Thompson Poet Speaks Before Students

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On the evening of Wednesday, February 11, Babson College welcomed Thompson Visiting Poet Ellen Bryant Voigt at the Soareson Center for the Arts. Voigt read poems from her two latest collections, 'Kyrie' and "Shadow of Heaven.

"Poetry begins with an image, not an idea," she explained to the audience of over 300 students, faculty, and visitors.

Published in 1995, 'Kyrie' takes its inspiration from the influenza epidemic of the late 1910s which killed over 20 million people worldwide, set against the background of World War I.

Voigt's presentation was very informal and relaxed. It was apparent that she had given many similar readings before and was comfortable interacting with the audience, going so far as to encourage talking amongst the students between poems.

"She was surprisingly entertaining for someone who writes such depressing poetry," said Dan Armstrong '05.

Voigt's latest collection, "Shadow of Heaven," published in 2002, was nominated for both the National Book Award for Poetry and the National Book Critics Circle Award, and she just recently completed a tour as the Vermont State Poet.

I thought she was charming and made it seem as if she was talking to the crowd, not lecturing," said Sofia Lanza '07. "I enjoyed that she read an excerpt from 'Kyrie,' it made it seem she was telling a story, not reading sonnets.

Voigt grew up in southern Virginia and currently resides in the small northern Vermont town of Marshfield. Her rural upbringing and appreciation for nature inspired many of her works, some of which she shared in her presentation.

After the presentation, Voigt was readily available to talk to students, and stayed to autograph copies of her books which were on sale both at the bookstore all week, and at the presentation.

Many students in the foundation arts and humanities classes who had been reading Voigt's poems over the last few weeks were required to attend the event.

2004 marks the 22nd year of the Thompson Visiting Poet Series. Chuck Thompson was formerly a Vice President of External Relations at Babson, and established an endowed fund in 1982 that sponsors the annual poetry series.

The decision to bring Ms. Voigt to campus this year was largely the work of Mary Pinard, who is the current coordinator for the Thompson Series. Through her work and the continued support of the college, Babson has been able to attract one of the highest-quality speakers to support its arts and humanities program.

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Professor Allen Appointed Women’s Leadership Director

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Professor Elaine Allen has been appointed the new faculty director of the Women’s Leadership Program (WLP).

Currenty a QTM professor, teaching mostly advanced courses with some honors foundation courses, Professor Allen is excited to join the Center for Women’s Leadership in leading the WLP, which currently has 82 members.

Allen came to Babson five years ago as a visiting professor and after two years decided to stay permanently.

She brings a vast amount of business experience to her new role. With a PhD in statistics from Cornell University, Allen teaches primarily statistical courses at Babson, including Data Mining, a course she created.

Data Mining consists chiefly of data analysis, Allen’s specialty.

The course covers statistics, MIS, and all applications that deal with large data sets.

Last year, Allen class visited the Boston Celtics last year to see how they use specific data to analyze video from basketball games.

This year, Allen is working on getting that class to visit the Boston Red Sox.

Allen is not only a professor at Babson but also a Senior Olpin partner and the Research Director of the Olpin Center for both Babson and Olin College. Her involvement with the WLP is her first major leadership role at Babson. She was involved with the interview process for accepted high school seniors as part of Women’s History Month.

She has twenty years of entrepreneurial experience starting companies in the biotechnol-

ogy industry. Her primary interest in being the director is the realization that, “It is still very hard for women to become a part of the executive suite,” said Allen. She aspires to bring her experience into the program in helping current and future graduates find their way into the male-dominated corporate world.

Allen first started a business called Business while teaching at Wharton.

The business developed a handheld device that, with technology analysis, could be used in operating rooms to reverse the effects of anesthesia. After失败, Allen started a biotech company called Ariad Pharmaceuticals, a publicly held company.

Currently, Allen is involved with her latest entrepreneurial venture, Metaworks, based in Medford, Mass. Metaworks is a niche consulting company for the biotech industry. It specializes in data analysis and brings in revenues of over $1 million each year.

Allen hopes to bring the business of science of the Women’s Leadership Program, as well as educate women about battling the glass ceiling and encouraging them to start their own business.

“I hope to continue the great work Nan Langowiz put together,” said Allen before her expectations for the program.

Langowiz was formerly the Faculty Director and is now the Director of the Center for Women’s Leadership.

Langowiz worked with the Women’s Leadership Program undergraduates over the past five years but it’s now time to give someone else an opportunity to work with this terrific group, said Langowiz.

Allen is excited to be passing the directorship of the undergraduate Women’s Leadership Program to Professor Allen.

She has a winning reputation among undergraduates who have taken her courses and is dedicated to helping students grow both personally and professionally.

“I know she’ll make a fantastic faculty director for the program.”

The Class Deans Corner

When is the deadline to submit transcripts from winter courses taken elsewhere, and what is the process to take a summer course elsewhere?

To be eligible to take course work elsewhere, students must receive prior written approval from the Office of the Dean of Students. Log on to the Class Deans website at www.babson.edu/classdeans, click on ‘E-forms’ and fill out the ‘Off-Campus Approval Form.’ A student can take a maximum of 12 credits off-campus, exclusive of official cross-registration or study abroad programs. It is very important to note that these credits are limited to courses that are not offered at Babson.

Once the credits are complete, the student must submit an official transcript of the college or university attended. Transcripts for spring and summer term work must be submitted by October 1. The deadline for fall and winter term course work is March 1. If your official transcript is sent to you directly, please do not open the sealed envelope. You must hand deliver it to the Office of Class Deans. Please note that only credit is transferred, not grades.

No credit will be granted for courses taken elsewhere without prior written approval. If approved, grades of C- or better will be required in order for the credits to transfer. No credit will be granted with a grade of C- or below. Approved course work taken elsewhere will not reduce a student’s financial obligation to Babson nor will it affect the Flat-Rate Tuition Policy.

Do you have a burning question? We welcome any contributions for future “Questions of the Week” for our Class Deans Corner. Please send your question via e-mail to CD2GEN@babson.edu.

Babson College Financials Presented for Fiscal Year ‘03

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Operational expenditures totaled $111.6 million, roughly the same as 2002’s $115.8 million. This produces GAAP operating losses of $4.2 million in 2003 compared to $12.6 million in 2002. However, if endowment spending, net assets released from restrictions, and investment income used to support operations are excluded, losses were $3.8 million in 2003 compared to $31.3 million in 2002.

