Men's Team Advances to Semifinals

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Second-seeded Babson College Beavers (15-7 overall, 9-3 conference record) eliminated the seventh-seeded United States Coast Guard Academy Bears (5-20, 0-13) by the score of 65-53 in the New England Men's and Women's Conference (NEWMAC) Men's Basketball quarterfinal match up Tuesday night.

From the onset, men's hoops knew that this game would not be as easy as the two 20 point plus blow-outs which they had enjoyed in their previous match ups with the Bears during the season. The Bears got off to an early 12-11 lead spearheaded by Dan Sheppard '06, who added 10 points to his game high 22 points during the Bears' initial scoring surge.

The Beavers were able to respond with an 11-3 run of their own over the next seven minutes. Phil Riffe '05 added two key three pointers during the scoring spree. This streak allowed the Beavers to even up the score and through halftime it remained that way at 27 points a piece.

Men's hoops seemed to be a different team after halftime.

AAP and Admissions Host Women's Overnight

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On Sunday, February 22, 2004 Babson hosted a large group of incoming freshmen women in an overnight event. The event was available to high school seniors who had applied early decision or early action to Babson. It was also a time available for the women to interview for positions in the Women's Leadership Program.

This event, which is held annually, is a chance for accepted women to see the campus and the environment that they are entering into next fall. Current female Babson students are asked to host these girls for the night to give them an idea of what the living environment is like.

Special Event Coordinator for AAP, Jen Sandler, mentioned that the event was attended by fifty-three potential students. Sandler spent many hours in planning this event including gathering and matching the girls with hosts. AAP works very closely with the Admissions Office in planning all of the details of this event and making sure the women seeing the campus have a good time. The event began with a breakfast reception at hosts' homes with the girls and their families.

The event started with a nice chicken dinner while Monica Inzer, Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Student Financial Services, welcomed the women and families to Babson College. Inzer then introduced Julia Campagna '04, who spoke to the potential students about Babson life.

Campagna told the students about her experience over the past four years and the many memorable events that occurred. She stressed that the girls try as much as they can and to take all the wonderful opportunities available to them. Specifically she mentioned that they should plan to do the study abroad and the unique chance it presents to see other cultures.

After Campagna, Patti Greener, Dean of the Undergraduate School, addressed the students. Greene gave insight into the Babson environment and asked about what makes Babson College special. She mentioned how Babson encourages women's leadership in the classroom and business, as shown by the Center of Women's Leaders in Business.

When the dinner concluded, the girls and their hosts departed to the dorms. Ian Johnson '05, Public Relations Chair of AAP, was in charge of finding a band for the reception that was held in the pub. On Sunday night at 9 PM, live music was played by the band Front Row Center.

The band is comprised of Olin students Alex Valdivia, Steve Shannon, Bob Nix, and Babson student Jon Ricci '05. The overnighters and their hosts were invited to the pub.

On Monday morning, the overnighters and hosts went to breakfast in Trim before going to a morning class. The overnighters were able to see a variety of classes such as FME or A4H, which gave them more insight into the reality of Babson life.

After the event the overnighters were given opinion forms to fill out. From the responses received thus far, the comments have been overwhelmingly positive about the experience. Sandler comments, "this event is an opportunity to see the school in a more in depth way than a view book can provide."

Many of the students who were early action and undecided when they arrived left the event on Monday having decided to attend Babson College.

"Kaleidoscope of Colors"

This March

ASHLEY JAIN
MANAGING EDITOR

March has been designated Multicultural Month. The clubs from Babson, in conjunction with five clubs from Olin College, have been working together since last semester to put together a month of activities and shows for the college community. This month was organized and co-sponsored by the Diversity on our two campuses.

Sparked from an idea last semester to bring the two colleges together and to have joint events held on both campuses, Afsheeh Chinn, NAAACF, Multicultural Affairs, hosted the Comedy Knight event in Knight Auditorium. He was accompanied by comedians that performed that night. His routine was humorous and received positive results from the large audience that gathered there that night.

Last Thursday during the CAB sponsored Winter Weekend, comedian Robbie Printz hosted and starred during the Comedy Knight event in Knight Auditorium. He was one of three comedians that performed that night. His routine was humorous and received positive results from the large audience that gathered there that night.

Phil Riffe '05 takes a jump shot over two Bear's defenders in the Beaver's 65-53 win Tuesday night. This win advanced the team into the semifinals of the NEWMAC competitions.

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I firmly believe that a more ap- pro priate person could -- and should -- have been chosen for MLK Event.

You may have noticed or heard about a new trend on campus. Thursday is now Blazer Day.

The never-ending rivalry between the Red Sox and the Yankees has been taken to unprecedented levels.

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Babson Plans to Test the Beaver as a Mascot

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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Carol Hacker, Associate VP for Students and Community Services, isn’t about to say Clare, or any other mascot, is set in stone. "We want the process to be as open and fair as possible, and we are going to great lengths to ensure the validity of the data that we’ll be receiving." In recent months, discussion of Babson’s beaver mascot has raised concerns and excitement within the Babson community. Pro and con faculty and student group, FME, one question in particular has permeated every level, and that is, “does the beaver represent us?”

Putting all of this together, you could say we have something to be thankful for. Whether or not the beaver is ‘cool’ is not the main priority, but more so if it be a mascot that the Babson community members are proud of and identify with.

Upon receiving the complete data in April, Babson will either keep the current mascot or move on to one of several alternatives. The next step in deciding upon a new mascot.

Rither way, Dean Hacker places an extremely high premium on input from the student body, including our Babson students and alumni. "I believe that everyone’s voices should be heard and taken into consideration, though my personal view is that [your] opinion is not the final say. This mascot is directly representative of you as a Babson student and the entire student body."

If the beaver is voted off, Hacker makes it clear that the decision is the final decision. Having all of the data from the process, including the students and faculty will make the final decision regarding which recommendation is accepted. It should be pretty much a seal of approval!

SBA President Jen Sanchez ’05 believes, that “the administration and the SBA have shown themselves to be incredibly responsive to the student voice since this issue is a direct reaction to what members of the Babson community have voiced concern over. I’m excited for Babson, I honestly don’t care what results might be."

Dean Hacker shares Sanchez’s excitement. "I get letters saying don’t let bad beavers back in on campus. I mean I’m receiving letters saying let that beaver go. So, I really take this very seriously," adds Hacker. The process will turn out, though I believe this is a necessary step in the future of Babson and the Babson community, and should prove to be an exciting process."

In all of this is that someday, whether it’s the beaver or something else, we will be able to call Babson our community, as a whole, can look at it with pride. This is the end result that we truly desire.

Multicultural Month in March

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community at Babson/Olin Colleges. The various multicultural groups on our campuses are working together to put on a series of entertaining and educational events.

I encourage all community members to participate. I see this as a special opportunity for students to bond and learn from one another, beyond the classroom. The activities for the month will culminate with a carnival, to be held Sunday March 28th from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. in Knight Auditorium. Each club will have their own table and be presenting different aspects of their culture, including traditional food, music, art, and other activities.

