Europe Institute Hosts Student Reception

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This past Wednesday, the Europe Institute, which is part of The William F. Glavin Center for Global Management, held a reception that was open to all undergraduate and graduate students. The Glavin Center is also home to two other institutes including the Hispanic and Latin American Studies and the Office of International Programs.

While the Europe Institute is in charge of a large task, it is currently still a small team, which consists of J.P. Jeannet, director; Evelyn Lagier, business development and program manager; Cathy Hunter, program coordinator; and Karl Bochler, executive-in-residence.

The Europe Institute is the youngest of the three institutes at an age of 18 months. The mission of the Europe Institute is to help project and build the Babson brand in Europe. The number one effort is to make Babson a key business destination.

Director Jeannet stated, "The highest goal of ours is to make Europeans who are going into business believe that their education is not complete without spending some time at Babson."

The Institute is trying to create programs that increase inbound traffic to Babson from Europe. Programs where people who are studying business concept can meet up with faculty and staff here to expand and critique the idea. Another way to creating more traffic is to build the network of strategic alliances in Europe.

BAM Hosts First of the Open Mic Sessions

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For about an hour on Wednesday evening, anyone who was in Glenn Chapel forgot they were in the middle of a business school campus. The Babson Arts and Music Tower (BAM), had their first open mic night—called the Boom Boom Room—this Wednesday at 8 P.M., and the creative energy present was undeniable.

The overall purpose of these open mic sessions is to bring members of the Babson community together in a celebration and cultivation of art, music, and culture.

So what is an open mic? An open mic provides a comfortable atmosphere for members of the Babson community (students, professors, faculty) to share their artwork.

For musicians, poets, actors, comedians, and just about anyone who wants to say something, an open mic is a great venue for performers of all levels.

For those who are just starting off and would like to start sharing their work, it provides a great starting place with a laid-back atmosphere and support community.

For those who are performers, it provides a place to show case works-in-progress and a place to practice performance and stage show abilities. For those who are well seasoned performers, it provides a venue for promotion, marketing, and the ability to reach a fan base.

The overall atmosphere was inviting, warm, and intimate. The Glenn Chapel provided the perfect backdrop for such an event, with its imaginative atmosphere of urban-influenced acoustics. Coaches, tables, and chairs were arranged to further promote the comfortable, laid back environment.

The event was open to musicians, poets, writers, comedians and actors and the evening was led by Chris Barredo as the MC. Sign up for the performances began at 7:45 p.m. The event was entitled the Boom Boom Room. BAM invited the Babson community to come and "relax, listen, and try experience all that is the Boom Boom Room."

All the performances of works were performed from a powerful and thought provoking poetry reading Continued On Page 2

Babson to Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

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On Monday March 1st, Babson College will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a Heritage Celebration at Sorenson Theater. "Since we are celebrating the legacy of Dr. King, it is not important when we do so," said Serge Paul-Emile, Manager of Diversity Initiatives, who chaired the committee that founded the event, in regards to the event being held in March instead of February. While not officially a part of Black History Month, the event will serve as a kickoff to multicultural month in March, which will feature numerous events on campus.

Syndicated columnist Julianne Malveaux will be the keynote speaker for the event. Malveaux is the President and CEO of Last Word Productions, Inc, a multimedia production company. She is also a prominent commentator and syndicated columnist with a PhD in economics from MIT.

"One of the things we wanted to focus on was the educational aspect of the event," added Paul-Emile.

With the continued support of the college, the event should be an annual occurrence on the Babson calendar. "Our whole intention is that it will be an annual event," said Black Student Union President and committee member Jonathan Jones, 06.

In the next few weeks, students in some FMS sections will be having ethics discussions in the context of Dr. King. The committee hopes that in the future, more professors will be able to include materials that complement the annual celebration, similar to the Thompson Visiting Poet Series.

No funding from SGA was used to fund the event which was instead sponsored by a variety of academic departments and the school administration. The cost was also offset by a number of corporate and non-profit sponsors including Liberty Mutual, The World of Wellesley and Soxideco. Malveaux will be available throughout the day to meet with students prior to the program commencing at 3pm. In addi Continued On Page 3
Noam Chomsky Lectures

Recently At M.I.T.

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Noam Chomsky started his lecture at MIT’s Kresge Hall on February 15 by speaking about the “reef of” Russian dominance and the “thirl” of sending a man to the moon. The public funded the exploration of space via government spending. The end result of going to space was not as important as the different technological innovations that were developed as part of this project. The companies linked to these projects profited from the successful innovation developed in the space race. Proites, the benefit has trickled down to the advantage of the moon during the 1960s. Due to the “reef of” being good for students and the “thirl” of sending a man to the moon, the public funded the exploration of space via government spending.

The Class Deans Corner

Question of the Week...

What classes do I register for next semester and when do I register?

With full registration right around the corner, now is the time to start considering classes you wish to take in the fall semester. The schedule of courses for the Summer and Fall 2004 terms will be available on March 1st. The great news is that your Class Dean will be available for appointments to review your course plan up until the first registration period, at which point advising will be available on walk-in basis. Additionally, our office will be sending out degree requirement checklists to your campus mailbox. These degree requirement checklists are designed specifically to help you plan your upcoming semester and other future planning. If you are meeting with your dean, please feel free to bring these degree checklists with you.

On-line registration begins begins on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Please make sure you are checking your e-mail from the Registrar for your registration date and time.

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

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
Go see the Comedianial! 67°F to 47°F
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
Go see Miss Robinson LOW 28 HIGH 43
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
Go to the Semi-Formal Dance LOW 32 HIGH 45
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
Watch movies on channel 9 LOW 24 HIGH 42
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
Go back to Classes! LOW 22 HIGH 38

“Mai’s America” Delights Sorenson Audience

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Sorenson Theatre was packed Wednesday evening for the screening and director’s discussion of “Mai’s America.” The film is about a spunky young North-Vietnamese girl who travels to America with an exchange program for her senior year of high school. Mai lives for half of the year with a family of self-proclaimed red-necks and with an African-American Baptist couple during the second half. She makes friends with everyone, from a pair of the school’s most popular girls to an out-of-place transvestite. Following the year in high school, Mai attends Full University until she is forced to drop out when her family can’t afford to pay for her education.

More interesting than the actual events of the movie’s production is Mai’s perspective see Mai’s perspective change over the course of her stay in America. When the movie begins in Vietnam, she thinks that the US is a perfect place. In the course of a few years, she realizes that people in the US often work harder than people in Vietnam. In an ingenious book ending, the film opens with her seeing shoe shine boys in Vietnam, and closes with her employment as a pedestrian in Chicago. Mai also finds that people in America often only take interest in her when she does something abnormal to them, like eating ketchup on her sausage.

