we met at the Palmares.

Everything from the Opening Ceremonies to my last meal in Greece was experienced at Palmares. The second most interesting place was Irakis’ father’s dental office where we met up with the family and friends. Emails, pictures, and check day discussions were sent through the famous internet connection. I even spoke to my future wife, we met at the Palmares.

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China Slams Japan's Bid For UN Seat

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INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

As the United Nations hosted its annual Summit this week, world leaders gathered in New York to discuss their views on the global policies, and other pressing issues. In the midst of these speeches, meetings, and talks, a very significant issue has been surrounding coastal areas after the future of the United Nations organization.

Japan, among a few other nations has put itself up in a bid for a seat in the permanent Security Council for the UN. The permanent Security Council currently consists of only five permanent members which are the United States, United Kingdom, France, China, and Russia.

In terms of financial support, Japan currently makes a very significant contribution to the United Nations. Japan supports the organization by 19.5%, and is comparatively a very high rate since the United States supports 22%, which is the highest cap currently. Even the other members of the permanent Security Council pay a fraction of what Japan pays the UN with France at 7%, and China and Russia at 1% each.

In addition to Japan, there are three other nations who are placing a bid for a seat on the permanent Security Council. India, Brazil, and Germany all have also requested a seat, and all four countries in this list. As watered each other's request for a seat. In order for the United Nations to provide the seat, it would need to reform its constitution and charter.

Mr. Anan, the Secretary General of the United Nations, has done a rare, unprecedented, task of reorganizing and changes and reforms to find the best way to deal with the requests of the four nations.

Japan has high hopes pinned for this request, stating the support and the aid that the country has been pouring into the UN. The country also re-instanted the troops that it has sent to Iraq for reconstruction. Japan has sent troops to Iraq for reconstruction and not for combat, unless it is self-defense because it is against the Japanese constitution which was instituted in 1945 by the United States after World War II.

Japan refuses the claim by other nations that if the country cannot send troops in combat, then it should not be on the council. The country believes that there are still many other roles that a security council member fulfills for which Japan is a candidate, but right now it will not change its constitution.

China has very strongly opposed and will block Japan's request for a seat, and one source even said that Japan needs to get its priorities in a proper place rather than just supporting the United States. China's strong opposition stems from the belief that Japan's Security Council member stems from the very strong rivalry which has existed between the two countries for many years.

Japan's attempt to invoke a new UN seat for Japan came at the right time as Japan is still on the rise, and more people's mind and creates hostility amongst them. At the last anniversary of the invasion, the Chinese government permitted protesters to hold a small protest outside the Japanese Embassy. The protesters were strongly protesting the possibility of Japan's receiving a seat in the Security Council, and they were holding a banner saying it does not deserve it.

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In Cambridge One Find A City With History

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The city of Cambridge in England is famous today as it home to one of the world’s leading academic institutions, University of Cambridge, also known as Cambridge University, actually has a vast amount of history pre-dating the university's establishment.

The city was created more than two thousand years ago in the Roman city of Colonia Agrippina. The city of Cambridge became an important trading post, and expanded by various different empires. The Romans were the first people to colonize this area, and build a fort called Castle Hill, but the city did not become a primary area of interest until much later.

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As centuries and empires came and went, the city grew as well, and developed and expanded as a body. With the city's growth came the growth of the universities, and more colleges were opened as part of the university. Today the University of Cambridge comprises thirteen colleges, and legacies, and each college exists as a separate legal entity, and is directly affiliated with the other colleges in terms of property and income.

The university's unique style of teaching and the resources available with its expansive libraries, museums, and teaching centers are part of the reason for the university's immense success.

On a visit to Cambridge and the university last week, I had a chance to see some of the colleges from the outside, as the inside were restricted. The architecture on some of the buildings is amazing, and the gardens and lawns are kept very green and clean. I spent a few hours in the city, and I could say that Cambridge offers some different things to do which are quite enjoyable.

The city also has waterways that are a part of the river where you can go "punting." Punting is the term used for approximately an hour long trip on one of the slow boats down the Thame's River. The punting boat takes you down the waterways, and different parts of the city, and costs only 6 pounds an hour which is quite affordable.

The city is very modern yet has small streets with frequent city buses, small double-decker buses. Also, there is a small, street markets selling a variety of things from "boo to" clothes and souvenirs. The other main brand stores in the shopping area that can be pursued, are small but attractive and places for breaks, like Starbucks, and much more.

Cambridge is a city that can be toured in a day, and is only about an hour and a half away by car from London. It is quite easy to get there, and it is very easy for tourists visiting London to make a trip to Cambridge.

