Spring Weekend in Full Swing With Great Start

LINDSEY ALIX
Editor-In-Chief

Spring Weekend has arrived and is already ready to rock. To kick things off, CAB hosted a tie-dye t-shirt making event outside Reynolds yesterday. Many students came out and made their own t-shirts.

Another event of Spring Weekend was the Tune-In event held at Roger’s pub. The event started at 9:30pm with a jeopardy style game show contest that was run by a professional company. The contestants had a chance to win cash prizes of up to $600 by answering the pop music based questions. There was no cover at the pub and free drinks were given away as the DJs spun some hopping tunes.

Tonight, CAB brings to campus the world famous hip-hop performers Jurassic Five. The show will play in PepsiCo starting at 9pm. Their performance will be complemented with the largest list of events ever put together for one weekend.

Other favorite attractions of "Beaverstock" running April 23rd through the 27th include a carnival, a powderpuff football game, and the annual Mr. Babson contest. President of CAB Ed Neo promises, "This weekend won’t soon be forgotten."

Jurassic Five will headline the weekend Thursday night following an opening solo performance by Pete Francis from the group formerly known as Dispatch. Tickets are now on sale in Reynolds and are expected to sell out shortly.

Parker says, "Tickets are going fast so get yours today. Students from other schools are already lining up to purchase them if we don’t sell out on campus.

A carnival will unfold at the quad Friday afternoon from 3-7 P.M. with several games, contests and rides. A rock climbing wall and a bungee run will challenge students to show off their brawn, while those lacking physical finesse can gorge on fried dough. Pepsi will be on hand with a promotional Humvee giving away expensive mountain bikes. Later that evening, the Continued On Page 2... students gathered outside Reynolds on Wednesday to make their own tie-dye t-shirts as part of many activities of Spring Weekend, which will last until Sunday.

Student Leaders Elected for Fall 2003

LOUIS BELOTT
News Editor

Student leaders at Babson comprise a very select group. Each year, many students apply to serve in a variety of different leadership roles. Judicial board and women's leadership members, as well as peer mentors, resident assistants and FME mentors all follow the roughly the same selection process, which begins in December. After applications are first released and runs until April when accepted students are notified and begin training for the upcoming year.

Interested students needed to answer questions about their background, respond in essay format as to why they wanted to be a student leader, and obtain a written faculty recommendation.

Most students then faced group and individual interviews, depending on the job they applied for.

"The idea is to attract the most diverse and qualified group of people as possible," says assistant dean and leadership committee member Bob Major.

J-board, women's leadership and FME mentors were initially selected by the student affairs office, peer mentors by bonsai tree deans and RAs by campus life.

Since students were allowed to apply for more than one position, a leadership committee consisting of representatives from each office convened over spring break to make final decisions.

"We were looking for people who not only have the ability to perform the job at hand, but to act as student leaders throughout their life Continued On Page 3...

Spa Week A Hit at Babson

LINDSEY ALIX
Editor-In-Chief

There is a new week this year on campus that has drawn a lot of response and interest from students. Spa Week is the invention of Kate Lukas, '05, a resident assistant and hardworking student of Babson College.

Lukas stated that the idea for a special relaxing week came to her at a truly stressful time; "I was just about ready to fashion a noose for myself I was so stressed out this year (being a sophomore is the worst), and I knew that none of us on campus felt the same way."

After realizing that taking time off relax was definitely important, something Babson students were lacking, Lukas began organizing Spa Week and applied for funding via the Ask Roger Grant. Thus came the establishment of Spa Week which ran from April 21st until April 23rd.

Student Supports Ascent of Women's Lacrosse

Babson Women's Lacrosse defeated Connecticut College and added another victory to their record before going into the NewMAC Quarterly Finals.

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Students Shine at Honors Presentations

DAWOOD NAGDA AND BRADLEY VENNE
Staff Writers

Wednesday marked the culmination of months of hard work by sixteen seniors as they have reached the final completion of their Honors Projects.

They had the privilege of presenting their reports to the community where people could ask them questions about what they have learned. Topics included everything from high-end fashion to the Chilean copper industry.

"My project is aimed at brokers to create a portfolio that allows their investor to be able to sleep peacefully at night," said Nathan Magna '03, a presenter at this year’s honors project presentation which took place at 4:00 P.M. on April 23rd at Olin Hall.

His presentation explained the necessity as well as the means to create an investment portfolio that is both an ethical as well as a profitable venture.

This presentation, as well as others, presented an amazing example of both student innovation and Babson College’s spirit of student research and community outreach.

While most students commented on the workload, all were relieved to have completed the highest academic honor one can obtain at Babson. As if that were not enough, they also get better seats at graduation.

This opportunity to learn about their research was available to all.

The Honors Project Presentations, which were set up as an exhibition of ideas and concepts, attracted a wide array of interest from faculty, staff and of course students. Many conversations were struck between amazing visitors and confident presenters who pre-Continued On Page 3...
Babson to Make Summer Improvements

LINDSEY ALIX
Editor-in-Chief

As the summer approaches, Babson is preparing for some renovations that will be completed before we arrive back on campus on the summer. The majority of the construction will revolve around utility upgrades. One of the first areas to be worked on are the Park Manor dorms and Publishers Hall. They will be renovated, receiving new lighting, furniture, painting and carpeting, similar to the renovation completed in Canfield, Keith and Putney last year. During this time, the buildings will be closed to all students.