Conversely, some people take genuine interest in her because of her difference. The difference is remarkable. For example, her high school history teacher helps to flush Mai’s understanding of American life negative during a lesson on the Vietnam War. Mai ends up balancing both the positive and the negative with laughter. Following the movie screening, students had the unique opportunity to have a Q&A with the director of the film’s director, Marlo Poras. Poras, who spent most of her childhood in Vietnam, was decided to shoot the movie after spending several years in the educational videos on AIDS for Vietnamese youth. Poras shot over one hundred hours of footage to compile the 72 minute movie. The movie originally screened in early 2002 in the Manhattan’s Lincoln Center. Since then, Poras has toured it world-wide at film festivals to great acclaim. It has received top awards at numerous important independent film festivals: the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary at South by Southwest, the Golden Gate award at the San Francisco International Film Festival, and a Feature Documentary Award from the National Documentary Association. In August, the movie even aired nationally on PBS.

“Mai’s America” was used as a subject over other exchange students arguely comfortable. The young girl’s comfort and transparency in front of the camera. Though Poras had to occasionally re-record audio clips for the film, most of the footage was very natural and real, she said. Hendrickson said the move over the course of Mai’s stay in the US while living in Malaysia and making occasional trips to Mississippi. She said that this was difficult because she didn’t occassionally see much of the happenings in Mai’s life, such as when the young girl watched the movie for the first time.

Major funding for “Mai’s America” was provided by the Global Video for Public Broadcasting.

Europe Institute Welcomes Students During Reception

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British Business School. The research, GEM, Global Entrepre- neurship Monitor, recently released its fifth annual world entrepreneurship report. The Babson College is working to formalize its concentration program, the Euro- pean Institute is also working to develop international degrees at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The proposed degrees include international studies, with a liberal arts focus; operational inter- national business, which is focused more on economics; and global business management, which is marketing and management directed. The Europe Institute is working to develop ideas that will benefit the school in the future. Inter- national students are encouraged to visit the Europe Institute located in Olin 321 or join the Undergraduate or MBA Euro- pean Studies Program.

Furthermore, the Glavin Center suggests that students look forward to the Global Business Symposium which is scheduled for April 17th and will feature a session of tuto- rials, panel discussions, and alumni speakers.
MLK Jr: To Be Celebrated At Babson in March

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Duncan McIntyre, Alex Hakowski, and Alex Owsternski, all seniors, enjoy their time at the Senior Auction, held Tuesday February 17th at the Roger's Pub. Items were auctioned off to faculty, staff, and students, the profits of which will go to the senior class.

Public Safety Police Log 2-9-04 to 2-16-04

Lockout 70
Motorist Assistance 4

Monday 2-9-04
4:49 pm Student with a wrist injury requested an escort to NWH. Tuesday 2-10-04
12:19 am Report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall. Officer asked student to decrease the volume on the radio.
12:47 am Report of a noise complaint in Coleman Hall. Student asked to keep the noise down.
1:54 am Report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall. Student asked to keep the volume down on the TV.
11:58 pm Report of suspicious activity at the Ice Rink. Parties asked to leave the area. Wednesday 2-11-04
6:19 pm Report of a motor vehicle accident in the Coleman lot. No injuries, report filed.
9:11 pm Ambulance requested at the Webster Center. Student with a shoulder injury transported to the NWH.
11:22 pm Student reports money taken from his wallet in VanWinkle Hall. Report filed. Thursday 2-12-04
Friday 2-13-04
12:04 am Report of a trash barrel fire in FMS. Barrel removed and put outside.
12:57 am Report of a noise complaint in PMC. Students asked to decrease the volume of the music.
6:15 am Report of an intoxicated person by Forest Hall. Transferred to NWH.
2:51 am Report of a noise complaint in PMC. Students asked to decrease the volume of the stereo.
Saturday 2-14-04
1:50 am Report of a noise complaint in FMS. RA contacted. 6:18 pm Request for an ambulance in Canfield Hall. Party transported to NWH.
Sunday 2-15-04
7:16 pm Report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall. Officers spoke to students to keep the noise down.
Monday 2-16-04
2:06 am Report of a fire alarm in McCullough Hall. Alarm reset.
2:54 am Request for an ambulance in Canfield Hall. Party transported to NWH.

The Babson College Department of Public Safety recognizes the need to have the Babson community’s assistance if we are going to effectively perform our duties. In an effort to encourage calls from those members of the Babson community who will not normally contact Public Safety whenever they have complaints, concerns or information, we have installed a confidential caller telephone line.

Although we prefer to converse with individuals, we acknowledge the fact that some people wish to leave information anonymously. To protect the identity of callers, all calls will be directed to an answering machine that does not have caller ID.

The telephone number is 781-237-8164.

If you need information or have immediate concerns, please call extension 5555 from a Babson campus telephone.

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The CCD Corner

The Makings of a Good Resume, Part II

In this concluding piece of our series on resumes we’ll cover the final components of a good resume — Activities and Skills. Employers want candidates who can contribute both to the job as well as to the company’s cultural and extracurricular activities. Such extracurricular activities is as important as your academic and professional pursuits. If you haven’t already become involved in campus, it’s not too late! Here are just a few of the many options: join a club, write for the Free Press, play intramurals, run for student government, audition for the theatre, or apply to become an RA, Peer Mentor, or other campus leader.

Activities
This section should include names of the organizations to which you belong and any positions or leadership roles held. It should be easy to read and include responsibilities and results of your involvement or leadership. Include non-Babson activities when relevant. In addition to assessing your level of extra-curricular involvement, employers are looking for qualities of time management, leadership and personal qualities. They want to understand how you spend your time outside of the classroom.

Skills
Focus on specific software and internet research tools that are relevant to your job search, i.e. Microsoft Office, Bloomberg Certified. Also include foreign languages, and your level of proficiency. If you are fluent, say so. If you have only "working knowledge" of a language, say that, too. Skills can also be listed in the Education section, particularly if there is a relevant skill you’d like to highlight but do not want to wait until the end of the resume to do so.

Personal
This section is rarely necessary. Very little personal information is required on a resume intended for use in the United States. However, if you have an international background, consider including a brief description of your experiences. You’ll want to be very comfortable with the final result, as it’s your most important marketing tool in the job search!

Upcoming Events
Don’t miss these CCD events next week. Sign up in ePiazza, available at www.babson.edu/ccd:
- IT Career Panel featuring alumni and employers, February 25, 6 pm, Reynolds 241
- Career Letters & other Job Search Letters, Brown Bag Lunch, February 25, 1-2 pm, Hollister 206
- Heart of Medtech, a software and service company in Canton, MA. February 26, 2-4 pm
The SGA President’s Report

Stompin' Through Spring Semester: SGA’s Spring Goals

What is going on in SGA? Well if you are not a member of SGA and you haven’t noticed the increase in programming, events, leadership opportunities, individual attention, student empowerment and community development, let me break it down for you. The executive board of SGA had a retreat on Columbus Day, our day off, to develop a vision for our group, team goals and an action plan. The day’s brainstorming revolved around the notion that we need to “give more than we’re expected to.” Our vision was to “increase Babson pride and community involvement by giving all students the tools, knowledge, and resources to raise school spirit, create leaders, become proactive, and improve their own lives at Babson.” To an extent, we have achieved many of the goals outlined in October, but we are far from content and we have tackled more goals at our spring retreat this last Sunday – another holiday weekend.