The college’s investment portfolio returned $2.7 million on beginning-of-year investment holdings of $151 million, not far off from the S&P 500 index.

At fiscal year-end 2003, the investment portfolio consisted of 50 percent equities, 35 percent fixed-income securities, 15 percent short-term investments, and 20 percent alternative investments. The college’s long-term strategy is to invest in alternative investments including private equity and hedge fund holdings.

Overall, the college experienced a total decrease in net assets of $3.2 million, stemming from financial aid, endowment investment losses, and non-cash expenses.

The school’s capital structure changed significantly over the past two years. Since 2001, the college obtained low-interest, long-term loans totaling $68 million.

These loans were provided in the form of bonds from the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and are payable through 2031 or 2032. Much of this funding was used in major capital improvements, such as the addition to the Center for Executive Education, during 2002.

The school uses the Center for Executive Education to generate additional cash flow which typically sinks into investment in other educational programs. During that period, gross land, buildings, and equipment owned by the college increased from $197 million to $208 million.

In fiscal 2003, the remainder of the bonds were used to finance major capital improvements, including the construction of the CEE parking garage, the turf athletic field, and a new residence hall.

The economic climate improved, residence hall safety improvements, and Mustard Hall renovations.

The college’s endowment was valued at $413 million, earning $30.6 million in fiscal year 2003. The college rated the fair value of its debt as $123.1 million.

The college has revised its allowance for doubtful for losses unconditionally promised donations. In fiscal 2002, the allowance was $18.4 million or 3 percent of the college’s $717 million in promised donations. In 2003, the college increased the allowance, bringing the estimated doubtful amount to roughly 10 percent, due to an accounting policy change.

Moreover, the time horizon for issuing outstanding pledges for the campaign that expires in the 1-5 year range to mostly in the less-than-one year range.

Babson’s wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiary reported $12.3 million in revenue for the fiscal year ended and ended the year with $466,000 in assets, relative to a fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2002 of $715,000 and beginning-of-year assets of $2.4 million.

Babson Interactive developed distance learning programs and business simulations for executives and graduate students.

The company holds over 100 patents and applications, and has been rolled into the operations of the college, including the Past Track MBA program.

Asher Advises Students That Persistence Is Key

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something you do for a job. Avocational is something you like to do outside a job. While someone might like to listen music or eating, there are very few realistic job opportunities.

It is last that he warned students about was confusing an aspect of the job with the whole job. He stated that you cannot just enjoy writing but you may not become a professional writer and there are some writing skills that are critical, such as writing in law or marketing. He informed students to stop wasting time and get on finding out what they wanted to do. He inquired, "What are you waiting for?" He instructed students to identify an industry, then companies, then specifically portfolio. He told students that he should go to the name and turn to the name into an appointment. He stressed the importance of networking and building connections. Approximately 75-80% of job changes by networking, working, people who know other people. Thus, it is vital that you get your name out there in the industry and companies that you have interest.

Asher offered valuable advice about persistence. He presented students with tips on getting past interviews. If you wait one day for one day or for best results as a rela-

reformable. He also suggested his students to be open-minded and...
This Winter Weekend to Be Best Ever

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Next Thursday the 19th of Feb-
ruary kicks off a fantastic week-
end of fun for Babson College stu-
dents because it is Reading Break.
This year, students will have two
full days to enjoy themselves.

This year’s Winter Weekend will
be different than the past, because there
are no pre-planned events. Instead, students
will have the freedom to spend time with
friends, explore the city, and simply enjoy the
time off from classes.

The weekend will begin on
Thursday, February 18th, with a student-
organized social event. Attendees can attend
the event at 7:00 PM in the Boston Room
of the Campus Center.

On Friday, February 19th, students
will have the option to participate in a
variety of activities. Some ideas include
skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing.

On Saturday, February 20th, students
will have the opportunity to attend a
concert or a movie screening.

On Sunday, February 21st, students
will have the chance to relax and
take a break from the weekend’s activities.

Overall, this Winter Weekend is
expected to be one of the best ever at
Babson College. With plenty of
activities and opportunities for fun,
students are sure to have a memorable
time off from classes.

Spillane will sponsor an "A-List after
Party" in the pub. BCR will be
helping in DJ-ing the event.

A list of guests will be available to
all of those who come.

On Friday, BCR and CAB are
hosting a fashion show, a much anticipated
Miss Babson event. In this event,
several Babson women will com-
pete in a fashion show for the
technical and talented woman on
campus. The event will be held in the
Atwood Auditorium at 7pm with free hot
dogs and dessert.

Saturday will begin with the
SGA sponsored Game Day at the
gardens. Games will be at 2pm, games
at 7pm. The Beavers will be hosting
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t-shirts and foam fingers will
be given out. Popsi will do
promotions throughout the
game and are giving away a free soda
drink.

During half the day on
Saturday cheerleaders will be
performing. During the day there
will be a rowdy award to the student
that dresses up and shows the most
eagerness in the spirit, this includes
t-shirts, face paint, etc. Furthermore,
SGA will be giving $100 to the
pair of students that can dress
in a uniform, dribble across the
court, take off the uniform and
pass it off to their partner with
the ball and shout a basket.

That evening from 6pm to 9pm there
will be "VIP Skate" at the
Babson Ice Rink. All Babson students
get a discounted fare of $5 to rent skates.
Other
guests are free with your own
ski.

At 10pm the "Roll Out The
Red Carpet" annual Gala Dinner
Party will be held. There will be
e free beer and food. The food
will include vegetable dips and
assorted hors d'oeuvres in a
semi-formal, which is just a
suggestion that jeans not be worn.
No exceptions.

On Sunday, Winter Weekend
will conclude with a movie mar-
nion. This year’s movie will be
in the shape of a movie reel. The
weekend looks to be exciting and
eventful.

Rich Spillane of Fidelity Hosted by BIMA

COREY TANASE
STAFF WRITER

On February 6th, BIMA organized
for a unique networking event. Amid the
rancor of the current political climate and
in particular, the international funds
overseas, this event provided the
opportunity to meet high level
recommenders for enter-
ing new college students. At the
same time, students will be available with no charge to
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hand, are growing at a much quicker pace, particularly in the twenty
to thirty age range. These economies are where he envisions growth and
higher than average profit margins in the near future.