Another building in need of repair is Mustard Hall. At the current time it houses the undergraduate admissions and part of the economics department. This summer the building is scheduled to receive many much needed revotions. Utility trenches are currently being dug around campus in preparation for heavier work this summer. Some students have questioned the timing of the initial construction, given that pathways near Malley, Olin and Lukaic are currently being affected.

“There shouldn’t be any noise impact on either dorms or classrooms,” stressed Kaplan and Nilsson that the noise levels will experience many building shut down in places such as Tomasso, Black Center, and Horn.

This summer the construction attempt to not disturb people still on campus as much as possible.

However, College Drive will be on and off through July. Further, noise impact on the CEES will experience many building shut down in places such as Tomasso, Black Center, and Horn.

The third and final phase of the infrastructure upgrade will take place from the last week of October near Woodland Hill and the CEES and should have minimal impact on undergraduate students.

Possible improvements include the graduate student housing, the graduate residence hall, faculty housing, and renovations of the Smith Auditorium and the Horr Complex.

Overall, Babson is continuously working to make improvements to the campus as it sees the need and has the funds available. Long-term goals of the construction plans include making the campus more accessible to the growing student numbers and technological concerns.

Spa Week Popular Event With Students

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Lukas organized a raffle during this time that gave away “the ultimate spa package.” The package included “massage in a box” with a book and 36 full color cards to teach anyone how to massage.

Furthermore, it included massage oil, a stress relief roller, the book “Yoga: The Perfect Companion,” an aromatherapy kit, and two free passes to the Boston Sports Club in Wellesley. The whole raffle was worth over $100.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, Lukas, in conjunction with the Boston Sports Club held an open night for Babson students from 6pm to 9pm.

The students were allowed to use the hot tub, steam room, and gym. “It’s a big deal, it usually 25 bucks just to walk in the door there as a guest,” states Lukas.

Lukas remarks that the events took a lot of time to organize but she is generally happy that it occurred before finals so that kids could destress. Moreover, she hopes that the office of campus life and SGA take notice of the enormous response and plan more similar events.

Spa Week was a very well organized and needed event on campus. Lukas hopes that the event will continue again in the years to come.

BEAVERSTOCK STARTS TO ROCK

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The weekend will draw to a close with a blockbuster movie screening in Sorenson. Through the help of CAB, glass similar to the ones given away last year will also be handed out to students.

Parker states, “Sollie will return to sponsor the weekend because of the positive feedback we got from students. Expect more free giveaways and tasty chocolates.”

Now that plans are finalized, CAB is busy working out the logistics and working hard to ensure that the events run smoothly. Ed Nee comments,

“We work hard because we also enjoy participating in the events. As always, if there are any suggestions for improvement or things that students liked, we encourage them to contact CAB.”

Student Leaders

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At Babson, said Major.

In all, 44 positions were awarded from a pool of 83 applicants with some students accepting more than one position. The vast majority of applicants were freshmen and sophomores, as the process only applied to students new to the leadership program.

Students already accepted in prior years undergo a less intensive renewal process annually.

Carlin Lemmon ’06 was one of 16 students chosen as a peer mentor. “I really liked my FYE class and thought it would be fun to have that experience again with other students,” she said.

“It was a very long process and I’m glad I was finally accepted,” Jesse Tait ’06 was accepted into the women’s leadership program. She explained that “I went to some of the events held this year and decided it was an organization I wanted to join,” she explained.

WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 39  HIGH 55
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
WINDY
LOW 40  HIGH 54
SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 42  HIGH 61
MONDAY, MAY 1ST
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 41  HIGH 61
TUESDAY, MAY 2ND
SCATTERED SHOWERS
LOW 40  HIGH 56
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 40  HIGH 58
THURSDAY, MAY 4TH
SUNNY
LOW 42  HIGH 58
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
MIXED WINDS
LOW 41  HIGH 61
Honor Projects Presentations
Thrilling Event for Students

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changes in the climate of busi-
ness, and an awareness of the po-
ssible applications of the re-

results derived from the re-
search. Each project was evalu-
ated by Farah Iqbal who sought out
to analyze the "Visual Ethnog-
raphy of a Pishing Village in Pa-
kistan," and sought to inform
the audience about the ethnic
cultural experience she had
recently visited in rural areas of
Pakistani as well as the prob-
lems they faced due to lack of
infrastructures and other civic
problems.

Other presentations included:
"Entrepreneurship and Growth," by
Christian Dambolena, "A history of
the Chinese copper industry in the
Philippines," by Alvaro Acosta,
"Jamin Dijoumons, "Nazi Foreign
Policy: A Focus on the Relation-
ship with Great Britain," by
Eric Parker, "Network Secu-
rity: Protecting a Firm in the
Digital Age," by Varun Hooga,
"Applying the Globalization
Union," by Mariam Jakubek,
"Emotional Intelligence Devel-
opment," by Jessica Lee,
"Curriculum," by Tricia Leb.

Others included: "Promotion
in the High-Ball Fashion Indus-
try," by Vee Adams, "An
Account of the Indonesian
Economic Crisis and a case
of foreign involvement," by
P.T.," by Henry Moshi,
"Fashionspot.com - the cre-
ation of a High End Fashion E-
Retailing Site," by Daniele
Martars, "The Sports Car: An
American Love Affair and an
American Company," by
Strate-
ogy," by Jean-Pierre Mandelke.
"More Honors Projects in-
cluded: "Mathematical Noma-
dratic Models for Public Biotech-
ology Companies," by Oliver" Reen.