This semester, the SGA will continue to bring our community together in work and play. Individual attention to student groups and individuals needing funding advice and event planning advisement will still be available. We will work to create a lasting relationship with our athletic teams to promote “Spirit Days” and “Game Days.” Programming and procedure consistency in Roger’s Pub will be evaluated. SGA and its many organizations will continue to provide students with an off campus experience with a Red Sox trip in April, a trip to the theater, skiing outings, and much more. SGA’s 96 members will continue to market SGA as “the voice of student body” and encourage students to know that SGA is a one stop shop, the first and only voice of the student body. All of this will lead to student empowerment. We want students to know there is little they can not do on this campus and they are the reason for its success and their own happiness and that SGA is here to support them. SGA would also like to be a part of improving students’ residential life and community development in their dorms. Most importantly, SGA would like to recognize student leaders on campus, without a GPA requirement, for contributing to our community with little or no benefit or recognition. SGA appreciates student leaders and we hope to recognize them with a banquet and profile them each week in the Free Press on our SGA page.

How are we going to evaluate our success? SGA plans to distribute a short survey at the end of the semester to evaluate our success and student satisfaction. This will also be a benchmark for our successors as they step into the role. If you would like to know more about SGA’s goals and contributions or would like to add input of your own, join us every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the SGA Room – Trim 201/202.

To see a complete listing of SGA’s spring goals go to the SGA tab on blackboard and refer to the “documents” link.

Have You Gotten a Traffic Ticket?
If you have, and want to appeal it, here’s what you should do!

1. Appeal at the Office of Public Safety
2. If Denied, Bring your case to Traffic Court!

(contact Jean Drapeau in the Public Safety office to schedule your court date drapeau@babson.edu.)

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

Three of the most elaborately clad & most Babson spirited pairs will have the chance to WIN $100 in our half-time “Dress n’ Dribble” Contest so...

Show your BABSON PRIDE!!

Brought to you by SGA, Sports Marketing, The Babson Cheerleaders, & CAB
you were out late with your friends. you sleep through your alarm. your boss asks why you are late. what do you say? answer the question. compare your opinions with others. explore what matters at pwc.com/lookhere.
POINT/COUNTERPOINT: Definition of Marriage

In the recent days and weeks, the legislature of Massachusetts has considered several amendments which would define marriage and civil unions. As this is an issue of utmost importance to the Freewillists, both sides of the debate should be carefully examined and understood.

Part #1 Traditional Marriage Does Not Violate Civil Rights

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OPINIONS EDITOR

As the Massachusetts legislature debates the definition of marriage, the rest of America is watching intently. People are trying to decide where they stand on the issue and most thoughtful Americans want to understand what civil rights are for everyone but also want to preserve the role and definition of traditional marriage in our society.

However, this is not a civil rights issue. Comparing it to the African-American civil rights movement is flawed and inappropriate. We, as a species, couldn't vote, attend the same schools, nor live in the same neighborhoods against homosexuality. On the other hand, homosexuals can do all these things just like everyone else. Most people down to this debate, homosexuals must abide by the same marriage laws.

Every American citizen is allowed to marry one consenting adult. There is no one who is not an immediate family member. Arguing that denying homosexuals the "right" to same-sex marriage because people should be allowed to marry any consenting adult in any state, opening the doors to polygamy, bigamy, and incest. While marriage is what we would have to tell five people that they can't marry if they all love each other! What about a brother and sister? Is it morally wrong for a man and a woman to love each other? Using love and commitment as a basis.

Others argue that providing leave no legal means of prevent--

Part #2 Civil Unions Are Not Enough

PLOT THURSDAY, FEB. 19TH 2004

Point #2 Civil Unions Are Not Enough

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While gay-marriage protestors focus on the "desecration of something sacred," the real debate is about whether civil unions should discriminate against same-sex couples.

As a secular nation, the definition of marriage as a legal contract requires: 1) the couple is of proper age; 2) neither member of the couple is presently married; 3) the couple is not already closely related; 4) the couple passes blood tests; and 5) the couple pays a fee.

The fact that same-sex couples meet these requirements for valid marriage contracts is unconstitutional to exclude same-sex couples from full marriage rights (not just civil unions).

Same-sex couples are the only couples that meet the requirements for valid marriage and are still refused marriage licenses (polygamists do not qualify, contrary to anti-gay marriage warnings).

Nevertheless, opponents of gay-marriage make the following weak arguments for denying marriage rights and allowing only civil unions:

1) Gay families are equally protected under civil unions.
2) The purpose of marriage is procreation and children are better off raised by a man and a woman.
3) The costs are too high for allowing same-sex marriage.

Over 300 Massachusetts marriage laws fail to protect couples in civil unions. This includes worker's compensation, hospital visitation rights, pension survivorship rights, and tax benefits.

On September 11th, 2001, a woman's lesbian partner of twenty-seven years was on Flight 77, but was denied knowledge of her spouse's condition because they were united in civil union, but "unmarried."

While the couple did everything possible to protect their economic rights, the surviving partner suffered from another loss after finally learning of her partner's death: the financial benefits that widow's traditionally receive, such as property rights, worker's compensation and benefits of life insurance were not granted to the woman. Civil unions deny same-sex couples the economic privileges granted to married couples.

Marriage is about a couple's love and commitment— with or without children. If a husband and wife cannot physiologically procreate, society still values their commitment. While it is obvious that numerous married couples do not procreate, it is less obvious that same-sex couples in Massachusetts raise children in the same proportion as opposite-sex couples according to the 2000 census data (1.89 and 1.86 respectively).

Excluding parents from marriage rights harms children by restricting their parents' abilities to fully protect them under state law. If one spouse dies, the other spouse may not have the ability to legally protect the child.

Furthermore, if marriage is a good setting within which to raise children, then it is also a good setting for children to be raised by same-sex parents. Countless expert studies insist that healthy child development requires two committed parents, regardless of their gender.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of Social Workers and many others, children raised by gay and lesbian parents are developmentally normal on every measure.

Perhaps the only thing that can deter normal child development is the trauma a child must go through trying to understand why their parents have unconditional love and commitment but cannot enjoy the benefits of full marriage.

The claim that allowing same-sex marriages increases costs is unfounded. Most of the economic protections of marriage, such as survivor rights on pension do not cost taxpayers anything. Census data shows that homosexuals are proportionately spread along the economic spectrum.

All gay and lesbian couples will be held equally responsible for their economic well-being, as some will pay higher taxes and some lower. The myth about monetary problems is so clear that countless businesses already offer domestic partnership benefits.