During the question and answer period, Mr. Spillane was asked to
seek other interesting questions. Among them were what sections of the
bond market are currently the most
cratically attractive. Mr. Spillane told
us that the felt that the energy markets
would be a key area of focus for
market. He gave the students a
tourse of techniques and
experiences being con-
ducted abroad. Given the steady
two record in the nation and abroad, he
predicted that the domestic
market for car sales will continue
to improve at a steady rate.

In closing, Mr. Spillane stated his
strategy for the organization. "Our
strategy is to focus on
of the market and
take one of our core
tions of the company,
including the expansion of
the current and international
markets. His expectations for future
growth were very optimistic, and
he thanked his colleagues for
his time.

Travelers Case Competition Heats Up

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TRAVELER CHIEF
EMERITUS

For the third year in a row, a
two teams of Babson students
will compete in the Travelers
Case Competition, held on
February 27. The two groups
selected to compete were
St. John’s University, Bentley College, Bryant College, the University of Massachus-
etes; Amherst, the University of Connecticut, and Notre
Dame.

The competition, according to
Aubrey Barrett, Traveler Chief,
"gives Babson students
another opportunity to apply
the skills and knowledge that
they have learned at Babson,
as well as build their resume.

Junior and seniors who are
invited to apply
to the competition
could be a part of four teams, but
are limited to a maximum of
two seniors.

Teams must complete a
minimum average overall
Group GPA of 3.2. It is also
recommended that some of the
team members have prior
travel experience, as
elections are held to
finance officers.

Last year, the competition,
including a resume from
each student in the
team, must be returned to the
Finance division
manager for review before
February 17, 2002.

Two teams will be selected to
compete and notified on Febru-
ary 20, after which they will
trailor to Hartford, Connecticut
with Finance division
Associate Professors Mark Potter and
Bliss.

Travelers, a multi-billion dol-
lar insurance and technical fi-
nance company, uses the con-
cept of "as an extension of their
recruiting," according to Bliss.

Participating in the contest
exposes Babson students to the
trade and exposure allows
them to a total of
$3,000 in prize money,
will have the chance to
on against other colleges, and helps
improve students’ resumes.

The competition, said Bliss, "ability to do more for our
students than we cann," as can be
done by Babson’s wins for the past
two years, it acts as a "good
thing for both sides to learn about each other."

Babson College Public
Safety Log 2/20-2/29

Lockouts: 86
Motor Vehicle Assistance: 14
Monday 2-2-04
8:30 am Report of two suspicious
triples outside of Mustang Hall. Officer
spoke to parties who
were waiting to make a delivery.

Tuesday 2-3-04
8:37 pm Report of a fire alarm in the
Weston Center. Alarm reset.
Wednesday 2-4-04
12:37 am Officer reports vandal-
or “Aussie” when possible. If you
include a student title, be sure to also include which department or divi-
sion you supported.

Indicate months and years you worked, or which sea-
s, such as “summers.”

Start each bullet with an action verb (see resume action
verbs on CCD website). Beginning each line with an ac-
tion verb forces you to be specific.

List FME and MCFEs if relevant.

List state if portion is part of the Babson curriculum
and clarify team effort.

Avoid using acronyms such as FME, IMC/IMC and
MCFE (spell out or otherwise describe).

Avoid revealing proprietary information.

Specifics regarding WWI, NWL, skills and
evaluation results.

Quantity and give depth to your experiences. Use
num-
ers, adjectives and adverbs.

Early or irrelevant experience may be deleted or con-
densed, if appropriate.

Next week: Activities and More

Don’t miss our final installment of this series on resumes.
We will cover the last of the major components, activities, and
make recommendations for what to include regarding skills, knowledge,
and work authorization. In the meantime, please visit
www.babson.edu/ccdu for information on your job or career search
and to see the CCD Calendar of Events. 
Thursday Feb 19
Comedy Night
Blight Auditorium
7-9pm

A-List After Party
Roger's Pub
9-11pm

Friday Feb 20
Miss Babson Pageant
Hosted by BCB
Blight Auditorium
7-9pm

Goin' Hollywood
Winter Weekend 2004
You've hit the big time now!

Saturday Feb 21
Men's Basketball
SGA Game Day
Reeder Center
5pm

VIP Skate Pass
Discounted Rate: $3
Skating Rink
6-9pm

Roll out the Red Carpet
Semiformal attire (No jeans)
Blight Auditorium
10-11pm

Sunday Feb 22
Movie Marathon
Forest Camp
6 ScareFest
Check channel 9 for details

Free Foam Fingers!

Men's Basketball Game Day
Saturday, Feb. 21st 2pm v. Clark

Three of the most elaborately clad & most Babson spirited pair will have the chance to WIN $100 in our half-time "Dress n' Dribble" Contest so...

Show your BABSON PRIDE!!

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AMAN’s Celebration of Eid on February 6th

On February 6th, AMAN members celebrated Eid, a Muslim festival, in Cambridge, at an Arabic-themed Greek restaurant in the Radisson Hotel.

Eid is one of the most important holidays for Muslims around the world, and it is celebrated at the end of Hajj, which is the annual to the holy-land of Mecca. It is a holiday that is about sacrifice and dedication to Islam.

Eid is celebrated in reverence of the Prophet Abraham’s act of giving up his young son for sacrifice in order to show his love and devotion to God. Rewarding Abraham for his loyalty, God replaced Abraham’s son with a sheep. Thus, people around the world sacrifice an animal varying from a lamb to a camel.

The meat is then distributed to family or friends and largely to the poor. It is a three-day holiday, usually celebrated by people visiting and paying respect to friends and families, as well as bringing boxes of sweet meats, a traditional delicacy. Eid is very widely celebrated in the Muslim community of the Middle East as well as much of the Arab American community.

At the AMAN Eid Dinner, guests, consisting of the Muslim population on campus, started arriving around 9 pm and settled in as the band was just starting some music. Many people were beautifully attired in traditional clothing, such as shalwar kameez, gorgeously coordinated with matching bangles, or as the natives say it, churis.

The event depicted a typical dinner: where people gathered for an elaborate three-course meal, followed by session of hookah and belly dancing. Hookah is a Middle Eastern tradition of smoking flavored tobacco.