"Leveraging the Field: Creating
Partnerships with the World," by
Donald J. Schrepfer, "The Customer-
Employee Interfaces at Small
Universities," by Matthew
Williams, and "Economic Con-
sequences Behind China's Ac-
quisition of the World Trade
Organization," by Melissa
Wong.

For those unfamiliar with the
process, students submit
proposals to the Honors Coun-
cil for a topic of their choice.
Once the subject is studied
and refined, the student
works with an advisor
in the discipline of
which they are studying.

This two-semester long
project consumes huge
amounts of time, but the stu-
dent emerges as an expert
in the field of their choice.

With central honors project
process allows the student to
complete a project, usually
ending with a massive term
paper, which requires them
for her findings and analysis.

This opportunity was cre-
ted to allow students to
explore areas of interest
where their curriculum could not possibly accommodate.

Baby is small and allows
forclass sizes, but also limits the diversity of the
minds of these brilliant minds.

The range of topic
which can be studied is only limited by the imagina-
tion of the person
in charge of the project.
The presentation provided
students with an opportunity
to explore areas of interest,
both academic and scienti-
ﬁcal of Babson College or
more time.

The honors project
will be presented on
a closer calendar, on
the calendar, on
of the presenters looked for-
ward to this day-
ning, on jobs or other
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News Briefs
Week of April 23rd

Friday Dinner at the Quad

As part of spring weekend,
Trim will be closed Friday evening
April 25th for a barbecue dinner
outside of park manor south
from 5-7 pm.

Student Art Sale

Student artists from Babson
and Olin colleges will be show-
ing their work in Reynolds
this Thursday April 24th from
11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Most of
the work will be sold. For
sale and will include paint-
ings, drawings, jewelry and
photographs.

Senior Auction

The class of 2003 will be
holding their senior auction at
the Pub on Tuesday, April
29th from 4-6 pm. Money
raised will go towards senior
week. Items available include:
a signed Patriots
ticket and game tickets,
gift certificates to John
Harvard's Brew House, Bay
Tower, Foxwoods and Ardan Spa,
a pizza party for 12 and
a business incorporation. For
more information contact
Amanda Prier @ 8482.

Olin Seminar Series

Friday April 25th from 1-2
pm marks the next install-
ment of the Olin Seminar Se-
mart. The Olin Seminar Series
is a forum for student
work in the Olin Center audi-
torium. Brandeis Professor Dagmar
Kings will be a part of a discus-
sion on the future of genomic
research. Refreshments will be served.

Pub Nights a Success

Tuesday, April 22, Roger's
Pub hosted up-and-coming
rock band Sleep Station and
guests sat in for a band from
LaFontaine. Wednesday night,
the pub hosted Tune In, a pop music/culture fest
that sold out with prices
totaling $500. Sponsored
by CAD, drink tickets were
given away at the door, and
approximately 100 people attended
each evening.

Entrepreneurship Across
Europe

The Babson European Club
will host London Business
School Professor Paul Reynolds
for a discussion about current
entrepreneurship in Europe,
followed by a networking ses-
sion. The event will take place
at Olin Hall room 101 from
6-8 pm Thursday April 24th.
Pizza and drinks will be served.

Orchestra Performance

This Saturday April 26th at
8 pm the Babson College
Orchestra will perform Mahler's
symphony #5 at Sorrenson.
Tickets are available to
students for $5 at the Reynolds
info desk.

Community Chorus Performance

Faculty, staff and students
from Babson and Olin colleges
will present a spring choral
concert Tuesday April 29th at
6:30 at the Glavin Chapel.

Scavenger Hunt Deadline

Students wishing to participate
in this year's scavenger hunt
need to submit their team lists
to CABbabson.edu no later
than April 23rd. Teams must be
between three and six participants.
The competition will take
place on Saturday April
28th at 2pm, ending at 5pm
the same day. The first place
team will win $1500 with second
and third place winners receiving
$1000 and $500 respectively.
Student Government Association

Weekly Wednesday Meeting
Agenda for April 27th, 2003

- SGA Conference Room—Trim 201/202 approved to be official room
- Appreciation Banquet next Wednesday, April 30, 2003 @ the CEE

SCHEDULED BUSINESS
- Go over Election Timeline
  Suggestions:
  - Have RA's run campus representative elections
  - VP of Campus Activities should monitor events so they don't run into each
    other ex. Spring Weekend, spa weekend
  - Make one main calendar to refer to
  - Continue to persuade ITS

- Weekly newsletter with SGA initiatives and status in Free Press.
- Very positive response from extended card access—work on getting 24
  hour card access.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Yearbook pages offered to all organizations
- J5 tickets on sale—concert Thursday @ 7:30
- Pub night tonight to start off spring weekend @ 9:30 pm
- Appreciation Banquet next Wednesday, April 30, 2003

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Breakout from Babson Dressing Norms

LINDSEY ALIX
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone pretty much agrees that Babson College does not fit into the category of normal college student life. Not only do we wear business attire; we actually encourage it. Recently, however, another abnormality of Babson’s has also been on my mind.

There is a definite and noticeable dressing standard that is not uncommon among students. It is no secret that the styles of clothing are rare.

Unless it is Saturday or an important event, you won’t see many of us wearing casual clothes. While talking to a friend, who is a student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, she explained how she just woke up and realized she had no time for anything. She didn’t change and no one said anything. She just dressed that way.