Be sure to support Multicultural Month by coming to as many activities as are planned throughout the month. All the clubs have put in a lot of effort to plan and organize these events, come and see the fruits of their labor!

Winter Weekend a Success

ASHLEY JAIN MAINSCHEF MCBR

This year’s Winter Weekend was filled with events from Thursday to Saturday. Each event was pulled off triumphantly and free beer was offered all around to those of age. Weekend events were comprised of the “Comedy Club” hosted by The Knight, the Miss Babson Contest, and the Snowball Semi-Final. Sunday featured “Scareface” and Forrest Gump shown on Babson’s Channel 9. CAB Co-chair Chris Merritt ’05 and Paja Patel ’05 put in endless hours of work to plan and organize this successful weekend. Kudos to them and CAB for planning a great weekend.

I never thought that we could pull off making Knight look like a comedy club, but close to 10 hours of decorating later, we pulled it off,” said Merritt of Thursday night’s event.

Comedians Robby Printz and Steve Byrne entertained the crowd, which packed Knight Auditorium. Prints acted as the host of the event and announced the other performers while also starting the show.

Free beer was available to students of age, though the kegs ran empty around 11:15. Combined with a pretty-received act by the third comedian, PJ Brown, students began to leave the auditorium in droves.

On Friday, the annual Miss Babson Contest was held in Knight. Those of age were encouraged to enjoy the freebies in the Beer Garden, while the rest sat in assembly-like seating, all to enjoy the skin and talent of the nominees.

The nominated women for this year were Kristine Brown ’05, Erin Canon ’05, Sarah Clark ’05, Lauren Celi ’03, Ashlee Chung ’03, Bruna Figueiredo ’07, Cheryl Gutoski ’06, Brittanay Payn ’07, Bethany Yeasted ’05, and Rachel Wilson ’07.

The concert was originally decided, once and for all, are we going to keep the beaver, or are we going to let it go?

Hacker went on to explain that if the beaver is not able to be a mascot which is cool, "then it’s time to rebrand ourselves."

The Winter Weekend is over, and the beaver is back as a mascot. Congratulations, Beaver! Overall, the Winter Weekend was a fun and exciting event.

The Class Deans Corner

Question of the Week...

What can I do to better prepare myself for mid-terms?

Babson provides a pool of resources you can dip into to help you prepare for upcoming exams. Here are some great places to start. If you are in any of the QTM courses, check out the Math Resource Center, located on the first floor of Babson Hall. The hours are Monday through Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you want help writing papers, stop by the Babson Writing Center (x 4365), located in Babson Hall room 205. Beyond the campus center resources, attend available review sessions and ask questions! Meet with your faculty at least a few days in advance of the exam to review exam materials. Join study groups and create your own. Another great way to prepare for exams involves your own teaching ability. If you can teach the material to your peers, you are on the road to success.

Other opportunities are available as well. You can attend one of Class Deans Strategies for Success sessions. On Monday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m., Christina Drew, Manager of Library Instructional Services, will present a very informative session on Accessing Library Resources. This session will be held in the Cutler Center located in Horn Library. On Monday March 8th, Erin Evans, Coordinator of disAbility Services, will present Learning and Study Strategies. In this session you will learn listening, note taking skills and other hints to help you excel on your mid-terms. The Learning and Study Strategies session will be held in Trim 216 at 6:00 p.m.

Finally, don’t cram the night before the exam, start early and study small chunks of material each day. Most importantly, keep a positive attitude - you can do this!

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.

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Men’s Basketball Team Advances to the Semifinals

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due in no small part to an animated halftime speech by Coach Stephen Brennan. The Beavers jumped out with an 11-4 spurt highlighted by 7 of Luke Weber’s ‘04 team high 13 points.

After this streak, the Bears were unable to get within 7 points of the Beavers for the rest of the game. With 3:50 remaining, the Bears were again at a 7 point deficit, but scoring from Weber and Riffe combined with stifling defense were able to deliver the final blow to the Bears.

If the Bears were able to keep the game competitive because they outscored the Beavers with a 41-26 edge over Babson. However, the Beavers advantage of 15-5 in steals coupled with a 45-41 edge in shooting percent once propelled them to victory in this match-up.

The most distinguished player in the game was the Bears’ Sheppard who had a double-double of 22 points and 15 rebounds. Babson’s Weber and CJ Enere ‘05 both had a team high 13 points while Enere also added a game high 6 steals.

During halftime of this great game, Babson seniors were honored for their service to Babson sports. Each student had his name called and was awarded a varsity “B” from Athletics Director Frank Millerick. Also during the festivities, President Barefoot was given a framed “B” for his support for Babson athletics.

With the win, the Beavers advanced to Friday night’s semifinal with the sixth-seeded MIT at 5:30 PM at WPI. SGA will be providing free transportation to the game for the first 55 students who attend.

The CCD Corner

eRecruiting & Interview Attire

Have you visited eRecruiting lately? There are currently over 100 summer internships listed, and nearly 100 full-time opportunities. We’re hearing that many students are not finding relevant opportunities until their deadlines have passed. Here’s advice on how to find jobs for eRecruiting:

* Select either Jobs or Internships – not both. By being specific you’re not likely to get lost in jobs that don’t interest you.

* Instead of using the “one-click” searches, conduct a “specific” search. This allows you to use a keyword.

* Once you’re in a “specific” search, keep it broad. Use a keyword instead of quoting “CCD name” in the Calendar tab. Many companies hold information sessions the night before their interviews that are required for students interviewing with them. Others invite students to visit their offices. Also, CCD posts career panels and other career events and workshops in the Calendar.

So you’ve landed that interview – congratulations! Now let’s talk about what to wear. The answer is simple Business attire (a suit) is always appropriate for an interview. Full-time job and internship alike, wearing a suit not only illustrates a level of professionalism, but also exhibits respect for the company and the interviewer (not to mention putting you into the right frame of mind). I repeat again, business attire is always appropriate. Whether you are interviewing for positions in accounting, marketing, finance, or entrepreneurship, you should dress for success. Where does this leave the much heard of “business casual”? Business casual is a great way to present yourself at CCD career panels, company information sessions and other off-site opportunities to meet with employers. But when the big day comes, put on the professional wear.

Finally, don’t miss these upcoming events:

* Second Interviews and Job/Internship Offers, March 2, 6-7pm, Reynolds 244
* Don’t miss EMC CFO Bill Teuber, March 2, 5-6pm, Olm Auditorium
* Internship Search Brown Bag Lunch, March 10, 1-2pm, Hollister 206
SGA President Letter to the Community

I am an extremely busy person. Most people on campus know that already, and can hopefully recognize my role and responsibilities. With this in mind when I left for winter break, I felt particularly unappreciated.

I felt I had worked so hard and put in so much effort all semester as SGA President, as an Admission Intern, and a Peer Mentor and then returned home without a great sense of accomplishment. Luckily, I did not take it personally and realized everyone on campus was extremely busy and while I was leaving early in the finals week, others had not even begun to think about break.