The night consisted of a live Arabic band singing popular Arabic songs. The music added a very traditional touch, teaching everyone a lot about the culture. The guests were also served a five-course dinner which consisted of hummus, tabuli, falafel, kebabs with rice and beans, baklava, cava, and soft drinks. In addition, the guests had choices of main entrée between chicken kebabs, vegetable kebabs, arni pisto, and musakka.

The dinner was followed by a traditional live belly dancing performance. “I had never seen belly dancing before and was impressed by the talent the performer exhibited as she was extremely flexible and in sync with the varying beats and tones present in the music,” commented Manjari Rastogi ’06.

“I had a great time learning about the cultural experiences of the AMAN association. I was so impressed by the band and all the youths who played traditional Arabic songs. They were so talented,” said Long Nguyen.

The whole event brought out a cross section of the various cultures that Islam brings together. It brought together an ambience and mixture of the various aspects of Eid seen from various parts of the world.

China and Taiwan Escalate Tensions

China is now easing up on Taiwan regarding the impediment to Taiwanese elections coming up on March 20th. When China became Communist in 1949, the Democratic leader, Chiang Kai-shek, was ousted and fled in exile with his supporters to Taiwan. Taiwan has been pushing for independence ever since, much to the disappointment of the Chinese government.

The Chinese President, whom until now was not supportive of the Taiwanese elections, is now stating that he and Chinese officials will not interfere into the Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian’s, and other political matters.

China released a statement saying that it will, "not meddle" with the elections and that its only concern is about who gets elected, and that person’s views towards Taiwan’s relationship with China. Taiwan was under control of Chinese loyalists until 2000 when they declared independence from China. After 2000, a new government took over with hopes of declaring itself an independent nation from China.

In addition, Taiwan is also preparing to vote on its first ever referendum, which China had never seen as a threat. China considered it a threat because the country saw the move for the referendum, and the election, as a way for the Taiwanese people to break away from China. The nation also saw this move as the threat for independence, and thus, China decided to attack Taiwan. This is the reason why the Chinese President, whom until now was not supportive of the elections, is now stating that he and Chinese officials will not interfere into the Taiwanese elections.

A Chinese political leader also criticized Chen for not being honest and loyal to his people. Taiwan is proceeding with the processes even though it also received a warning from the United States to refrain from doing so. American officials in China also advised China to reduce the amount of missiles the country has got into preparation for a possible attack on Taiwan, to prevent both sides from reaching the verge of using physical force.

As a result, China, due to the growing escalation of tensions between the two nations has prepared an air military attack on Taiwan if needed. In response, Chen is asking the Taiwanese people to determine whether Taiwan should take precautionary measures to defend itself in case China decided to attack.

In order to make a move towards reducing tensions between the two countries, Chen had offered a bilateral effort in which Beijing would send an envoy to Taipei, Taiwan’s capital, and Taipei would send a Taiwanese envoy to Beijing in order to make efforts towards peace.

This offer was quickly rejected by the Chinese officials in Beijing who believed it was a deceitful tactic, closing one of the last resorts to peace before Taiwan proceeded with the election.

Over a year ago, China was making some progress towards their relations with Taiwan, hoping that they can take one thing at a time with the Taiwanese and slowly be able to work with them. Unfortunately, it seems as if they did not achieve such progress. Currently, the situation is becoming very intense, and the result of the election and the referendum will determine what will happen next.
Preemption is the Right Strategy for Self-Defense

CHRIS LEVINSON
STAFF WRITER

What would we have done in the second quarter of 2001 if we had known that al Qaeda was planning a strike on American soil that would kill thousands of innocent people? 

Without certain knowledge, but with a strong suspicion that something terrible and materialize without immediate action, would the president have been justified in leaving Afghanistan to prevent a possible al Qaeda attack? 

What would the reaction among peaceniks have been if we had taken out Mullah Omar and his merry band of the Taliban? Would he have had a chance to hijack four planes and murder 3,000 Americans? 

Probably not, but would such differences really be any different than they are reacting to the war in Iraq? 

Never mind that had the Taliban collapsed and the Afghans had been ignored, or if we had told al Qaeda that it was about to be killed, would the war against them have ended? 

Not only would we have greatly hindered the terrorist network around the world, but also at least one of those leaders captured alive would likely had spilled the beans on the possibly imminent imminent.)

Before September 11, 2001, any attack on the Taliban would have been, by definition, pre-emptive, something that the left maintains, even after 9/11, is impermissible. 

Therefore, even if we had known before 9/11 the depths of al Qaeda’s evil and the extent of the threat, the critics sniping at Bush’s decision to take out Saddam would have not have faved and Iraq would have continued to exist even after three years, until after 3000 Americans had perished. 

With perfect hindsight, peaceniks would seek to pick apart the analogy above. Saddam Hussein was contained, they argue, he had no weapons of mass destruction, they add. 

Though they made these arguments after the invasion of Iraq, they were no way they could have known that. Peaceniks’ pre-war contentions, in fact, were not even made, they were wrapped in wishful thinking. 

All available intelligence before the Iraq war pointed to Saddam having a WMD arsenal, and history showed that he had a disturbing willingness to use these weapons. Even the United Nations agreed that it was likely he had weapons of mass destruction.

Moreover, as his increasingly delusional novels made clear, Saddam was drifting further and further from any connection to reality. 

Despite all this evidence, the President Bush never labeled Saddam an “imminent” threat. His argument, in fact, was that the world needed to prevent Saddam from attacking us, which is exactly what Saddam became “imminent.” 

Yet every war critic and of course, the New York Times, was predicting that the “good question” was the only word Bush actually used. 

From this count, one particularly grievous example of journalistic malpractice at the Times deserves special attention.

In an article titled, “Leaders Sought a Threat, Spies Get the Blame,” the usually responsible Patrick Tyler summarized Bush’s case for war using the word “imminent” six times—directly six times more than President Bush did. 

Tyler even went so far as to claim that the Bush administration’s “case for war” is “irrefutable” and that “the Administration is making a case that is no more compelling than any previous case.” 

Once again, the left is attempting to rewrite history. The intelligence regarding Saddam may not have “appreciably changed in the last several weeks,” but the words had the words chosen to describe the threat. 

“(Saddam) will use those weapons of mass destruction again, as he has ten times since 1983.”

This is a word-for-word quote, not from Bush or Rumsfeld, but from Bill Clinton’s National Security Advisor, who stated it in 1998. More recently, even Sen. John Kerry, a man trying to unseat President Bush, called Saddam an “imminent” threat because he is so consistently prone to misconstrue.