Marriage, throughout human history, has been defined and redefined by society and the laws. Just like arguments ever intermarriage, women's rights in marriage and divorce caused debate but eventually consensus; the same will happen for marriage rights of homosexuals.

The freedom to marry is a badge of full and equal citizenship in the United States, yet the unconstitutional exclusion of same-sex marriages denies homosexuals the right to wear this badge of citizenship.

Ironically, same-sex couples often cherish marriage rights more than opposite-sex couples, much like immigrants appreciate freedom in America more than natural-born citizens. Many straight couples joke about the miseries of marriage, while gay couples dream of the opportunity to show commitment through the act of marriage.

While straight men panic at the thought of commitment, gay men pray for their commitments to be recognized. Perhaps our society can learn something about the blessings of marriage from the gays and lesbians who devote themselves to marriage ideals.

Same-sex marriage advocacy strives not just for the minimal legal rights of civil unions, but rather the perfect union—marriage.
NICKNAMES I Just Cannot Stand to Hear

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Throughout the time we all have re-ceived nicknames that are more than what our parents gave us. Most often these names are assigned as a result of a character trait or even our real names to create fun-loving names like Diggie or Smailla. Having a nickname is a part of this name game where names have been created simply to hurt. This is what I start to get stuck because some will take the fun-loving out of nicknaming and title the category name game.

The classical name calling like "four eyes" (which nowadays can be fixed with the technology of contact lenses and/or lasers) is normally remedied with the saying "sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me," but what that does not hold true if you have ever been part of a minority that gets deemed one of those dehumanizing and demean- ing nicknames. People who change in their force and attack the individual at a levels beyond any set of sticks and stones. Unfortunately, some of those nicknames you have heard are normally indicated by a re- quirement to hold back in front of certain company. That list became so outlandish that censors don't allow them to be heard or seen in any type of media.

I am a strong proponent for fighting against this bigotry of name-call- ing that crippling an individual for the sake that is built into the nickname which carries the specific in- teraction of demeaning a minority (for there seems to be one for each mi- nority out there).

To illustrate an instance that hap- pened with me, a white-suburban Americas, where being called one of those nicknames set me off. It wouldn't have been like "I fit into a minority or what minority name would afford such a faceless character as a white boy from Jewelry, but that's the thing...they all offend me.

I went to a bar in Boston one week- end to celebrate a friend's birthday, a jovial time for all in attendance. Enter the Noserdar male that like to puff and show through the crowds to bump into me. Now I am not one to start con- flicts but there was clearly a path around him (but those were obviously not men) continued to chow. The second one, who hid around, I know what must have kept his good pal decided to see if I would move by using a phrase that would do exactly the onus.

I recall this story to show that nicknames, specifically hateful ones, do not simply upset the minority they are offending, but affect indi- viduals of all types. What we need to realize as individuals is we all carry far more similarities than differ- ences in this life.

My final plea to the world is to realize we should explore our differ- ences not ignorantly push apart them with name-calling.

ITSD Laptop to Loaner Program Has Problems

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I didn't think my email would get through but did. Five days later I am sitting here, thinking of the best way I want to commu- nicate my opinion on this issue. First of all, thank you to everyone who responded, not just to the stu- dents, but also to ITSD staff mem- bers, like Dave Ponsik and Dan Tonelli, who expressed their concern over the issue as well as ex- plained to me some of their chal- lenges.

From the emails that I received my impression is that most se- niors either, there is a lack we don't keep our laptops, or are a little confused as to what going to happen. I do believe that what talked to would like at least an option to keep/purchase their laptops calling.

The most important issue for me personally was that there wasn't a system or attempt to get the end user (student) opinion before this decision was made. After talking to some of my previous ITSD em- ployee I realized that efforts are being made to make these options work, such as the possibility of a survey in the near future to figure out what kind of computers stu- dents may want.

Another issue that was raised was the financials: I must have paid over $10,000 over my past 4 years for my laptop. Shouldn't I be able to keep it? Where is the money going? True, we do get in- surance, service and support but I can also buy 4 new laptops with $10,000.

Talking the view point of ITSD, there will definitely be challenges to providing these options. We may end up paying a lot for our existing laptops due to software li- censing issues with the vendors. In the worst case scenario, ITSD would have to figure out a way to transfer our existing data to a network drive and then to our home/new computers.

I'd like to say that, in my opin- ion, we should get a system that will satisfy the students efficiently this year, right now. Not only will that help future graduates but it will also make ITSD's job easier in the coming years as more students will likely prefer to have an option to keep their laptops from the loaner program.

Last but not least, I'd like to en- courage students to speak out about issues like this. Even though I am graduating I see a lot of tal- ented individuals who should be able to take a stand and voice their thoughts. ITSD's job is to provide technical solutions to the student body, but they are not limited to the laptop loaner program, they also have many other responsibility.

As students we also have a re- sponsibility to make sure the sys- tem is running efficiently and to provide feedback in a profes- sional manner. I'd like to invite anyone who has any insights into what kind of options the school might be able to offer for not only this year's grads but the years to come.

What Are John Kerry's Real Positions on the Issues?

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We have all heard John Kerry profess his disappro- val of "special interest groups." The line "we're coming, you're going... and don't let the door hit you on the way out" has become the latest catchphrase of his presidential campaign. But other than that, it is hard to gauge exactly where he stands on major issues.

In fact, even his policy towards the special interests is ambig- uous. .

Kerry promises "lobbyists", does he mean to include those for Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club? Or is he a "liberal lobbyist" an oxymor- on? Does the $840,000 he received from the telecommunications and financial lobbyists not count?

He claims to able to "spe- cial interest groups, the privileged and special inter- ests." Yet he supports bil- lions in ethanol subsidies, mostly for agribusinesses. Could he be thinking about corn-growing, caucus-hold- ing Iowa?

This is just a small sample of the amorphous Kerry policy. He lambasts the Bush administration for questioning "the patriotism" of its critics. But he says that, as President, he would "appoint a U.S. trade rep- resentative who is a American patriot." Does this imply that the current rep- resentative, Robert Zoellick, is not a patriot?

He strongly praises former Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin for his support of NAFTA and free trade. However, Kerry is now op- posed to NAFTA (though he voted for it).

He personally opposes gay marriage, but claims that it should be a states right's isue - agreeing with what Dick Cheney said in 2000: "States should have a right to come to different conclu- sions concerning same-sex marriage..." Is he one of only 14 senators who opposed the Defense of Marriage Act, which pro- mpts the question: "If anyone out there is confused right now, it is under- standable. But perhaps most confusing of all is his position on the war in Iraq.

Last year, he voted for the resolution authorizing President Bush to use force in Iraq, and has stated that he was against an immediate withdrawal of our forces, but he opposed the $87 bil- lion funding bill to pay for the war. How can be in our involvement in Iraq but against paying for it? Wars are expensive and, unless we want us to lost Iraq, they do not pay for them- selves in the short term.