However, this did leave me to wonder: Am I fully appreciating the SGA Executive Board, House Representatives and Senators? How many other student leaders on campus are working, sacrificing and devoting their time for virtually nothing and not being appreciated or recognized as great contributors?

Every year Babson recognizes students for excellence in academics, athletics, multicultural achievements and in women’s leadership, but what about recognizing student leaders for just being student leaders? Recognizing not just the well-rounded individual, but also the extremely devoted and passionate individual who puts all time, effort, love, and frustration into one cause to better our community.

I would like to take a step in recognizing and appreciating their work and commitment, every year. In bringing my concern to Tim Mann, he suggested we profile student leaders in the Free Press every week. This is a great idea because most often we are not aware of who is doing what on this campus.

Members of our community do not realize that, for example, the Free Press staff is in Park Manor Central every Wednesday evening until the crack of dawn the next morning or that the Admissions Assistant Program coordinators and members are some of the sole reasons for prospective students making that final decision to come to Babson.

In addition to the profile, the SGA Executive Board would like to host a Student Leader Recognition Ceremony/Banquet. Details are not yet decided and this event is not budgeted, but we feel it is essential and are currently working on a budget for the event and possible financial resources.

Now please don’t flood my email and campus box with notes and letters of thanks because you feel sorry for me; that is definitely not what I am asking for. I know I am appreciated and the people I work with tell me that and I do feel a great sense of accomplishment.

Instead, I would like to challenge Babson students, staff, and faculty to think. Think first of the people you work with everyday, every week, maybe once a month, and finally people you have never met, but perhaps have been affected by in some way. Please thank them for their efforts, recognize their hard work, and appreciate their commitment in some way.

If you are interested in contributing in any way to the recognition and appreciation of student leaders or would like to see a particular group profiled in the Free Press, please contact jsanchez@babson.edu with your suggestions and ideas. Remember, SGA meetings are open to everyone every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the SGA Room, Trim 201/202.
Israel Installs Bomb Scanning Buses

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INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

On Sunday, another Palestinian suicide bomber attacked innocent victims on the Number 14 bus line in Israel. The suicide bomber destroyed the bus, killing eight people. This time the bomber was a very normal looking twenty-three-year-old man, Mohammed Zaal, 22. He had boarded the bus with a bomb in his bag.

He calmly entered the bus, and took his seat. He then placed his bag on the floor, and then fill up before detonating the bomb in his bag, killing himself along with others. The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade has claimed responsibility for the attack, and it was carried out in response to an Israeli attack that killed fifteen Palestinians two weeks ago.

Suicide bombers and attacks have created havoc over major Israeli cities such as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and in response to them the Israeli government, through its military, has developed new technology to protect the passengers from bomb attacks on buses.

As a commuter steps on the bus, they have to pass through a metal detector. This sensor is which is a like revolving door, but instead consists of large magnets. If it does not detect a person sense a bomb, and prevent a person from getting on board.

The total cost of the machine is almost $35,000 in US dollars. In addition there are sensors that are installed throughout the bus, detect the presence of explosives in a certain range around the bus, which would then trigger an alarm. Currently, the sensors are being tested at various places and routes in the cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem before they are made a widespread change in the rest of the country.

This new installment in the bus has received praises and criticism by many as well. Many people feel that the cost and the effort to install the sensors is not worth it. The sensors will prevent the suicide attackers from coming on board the bus, but attackers can still stay outside the bus, or right next to it, and blow it up, and still kill those on board. The people who do not feel that the sensors are worth their cost still agree that it would perhaps reduce the number of lives lost.

There are also many people who are very supportive and proud that the country has taken such an initiative, especially the bus drivers whose lives are always in jeopardy due to the random attacks that happen on a daily basis. The job as bus drivers are very difficult as they can almost never tell when a suicide bomber is coming on board the bus, but terrorists look just like regular people hiding concealed bombs. Many people have also expressed their appreciation of installing the sensors on the bus, feeling that it will prevent significant suicide attacks on buses, but they also believe that there is an awareness that must be kept.

World Current Events

European Union: The European Union and Mexico have rejected American export meat due to the bird flu virus being detected in the meat. The bird flu virus was first discovered in East Asia, and is causing concerns throughout the world. The rejection was initiated by the European Union and followed by Mexico as well.

France: The United States has rejected French meat from a U.S. agriculture team stated that the United States is required to import French meat from abroad. The country and its importing countries are not following the outlined regulations. It is unclear whether the U.S. rejection was connected in any way with the European reaction.

Ecuador: The country is experiencing a strong and tourist industry, and in 2002 the country reported a rise in tourism revenues of over thirteen percent, amounting to almost $450 million. The amount is predicted to increase drastically again by the year 2003, and for more revenue for the country through its tourism sector. The country will be offering a wide range of different options from tourism than from any of its export industries which vary from oil to bananas.

Pakistan: The country rejected over 80,000 tons of wheat that were shipped to Pakistan from Australia, stating that there was a fungal disease, Karnal present in the wheat. The Australians are strongly stating that there must be some mistake because the fungus has never been discovered in Australia. There is a team of Australian scientists who will be going to Pakistan to perform their own tests on the wheat to see if there is a presence of the fungus.

Argentina: The country is finally seeing prosperous numbers in terms of its financial health. Argentina has been through a lot of financial and political turmoil, and is now seeing a surplus in its budget, something that was once not seen. In addition, the country is also expected to beat its expectations for the first quarter of the year with a surplus of over billion and a half pesos. In addition, the country is also expected to beat its expectations for the first quarter of the year with a surplus of over billion and a half pesos.

Morocco: The country was struck by a very powerful earthquake earlier this week which measured at 6.5 on the Richter scale, and resulted in devastating effects for many towns. Casualties as a result of this are not only limited to over six hundred and there are thousands of homeless in the streets in search of shelter, as almost half of the towns were flattened. The international community is sending aid and relief to the people affected. Some of the European countries and the United States, along with the Red Cross, are sending tents, food, blankets, and shelter to those in need.

Don't Throw Away Your Future!

You will be receiving your Degree Requirement Checklists from the Office of Class Deans in your campus mailbox next week. Please be sure to keep this to use for the upcoming registration period for fall '04 courses. Also, if you plan to meet with your dean bring it; these checklists are very helpful to streamline your meeting!

Office of Class Deans
Under the Banner of Allah

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STAFF WRITER

Iran, the most powerful nation of the Axis of Evil, has been having a rough time of it. The recent string of desertions by high-ranking officials, the ousting of President Khatami, his asthma attack, and his failure, answers only to God and is incapable of error. Islam is the complete solution to all injustices and is the basis of all Islamic laws. Bajji and Hezbollah militants who he called "heroes" are unable to defeat the power of the Islamic Republic and lead to a pro-Western configuration among the Middle East's terribly divided and divided by the West.

But first, a brief introduction. The Guardians Council, a body of unselected functions that has the power to order individuals to face charges. Zealously making sure that Shi'a Islam is upheld, the Guardian Council has recently issued several edicts for office. Zealously making sure that Shi'a Islam is upheld, the Guardian Council has recently issued several edicts for office.