Besides the pajamas, there are some odd tendencies that we consider normal. For women, I have noticed a distinct Aladdin influence on the way we dress. I love bandannas. I have nearly 10 different colors including purple, blue, green, and black.

Conformity is fine with me. I really do not mind, but I think people need to get a little more creative with their clothing. It doesn’t matter if you’re exploring the ways orange, purple, or green will look in the fall.

Now, I admit I conform to the standard a lot. I have my J.Crew jackets and Coach handbags. I am one of the select few who have decided to wear bandannas and black.

But I know I am one of the select few who have decided to wear bandannas. I love bandannas. I have nearly 10 different colors including purple, blue, green, and black.

Useful Tips for Surviving Internet Blackouts

ANDREW BOYSEN
Managing Editor

So the internet really sucks right now. This has been a consistent problem, but rather than the internet, the network seems to go into slow motion mode only when you need it most.

As someone who has struggled to find ways to deal with internet problems at Babson for the last few years, I am somewhat of an expert on dealing with internet problems at Babson.

The first step when the internet freezes is to find out if the problem is local, regional, or global. If you are in a suite, you can start by yelling really loud, “Is your internet working?” After a chorus of people yelling yes or no, you have learned whether the problem is with your computer.

If the problem lies with your computer, restart it and see if everything that plugs in, and if that doesn’t work, you are screwed. You can also call friends or someone who can find out if the internet is dead everywhere, or just in your dorm or area.

This is important, because if you have very important work to finish, you can go to the library or another dorm to complete your homework.

There are many times when the internet is dead all over campus, and it’s important to download all assignments and readings off of Blackboards and save them to a file.

This is because the details of the assignment might not be available online the next time you need a paper is due, and internet troubles are an excuse for not turning in a paper that was assigned the previous month.

If you failed to plan ahead, you can start calling people in your group to find out who the assignment was. Start with the kid with the thickest glasses.

If it is absolutely impossible to get the information you need for one assignment, start on another, even if you know you are working ahead in some classes.

Reading three chapters ahead of time will make it much easier to do well in your other class later, since you will be able to spend extra time on those assignments.

Another option that I’m certain would work, though I have never tried it, is to go over to the Olin Engineering School. This is because it is never busy, and if it did, it would be fixed to better than new condition.

Of course, you can always go on the internet and see why the internet is not working, and in a recent ITDMS announcement, “A malfunctioning computer in Mallory is causing a way that many cannot access internet connectivity.” It also said, “Whom It Affects: Everyone.”

Of course that’s not very believable, but whatever. If you find that one computer that is billing your internet account all week, and causing Professor Hotchkins to have trouble running their technology intensive class, I’d give it a kick in the power supply.

My advice to you for finals approaches is to plan ahead, and save time. My hope is that the network works through it all, and that you all have the best of luck writing your papers and studying for your tests.

Learn What You Want While at Babson

DJ SCHEPHER
Consulting Editor

It’s not until you’re almost done here at Babson that you realize how truly great it is. And, it is not until after you graduate, I have problems explaining Babson’s lack of majors. But it’s not just that we lack majors anymore, we don’t even have concentrations.

Instead, Babson gives you the ability to choose what you want, focus on what you want to focus on, and study the interesting things that can both be fun and exciting.

Due to my studying at Babson, I’ve taken courses in marketing, management, information systems and entrepreneurship, all because I’ve wanted to discover a new subject matter. Each course has uniquely shaped my learning at Babson and each has provided me a new outlook as I prepare to leave Babson.

Any regret I may ever have in Babson I would not regret it, because I would not have been able to do the things that interested me.

While you are here, take advantage of the fact that you are at the time of your life where you can learn anything, plan your path to graduation.

Babson is one of a unique breed of colleges that allow you to pick every class you take, with only a few guidelines for general education.

If you’re interested in finance, take finance courses. If you like marketing, learn about marketing. But if you’re interested in marketing, finance, economics, and MIS, there is no reason that you can’t study each subject.

Instead, explore these opportunities while you are here. Babson’s only help you to become a well-rounded individual upon graduation.

While some companies may look for your concentration, most of them are looking for a balanced candidate.

Understanding how job functions are inter-related and how to use multiple skills to accomplish one task will make you attractive to any prospective employer.

One thing you can take at Babson will help to shape you as an individual. During each course, you will learn new information that can make you a more attractive job candidate.

When you leave Babson, leave knowing that you took the classes that interest and excite you. Be happy about going to class.

Take classes that can challenge you and motivate you. Maybe you have a professor you like, and who you believe teaches you well, take his or her class if you believe you can learn more.

Find subjects that you are passionate about. You only have one chance to go through this experience and learn the things you want to learn about.

Babson gives you the freedom to pick these new opportunities at your own pace, when you want.

Take this opportunity while it is in front of you, to pursue your passion, and make sure you focus on what makes you happy, not what you believe will make others happy.

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JASON BEDRICK
Opinions Editor

For years, anti-Israel activists have been trying to create a rift between the two pro-Israel groups in America: mainstream Jews and the Christian right. These anti-democratic anti-Semites have resorted to fear-mongering playing on years of Jewish-Christian tension.

Even the liberal Israeli paper "Ha'aretz" featured an article titled "The Unholy Alliance with the Christian Right." They appear on news programs speaking lies about the evangelical Christian belief in establishing a Jewish state. It seems like the current political scenario is that all the Jews are gathered in one place, one third of them convert and very bad things happen to the remaining Jews. This, of course, is not true. Fortunately, the truth swiftly being revealed to mainstream American Jews. At this year's American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference, Gary Bauer, the President of American Values and former President candidate, spoke about the relationship between America and Israel. These two nations, he declared, are joined at the hip and at the heart.