The issue is also frequently ac- cused the Bush administration of over-exaggerating intelligence reports regard- ing the use of mass destruction. However, Kerry also stated in the Senate floor, "acquiring the tools of mass destruction...". This sounds a lot like the Bush administration's own state- ments. Is Kerry going to be one of the lone voice of trying to faire some good in our involvement in Iraq, or does he just wish to make sure the Bush administra- tion's own statements are not followed up on? It is up to his vote.

What happened to the old John Kerry that remember from the Senate? He seems to have morphed into a kind of Howard Dean but with a war record and more pretentious accent.

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Hello,

I've been reading your articles for a while now, and have come to the conclusion that even with some obvious errors, the articles are informative and well written. How about a more responsive editor for the newspapers? It would be appreciated by those who have made the effort to read your articles. I can provide you with an example of an editor's response to a letter of the editor from this week. Please consider it. Thank you.

Bob Richter
B.A.B.O. Plans for a Successful Semester

WILL HANSEN • B.A.B.O. TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

This week I had a chance to talk with the CEO of B.A.B.O: “The Original, Babson Outfitters.” If ever there was a time when Babson seemed very excited about the progress his business was making, this was it.

B.A.B.O. is an FME business which has been selling nylon gym bags for the past few weeks. These bags have straps so that they can be worn on the back, and a logo which shows the name of the company and the “running beaver” mascot of the school. The bags are made of high-quality nylon and can be purchased for $15, at either the company’s cart in Reynolds, or online at www.babsof.com. The company also plans to do some personal selling, involving sending employees from the company to talk to the various dorms on campus and doing some door-to-door selling. Nicky’s coupons have been going fairly well so far, considering that the company only has one half of the products available at the moment. By the end of this week, the company plans to unveil its second product, a “customized” sweatshirt. Nicholas explained that the company has “upgraded” the product because they have a brand new logo on the front, and they are in green, with white lettering. Due to some delays in the design, manufacture, and shipping process, these sweatshirts have not been available as of yet. However, the sweatshirts have been ordered and are scheduled to be out by the end of this week, and will most likely be on sale early next week.

“The biggest problem right now for the business is working on creative ways to get the B.A.B.O. name out there. It has created and dispersed some flyers for the business, and is working on a banner for the cart in Reynolds. The company is also planning to go to sports events and advertise, as it believes the bags and sweatshirts will sell well to the sports crowd. This is a good niche for the business to sell to as the bags are the right size to carry work out clothing or other sports apparel, as long as possibly a pair of running shoes. The sweatshirts also have an “anergy beaver” logo which will appeal to those students on campus who are proud of a Babson sports team.

The company also is working on several different promotional ideas. One idea is to go to a sporting event and hold a raffle to give away one of the bags or sweatshirts. This could be a good way of gaining notice in the target market. A few more promotions were planned, but the company is wary of giving away too much free merchandise.

According to CEO Felsen, the company is getting along quite well. Despite a few setbacks, mostly pertaining to the design and production of the sweatshirts, the group is getting along very well. Everyone appears to be doing their job, and getting along with the other members of the group. This bodes well for the company’s success, as the only businesses that will succeed are the ones that can get along well with each other.

If you’re looking for a B.A.B.O. bag or sweatshirt, check out the company’s online stores. The company’s store is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00-6:00 P.M., and Fridays from 9:00-5:00 P.M. or on its website at www.babsof.com. Salespeople may also be coming to your dorm so be sure to check them out!

Cingular Swipes AT&T from Vodafone

COREY TANASE • STAFF WRITER

On Monday, February 16, in the largest deal of its kind when Vodafone executives sipped peacefully in London, a surprised AT&T Wireless. With this acquisition, the company now becomes the largest network over forty-nine states and with annual sales over thirty-two billion dollars.

The deal, however, was completed in the US market. A Cingular acquisition was sold at the “Gate” fashion. When AT&T Wireless decided to put the bid for Cingular, the bid was $2.6 billion. The bid was used as the “Beacon Light” and Wachtel Lipton Rosen & Katz as the law firm involved. The bid from Vodafone was $13.10 dollars a share which by Monday had become $14.00 dollars a share.

By four pm Monday, when final bids were taken, Cingular was concerned they had again been outbid by Vodafone. That same night, the CEOs of SBC and BellSouth met to discuss a possible final bid. Shortly after one, with both of their board’s approval, Cingular came in with a last minute offer that was contingent upon immediate acceptance. Their bid was for $14.00 a share, a twenty-six percent premium over Friday’s close.

Although this last-minute bid is unusual, teasers do rise as bidders try to gain inside information on other bidders and what growth prospects can exist should a merger fail to be won. The merger is expected to generate savings of two billion in a year starting in 2008. Although regulatory obstacles are expected to be overcome, some organizations are trying to block the merger in areas where they would have an unfair majority. The merger, nonetheless, will undoubtedly be on layoffs to cover the synergies expected to generate a valuable HBI to Cingular Wireless investors.

AMD and Intel Go At It Again

COREY TANASE • STAFF WRITER

This past week, Intel Corporation (NASDAQ:INTC) announced that it will change its processor architecture to be more advanced and complicated 64-bit architecture. Following on the heels of yesterday’s announcement, Intel has recently pledged to move new architecture into all of its most popular chips.

AMD made a gamble many months ago when it chose to produce on a line of processor chips that include special 64-bit extensions, making it possible to run 32-bit compatible programs as well as the latest 64-bit software.

Intel had not developed this technology because it felt that hardly any users would demand the more powerful 64-bit processors, and that they would only be used by heavy-duty corporate and scientific users. With this latest announcement, Intel will be incorporating this 64-bit processing into its next generation Pentium processor, known as Prescott, that will be released before the end of the year.

As of now, AMD has the market lead until Intel is able to catch up into the 64-bit chip market. Some analysts believe that be- cause Intel did not foresee the importance of this technology as quickly as AMD, it will lose market share in one of the most profitable segments of the business.

The AMD version of this 64-bit chip is called Opteron.

Microsoft has already developed a Windows XP system that runs on this chip. Sun Microsystems and IBM have also announced that they plan to purchase Opteron systems manufactured by AMD. Even Apple Computers has announced that it plans to offer 64-bit computing for certain applications, and Intel executives recently announced their particular interest in new 64-bit processors.

Intel’s lackluster performance could be attributed to its chief development officer, Craig Barrett. In a speech today, Barrett promised to move its technology into this more promising direction by the end. AMD’s director of server and workstations has claimed, "This suggests to AMD that Intel is now following our leadership."

Although Intel has been surprised by the movement of chip technology, its commitment to the end-user is unquestionable. Intel will continue to attempt to gain market share as possible in the next ten months to solidify its place in the next generation of computing.