Pretexts Tuesday by the Parliament held hearings with an unwieldy assortment of Ayatollah Khomeini. What would pass routinely will happen with the help of the ruling body, the Guardian Council, under the leadership of the Assembly of Experts, which is made up of the clerics of the country. This is a cry of agony for what's happening in the West.

President Bush, hooded these words in a recent speech before the United States Congress, declaring the end of the Ayatollah of Iran that have with Saddam Hussein - before it is too late. I have essentially gone travelling. It is the President - we must be sure we are on the correctness of history today.

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Constitutional Restoration Act Needed

CHRIS LEVINSON
STAFF WRITER

The opening salvo in a campaign to require federal courts to operate within their authorized jurisdiction was fired recently in Montgomery, AL. The Constitutional Restoration Act, Senate Bill 295, is being sponsored by Senators Richard Shelby, R-AL; Zell Miller, D-GA; Sam Brownback, R-KS; and Lindsey Graham, R-SC. The bill would clarify that the federal courts do not have jurisdiction to hear cases brought against a federal, state, or local government, or officer, for acknowledgment God. The bill is in response to the doze- nes of cases filed nationwide asking federal judges to declare the constitu- tion in public schools of the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because it includes the words "under God," or asking that the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools or parks be held unconstitutional. This bill would confirm that federal courts lack the authority to hear such cases or render such a decision.

No existing law bans the acknowl- edgment of God, but the bill authorizes the Congress to declare that all legislative powers to the Congress and none to the court.

These laws are initiated under the pretense that they violate the First Amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion...." However, those who file such suits usually forget that the second half of that sentence is "...or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The acknowledgment of God in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ten Command- ments is not an "establishment of religion."

For decades, the Pledge of Al- legiance has been recited every day by hundreds of thousands of school-children, and depictions of the Ten Commandments appear on thou- sands of public properties including the U.S. Supreme Court.

All three branches of the federal government, as well as the military, have always acknowledged God. Congress opens each session with a prayer, the president ends his speech with "God bless America," and the U.S. Supreme Court opens each day with "God save the United States and this Honorable Court." All public officials, including the president and all judges, swear an oath to uphold the Constitution "to help me God." Most of us saw that same oath when we swear to tell the truth.

In our nation's founding docu- ments, the Declaration of Indepen- dence, America acknowledges God as our creator, supreme legislator, supreme judge and protector. For- tunately, we have not yet heard of a judge ordering a person to write the Declaration. So how could a faction of unelected, activist judges in the last 25 years interpret a Constitution that delegates "all legislative powers" to the Congress and none to the court.

The Constitution affirms the separation of powers by reasserting the rule, which had been properly observed by federal courts for two centuries, that these courts have no jurisdiction to consider cases involving the mere acknowledgment of God.

As late as 1932, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas declared, "We are a religious people whose insti- tutions presuppose a Supreme Be- ing."

It is long past time for Congress to conclude that federal courts may not censor public acknowledgments of God, adding this to other "excep- tions" and "regulations" to federal court jurisdiction. This is the way the framers of our Constitution in- tended that Congress would, as Alexander Hamilton wrote, see the judiciary as the "least powerful" branch of government and see to it that "judges should be bound down by strict rules and precedents, which serve to define and point out their duty." This legislation will help to assure that the courts stay within their constitutionally defined ber-
Marriage as an Institution Is Going to be Different

ANDREW KILLEN
STAFF WRITER

Culturally, marriage is as diverse as any set of laws.

This is an important point, perhaps the most important point in the marriage debate on marriage as an institution in this country. In the U.S., marriage is between a man and a woman. In San Francisco, it can be between a man and a woman, or a man and a man, or a man and a woman. And, in the African-American community, it is between a man and a woman. It is not as simple as it seems.

Marriage is an institution intended to regulate not just procreation within a culture, but also power and assets as well. As such, marriage is defined differently across different cultures, and that definition of marriage is considered normal and acceptable.

Our Western concept of marriage is traditionally Judeo-Christian. It specifies a man and a woman, it’s monogamous, and it’s liberally regulated and taxed. It developed from the need to regulate breeding (that sounds antiseptic, but so be it) to control the distribution of wealth, and to affirm the relationship between a man and a woman. It’s one concept of marriage. And it’s the one we’ve had so far.

In the debate about whether the U.S. should welcome same-sex couples into the marriage and, marriage, it’s rare to embrace the idea that marriage is a culturally-defined institution. That is, what you want for marriage... well, you can have it. When it comes to marriage, the most universal principle is that there’s no wrong answer. Marriage, after all, is one of the most deeply ingrained, mental and emotional empowering laws in society. It can have any number of effects depending on how it’s applied.

No wonder it’s a closely held issue.

And tricky.

You can not point a finger in this society and say, “Your concept of marriage is wrong!” just as you can’t point to Judaism, Islam or Mormon culture and say that their concept is wrong. Wrong doesn’t exist in a society. But it does exist in the United States—a great bastion of sameness—people are going to disagree about what marriage means and should look like. The issue of deciding for all of us what is right and wrong is philosophically flawed because there is no true consensus.

The issue of marriage as an institution has no universally right answer, but we have to pretend that it does.

And that confuses people at the most basic level. It’s totally abstract.

In the absence of a true consensus, the debate is going to be driven by our government and our social contract to do the dirty work of this debate. Which side will we decide down and play by the rules. The legislative body creates the laws, so it’s going to try to decide about what’s legal and what’s not. When the cultural body creates the laws, the cultural body has to interpret the laws, so they need to hold back on judgments in anticipation of true justice. The enunciative body makes the laws, so it needs to wait on making those decisions.

This is a legislative issue that must be solved through the democratic process. But means, one way or another, somebody is going to walk away from this unhappy. Whether marriage is more or less discriminatory than it is today is an open question. But it is today to find an equitable solution that speaks to the abstract idea of justice in our laws embody to begin with. The spirit of American governance is to remain as detached as possible from the legal in the lives of the citizens. That means, in short, that our government as a symphony of laws needs to respect the rights and freedoms of that citizenry to conduct itself in the manner it deems appropriate without inquiring or causing injustice to any of its members. When in doubt, the legal community favors a hands-off approach.

That means for some people their decision of marriage, as a non-universal, personal issue, is going to be different. As long as that differentiation continues, the debate over same-sex marriage is going to be about no injustice to others while allowing those people to pursue happiness, life and liberty, we are eligible to re-expect that freedom, as our freedom is respected in turn.
Several Companies Move Defensively Against Microsoft

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As Microsoft struggles to make inroads into the digital enter-
tainment market, many of its largest competitors have chosen to embrace competition with non-Microsoft media formats. This means that major firms are deciding not to become too at-
tached to the Windows Media Player and other Microsoft me-
dia software.