If anything, former inspector David Kay’s recent report that no large caches of WMDs will be found in Iraq vindicates Bush. 

Kay directly refutes any assertion that Bush manipulated intelligence to suit a political purpose and never asked anyone to lie or doctor reports. What Kay also found, though, was that the intelligence media did not bother to cover it, was clear evidence that Saddam had deceived UN weapons inspectors on the eve of war. 

If the peacenik left finds restring so commendable and Bush’s pre-emption doctrine so nefarious, they fail to give any specific case for this position. Where are the cheerleaders praising Clinton for showing restraint regarding U.S. policy in the Middle East? The East African Embassy bombings, and the attack on the U.S.S. Cole when he refused to respond to the gathering threat posed by radical Islam? 

Democrats Still In Denial Over Kerry

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As this past week’s caucuses and one angry letter to the editor demonstrate, Democrats still cling to the fruitless notion that Senator John Kerry, frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, is electable. What a surprise it will be for them in November! 

First, despite claims to the contrary, Kerry does not support free trade. On January 25th, in an appearance with the Associated Press, Kerry clearly said, “I won’t sign any new trade agreements unless they contain strong labor and environmental standards,” and he has opposed CAFTA and the Free Trade of the Area of the Americas in their current forms. This policy which Kerry supports is not free trade, but “fair trade” — a policy which is insidious because it masquerades as free trade while having the effect of protectionism. Free trade helps developing nations eventually promote higher labor and environmental standards. However, requiring many of these standards in advance only slows down progress and hurts the very people that the policy purports to help: third-world workers and American consumers.

Kerry’s stance on abortion — opposition to even partial birth abortion — does not square with his claim that he is a Catholic. Though he is a separationist at heart, a person of religion often informs his or her positions on important issues, just as an atheist’s philosophical would. If Kerry wants to portray himself as a Catholic, especially in the Bible Belt, he should adhere to the major tenets of that faith — or else be prepared to live with something else. He can’t have his cake and eat it too. 

Though contrasting Kerry’s support for President Bush’s spending with his opposition to the Bal- ance and Budget Act is a weak argument, Kerry’s stance is still indefensible, since his own record shows a history of huge budget deficit spending. In fact, Americans for Democratic Action rate Kerry 5% more liberal than even Sen. Ted Kennedy. Odd that he votes like a typical tax-and-spend Democrat while criticizing Bush for taking a page out of that book. Kerry’s proposal for the deficit is not cutting enough but raising taxes — first by repealing the Bush tax cuts, but then on new nomination, all the dirt on Kerry will rise to the surface. Americans will hear all about Kerry’s involvement in the Big Dig fiasco — the project which started at $2.5 billion but quickly ballooned into $15.6 billion because of poor management, corruption, and media-savvy — and how Kerry blocked Sen. John McCain’s attempt to close a loophole that allowed millions of taxpayer’s money to an insurance company, American International Group. Kerry then received contributions from that company. 

We’ll also hear about Kerry’s acceptance of contributions from Metalabica, a company that was under indictment for money laundering, among other crimes. Charges against the company were dropped while Kerry served on a Senate subcommittee investigating the issue and the company then received contributions from that subcommittee. 

In a way, I believe that this whole primary season has been a reenactment of the scene in the “Princess Bride” where Westley duels Vizzini into drinking poisons by subtly convincing him that one cup was poisonous. Vizzini assumed that the other cup was poisonous when, in reality, Westley had simply developed an immunity to the poisons within the cup. Similarly, Republicans have convinced the Democrats that Howard Dean was underacheatable so they turned to John Kerry, though the reality is that both are poisined to which the Republicans are immune.
You Can’t Claim to Know What is Right

JUSTIN PFISTER
STAFF WRITER

The idea that in some way we embody the ultimate truth is deeply embedded in our thinking. As a world, we demand truth from religion and science and act with righteousness.

Since ultimate truth is outside the reach of humankind, ideas that claim they have it must eventually choose oppression in order to enforce their vision in society. Much like fascist dictatorship, these systems often declare that they are in touch with the ultimate truth. Coupled with globalization, extreme capitalist value systems over time will do the same thing.

I sat next to a young kid in Ecuador who had the Niki swoosh tattooed on his left hand and the Reebok logo tattooed on his right hand. This might not have to do with capitalism as much as the perceived infinite possibilities these companies encompass.

I have a feeling people don’t want to associate with United States because we achieve success, but because you can be and think anything you think there. What I’m aiming at with this article is the next step in society.

Why do we live in a world so dominated by “the way”? Why can’t we come to terms with the idea that there might be no right way?

I recently wrote an article claiming Howard Dean a hero because of his vision of a more open-minded society. Obsessing about taxes and wars is not the point, because every politician does not lead in a vacuum, and the pressures from the body they lead are inevitable.

The same principles we find in nature will guide the eventual outcome of decisions made in office. It is important; however, to rethink the guiding principles behind our decision-making. We should not base decisions on the perceived right way, but on a way that is more open-minded. Consider Howard Dean’s logic for civil unions. He accepted them not because he personally agreed, but because he had an open mind about people having the right to be together.

This open-minded school of thought is important but will require time to prevail. Karl Popper, author of the “Open Society and Its Enemies” says, “It means making the transition from a tribal or close-minded society, with its submission to magical forces [or the idea of ultimate truth], to an open society, which sets free the critical powers of man.”

“Tun not to wish the fact that I can only look with repugnance upon the puffed up pretentiousness of all those volumes filled with wisdom, such as are fashionable nowadays” says the philosopher Kant.

The birth of the United States brought life to the power of reason. It provided the insight for the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

Over 200 years into this Age of Reason we come to see that reason has its limitations because humans make mistakes.

To this day we refer to humans as fallible and I don’t think that is really the case. It is time to begin developing a social foundation based on human nature, which is not fallible, but open-minded and limitless.

Eye on Big Brother VI: Food Police Steal Rights

JASON BEDRICK
EDITOR OPINION

Lawyers used to chase bargains to look for potential clients. Then they went after “Big Tobacco,” perhaps their biggest cash crop to date. Now, sleazy lawyers who care more about fattening their own wallets than they do about fat Americans want to capitalize on the American “obesity crisis.” Their next target? Get for legal fodder is the food industry.