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Supreet Maniktala, with her host parents pose during her study abroad experience at the University of Granada, Spain. Supreet had a wonderful time with her host family who was very hospitable as is so common in their culture.

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**INTERNATIONAL EDITOR**

Vladimir Putin, the Russian President was extremely embarrassed as the missiles to be launched during the Presidential military exercise observation failed. Putin is being criticized by many in the international community of taking too much power and control for himself in the government. Even as the presidential election comes around the corner, next month, there is very little if any campaigning to be seen in the country by Putin.

It seems as though Putin is using the Russian media as his way of campaigning since he has been receiving an increased amount of coverage on him and his activities by the media. It seems as though it is an effort to project his image. If Putin is behind the media control, than he has achieved too much control in the country and is bringing back some of the ways which existed during the communist era in Russia until the early nineties.

Before his previous election, Putin, like President Bush attempted to make a ‘hero stunt’ by flying co-pilot in an air force jet. Over the current presidential term of Putin, one of the biggest drawbacks against him in his presidency was his way of dealing with the sinking of the submarine, Kurek, which resulted in a loss of life for over a hundred Russian sailors. Putin refrained from accepting international aid, as believed, because he was too proud to accept it, Putin kept insisting that the country had the resources to rescue the sailors. Unfortunately, due to Putin’s lack of appropriate actions and promptness in the situation, it was too late to save the sailors.

Putin and his government are also plagued by the international community when he had the oil tycoon Khodorkovsky arrested. Many political analysts strongly believe that Putin’s hand was behind the oil tycoon’s arrest because he was giving too much money and growing in power with opposition against Putin. In addition, this move created skepticism by foreign investors in Russia who deemed such moves as demonstrating anarchy and power control. In fact, there was another missile launch on Wednesday which also failed. This time the missile was launched and did take off, but it veered off course creating a serious situation. As a result, the commanders decided to use the self-destruct component of the missile and it broke apart mid air and came down into the water.

In the issue of the previous missile launch failure, there have been conflicting reports coming out of the naval commander and others in charge of missiles leading to conclusions of untrustworthiness in the government and a clear effort by it to cover up the failure and situation.

The chief naval commander released a statement within a few hours of the failure of the missile stating that it was just a test launch, and the missiles were not to be launched physically. This report conflicted with the statement that was released by the fleet in charge of the launch which admitted that there was a malfunction in the launch. Finally, the missile launch had been extremely publicized as a military ‘observation’ by Putin, if it was a practice test than why would the president of the country be there to view it.

All of these differences in statements lead me to believe that Putin is perhaps not leading the nation in the best manner, currently. As the election approaches, next month, it seems as though Putin is ensured another re-election since there is no strong competition present against him, and he has not left much room for any.

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Approaching the man at the customs of Malaga airport, the words coming out of his mouth seemed only like gibberish. This was my first encounter with a Spaniard in Spain, where I was going to live for the next three months.

A sulking feeling overwhelmed me as I thought how this was the beginning of a long and strenuous three months. I realized how forming even three sentences would require careful planning as I did not only have to start this entire process again, only worse, in a different country.

Unfortunately, this estrangement feeling did not go away quickly. My first week in Granada was like a break from the everyday, where people go for two hours during the day for a lunch break and nap, which everyone knows is called Siesta by sleeping an hour to two longer than the common Siesta was the only Siesta I knew and was definitely my host mom.

I was pampered for three months, having food given to me, my clothes washed and ironed perfectly (some host moms would even iron the underwears of their students), and my room cleaned every so often. What I miss the most is her genuine loving character. I often felt that I was being loved for being extremely loving and open and friendly, sometimes over friendly, and I definitely saw this in her.

On my first night of arrival, another host mom took the other women that I meant would keep screaming, “Guapa, guapa,” which means beautiful, and they were definitely ego boosters. I had the opportunity to get to see the aqueduct in Segovia, over 2000 year old, the breathtaking mosque in Cordoba, and Seville.

During my time in Spain I saw a wide variety of architectural buildings, palaces, and castles and so much history that it made my whole experience.

I also traveled around the country to get a very good understanding of Spanish culture and its people.

Spain, was an experience of living a life of thrill and excitement, life of an abundance of knowledge on a culture and country I will definitely revisit again. On my last encounter with a Spaniard in this foreign country was also very different than a man at the customs; only this time my feelings of anxiety and strangeness were replaced with feelings of belonging and melancholy due to leaving.
The Film, "The Cooler," is a Las Vegas-Style Winner

CHUCK ROBERTSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Between finals in December and the Patriots run to another Super Bowl, I realized that I had missed some good movies these past few months, and I am now on a mission to rectify that. One documentary film I caught recently is "The Cooler." It tells the story of a Las Vegas casino cooler.

A cooler is a person employed by a casino who has such a black cloud of bad luck over him that his mere presence at a hot table can cool it off, just as he can cool off a gambler on a winning streak simply by standing near, walking behind or brushing against the person. However, you probably won’t find any "Cooler" positions on Monster.com, just FYI.

William H. Macy plays Bernie the cooler—he’s so convivial you wonder somewhere in his past he experienced a bit of bad luck. Bernie used to have a bad gambling problem years ago and racked up huge debts that he could not repay. It seems that he ran to the Shangri-La, the Las Vegas Casino, Shelly, played to perfection by Alec Baldwin, saved Bernie by having him work at the Shangri-La to pay off his debts day by day. Shelly quickly recognized that Bernie was filled with such bad luck that he could use him to the casino’s advantage.

The movie starts with Bernie only a few days from finally paying off this debt and wanting to leave Las Vegas for good. But wait! Bernie meets a cocktail waitress named Natalie, played by Maria Bello. Hilarity doesn’t ensue but a romance does and what’s Bernie to do now? Will love and romance change Bernie’s luck?

The plot also delves into the theme of the old Las Vegas (pre-Steve Wynn) vs. the newer “Disney-fied” Las Vegas that we know today. The Shangri-La is the last of the old Vegas hotels and Shelly wants to keep it that way. The ownership of the casino, however, believes otherwise and so, in Larry, a new MBA full of ideas to bring the Shangri-La into the new Las Vegas model. Ron Livingston aptly portrays Larry. (Office Space fans? He was the lead, Peter Gibbons.)

There’s a lot going on in the script as you can tell. The cast is better than the material — they are given to work with but it still largely fails in its attempt to keep me engaged. It dominates the experience and in the end, it fails. The movie is told in four separate narratives, carrying the audience through some of the most familiar and ever-lasting sci-fi themes of all time.

"Robot Stories" Explores Robotic Humanity

JACK S. PHILPS SENIOR EDITOR

This past weekend, I was privileged enough to catch the shining indie flick "Robot Stories" at Manhattan’s Cinema Village. While the movie may not be as great as a cinematic accomplishment as audience favorites "Return of the King" or "Kill Bill," it provides mainstream audiences with the sort of wonderful, imaginative storytelling that sci-fi fans have been enjoying for years.