Why do major players in the digital-entertainment market choose not to use the Microsoft family of established media soft-
ware? The reason is that these firms do not wish to pay Microsoft a royalty on every de-
vice they sell. This cost-saving strategy is sorely reminiscent of the lessons learned by computer manufacturers during the 1990s. It was in this not so distant past, that computer manu-
facturers like Hewlett Packard, Gateway, and Dell needed to pay Microsoft a royalty on every de-
vice they sold that came packaged with Microsoft’s Windows software. Having learned a bit-
er lesson about doing business with Microsoft, many manufactu-
ers of music players, cellphones, and other gadgets are trying to dilute Microsoft’s power by making their products engi-
ned and compatible with rival media software.

Examples of this strategy are numerous, even among Microsoft-loyal partners. The music player in Sony’s F82, the TV based media recorder in Tivo all use pro-
proprietary engineered media software. Other firms following suit are Hewlett-Packard and Gateway which are switching sides and developing products that use the rival Linux.

The point remains that these companies and others are trying to limit Microsoft’s inroads into the competitive digi-
tal-entertainment markets. Microsoft, on the other hand, depends on these inroads to increase sales, profits, and their own stock price. Microsoft executives making these moves have a delicate decision to make. Should they chose to fol-
low Microsoft’s lead as the soft-
ware authority with a record of stability or do they try to en-
force the competitive landscape? Microsoft is dependent upon success in the consumer market for future growth. Today, Microsoft traditional software is only growing in revenues at about 10% every year, com-
pared to the company’s early 1990s growth. The firm’s plan is to focus the revenues from its different providers to surround them-
 selves and become dependent on a complete spectrum of Microsoft’s diversified software packages.

The company is now trying to lobby electronics companies to include Windows Media Player as the default high-definition TVD and music player. By becoming the leading software in this mar-
ket, they could easily have a com-
petitive advantage over other soft-
ware providers in the media and handheld markets.

Recently, Microsoft was dealt a blow because HP, the largest manufacturer of PCs, has an-
ounced it will include the Apple’s music software into its PCs. The software used by Apple as a component of some of its com-
panies is wonderful because it uses technology from Dolby called AC-3 Advanced Audio Coding. Using this software, companies can remain Microsoft-free, making the company’s position appear less robust.

Alan Greenspan Reminds Home Owners of Options

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On Monday February 20, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan noted in a speech to the Credit Union National Asso-
ciation that, “American homeowners clearly like the cer-
tainty of fixed mortgage pay-
ments.”

During the speech, Alan Greenspan mentioned that fixed-rate mortgages protect against higher rates while offering the option of refinancing if rates drop. The downside of such an arrangement, according to Mr. Greenspan, is that homeowners end up paying several thousand dollars a year for those ben-
efits.

In a typical fixed-rate loan, a homeowner can protect himself from the risk that rates will rise in the future. This is different from a floating-rate loan, in which the monthly fee can change depending on Federal rates. During his speech, Mr. Greenspan said homeowners may have saved 0.5 to 1.2 per-
cent points a year if they had floating-rate mortgages. Mr. Greenspan said, “The Fed staff estimates homeowners might have saved tens of thou-
sands of dollars by adhering to adjustable-rate mortgages rather than fixed-rate mortgages during the past decade.”

Following this topic, Mr. Greenspan moved to the debt ra-
tio of consumers, saying that debt households appear to be in “good shape” and their rising debt rela-
tive to income does not reflect a “dangerous trend.” In fact, he said, their cost of servic-
ing those debts has been rela-
tively stable in the last two years thanks to falling interest rates. Increased financial obligations for expenses such as rent, stu-
dent loans, and car payments may be of more significant con-
cern.

In last year’s unprecedented refinancing boom, millions of homeowners took advantage of the lowest mortgage rates in a generation to lock into low 15- to 30-year fixed-rate mortgages. Those rates were often one to two percentage points higher than adjustable-rate loans, on which the rate is usually fixed for the first one to seven years, then ad-
justs up or down according to prevailing rates.

The Fed chairman did not advise households to choose ad-
justable-over-fixed-rate mort-
gages, but he did reflect a rare evaluation of the interest-rate choices that households face ev-
ery day. Implicitly, the Fed Chair-
man has questioned whether the majority preference for fixed-rate mortgages makes financial sense.

Whether an adjustable-rate mortgage makes sense today de-
pends on whether the Fed keeps inflation and interest rates low for the rest of the decade. On this subject, Mr. Greenspan noted that in some other countries, adjustable-rate mortgages are far more common and “efforts to in-
roduce American-type fixed-rate mortgages generally have not been successful.”

The answer may be because American homeowners are more cautious about interest rate fluct-
uations than those in foreign countries, who feel the fee for refinancing is too high.
Above the band, Front Row Center, made up of Babson Junior John Riehl and Alex Valdivia, Rob Nix, and Steve Shemmer-off ‘06 and from Olin, performed for a large crowd of students and overnighters at the Pub on Sunday the 22nd. The Women’s Overnight Program sponsored by AAI hosted the pub event for the campus.

Elliott Smith: Did You Know He Died?

ERIC RICKETT STAFF WRITER

Even though this is old news, I feel that we as a community seem to miss the most influential news because we are drowned in a sea of market points and garbage about financial gains. The story never got aired, and it almost felt as though no one realized anything had occurred. So how about I tell the story.

On October 21, 2003, the music world was shocked to hear of the tragic suicide of Elliott Smith. For those of you who only knew him from his songs that appeared in “Good Will Hunting” and “The Royal Tenenbaums,” you truly missed the mark.

Known for being one of the most significant folk-punk musicians to emerge in the last twenty years, Elliott Smith created a new genre of pain and despair that poured through his lyrics and his tender voice. Nothing about the musical composition was complicated. Everything surrounding the intricate metaphors and pure essence of nature he took towards his own demise helped the world see through his conduit into the destruction of his own body with drug addiction and alcoholism.

“Smith felt happiest recording acoustic material on his home guitar and set-up. His solo career began after he mailed a tape to local independent label Cavity Search,” New Haven.

His performances usually consisted of long drawn out interludes between the audience and himself. Not a common sight nowadays, Elliott Smith would sit alone at a stool holding a beat-up Gibson guitar taking requests from the crowd. He had this way of making you feel as though you were sitting up on stage as he performed the set just for you.

As he became more of a musical showcase, major labels danced at his doorstep and unlike most artists who make the jump to mainstream, his fans remained loyal and continued to support him through his successes and failures.

After battling depression his entire life, Elliott sadly ended it with a single knife wound to the chest. Those who knew him best claim that no matter how bad he had become, suicide never was an issue as he addressed all those demons in his lyrics. Yet months after his death, there is no further conclusive fact.

I write this hoping all of you that took the time to read may it give you something. I cannot count on one of his records or that you might even go online, download a song, and see what you missed. Nevertheless, hopes are nothing but pipe dreams when you really think about it. For those who really want to know more, visit sweetodeline.net.

SAG Awards Hint at Oscar Contenders

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This past Sunday, TNT broadcasted the 10th annual Screen Actor’s Guild awards. Like the Golden Globes, the SAG awards are preemptive for the oscars and often those that win may go on to be Oscar winners as well. The star studded event took place in the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center on Sunday February 22nd, 2004.