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The following is a list of the key events that we have learned about the world that we want to see. It was truly a great opportunity and wonderful experience to be able to watch all those sporting events and see some of the best athletes in the world competing against each other.

Not only did we see these athletes on the fields from the stands, but we had the opportunity to see them walking towards the dining hall, catching the bus, shopping in the village store, or getting a drink out of the vending machine.

As they began to win medals, I remember feeling that I did not work, but I was an ordinary person, I was walking amongst heroes. Those who pushed themselves beyond limits to achieve their dreams to master the art of sport.

On the 31st of August, I was fortunate enough to be present at the village resort to see the auction of the last two weeks. I realized that this opportunity I had just experienced.

The memories I have will remain with me forever, and hopefully, if fate has it, I will remain next to the 5 Olympics I hope to volunteer for.
National Football League Early Season Trends

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The 2004 season is underway, and already we've seen some major surprises from both teams with big expectation and teams with nowhere to run. Without further ado, here are this columnist's thoughts on the NFL season thus far:

Despite being 2-0, the Patriots head into their bye-week having played some sloppy football. Edgerrin James ran all over the Pats in week one (though they claim that was their strategy the whole time), and if it weren't for the Cardinals being, well...bad, the Patriots would have lost Sunday's game as well. But the acquisition of Corey Dillon has been just as important as people thought, and he's running his heart out for the Pats.

The Miami defense, despite losing Adewale Ogunjimi to a trade and now Larry Chester to an injury, may be one of the best I've ever seen. Zach Thomas never gets mentioned in the "Best MLB" category, but the man is everywhere on the field at once. However, their offense is debatably the worst in football, and they're going nowhere this year, the last year for Dave Wanstedt as Miami head coach.

Duece McAllister's twisted ankle, which is expected to keep him out 4-6 weeks, is a huge blow to the offense, but may be a blessing in disguise. The Saints are hoping Aaron Brooks can become the leader of that offense, and maintain some consistency where he has shown he is capable of fulfilling. The relative success of Denver tailback Quentin Griffin has confirmed what we already knew: The Broncos just know how to run the ball. Since his 64-yard scamper opening his Redskin's career, Fortis has averaged only 2.5 yards per carry. Early edge on the trade goes to Denver.

Michael Vick's pre-season struggles were well documented, and his week one performance was nothing to get excited about, but he put on a show week 2. However, for the Hawks to win and win long term, Vick has to become a better pure quarterback. It may be fun to watch him run for 100 Yards, but that doesn't win games.

Dallas is in trouble, and they know it. Julius Jones is cut up to 8 weeks with a broken shoulder, and Eddie George, is well overated and past his prime.

That leaves Vinny Testaverde throwing the ball 85 times in the first 2 games (15 more than the next closest Quarterback). For the Boy's to start winning, they've gotta find more from the ground attack.

 Kansas City has finally fallen back down to earth, starting the year off at 0-2 for the first time in a long time, and the news gets worse. Priest Holmes may not be able to start next week. KC has never had a decent wide receiver, other than Tony Gonzalez, and now it's starting to catch up with them.

The new defensive coordinator, Gunther Cunningham, was supposed to fix the Chiefs defensive dills, but opponents are averaging 6 yards per carry on the ground against them. Not gonna get it done. Maybe we'll see Dick Vermeil cry a little this season.

Babson celebrates one of six 2nd half goals in a 7-0 victory over Simmons College on Sunday.

Men's Soccer Can't Finish Comeback

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After a very impressive start, the Men's Soccer team has begun to falter. Last week saw their undefeated record tarnished, first on Tuesday by Williams College and then again on Sunday against the Brandeis University Judges.

The Beavers needed to come back from their first loss with confidence and strength, and on Saturday the men were ready. But the game had to be postponed until Sunday because of heavy rains. Sunday afternoon came around and a strong western wind blew across the field that was still wet from Saturday's rain. Brandeis had not defeated Babson's soccer team in five years and had not scored a victory at Babson in over twenty five years. Expectations were in the air.

The match started with both teams playing rock solid defense. After 20 minutes, the Beavers had not allowed a single Brandeis shot and had been moving the ball nicely on offense. But this all changed in the 21st minute. Shelton Stewart '06 scored the first goal of the game for Brandeis, unsubstituted. The Beavers were obviously frustrated and showed it a minute later when Greg Schepers '07 got a yellow card after a collision and put Brandeis' Yuval Ezer '07 on the ground.

Another Brandeis goal in the 24th minute had Babson staring at a team with a dominating lead and only two shots on goal. Brett Fitzgerald '08 headed in the assist from Joe Levitan '06. The Beavers had been man handled, despite their five shots on goal, and ended the first half in shambles.