Fortunately, the lawyers lost the first round in a case where they were hoping would be a landmark decision, paving the way for innumerable anti-food lawsuits. Judge Robert Sweet dismissed the much-publicized case where a woman sued McDonald’s for “making” her children fat, claiming that McDonald’s food “presented a danger un- to the public health.”

Judge Sweet scoffed at the claim and asserted that if one knew the potential ill health effect of eating McDonald’s, they can’t blame McDonald’s for overeating.

However, lawsuit-happy trial lawyers won’t be deterred. Last week, the Director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Michael Jacobson, gave a speech in which he called for more lawsuits saying, “It’s going to take a whole lot of lawsuits to make a difference in public policy that will affect the dietary habits of the thousands that suffer obesity-related diseases.” Last year, during the Conference on Legal Approaches to the Obesity Epidemic (also called “How to Cash In On Others’ Problems”), Jacobson said that suing restaurants is “an extremely important strategy.”

In his new book, “Food Fight: The Inside Story of the Food Industry, America’s Obesity Crisis and What We Can Do About It,” the brain behind the infamous proposed “Twinkie Tax,” Kelly Brownell, argued that “unhealthy food is convenient, accessible, good-tasting, how bad for you, and cheap.” Whereas other nations have a shortage food, Brownell complains of the availability of McDonald’s and Frito-Lays - but dismisses the argument that people can choose what they eat and how much they do or do not exercise.

But food companies aren’t entirely responsible, according to the Food Police, the government shares part of the blame. In an ABC documentary titled “How to Get Fat Without Really Trying,” NYU Professor Marion Nestle claimed, “[w]e have government subsidies that promote...overeating from the beginning to the end of the food production system.”

How? The US government gives subsidies to farmers who can then produce cheaper food, which lowers the price of unhealthy products which use corn (or corn syrup) as an ingredient such as chips, cookies, sodas, and oils. This, of course, translates into a fatter America, he argues.

So what’s the answer? The Food Police want restrictions on fast food chains and restaurant portion sizes, high taxes on unhealthy foods, and lawsuits against people who provide them. Brownell even called for the closing of all “businesses selling food within a certain distance of schools.”

The carrot-crusaders and the salivating lawyers think personal responsibility is insufficient as they want to take away our freedom of choice as consumers in a capitalist market — or at least charge us more for making choices they don’t like. Wha: next, mandatory exercises? Keep your lawsuit off my cheesecake!

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OPEC May Lower Output To Keep Prices at Stable Level

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OPEC is again in the news because of its recent suggestions to cut output.

Aware that oil prices are usually high, key ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are set to meet later this week to discuss how to better ensure stricter quota "compliance" among its member nations.

Though many members of the organization are concerned about the upcoming summer months, most would like to keep oil prices artificially high for the near future.

OPEC is a cartel of the world's largest oil producers attempting to tighten its organization among its members. Most Americans may not be aware of the unusual high demand for OPEC's official production output stands at 24.5 million barrels a day.

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"Along Came Polly" and "You Got Served" Are Must-See Hits in the Box Office

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Lately I've been much more at venturing outside into the cool abyss that is New England or robbing my wallet of eight of its only dollars to watch some of the crap that's been in the theaters. The thing that stumps me about a horrific movie is how many stages and revision it goes through before the public views the best version of this nightmare.

I wonder just how many people smiled and lied through their teeth as they told Mike Myers that, no, he really didn't ruin the memory of Dr. Seuss for people everywhere, or Robert Lukeietz that "Win A Date With Ted Hamilton" was a great title. Oh, and make sure not to forget that explanation point at the end!

But I've taken a chance these past two weekends and bet my eight dollars a pop on two movies that I had no clue about but turned out to be absolute winners.

For all of you "Meet the Parents" and "Can't Hardly Wait" fans, "Along Came Polly" isn't worth just your eight bucks, it's worth treating your mom, dad, brother, girlfriend, and best friend to it as well.

Polly, played by Jennifer Aniston, is a fun-loving party waitress with a blind pet ferret and is desperately afraid of any sort of commitment large or small. Ben Stiller plays an insurance-risk-analyst who doesn't separate that professional skill from his personal life.

The movie is the story of Stiller marrying Debra Messing from the hit show "Will & Grace" and ends with him being with Aniston. But don't worry; I haven't ruined the movie for you. How he gets from one to the other is what attracts people around the world to these knee-slapping chick flicks.

The second was the unexpected success of "You Got Served." It's the story of the new broken-up music group, B2K, as a street-hop hip-hop dance crew. Made a name for itself in the box offices and brought in over $16 million in its opening weekend, which is even more noxiously considering it was also Super Bowl weekend.

Granted, the acting wasn't very good. Okay, it was horrible. But so, 50% of the movie was dancing and it was so good that the acting didn't even matter.

The basic storyline involved one guy dating his best Friend's sister, which led to the breakup of the crew. In the end the boys had to come together to win the competition and uphold their status as the best crew on the streets. The movie even comes complete with appearances by the all-so-irritating MTV MC LaLa and Lil' Kim wearing, as usual, way too little clothing. Seriously, the dancing in this show was so awesome and amazing that the bad acting, funky storyline, and irritating voice of LaLa didn't even matter.

Maybe the theaters are starting to make a comeback. Next on the list to check out are "Miracle," starring a hockey team, that has to learn to play together, and "Butterfly Effect," which gives an interesting challenge to the audience to see Ashton Kutcher play a guy out of his typically comical role.

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Sunday's Grammy Award Show a Hit

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ARTS EDITOR

This past Sunday at the Grammy Awards, one of the music world's highest honors, took place in Los Angeles, California. The star-studded event is sponsored by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Boyzone Knowles was one of the big winners of the night, taking home five Grammy's, including one for her smash hit "Dangerously in Love." She also shared the legendary artist Prince to sing Purple Rain, marking the 30th anniversary of the song. Among her awards were best for best contemporary R&B album and best female R&B performance.

Her single with Jay-Z, "Crazy in Love," was named best R&B song and best R&B/Pop collaboration. Her win of five awards ties her with the record setters Alicia Keys, Norah Jones and Lauryn Hill. For the most Grammy's won by a female artist.

Ou8rast won best album, best rap album and best urban/alternative performance. Ookast also per- formed their hit song "Hey Ya." De- troit rock group The White Stripes won two awards - best rock song for "Seven Nation Army" and best alter- native album for Elephant.