"We are both democracies committed to the consent of the governed," Bauer said. "We both believe in the dignity of each individual and in the sanctity of each life. Both of us understand that our liberty is not given to us by a Prime Minister or a President, or the Congress, or the President, but comes instead from God."

Bauer noted that while Palestinian dissenters sang "Ol' Yiddishe Mame," Israel mourned. He also commended one Israeli newspaper for running the headline "God Bless America" as American troops began the liberation of Iraq.

"Great," the New York Post Bauer declared, "God said, 'He who blesses Israel will I bless, he who cursing Israel, I will curse.' For believing Christians that is clear enough, and good enough for us."

DANIEL AMMERMAN
Staff Writer

Unless you've been hiding under a rock, or sleeping out under that cardboard lean-to alongside Glavyn, you must have noticed the prevalence of Senior-sponsored late-twilight events within the school. McCollough, and Banyt. While the Bosch Light has filtered like water over Niagara, and daily the suites have been packed with roughly coherent revelers until 2 am, it seems that problems have been kept to a mini mum - that is - with the exception of when uninstructed underclassmen have attended. This is not to say that I have anything against underclassmen. To the contrary, I love those crazy tykes! Man, I would have driven off-campus by Forest the other day and one littleouver had taken the training-wheels off of his bicycle...it made me so tearful that I actually had to brave at the main entrance stop sign. I haven't stopped at that sign in four years - that's true emotion. But Freshman and Sopho more should be reading books with lots of pictures in them and building their motor skills with games such as tic-tac-toe, not attempting to drink at the level of us Seniors. I'm not trying to judge this coarse old toast, but when'll Matty Lamos goes to the fridge and picks up one of, heaven forbid, my beers, then he needs to be sent to our house and scary basement for a few hours.

When I do that, I know it's tough love. Us seniors need to do that for our little fellas around campus.

But why have I come to such a stern conclusion that uninstructed underclassmen shouldn't come to SODAY? Well, the SODA's with a large attendance of underclassmen have either been broken up by BABO by 11 pm, ran out of beer pre-maturely, or witnessed a really played-out and gay fight.

Also, it's pretty depressing to see Seniors forced to drink in the hallway of their own building because there are too many boys inside SODA wrecking the place up with Polo Sport and drinking all the beer.

Underclassmen girls, I'm not talking about you. You know that you can come to SODA anytime, anywhere. Heck, I'll even officially change the name to SODWUGA: Seniors Out Drinking With Underclassmen. Girls Again. You're all awesome.

So perhaps the thesis of this article has finally become clear: Little boys don't belong at SODA. But look it's 1 1/2 pm and the internal clock in my liver's ticking. I must bid adieu.
SEC Probes Specialists

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STAFF WRITER

Specialists on the New York Stock Exchange provide a highly valuable necessity to our global markets: financial market liquidity. Their role is to connect buyers and sellers of stock and also to purchase or buy shares, should there not be an immediate opposite to the trade.

Clearly this is a fair responsibility and should rightly receive a commission and say for executing this trade.

However, another task for these specialists is to manage the risk of trading on their own account. For example, imagine that an investor needs to sell her shares for at least $10, and there is also another investor looking to purchase shares anywhere between $10 and $11. If the market is trading at ten dollars, the specialist can purchase the first investor's shares at $10.00 and sell them off to the next investor at $10.05.

Performing this trade generates fees for the specialist and his firm at the investor's expense. If such a market condition is maintained, not only is liquidity maintained, but the fee that the specialist and his firm earn can also contribute to their profitability, as it is called, "front-running."

But when the market is volatile, large institutional investors have claimed that certain specialists and his firm have been "front-running" their orders. In such a case, the specialist and his firm have traded in advance of the institution's order in order to generate risk-less profit.

One specialist firm, Fleet Street Systems, headquartered in London, London, London, has placed a trader, David Finnerty, on administrative leave. No charges have been pressed but more information will be released once the investigation and the prosecutorial process is completed.

Why would a trader engage in such thoughtless trading? According to the specialists' defense, they are making much less money currently than during the height of the bull market of the nineties.

Specialist firms and their traders have seen that fortunes were since the market peaked three years ago. Now the New York Stock Exchange is seeing its profitability drop with lower volume and older competition from electronic communication networks, or ECNs, where orders can be electronically executed with the help of a specialist.

The problem with ECNs is that they charge a more efficient price if sufficient volume is being traded. If there is not enough volume, the price of a stock will change. This price change can be significant, and it is a driving factor for the specialist's business. As the CEO of the NYSE, John McFerran, has tried desperately to improve the competitiveness of the stock and electronic technology in his own company's DOT process.

While many of these firms besides Fleet Specialist that are being investigated are LaBranche Co. and the Spear, Leeds & Kellogg Global Group, and the floor-trading operations of Van der Molen Brothers, were left more in the dust.

The information these allegations will show how tremendous an impact on investor confidence. If all these firms are left to find themselves in front-running, the firms may dry up quickly, along with their profitability. If they are found involved in allegations of the public will lose faith in these firms and public will likely shift trading over time.