The movie is told in four separate narratives, carrying the audience through some of the most familiar and ever-lasting sci-fi themes of all time. It centers on the couple’s arguments and the difficulty of raising a child. The robot and the technology merely help illustrate the characters’ humanity that much better.

The third story, in my opinion, was the best. A robotic programmer with the capacity to learn from his interaction with humans is hired and forced to work on low-level coding, day in and day out. He continually tries to learn and improve himself by speaking with his co-workers, but they prefer to ignore him and merely shut him off at the end of the day. Whenever he tries to do something human to be accepted, he is reviled and rejected.

"Robot Stories" is the feature-length film debut by director Greg Pak. Pak tag-lined the movie "Science Fiction from the Heart," in an attempt to illustrate the film’s direction.

Pak and his crew have been touring with the movie. At the show I saw, he held a QA session following the film, answering many important audience questions about his motivations and providing insight into the choices he made in the film. "Robot Stories" is the follow-up to a year which will present two other robot-based movies. "I, Robot," starring Will Smith, is a science fiction adaptation of Isaac Asimov’s famous novel, while "The Steadfast Wives," with Matthew Broderick, is a remake of a 70s bomb.

"Robot Stories" is currently only playing the indie circuit and will likely not make a big-picture release, despite being featured at numerous prominent film festivals and recently achieving coverage in Wired Magazine. It is set to release at Cambridge’s Battenbridge House Theatre at the end of February. But be sure not to miss this excellent movie.
Frank Says: Kick it for the Ski Team

FRANK ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

This is the first Frankfreepress commissioned to write an article. One day Morgan Newman remarked, "Frank, the ski team is sick! We're going to make nationals, and nobody even knows about us. Would you write an article?"

As he said this, I was both deeply moved, and then suddenly, very afraid. As the readers of this column may know, Frankfreepress's articles are very hit or miss. Sometimes I just suck. Plus, I don't even write for the sports section.

But I agreed to do it anyway. Many of you may not know this, but FFF (Frankfreepress) is a ski bum at heart. So this is what I'm proposing we do: show a little support on campus!

The clothes: The first thing we need to do is start dressing the part. If Babson is going to be known as a school for ski bums and fanatics, we need to start dressing like it. There's been a trend of late for retro sports gear: basketball, baseball, etc. Why not start wearing full-length spandex around? With a ski helmet?

I know this may be much for you, so you can start by being the sketchy kid with the wool hat on. Everywhere you go, wear a winter hat. When people start getting used to it, wear goggles too. Then you can slowly ease into it.

Wear long johns under your shorts, ski socks, also neck gators are a big hit. For bonus points: wear ski boots to class. My offer is 10 bucks and I will get a picture printed in the Free Press.

The parties: Now that we've established ourselves as a 'skiing school with a business problem,' we can start acting like it. For the big and small parties, it's time for the apres-ski party. There are many subtle things you can do to achieve this effect.

Common people tend to be key; have a contest to see who has the best one. Also, always talk about freshmen, and 'ripping the gnar.' Get an inflatable hot tub for your common room and challenge people to go out and roll around in the snow. To complete the effect, at the end of every night must be an all-night competition involving balance, snow, and inebriation.

Mini skis and snowboards work very well for all competitions. For instance, you could challenge your neighbor to jump out a 3 story window into a pile of snow with your little sisters ski's on. The only criteria here are: be cold, and be drunk.

Show some spirit: I have a vision. I've spent so many lonely days watching the NCAA tournament, seeing people paint their faces up and scream about how their team is number one. The question is could Babson students turn ski meets into an all-out college fest? Would it be possible to get a crew together to tailgate in the parking lot, paint our faces, and then ski around the mountain screaming how Eric is the best?

So just to tell you, when the men's ski team goes to Sugarloaf for nationals (they WILL make it, I am confident) I'll be there, skiing the slopes with a beard suit on, grilling brats in the parking lot, supporting the best team at Babson.

Stupidity Pays Off in Scoring Internships

MARK WAITING
STAFF WRITER

Almost all students invariably dream up some scheme of making a million bucks out of next year's rock. Sure, the idea of starting and owning your own successful company sounds better than Justin Timberlake's head on a stick. But face it, your ideas suck.

It's time to face the real world and realize that selling T-shirts or making coupon books isn't going to pay the bills once mother and daddy cut off the umbilical cord. It's time to pull your head out of your sister's undergarments and hair. With such a strong focus on entrepreneurship, I couldn't stop myself from diving into the entrepreneurial cesspool of bad ideas. I've sold everything from T-shirts to business cards to posters and come to the realization that ideas suck, just like yours. My only hope of buying a Porsche is either to marry a sugar mama, start a porn site, or enter the corporate bureaucracy. Since I'm not particularly charming, I either sold my soul to the 200 financial managers in your class crying for the same job. Well if you're lucky, you will be one of the 30 people selected from the 200 finance majors in your class crying for the same job. I applied for all of them, even the worthless one. I've even considered being "outlawed," "copying," and "the ability to use a telephone are all indispensable for the success of a company." The skis won't fit because the skis won't fit.

Getting a Head Start on Spring Break - Online!!!

LOUIS BELOTT
NEWS EDITOR

Good news everyone! As I'm sure you are aware, we've been down a month away from leaving Babson for a week in search of tropical climates, new people, and more than just friendships.

Whenever I go home, myself and one of my best friends and I end up spending time in one of the many IM chat rooms, making random conversation with whoever comes along. I'm sure many of you have done this before, the results can be rather entertaining.

The last time we did this, my friend and I were chatting with a person we thought to be a girl, and asked her to send a picture. She obliged and we sent a picture of my friend in exchange to which she replied, "Eric!!!"

We were highly entertained to find out that "Cherie" as she was now called, was good friends with Eric several years ago. She went on to tell us enough embarrassing minutes to make us want to never talk to her again.

The reason I relate this story is not for purely personal reasons, but because conversations with this and others can now be had with past and future fellow spring breakers.

Springbreakunion.com is a website where you can get in touch with students from other schools going to the same vacation spot as you, and maybe find people you spent time with years before. As the website claims, "Here you'll find past and lovers from past trips and chance to meet the cast of you next great vacation adventure - pairing romances and friendship even before you board the plane."

In the worst case you'll end up like Eric, finding in old friend and being happy you left them thousands of miles away.
Intense Week Two Battles in Intramurals

SHAWN HAWTHORNE STAFF WRITER

The second week of Intramurals featured intense battles all over Wheaton. The scheduling for I.M. soccer held two very close battles with World Team and the Red Van Winkle squared off on Monday and in a battle to see who dominated the Big Fish, the Boca Juniors faced off against Inter-MBA.

For the soccer game between the undergrads, World Team and The Real Van Winkle fought through a hard fought battle with regulation time and 10 more minutes in double overtime, in the end, it was a tie with the second big game of Monday night was held late at 10:00 pm, after the graduation classes ended.