The up and coming gothic rock group Evanescence was awarded best hard rock performance. "Lose yourself" by Eminem was awarded best rap song. The UK group Coldplay won the award of the year for their song "Clocks."

On behalf of her late husband John Lennon, Yoko Ono accepted the President's Award for the Beatles. "If John was here tonight, he would have been very happy with his efforts with the others three were acknowledged in this way by the Grammy's, and probably (what would have wanted to say it). Come together. Give peace a chance. And the world will live in harmony and peace."

Christina Aguilera took home a best female vocal pop performance for her inspirational song "Beautiful." No Doubt took home Grammy for their song "Underneath it All." The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to pianist Van Cliburn, Latin Recording, was temporarily recovering from a devastating stroke, earned four Grammy's. The Foo Fighters won best rock album for One By One. Other winners of the night included Justin Timberlake for his song "Cry me a River." He was re- quired to apologize for the alleged cocaine malfunction with Janet Jackson at the Superbowl Show. In his acceptance speech Timberlake commented, "I've been a rough week on everybody, and what oc- curred was unintentional, com- pletely regrettable and I apologize if you guys were involved."

Although she was expected to come, Jackson declined the require- ment and was to show. Rick Scott Capt. was nominated for five Grammy's and unfortunately did not win.

"The Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin, country star Vince Gill, rock veteran Sting and jazz musi- cian Pat Metheny each won the 16th Grammy's of their careers this year.
This Goes Out to My Ladies: Peg and Josefina

LIFESTYLES EDITOR

This goes out to my ladies, my Trim ladies; most specifically, the lovely Peg and the most desirable Josefina.

If you haven't had the pleasure of associating with either of these A-listers, you're missing out, and I highly suggest you bump your Trim pass up to platinum status so you don't forsake yet another opportunity to meet two of the finest people that I know. If you think this piece is in jest, think again, because I hold both of these women in the highest regard and can't imagine college life without them.

Let's start with Peg, because that's where most Trim experiences begin in the first place. This woman is quite possibly the kinder, more genuine, down-to-earth person I know. She never fails to deliver a smile which lights up the room so bright that the sun becomes a jealous foe. On top of that, her input is priceless. Time well spent on campus most certainly includes taking a few moments out of your day to converse with Ms. Peg. As a wife, mother, and woman of wisdom, her words will likely not only leave you with a more positive view of the world, but also come in handy at some later crossroads of life. She's a brilliant and beautiful human being.

Next, if you've had a wrap in Trim you've probably had at least one of them made by Ms. Josefina. I kid you not when I say this woman has talent! She takes the wrap to a whole new level of appropriate condiment application, generous cold-cut addition, vegetable accessorizing, and finally the almighty, seemingly-impossibly perfect fold, wrap and roll. Most end in and fold under the pressure of an overloaded turkey with Munster and lettuce (my personal favorite), but Nof Josefina not only slays that beast, but does it with a confident smile. This woman knows her wraps.

Which brings me to my affliction: Why isn't Josefina the Employee of the Month? I frequently check the plaques that honor those who do stellar work, and while I'm sure all who have received the award have deserved it, Ms. Josefina has served her time as the unsung hero. Her work in the field of wraps and sandwiches is prolific, and an awesome sight to take in. Beyond her obvious talents, she's always in a great mood and was the conversationist in a number of languages. Bottom line, I'll make my own plaque if I don't see her name on Trim's oen. Josefina deserves the recognition.

So, Trim management, I would ask that you please consider this article to be the voice of the student body, and give credit where credit is due.

When it's all said and done, my enjoyable Trim experience can most often be attributed to Peg and Josefina rather than the food. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the food, too, but all I eat is wraps (because Josefina makes them), so I'm not sure if I've sampled all of the cuisine.

These women are truly worthy of applause, and I cannot express enough about either of these fine ladies. Peg, Josefina, thank you for making my Babson experience that much better.

Reasons Why Babson Is So Very Unique

ASHLEY JAIN
MANAGING EDITOR

Many current students refer to our campus as the Bubble. Why are we a bubble, and more specifically, our own kingdom?

Observation One: 02457; we have our own zip code so we can have a pub.
Observation Two: Roger Babson's grave is on campus.
Observation Three: We have a pub even though the college's founder ran for President under the Prohibition ticket.
Observation Four: The President of the College gets his own brick house in Wellesley.
Observation Five: Business suits are more common than t-shirt-and-jeans.
Observation Six: We have part of Newton's apple tree on campus.
Observation Eight: Babson used to run 8 am to 5 pm and each student had his own secretary.
Observation Nine: We have a sexually provocative mascot.

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Frank's Article: "Yay for Valentine's Day"

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Like every other man on campus, I am so thankful that Valentine's Day has finally come around. Valentine's Day is one of those special days that the media created to get us to buy more cards, more chocolate, more food, and more crap in general, like little huggie bears that blush when they kiss. How romantic.

Valentine's Day gives us the opportunity to tell people we care about them. I could do an in-depth history of the day, complete with graphs, charts, and annotated bibliographies, but nobody actually cares. I think people really care about getting laid. So frankreporter is here to help.

Expectations

For all you lucky people out there who already have boyfriends/girlfriends, Valentine's Day is a great way to rekindle the fire that burns in your life. But first, you must set your expectations. I said to my girlfriend, "Girlfriend, when is a good time to sit down and talk about our expectations for Valentine's Day?" Then we made a meeting and conversed.

You see, for couples, seeing eye to eye is key. Reaching an agreement is a lot like making a contract. You say, 'Lover, I will buy you one box of chocolates, one bottle of wine, and one very nice, but casual dinner.' And when she agrees, you race to Trader Joe's to buy a bottle of two-hock-chuck, grab a Hershey bar, put it in a shoe box, and pick up a bucket of KFC on the way back. Bingo. Love is served, everyone's happy.

Friends

For people who are friends, Valentine's Day can be a great way to show them you really care about them, maybe as more than a friend. Say for instance you have this friend, but you want them to be more than that, how do you get an in? Aside from raffles and other date rape drugs (kidding), what can you do?

I think pornography works great. First though, you must set the scene. Tell this friend that because neither of you has a date, you should spend it together. Go to the store, pick up a film (something not too sleazy, maybe European), and invite them over. Tell them that you got an indie film at the store that you heard was really good. When porn comes on act surprised but not totally excited. As shock turns to interest you may find each other slightly more attractive. You can take it from here I'm sure.