The SAG awards are the only television show to exclusively honor performers, according to the SAG official website. Furthermore, it is the only national television show to honor work done by union members. The award show was produced by Jeff Margolis and Jeff Margolis Productions (JMP). Tickets to the event were $600 each and not open to the general public.

The SAG voting process is unique as compared with other award shows. In order to win a SAG, one must be a member of the guild. There are 2100 SAG members in the United States and each year two randomly selected members of the guild select nominees for the coveted award.

Out of these two nomination committees select nominees, the second part of voting begins. All members of SAG that have paid their membership dues then vote on who actually wins the award.

The SAG awards honors both individual performances and television nomination pictures themselves. However, something unique about the SAG awards is that it does not name a best film, but rather names a best cast or ensemble.

As expected, the HBO phenomenon “Six of the City” took home the best comedy acting ensemble award. The show’s visionary force, Sarah Jessica Parker, was unable to attend the award show. Co-star Kim Cattrall was present to accept that night was also the airing of the last episode of the show everyone was running up to her what the ending would be. “I know, but I’m not saying anything,” Cattrall teased.

One of the big winners of this year’s show was Renee Zellweger for her role in “Cold Mountain.” It was a great night for SAG and will definitely pave the way for the Academy awards, which will take place this March.

“Passion of the Christ” Release Sparks Controversy

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Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ” was released Wednesday in 5,800 theaters across America. However, the buzz about the movie started before its release.

The film is about the last twelve hours of Christ’s life as the Bible told uniquely in Latin, Hebrew, and Aramaic with subtitles. The film is independent release from Newmarket Films with little-known actors James Caviezel playing Christ and Monica Belloucci as Mary Magdalene.

Gibson, who produced and directed the movie, said that creating such a film was a lifetime dream. He told USA Today, “There was no way this movie wasn’t going to happen, even though I’m not sure I have the whole answer as to why. I just know that I was called to do this.”

He continues that his intention for the movie was to create a sustainable work of art that would stimulate serious contemplation among many audiences.

Gibson spent $65 million of his own personal earnings to produce the film. He promoted the film on ABC News with Diane Sawyer which sparked interest from the general public.

Gibson employed a unique grassroots marketing strategy. In addition to traditional marketing methods he has focused his thrust on the Christian community to promote the film. Christian organizations have given private screenings of the movie.

Moreover, churches across the nation marketed the film to their members, encouraging them to bring family and friends. Some have even went as far as to buy large quantities of advance tickets and rent out movie theaters to see the film.

The powerful combination of the religious nature, the famous producer, and the unique marketing strategy results in what has the potential to become a huge box office success.

The movie hit an emotional nerve with the American public and controversy arose around the graphic depiction of the Christ’s crucification and alleged anti-Semitic nature of the movie.

Many question Gibson’s intentions for the film and whether it is an effort to convert people to Christianity.

The media has covered the movie and the debate surrounding it extensively. Reviews and petitions have popped up everywhere for the media to the internet.

The New York Times described watching “The Passion” as an “unnerving and painful” experience and The Washington Post said the movie was “the most pornographic” in its brutality.

Gibson has adamantly defended himself against these allegations and says he was expecting such a wealth of conflict around it. He comments on the film’s official website, “I really wanted to express the uniqueness of the sacrifice, as well as the horror of it. But I also wanted a film that has moments of real lyricism and beauty and a sense of love, because it is ultimately a story of faith, hope and love. That, in my view, is the greatest story we can ever tell.”
Thursday is Blazer Day States Frank

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You may have noticed or heard about a new trend on campus. Thursday is now Blazer Day. I've been trying to spread the word around, and it seems to be catching on, at least for the select few who get it.

For those who don't, I will convey, henceforth, for the rest of the year, Thursday is Blazer Day. When I say blazer, I am talking about a coat or suit jacket.

This is not a reference to drugs. "Thursday is Blazer Day" means you will wear a blazer, and you will wear it on Thursday, not any other day, unless necessary. Confused or intrigued? Read on.

Why Thursday?

You may be asking yourself, why is this day Thursday, different than all other days? The simple answer is that it is not. But once you have your blazer on, trust me, you will want to show off.

If Sunday was Blazer Day, then you would only get to show off, and blazer is the outfit line at trim, and then maybe in the turkey line. Since "Blazer Day is Thursday" you get to show off to your Professors, AND you get to show off to the hot chicks and chicos at night, possibly at the pub, while you drown your frosty brew.

How to?

Do not disgrace Blazer Day. Repeat, DO NOT DISGRACE BLAZER DAY. Anybody who is seen wearing the jacket from their "FME presentation" suit with sweatpants will be docked serious points. Maybe 10 points.

What you need to do is: go in search of the most retro blazer possible. I think corduroy works great, as does wool (colours and velvet = extra points).

The best place to find such a thing is at the Salvation Army. Or, if you feel that is too grand, you can go to Urban Outfitters off the square near the blazer line at 95% markup. Do whatever makes you feel good.

Another great source is to raid the closet of a parent or grandparent. I know that still has the suit from his wedding (light blue of course) and still attempts to wear it on a yearly basis.

Why the Blazer?

Sick of having FFP tell you what to do? Good, because I'm sick of telling. Luckily, Blazer Day is open to interpretation. You see, there could be many reasons you are wearing your blazer. Personally, I was going to send a ugrads e-mail demanding people wear Blazers in support of the Arts. But I decided, because that would have been a lie.

The truth of the matter is, you can wear it for any reason you want, you just have to wear it. It could be to commemorate the victory of 1972 Broncos Medialist in weightlifting. Or you could do it to get laid.

I will be wearing mine in honor of Buffalo Bill, whose grandfather taught. I know that this day, February 26th, in the year 1846.

Small Business Offer Big Opportunities To Students Looking for Jobs

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I recently applied for a management internship with a company called Grey's. It is a family-run business that has been operating in Kitty Hawk, NC, for over forty years. It is now a six-chain department store carrying brands like Tommy Bahama, GUE, and Fresh Produce Sportswear. In 2000, Grey's won NC Outer Banks Small Business of the Year. Its core values originate from professional, personal, and friendly service. Obviously, these traits have brought success to the company.

In the cover letter I wrote for the internship, I specifically discussed how I felt small businesses in America play a role in the economy and in my life. My father started a business two and half years ago, my freshman year of Babson.

Yes, my Jewish father decided to start selling hand-made Amish furniture to suburban dwellers in Cincinnati, OH.

He has opened a second outlet, which earns a totally unique and custom-made line. Small businesses are America's roots and are extremely important to the well-being of the economy. Small businesses are extremely understated these days. Some may be thinking... wouldn't it be easier to have a large corporation or to move one's business to the Internet? Not so! A small business provides the ideal setting for making a real difference in the community. One is able to take on responsibility, giving one the ability to create something meaningful and helpful to the community. I guarantee that small businesses provide richer learning experiences because you are more likely to be an employee than an intern.

I know. This semester I started doing marketing and promotional work for a small yoga studio in West Newton, the Yoga Cafe, in exchange for free yoga classes. The position has turned into a lot more than just passing out flyers and posting signs. I have started to notice opportunities. Time to go to class, or talk to Brain or Shell (the married couple that owns the studio), I generate another idea. They created a solid foundation to build upon.