The second half brought the Beavers some new life. Gregg Robinson '07 scored Babson's first goal in the 84th minute of the second half, assisted by Matt Hart '06. But the Brandeis defense would not allow Babson back any further.

In the 86th minute of the half, Yuval Ezer scored the game winning goal on a breakaway after a beautiful assist by Shelton Stewart. The Beavers scored again in the 78th minute when Steve Pagnotta '05 scored his fourth goal of the season, with an assist from Chris Schwartz '08. After the goal, the Brandeis defense tightened not allowing the Beavers another shot.

After their second loss in a hard fought match, the Beavers walked away from the field in despair. With league games on the horizon and record of 4-3-1, the Beavers need a serious boost in offense and a return of their formerly spectacular defense. The last two losses have doused the team's spirit and the men must rally before their season crumbles before them.

The Hunt for October, the start of the NFL, and the end of the NHL.

Write for the Sports Section and report on what's going on in the world of sports.

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Rugby Club's 25th Anniversary Weekend

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This Saturday, the Babson United Rugby Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Alumni are coming from all corners of the country to be here for the event, including Florida and California.

For the first time, Babson rugby players, past and present, from over the past 25 years will come together in Knight auditorium after the game to enjoy a banquet, where the first ever members of the new rugby hall of fame will be inducted.

The rugby teams are expecting one of the biggest crowds ever for this weekend.

The women's rugby is coming off one of its finest seasons and came close to making the playoffs. The Beaver went 4-1 last season. Their only loss last year was to Bentley which is the first team the Beavers face this season.

Women's rugby is looking to avenge a loss which prevented them from making the playoffs last year. The team is led by forward captain Lauren Zopatti '05 and backs captain Meghan Lally-McGur '06. The strength of the team is their forwards. They are mobile with collective discipline, very physical, and surprising which is a lethal combination.

With 14 out of 15 starters returning, expectations are high. The team is thinking big and is looking to make the playoffs for the first time this year. It will all start with trying to give a little bit of payback to Bentley for last year's loss.

Men's rugby, the only division team at Babson, is looking forward to a good start this weekend.

The team has a new look this year with losing 9 of its 15 starters. The team will be looking to its veteran leaders to guide them through the season.

There are a few key players that the team will look to step up this year. Co-Captain Chris Coutts '05 agile running style and strong tackling solidifies the backline. In addition, co-captain Lulu Vallee '05 is the team leader of the offense.

Other players that should be factored in this year are the lightning fast Ryan Ward '06, hard hitting Anthony Chiannese '06, hard rocking James Tribble '05, and non flashy but tough Adam Mavrikos '05.

Viewers should expect a lot of hard hitting and tightness not usually found at this level. The Beavers are well disciplined and have an excellent coaching staff. Men's rugby is looking to have continued excellence this year.

This weekend should be very exciting and the teams promise to not disappoint. Make sure to be there when the action starts at 11:00 AM with the women's game on the Lower Fields.

NHL Financial Crisis Threatens League

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During the 1993 season, the New York Rangers won their first Stanley Cup since 1940 in a dramatic seventh-game win. This marked the height of the modern National Hockey League.

Since that time, however, the sport has been steadily declining; mostly due to a strike which occurred immediately following the Rangers' epic win. This conflict took the leg out from under the NHL at the time, the players did not believe they were being paid what they deserved. They struck at the height of the NHL's popularity in order to make money for sports-strikers.

The players eventually won the strike. This caused play- ers to seek more money, which in turn created financial problems for almost every team.

This can best be shown by the Ottawa Senators of two seasons ago. The team, which is based in Canada, where hockey is very popular, was on pace to have the best season of all time in the NHL. However, they went bankrupt. Here is the best team in the NHL, suddenly going completely bankrupt. Imagine how a team that is in dead last, such as Atlanta Thrashers, is faring.

Ten years after the '94 strike, the issues have barely changed. Only this time, it is the owners who are complaining.

The financial crisis in the league came to a head last Wednesday, September 16th. On that day, the league owners staged a lockout. This is the exact opposite of a players strike. In this instance, the owners will not let the players play or pay them until the Player's Association renegotiates with the league.

The league essentially wants to undo the strike of 1994; they are also toying with the idea of a salary cap similar to the soft cap in basketball as opposed to the hard cap in football.

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The days of Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux are gone. Not many people have broken the 100-point mark for points in a season in the past decade, and no one (200) points. This slower style of game play, which emphasizes defense, has led to what many would call a boring and low scoring sport.

This lockout could mean the end of the NHL. Many players who are anticipating the lockout to continue through the regular season are signing with premier teams in Europe. A notable player who has done this is the captain of the Boston Bruins, Joe Thornton, who has signed with HC-Deves of the Swiss Elite League.

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