Virtual World Technology Imposes
Electronic Future in the Coming Years

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With most of the technological world turning its attention to the Bluetooth chip and its amazing feats in the wireless world, multimedia enthusiasts are busy bringing a new dimension to this ever-amazing virtual technology. I thought readers ought to know a few basics of this technology, namely the movement perception that causes this product's dazzling 3D effect.

Virtual reality is a computer-based representation of a space in which users can move their viewpoint freely in real time. I would call it a representative fusion of concepts of spatiality, the sense of use, space, and virtuality, the user's relationship with that space.

VRML—the Virtual Reality Modeling Language, often pronounced as "vermal," is a standard being developed for putting virtual realities onto the Internet. For people in many professions, from higher education to medicine to business, it will be with this set of technologies, rather than any other, that they will experience virtual reality.

The visual perception of movement is important to virtually every living species. Even organisms without vision usually have senses to detect movement. Obviously, detection of movement plays a vital role in the survival of animals; the must be good at perceiving movement of predators and of likely to be as important to an animal to detect immediately that something has moved in order to know how much time and what something is.

We have at least two needs for motion perception: to make sense of the world as we move through it, known as self-mo- tion, or "proprioception," and to understand objects that move about us. Much of the time, of course, both needs come into play simultaneously.

However, it is puzzling how easily we can normally distinguish between the movement of objects and our own movements, although, as far as a retinal image is concerned, there does not seem to be enough information to do this.

This is where virtual reality has historically lacked the motion and isn't real enough for us because just the retinal image we've been around and what we can move our heads, but the objects on the screen don't move along with us.

Evidence shows, however, that movement detected in parts of the retina that encode vision allows us to perceive self-motion, whereas the same stimuli that encode virtual reality systems cause us to perceive object motion.

This is how VRML works—by examining the images you see, it is able to readily mimic what you would perceive in nature, and thus are not as affected by the sense as older virtual reality systems. VRML is currently in its second generation and proving very popular among users worldwide. There are over a dozen versions of the technology and development, and the project is advancing rapidly.

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CARS YOU SHOULD BUY IF YOUR PARENTS WILL PAY

Matt Rowell
Staff Writer

Looking for a new car? What if your dad says you can get whatever car you want? What do you choose? I am sorry to say I will never be in this situation, but for many of you students whose parents still help you out and who are members of the "thanks dad" club, it is an easy decision to make.

Looking around Babson's parking lots, one will experience a tremendous amount of flashy cars. However, many of the cars are unoriginal as it seems everyone is buying the same oil-burning Audi, A4 or BMW 3 series. Automobile variety has hit an all-time low; it seems as though everyone is driving a 330 or an A4.

You know the economy is bad when there's a single Maserati to be found on Forest Street. Sophomore Chris Smith claims, "There must be a total of 100 A4's and BMW's in this campus. These cars just are not cool anymore, it is time for a change." After a lot of investigation, my peers and I have concluded that this campus needs to claim residence on an SL-500 and an Audi S8. So all you rich international students and spoiled rich American Millionaires give dad a call and help make this campus become more automotive diversified.

For the SL-400, a look under the hood proves that it is a technological tour de force in the shape of the newly developed Mercedes twelve-cylinder engine. Equipped with two turbochargers and three-valve per cylinder, the new unit is one of the most advanced car engines in the world, perfect for Babson students. Amazingly, the bi-turbo configuration gives the V12 engine an output of 300 hp and a maximum torque of 900 Newton metres. Furthermore, for all you speed demons the SL-600 accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in only 4.7 seconds and polishes off the 60 to 120 km/h sprint in 4.9 seconds. The maximum speed is electronically limited to 254 km/h. Sounds like a great way to kill yourself.

The SL-500 is now the flagship model in the SL range, and the reasoning behind such a model, in Mercedes language, is simple. "Performance, refinement, and luxury." As one Mercedes representative has said "The SL-500 is currently taking away much of BMW's thunder." If you're looking for a larger four door car with speed and luxury, give the Audi S8 a test drive. With its lowered sport suspension, the feeling is akin to driving a light-weight sports coupe. Speed is also very evident as the engine consists of a 40-valve, 360 hp aluminum V8. If you show up on campus with one of these two cars, you will definitely catch the eyes of many jealous car lovers. Senior Bob Dillon stated: "If a girl came to pick me up driving a 2003 SL-600, not only would I buy her dinner but also an engagement ring."

How to Lure Babson Guys Using Your Charms

Lindsey Alix and Marie Prokopets Editor-in-Chief and Consulting Editor

Get the last night blues? All alone and tired of it? Well, if you are a Babson lady, make sure to follow these tips, and you will be sure to score that guy you've been flirting for.

The first thing you must do is dress to impress. Tight jeans and a tank top are a must to get your guy at a party, and if you are more adventurous, throw on a skirt or a dress.

The next thing to remember is that there are a lot more guys at Babson parties than girls, so you don't have that much competition. If you do happen to spot a girl who looks to be a possible impediment to your goal, be sure to act fast. Remember, the early bird gets the worm.

Face it: guys like it when you touch yourself. So be sure to have a finger in your hair or be touching your lips in order to draw attention to your face. If you are drinking make sure to lick your lips afterwards. A circular motion with your tongue adds allure.

Do not forget to smile either. You want to look friendly and approachable. To this end, never turn your back to a guy. Rather, make sure you face him. Lean in when you are talking to him, let him know you are into him. This will also show more cleavage.

Now let's move on to the eyes. It is very important to make eye contact with the target you have chosen. A perfected 'come hither look' is crucial. One might want to practice this look in mirror before going out. A dark steamy sexy look will draw them in.