At the moment I am the marketing and sales department. I did not understand the crucial role I was placing myself into until Wednesday night. Ten minutes late to class, I hurried into the studio door only to see Judi and one of the yoga teachers sitting on the wood floor chatting. No one showed up, so class was canceled. Judi and I started to continue our discussion about the idea I wanted to manage. At some point this conversation turned to Judi, who shared a mundish history of the studio, and its current position. It was more than just a conversation about the company's outward appearance, but rather a discussion about where the entrepreneurs are in their lives.

The whole conversation really brought me to the individuals behind the business. I related it to many levels to Judi and she can see that we share similar characteristics. Speaking to her about operating a business, her "baby," really got me thinking about the realities of being an entrepreneur. Realized the stresses of money, and the everyday operations that have made it difficult to stay motivated and possess the energy to think of and implement ideas.

Here I was, this business student possibly omens in filled with ideas and visions for their studio. Wednesday made me understand that a huge opportunity has landed on my feet. I can completely influence the direction of the business and build another level on the foundation. With this comes the acknowledgment of the hard work necessary to see things happen. It is obviously not easy, or it would have already been done.

The benefit I will reap through my work with the studio will be the development of a leadership experience as a leader. I am essentially creating my own on-the-job experience. Over the next few months I plan to see how much Babson student the studio will decide if it is going to hire us or keep the space open. If the decision is positive the direction of the company—becoming consultants by offering specialized programming to clients such as business schools, colleges, and community organizations. Two very different facets and I have the potential to influence the choices.

So...that is exactly what I did Grey's when they replied to my application. I laid it out: this is why I want to work for you; here are the common values I share with Grey's: this is what I can offer; and finally, here is what I want to learn.

I am becoming conscious of the opportunities all around me—everyday. Nothing just comes your way (unless you believe in luck), you have to create it.
Sports

Yankees Line-Up Gets Even Better This Year

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It was a satisfying exercise for the New York Yankees with their acquisition of baseball's premier player, Alex Rodriguez. In recent years, there has been many debates about whether this trade is good for baseball or not. It is our bias to think that the Yankees don't have the moves to win the World Series. However, with the addition of A-Rod, I feel that this move is good for the game overall.

The reason is that all of the Red Sox Nation refers to their team as the "underdog" and majority of teams in the league feel this way as well. With that said, how do they understand if there is no "Goliath"? That is where the Yankees come in. They are the "Goliath" and they are trying to be the next Goliath by knocking off the powerhouse Yankees.

Of course, there is a chance you can see both the Yankees and the Red Sox have greatly reduced their chances. But, for the sake of this article, I will focus on the Yankees' situation going into this season.

Ofensively, the Bombers have improved their lineup by acquiring players like Rodriguez. Even though they lost Alfonso Soriano in A-Rod deal, the Yankees have added, the best lineup I have seen in 9 years, and they can be confident in their batting lineup.

Therefore, the Yankees have some positions to fill. After acquiring A-Rod from the Rangers, they have filled the holes left by Aaron Boone's knee injury at third base during the offseason. This move will give the Yankees one of the best left sides of the infield in baseball.

Jeter is a great talent, and he didn't win four World Series rings by chance. If "my arm is right," that is four more than Nomar. He also has the ability to hit in the playoffs all time.

Second base, however, is going to be an adventuring case. The reacquisition of Derek Jeter is not going to be easy. He still has injuries that have hit him in the playoffs all time.

For the time being they will play with what they have on their bench which is a large talented group of players. For instance, Eric Almonte (minor) and Miguel Cairo. This is most likely a stop gap until a second baseman is available for the Boss's Batters to acquire. At first, Giambi will be the everyday guy and will have to play through minor bumps and bruises without the support of Nick Johnson, who was shipped to Montreal. Expect to see more K's and walks (90) and get more reps playing around the bag.

The outfield is much improved as well. You now have a "Paul O'Neill"-type player in Sheffield, who will man right field for the pinchers. He is equipped with an arm that will prevent dozens of runs scored. Sheffield's defense has been greatly improved. How about the 162 game season. Lothen will more than likely play center field while Posada will be the going 1B/3B player.

In addition, both Lofton and Sheffield will be batting Father Time as they are approaching forty. In left, expect Matsui to improve offensive as well as defensively. With the addition of Jason Giambi under his belt, Matsui's play will be more confident and he hopefully will come to the plate with a better average, giving much improved accuracy in his throws.

The Yankees are a matter of health. If the rotation can remain healthy the entire season, they will be good. With Mussian, Brown, Contreras, Vasquez and Lieber, the Yaneks boost a solid lineup on the offensive side. The question is "will age and injury be the straw that breaks the camel's back?"

The youth of Vasquez and the newly-built arm of Lieber should bring a youthfulness, excitement in the Yankee's rotation. Mix in the knowledge and winning habits of Moose and you've got quite the combination that will win every day.

The departure of Andy Pettitte has left the rotation with a combination of two lefties that will have to be handled during the season by the front office. Despite the Bombers few weaknesses going into the season, don't except anyone to be able to stop "Goliath" this year.

Winners & Losers this Off-Season in Baseball

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After baseball provided us with one of the most exciting post-seasons of all time, the new season is almost upon us. The Red Sox blew 21 saves last year, tied for second in the majors. They also set the major league record for over due from retirement. The most utter phrase in baseball last year were the words "Is Pedro Available?" and "Is Todd Walker?"

The Red Sox have gone out and added a few players to the American League East. Keith Foulke, who was traded for Trot Nixon, has joined the Red Sox in the game, Curt Schilling, and added a second baseman. Pokey Reese, who many consider to be the best defensive player in all of baseball by a good margin.

All these moves are from a team that had a poor off-season. That's the bottom line as it pertains to the Angels and Athletics.

At, I am huge believer in the way the Angels are running things, and what he has done with one money is one of the re markable things in sports.

But consider how much talent the A's lost off this off-season: Barry Zito, Mark Mulder, Roberto Hernandez, and Jose Guillen. They want to make up for those losses, but we have seen what hap pened to Gabe Kapler, Rhodes, rocks Bobby Crosby, Damian Miller, and an "im pact" player. A "gut punch" to the Angels, I can't buy the A's this year.

Cubs: The Braves lost 82 homers, 241 RBIs, and a cumulative 400 OBP when they lost Jay Lopez and Gary Sheffield to free agency.

Then, last year game won Greg Maddux, and John Smoltz is one elbow surgery away from retirement. Nevertheless, the new General Manager in the history of Major League Baseball, but budget cut, is a very difficult off-season for the 13-year division winners.

Even if we imagine the Expos if they had some cash? They lost Vlad Guerrero to free agency, and had to scrape up for the 159 pitched over 100 MPH last year, and the rest of the ma tериал players. The Phillies weakness last year turns into what should be a strength this year.

A trade for Eric Milton and the assumed improvements of Pat Burrell, Jimmy Rollins, and David Bell make Philly the team to beat in the National League.