Many come in full business attire and quickly change to run onto the field. However, once on the field these guys are all business. Early into the second half, Captain David Ure of Inter-MBA screamed “You can’t have it” as he scored a shot from about 20 yards that beat Boca Junior’s keeper, Alex Gilliam.

Inter-MBA turned to all-defense from there as the two teams battled into the fourth quarter playing Intramural Indoor Soccer game of the year at 1:0. The game victory Inter-MBA an undefeated 1-0-0 record, and kept the graduate school cheer leaders happy who also attended the game.

Babson defeated the Massachusetts Institute of Technology 80-77 in an overtime victory on Tuesday, February 17th, at Alumni Park, MA, in seven points overtime, with co-captain Jeff Himes ’04 recording his sixth steal with 10 seconds left in the game.

The Yankees Are Bad For Baseball

CRAIG ZWERNING SPORTS EDITOR

This baseball offseason started off very well for the Red Sox, as they traded for one of the premier starting pitchers in Curt Schilling and solidified their bullpen by signing closer Keith Foulke. However, these moves and the non-trade for Alex Rodriguez had the extremely unfortunate side effect of making paranoid Yankees owner, George Steinbrenner, retaliate and continue to expand his record payroll.

After signing two premier set up men in Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill, Kenny Lofton as their leadoff hitter, Gary Sheffield, one of the elite hitters in the game, and acquiring two aces in Javier Vazquez and Kevin Brown, the Yankees decided that their team needed something else. How about trading for the best player in baseball?

Their lineup, top to bottom, is near the best, (not the bad, best line-up of all time. It is Lofton, Derek Jeter, Sheffied, Jason Giambi, A-Rod, Hideki Matsui, Jorge Posada, Bernie Williams, and whomever they choose to be their second baseman. An opposing pitcher can only relax when he’s up against the Rest of the lineup is not just composed of solid players, but of all-stars, MVPs, or former all-stars. The starting pitching and bullpen are also extremely strong.

This team is well rounded and should be the heavy favorites to win the championship this year.

The argument that money alone does not buy a championship is true. The New York Yankees are a good example. They had a high payroll and have not made the playoffs for the last six years. However, this year’s payrolls in relation to the rest of the NFL did not come close to the margin by which the Yankees exceeded everyone in MLB.

A comparison of the differences in the top teams’ payrolls in hockey to the Yankees’ situation shows that the Yankees are truly in a league of their own. Only the situation in hockey among major team sports can be compared to baseball because the salary caps in basketball and football prevent teams from paying a payroll so far beyond other teams in the league.

The New York Yankees had a payroll of $76 million, compared to the highest team, Detroit, which had a payroll of $71 million at the start of this season. In previous years, the Rangers had the highest salary in the league peaking at around $77 million more the second highest team last year.

Last year, the Rangers had about 10 percent more salary than the team with the second highest payroll and twice as much salary as the median of all teams payroll (USA Today Hockey Salaries database).

Now let’s compare the New York Rangers relative payroll with that of the Yankees. The Yankees have almost three times as much payroll as the median team in baseball (USA Today Baseball Salaries database) with what the Associated Press estimates has reached $186 million. That exceeds the payroll of the bottom four teams in the league combined.

The Yankees also have almost fifty percent more payroll than their closest spending competitor, the Red Sox, which the Associated Press estimates will spend a $125 million on salaries for players. While money does not guarantee championships, extravagant spending well above the other base ball teams does allow a team to acquire a tremendous amount for depth.

The Yankees could have injuries to three of their top players and still be able to comfortably make the playoffs. No other team in baseball can come close to that claim. That is an extremely huge competitive advantage to have.

It is not superior management that has kept the Yankees the elite team in recent times, but the ability to generate more revenue than other teams through payroll. The Yankees’ exuberant spending is making a mockery out of the competitive landscape of baseball and is unfair to fans of all the other teams in the league. Baseball is in complete disarray due in no small part to “the evil empire.”

The Babson College Cheerleaders are pictured above during the recent Babson Men’s Basketball game against M.I.T. The squad was on campus last Monday, March 2nd, to hold their routines and their transcriptions. The cheerleaders can be seen again during the upcoming Men’s Basketball games.

Sports Roundup

DAVE SANTINO STAFF WRITER

The women’s rugby team recently finished with a 22 record in the sixth annual Stameless Biff-off Regatta Tournament at the University of New Hampshire. The Division III Beavers were the runner-up game against the D-II University of Maine, 20-0, and their third game against D-III St. Michael’s 28-0. They, however, lost their second game against D-II Plymouth State, 15-5, and their final game against D-I Brown, 20-10.

"Babson has significantly improved its game over the past season," said Lauren Zopatti ’05, whose team had a 0-3-2 record at this point last season. "Now, we are playing better against Div. 1 and 2 teams. Our league coordinator, Chris Paucke, approached the coaches and we matched our game against Brown to tell me how impressed he was by our team."

"We’re still not perfect," said Zopatti, "but I don’t think they expected it from this little Div. 3 school that many teams would come and go. We got Babson’s name out there, and teams are surprised at our show up and our scoring, and team play has significantly improved. The girls on the team have become an extremely close knit unit of players. The upcoming season looks promising."

"The girls are currently participating in the line these are: Amanda Adams ’06, Abby Cardamore ’08, Steph Schumacher, Lally McBurney ’05, Caitlin Laman ’06, Maureen MacEachern ’07, Denise Manucho ‘04, Terry Nasa ‘05, Pam Pangrasi ‘06, Liz Smith ‘06, and Jessi Test ‘06. The tournament guarantees each team two games, followed by a single elimination format.

"The matches were scored by Smith, Lally McBurney, hammid, and Cardamore in the first game; Cardamore in the second game; Adams, Laman, MacEachern (three), and Lally McBurney in the third game; and Lally McBurney in the final, and Pam Pangrasi in the final in Laman’s fourth game. Oppositions on the schedule were: Division III Bentley, MIT, and Holy Cross. "It should be an exciting season," said Zopatti.

Cheerleading: The team last three regular season home games left before the playoffs begin. The squad currently has 16 girls.

"How big was the turnout? We have two that are injured so it has been challenging to put together routines and routines with three girls.

"We will be performing a half-time routine from last season’s home games as well as this season’s home games. The half-time routines include stunts and dancing and every single two girls are looking forward to helping support the basketball team in the final stretch of the regular season games and then helping them succeed in the playoffs."

Also, make sure to check out women’s hockey, which has a home game Saturday night at 9:06.

Information from team representatives was used in this report.

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The Babson College Cheerleaders are pictured above during the recent Babson Men’s Basketball game against M.I.T. The squad was on campus last Monday, March 2nd, to hold their routines and their transcriptions. The cheerleaders can be seen again during the upcoming Men’s Basketball games.