When you are talking to him, it is always ok to touch him gently. Place a hand on his arm if he says anything. If he places an arm around your waist you know you are doing well.

The midriff is one of the most important sections of the body. While other aspects of your physiology can be important, nothing is as important as having an exposing a tight midriff. This will be sure to get a guy after you. If this for some reason does not work, tell him that you've been working on your abs and place his hand over them just to get some physical contact in the mix.

An important thing to do is follow the conversation you will have with your guy. Do not want to seem too dumb, so do not loose the conversation. Make interesting comments. If you are not generally witty, do not despair. Just be straightforward.

If all else fails, just make sure to act extra drunk and remind the guy that you forgot to wear your underwear tonight. Don't forget; guys love drunk college girls.

There are many ways to hunt your prey. Some guys are easier than others too. Most Babson guys are happy if you show up. So, go out and socialize. Trust us, they are more scared about talking to you than you should be to talk to them. They will be thrilled to talk to a girl. So get confidence and go up to the guy you have your eye on.

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Iran's Creation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Viral Kapadia
International Editor

Iran is an Arab county that is part of the Middle-East, yet is somewhat detached from the rest of the Arab World because it consists primarily of a Shiite Muslim population, quite different from the Muslim population in the rest of the Middle-East. Iran is a country that is still clinging to its traditional and long-held beliefs, as well as the strong influence of a male dominated society.

Specifically, there have been many allegations against the human rights treatment of Iran. The political and religious authorities had been highly strained under the Carter Administration due to the hostage situation at the American Embassy in Iran. A few months ago there was a case against a professor at a university in Iran, who received the death sentence for saying a statement that partially contradicted the firm belief in Islam. Students and others around the world protested this decision by the courts, and created many protests. As a result of such strong activism, Iran's views and actions were brought out to the rest of the world, and resulted in the court's reversing their decision on the death penalty.

Other cases that have been widely reported in Iran are of mistreatment of women by men, specifically in marriages. Women are to live under a very strict code, and many are not even permitted to drive. Another restriction on women is that they can not go out at night alone, and have to be accompanied by either their husband or brother. Iran is very much known for its strong conservatives against women.

Iran has once again come under scrutiny by the international community, but President Bush has specifically characterized it in the "Axis of Evil." The US has accused Iran, just as it had accused Iraq, of possessing and making weapons of mass destruction.

Recently, the director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, visited Tehran the capital of Iran, and announced that Iran is building a uranium enriched enriched plants. Uranium is a key component in nuclear weapons, and thus it directs the US to conclude that Iran is creating its own nuclear weapons. Currently the uranium plants have reached an advanced stage and have received significant amounts of materials.

It is also believed that Iran has violated the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as a result of some of its internal actions. The State Department commented on the issue by saying that these developments are very serious and Iran needs to be brought up to the international community, and the IAEA, Iran insists that it is operating under the rules and laws governed by the IAEA.

Iran's weapons development has also created some uneasiness in the Israeli government. Iran has openly denied Israel's existence, and has supported groups such as Hezbollah, which is one of the primary groups behind the attacks on Israel. As a result of these developments, there is more tension mounting in the middle-east, in addition to Iraq.

The United States already has its hands full with Iraq and the impending situation with Syria, and Iran involvement in Iran will create a very strong destabilization of the Middle-East. As a result, the United trolley hance the experience of others. It was definitely accomplished by the extravagant performances.

AMAN had three performances and one guest performance by Bentley's South Asian organization. The performances included classical, film and regional song dances, bringing out the variety of South Asian students represented in AMAN. AMAN's goal, as stated, is "To promote awareness and unity between the overseas and their " origins, but sharing a common culture.

AMAN successfully fulfilled its mission by the variety and diversity in the dances that were performed. The dances ranged from choices expressed the vast culture that exists in South Asia. Sanat Hojo, a participant in the show, said about his experience, "It was an extraordinary turnout for an extraordinary show - from the vibrant peacock dance to the poppy Indian dances and the hip-shaking Tahitian and Hawaiian dances. Friends who could it brightened up this evening even more. Overall, the performances showed the diversity and culture, costume and color."

The NAACP, Bahosen Chapter, had also performed performances, which brought out the "Evolution of Black American Music." The performace included jazz, ragtime, calypso, and New Orleans music, which was well received by the audience.

All of these organizations brought out the true diversity in the different cultures that are represented at Bahosen, while allowing them to showcase their talents. Phil Cheng said, "These experiences bring out our civerity for a short while, but the Bahosen students lack a willingness to be exposed to a variety of multi-culturalism and diversity, which they themselves need to explore via the many pathways such as these."

The event had another successful and memorable show this year, and will be looking Forward to another show next year.
“Anger Management” Is a Full Ride for Audiences

JONATHAN DOYLE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Take Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson, two bisexual porn stars (yes, I said two porn stars, and oh yes, they do kiss), comedians Austin Peralta and star Heather Graham, Woody Harrelson and a whole bunch of Nicholsen’s friends, and you get one of this year’s best comedies.

Although this is one of Sandler’s best, he is still outshined by the ubiquitous Jack Nicholson’s performance. Nicholson’s smile and extraordinary facial expressions are an example to prove that he can be (or at least plain nuts and still be one of the premier dramatic actors of all time.