There were also some teams that had a poor off-season, but not the Yankees. A season that was under appreci ation by the Steinbrenner Family.

Kenny Lofton has been slowed by back problems and he's a regular fielder. Although Johnny Damon's arm leaves much to be desired, he makes better than expected for it. In addition, with Mike Cameron moving to the Boston organization, Damon may win a gold glove.

Derek Jeter has been the worst shortstop for the last three years, and even with Nomar's poor double-play Jackson, he is far from a glove. Red Sox pitchers will no longer have nightmares every time they see the diving Todd Walker? as Pokey Reese could save more than a hit on defense. Five for three, Mueller and Millar are solid for the Sox, much like Nixon in right.

The acquisition of Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers is the latest addition of David Ortiz in the middle of the Sox order may result in Nomar hitting among the next batting title, and/or Manny having take over the RBI crown.

Both teams have improved defensively, but up the middle the Red Sox are much stronger.

"I am huge believer in the way the Angels are running things, and what he has done with one money is one of the remarkable things in sports."
In Football, Henson's Future Remains Promising

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In Drew Henson's tenure as a two-sport athlete, two attributes are synonymous with his name: productivity and potential. His 6'5 frame exudes the strength and athleticism that scouts in both baseball and football disciplines covet.

Evaluators have always believed Henson possesses the physical tools and emotional makeup of a legitimate superstar. Three years and 501 minor league baseball games with 255 strikeouts later, the question Henson now faces is which NFL team to quản h Brighton on a one-year deal or after an unsuccessful stint in baseball.

Selected in the third round of the 1996 amateur baseball draft out of high school, he opted to don a Wolverine uniform instead of the more compelling crowds of 100,000. While at Michigan, he split time with Tom Brookens in the Citrus Bowl in January 2001 while passing for 2,146 yards and 18 touchdowns in his junior campaign.

During the next three summers, Henson played in the minor league-system, and finally in 2001, the New York Yankees took the 21-year-old Henson to be the heir-apparent at third base by signing the Michigan quarterback to a lucrative offer, seventeen million dollars.

However, Henson's slow development forced the Yankees to change the projection of his career as they started his third-baseman. The Yankees didn't envision Henson encountering the constellation of skills needed to play third base.

The Danny Ainge Effect

DAN RICHARD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The trade happened. I stared at my computer screen in disbelief. Who could we drop the ball yet again? No folks, I'm not talking about that trade that the Boston Celtics made with the Seattle SuperSonics that brought the Boston Celtics, or should I call them the Danny Ainge Celtics?

Danny Ainge, the new general manager of the Boston Celtics, was hired with optimism and hope. As the trade was being done, I was close to the draft in a Red Sox mode, the Celtics are becoming recognizable as a team with a lot of fans. Last year, when Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck announced the hiring of Ainge, the shiny hope of a new general manager of the Boston Celtics, I was filled with optimism. When the trade happened, I respected his opinion and felt that he could imbue some new life into the franchise.

Well, from the looks of the wreck he has created, I couldn't be more wrong. Since his arrival, he has traded away the core of the team that was within two games of an NBA Finals.

While the situation surrounding the contract is tragic, in basketball terms, it was a big day for the Celtics. So, how does Ainge celebrate? He decides to trade away two expired salaries for Chuck Atkins, a 3-and-out point guard, and Lindsay Hunter, a player on his last legs.

For me, that was the straw that broke the camel's back. I understand trading Antoine Walker. While I didn't agree with it, I realized that Ainge had visions that didn't include Walker hoisting up 3-pointers. I even lived with the trading of the heart and soul of the Celtics, Eric Williams, along with Tony Battle and Redick Brown for Ricky Davis and Chris Mihm. While many experts in so-called NBA circles had labeled Davis a punk, I was among the few to give him the benefit of the doubt.

However, I hold Ainge fully responsible for the present state of the team and for the lack of salary cap room that will keep this franchise from being major players in the free agent market for the foreseeable future. If you haven't read the sports pages lately, it looks like we are about to rid ourselves of Vin Baker's enormous contract.

While the situation surrounding the contract is tragic, in basketball terms, it was a big day for the Celtics. So, how does Ainge celebrate? He decides to trade away two expired salaries for Chuck Atkins, a 3-and-out point guard, and Lindsay Hunter, a player on his last legs. Add to that, they both have guaranteed contracts for the next two years that will further restrict any action in the free agent market.

Finally, I will leave you with this thought: in a town where winning is a must and anything less gets you nothing but empty seats, will there be anyone left when Danny Ainge's alleged "3-year championship plan" comes to fruition? The way things are going, the Celtics won't be able to fill the Webster Bank Arena in three years.

SPORTS

Club Sports Wrap-Up

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The women's hockey team had its last home game Saturday against Wheaton College and lost, 11-2. "Despite the score, we had fun," said Pauline Jun '04, "and that's most important." Meghan Flood '05 scored for Babson before Wheaton piled on the goals.

"I believe that we've had a good season, despite the fact that we've lost all our games," said Jun, who can play any position. "We have improved overall and are just getting warmed up. I bet in a few years, we'll be winning championships."

The Beavers, in their first season of intercollegiate competition, will travel to MIT's tournament on Feb. 28. "This will be an awesome experience and will give us a chance to play other teams," said Jun. "It'll be a good warm-up for the season." The winners will compete in this year's Hyannis Half-Marathon, a tune-up for the Extreme Intensity Seems to Be the Trend

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Intramural sports this week showed that people not only play to enjoy themselves but compete to win. All sports have displayed intense games, reaching their peak this week.

This intensity and passion that athletes are playing with here is the major reason why we have intramurals offered at this Babson College. It is rewarding for all of us who take part to see athletes leave with a smile and enjoyment from the past games. As the final week will have past by the time this is published, we would like to thank everyone, whether you won or lost, who took part in intramurals and enjoyed them for what they were designed to be. Intramurals are not designed to be the World Cup of soccer, NBA Finals, or the Pro-Volleyball. These sports events have been set up so that everyone who wishes can participate in a sport that they enjoy.

With that said, let's get to some highlights. 535 basketball continues to hold close games amongst the top few teams. Tony Tough, the Insane Beaver Train, Brooklyn's Finest, and the Camera Mullets all will head into week four with 3-0 records. However, Tony Tough, will face off against the much larger in size Insane Beaver Train, who have 4 of their starting-five over 6'1. Insane Finest and the Camera Mullets will also have good games ahead of them.

In volleyball we've had a couple teams skip out when they could not field a full team. Just a reminder that we expect a notification if you cannot make a game, and a forfeit disqualifies a team from the post-season.

The Mavericks, who are led by Jared Campbell, Tanya Mercure, and Matt Manning, are the BURG, which is led by Mike Sattler, Cheryl Gutekunst, and Anthony Chiasson, will go into week four with undefeated records.

Indoor soccer has been building graduate men's club hockey was brought back to Babson this past weekend. Coach Brian Lynch '00 who started a club team during his senior year at Babson, has led the squad in each of the three seasons since Babson's one-year hiatus from men's club hockey.