If porn doesn't work, try alcohol.

Total Stranger

This section is for the person who may be smitten by another person that they have never talked to. Maybe it's a professor, someone who works at Trim, or even that cute guy across the hall. What can you do to get with this person, aside from printing out their stalker-cum picture and pasting it life-sized all over your wall? I tried this, by the way, and let's just say it leaves a lot to be desired.

The solution here is to stage multiple 'coincidences.' This might require a bit of detective work, by which I mean stalking, but it's easy once you get started. Find out what they do for fun, like where they work, where they work, what classes, where they live, etc. And then just 'bump' into them all over the place. After a while you guys will be great friends, maybe, and at this point you can refer to section 2 (porn).

In closing, I wish you all the best of luck in getting lucky. Valentine's Day is a time to be shared by all! All you need is alcohol, porn, and the ability to compromise your morals for a while. Good luck.

Killing Formerly-Endangered Animals is Fun

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Black bears were put on New Jersey's endangered species list 34 years ago because their numbers had dwindled to alarmingly low levels. Now, several decades later, we get to see black bears again! New Jersey officials recently announced that the black bear population has grown to a sizeable enough level to open fire once again.

Bucks everywhere are cramping New Jersey's state highways with rusty pickup trucks for a chance to bust a cap into the fluffy, cuddly creatures. In just the first six days, 318 black bears were successfully terminated by shotguns, rifles, and small cannon fire.

Chris Smith '08 says, "I don't own a gun, but I sure wish I did. Killing an animal that was formerly endangered seems to be a great idea. The New Jersey game department really does an excellent job doing this!" Those hoping to kill a black bear of their own will have to pony up $285 for a hunting license or exchange one of their front teeth. Once riddled with a few bullets, the 1800 pound animal can be brought to a butcher for $300 and turned into an elegant rug that feels smooth and silky to the touch of the newborn's feet.

If killing black bears isn't up your alley, then head on down to Florida, rent yourself a boat and start romping over manatees. Weighing over 1500 pounds, these docile creatures are always getting chewed up by the propellers of speedboats. Once dead, the Coast Guard will quickly string up the carcass of the lazy animal and drag it safely away to see if it stinks up the beach.

Killing one of these might cost you one $300 boat propeller, but the joy of dismembering another harmless animal is certainly priceless.

So killing manatees and black bears still hasn't whetted your bloodlust for finishing off mother Nature's special. Known as "Kazakhstan Swift Foxes." It's not really your fault, if one of these so-called "swift foxes" can't run away from your 3 mile per hour tractor once dead, these foxes aren't much good for anything. Just enjoy the blood while it lasts and move on to the next kill.

Still hungry for murder? Jump on a boat and head to the Far East to kill some kittens! Renowned for its luxuriant fur, the Pallas cat is definitely one kitten worth hunting. Hunted to extinction, the fur from the Pallas cat of China is wide used for sewing caps, dress collars and ladies' fur coats. Katie Hogan '05 of Villanova University attests, "I feel badly people are killing Nature's special. Well if you are it is a part of their culture. If killing kittens is what they need to feel good, well then I suppose a few dead kittens may be what the world needs."
SPORTS

Men's Ice Hockey Wins in Weekend Competition

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Over the weekend Babson (12-8-1 overall and 7-7-1 ECAC East) showcased its high-powered of- fense which blew away its opponents. On Friday the Beavers took on Connecticut College in a wild shootout that ended in a 9-5 victory for Babson.

The Beavers got off to an early one-goal lead in the first on a goal by Rob Harvey '04. The Beavers then scored three more unanswered goals in the second period to give up a 4-0 lead. Johnny Kim '06 netted a pair while cap- tain Derek Ninula '04 also added to the score.

Connecticut College was not going to go quietly and scored 4 of the next 5 goals. The final goal was short-handed and could have demoralized the Beavers, but they were not going to be denied. The Beavers then struck back with their own 4 out of 5 goal streak.

Ninula added a pair while Kim and Harvey each added another score. This streaky game pro- duced three first period goals for the Beavers with Harvey, Kim, and Ninula each netting three. In addition to his hat trick, Harvey also had 4 assists for a total of seven points in the game. That outstanding performance led to ECAC East Player of the Week honors.

On Saturday the Beavers con- tinued their dominance with a 5-1 victory over Tufts. The Beavers gave up the early lead two minutes into the game, but tightened up their defense and did not al- low another one the rest of the game. The Beavers exploded for three goals in the third period. Harvey added his eighth point of the weekend with the game-winning goal. Dustin Kim '04 and Dan Synder '04 also each added a goal to give the Beavers a 5-1 lead after two periods.

In the third period, Babson ex- tended the lead with a James LaPremiere '06 goal and ended the game with a short-handed goal by Eric Trace '04. Goalie John Sterling '07 ended the weekend with a 2.50 goals against aver- age and a .927 save percentage. He stopped 76 shots in those two games. Those winning perfor- mances were good enough to earn the freshman ECAC East Goalie of the Week honors.

The Beavers still have four more conference games remaining this year and look to main- tain their fourth place standing in the division.

The Beavers led by their num- ber two power play in the confer- ence need to try to continue their offensive barrage and go into the playoffs on a roll.

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Watch These Upcoming Home Games!!!

2/13
Men's Hockey vs. Castleton St.
7:00 PM
2/14
Men's Hockey vs. Skidmore
4:00 PM
Women's Basketball vs. Smith
2:00 PM
Men's Swimming vs. Springfield
1:00 PM
2/17
Men's Basketball vs. MIT
7:00 PM

Winter Intramurals Off to an Exciting First Week

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The Winter Intramural Sports season kicked off last Monday night with 5-0 Basketball in the Staake Gym and Indoor Soccer in the PepsiCo Pa- vilion.

5-on-5 Basketball is per- haps the most intense and competitive intramural sport that we have here at Babson College.

Many veteran teams came out again this year, like the Insane Beaver Train and defending 3-on-3 B-Ball champs, the Goodfollas. The league consists of games on both Monday and Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm both even- ings.

The league is completely full at 16 teams, and a full four-week season with an eight-team playoff is set to last through March 8. For full updates game rules, rules, and schedules, look to our webpage at www.babson.edu/athlet- ics/intramurals.