“Anger Management’s” plot for all those of you who don’t watch our free cable, is something to find your job at a pet clothing magazine. him wrong for accusing of a crime and swallowed to anger management counseling. His counselor is Dr. Biddy Rydell played by Jack Nicholson, who seems to have some serious anger management issues of his own. 

Sandler’s girlfriend, Oscar winner Marias Tomei, loves him even though he’s a bit of a huckster side. It is good thing shy guys aren’t always left out of the lime light.

Nicholson makes his appearance on a flight where Sandler ends up getting stung and gunned down. Then comes a few stops all over the northeast including a Buddhist temple and Sandler tackling everyone from monks to Jack.

Anger Management, rated PG-13 for crude sexual content and language, is playing in now theaters and is on its way to fill the seven dollars you spend on the ticket (hopefully at Framingham).

Hanging in Horn Library Gallery is a display of dresses created out of a variety of materials that display the artist’s artistic talents. The dress will be on display for the next few weeks.

Music You Need To Listen To Right Now

The music and vocals are all over the place. Singes Tim Kasher’s vocals range from light screaming on “A Gentlemen Caller” to a very emo whisper on “Bloody Murderer”. The music is balanced yet awkward and highlighted by the cells, with a mix of other obscure instruments like church bells.

Highlights of this record include “Art is Hard” and ‘Some Red Headed Sleight of Hand’ where the forcefulness of the music really shows. Overall, Cursive has one of the best releases this year and Omaha is proving to be one of the best indie rock scenes in the country.

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“Better Luck Tomorrow” Has Entertainment Value

Tiffany Wong Staff Writer

Rarely does a movie come along that succeeds in taking an almost-claustrophobic and used formula for a thought-provoking script, giving a bold yet simple twist and creating its own. Justin Lin does just this with his recently released film, “Better Luck Tomorrow.”

He begins with a classic recipe of ingredients: high school students getting into trouble, the sometimes overwhelming desire to do the unexpected and the age-old quest of trying to find your identity. The difference? They are Asian-Americans. And in doing so, Lin manages to demonstrate a perspective not only unique, but also rarely seen, and chillingly accurate.

The title character, Ben, is played by Percy Shen, is the poster child for over-achievement, and as such the generalist for most Asian-American students. He is often relied upon his shoulders with his words, thoughts and decisions—decisions that are sometimes right, most times mistaken and rarely what he really wants.

With the addition of building the picture-perfect resume for his college applications, Ben throws himself into a mode of full-throttle success for all the wrong reasons.
Women's Lacrosse
Victorious Once Again
ANDREW BOYSEN
MANAGED EDITOR

It was a dark and rainy day when Babson Women's Lacrosse defeated Connecticut College and added yet another victory to their record before going into the NEWMAC Quarterfinals, which will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at 6:30 P.M. on the upper fields. The final score against Connecticut College was 12 to 11.

Just 90 seconds into the game, Ashley Andre, '03, scored the first goal of the game. Despite strong performances from the Babson team, Connecticut College managed to score the next five goals, leaving the score tied at 5-5.

Babson continued to fight back, and with a second goal in the first half, Babson was only down by three with the half-time score being 7-10.

Babson started off the second half by getting Connecticut College a real pep talk. Five of the first six goals in the second half were by Babson's own Women's Lacrosse team.

Struggling to register the second goal in the second half, Connecticut College managed to squeeze out three more goals to regain the lead of 12-10.

Babson, however, had no intention of letting Connecticut College keep that lead. Deb Morris, '03, and Sarah Siciliano, '04, took control, and scored a goal each to tie up the game. This was Deb's fourth goal of the game, and Sarah's second.

Not to be outdone, Andre scored a sixth and final goal of the game, to clinch the Babson victory at 12-11. All of this scoring would have been for naught, except for Margaret Schlachter '03, whose ninth save one minute before the end of the game prevented Connecticut College from tying up the game.

An assist from Alesa Rui, '05, also played a hand in the victory. This victory is no aberration from the way the Women's Lacrosse team operates. In fact, Babson Women's Lacrosse has won five of its last six games. Babson's five leading scorers, Ashley Andre, Alexis Rui, Deb Morris, Sarah Siciliano, and Erica Burdick have scored a total of 92 goals this year.

With these all-stars supported by a strong team, Thursday's NEWMAC Quarterfinal game should be very exciting. Babson College is ranked number four in the NEWMAC Conference, and the team played a home game against Mount Holyoke, which is ranked number five in the conference.

The game was played at 4:30 P.M. on the upper fields, and was the last home game of the season.

Spring Intramurals Update
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STAFF WRITER

Spring intramurals have had to overcome some poor weather conditions, but teams have still managed to bring out their best stuff.

In co-ed softball, First-Year Funk didn't let their second week funk bring them down in week two. They grabbed the Kickball All-Stars 25-8 with their stellar defensive play. Shocks and Aces brought out their big guns beating The Boss 28-2. The other winning teams of the week include Good Feels, the Swamp Donkeys, the Whistlers, Reverse the Curse, and the Boosh Droppe.

In the two Flag football contests of the week, the PMN Thundercats and Mac the Knife were victors. The Thundercats deployed some outstanding defense beating Pachecos 14-0. Their defensive line was unstoppable, frustrating the Pachecos offense and forcing them into several errors.

The first round of the spring tennis tournament is still underway. Sixteen players are still fighting for the eight second round spots.

Students are encouraged to come support all intramural sporting events. Teams are played five days a week, and all are guaranteed to be fiercely competitive. Schedules can be found in the intramurals section of the Babson athletics website.