Hillel Hosts Comedian & Photographer

JASON BEDRICK
OPINIONS EDITOR

Under the new leadership of Michael Mandel, Hillel has become more active on campus. In the past, Hillel was a group that catered to the Jewish community at Babson to fulfill their social, cultural, and religious needs. Lately, Hillel has been reaching out to the rest of the Babson community with campus-wide events such as the photographer Harel Stanton and the upcoming comedy act by Steve Hofstetter and Josh Jacobs.

Last night, Hillel hosted "1000 Faces of Israel," with photographer Harel Stanton. Stanton appeared at Babson last year for "Israel Celebration Week," sponsored by the Babson Friends of Israel. Because of the response to his slideshow, Mandel invited Stanton to return this year. "Harel Stanton brings a fresh perspective of life in Israel by showing parts of Israel that nobody sees on the news," said Mandel. "Instead of politics and violence, Stanton shows the many different cultures that live and thrive in Israel."

About two dozen people turned out for the event, which featured slides of Israeli landscapes and cultures. Stanton showed that Israel ranges from deserts to lush forests and river valleys to rocky mountains. Stanton also showed the amazing cultural differences between religious Jerusalem and secular Tel Aviv. Assisted by music that would switch between serene or sorrowful to fast-paced and lively, Stanton's slideshow evoked a wide spectrum of emotions while educating the crowd on Israel's incredible diversity.

This Saturday, Hillel will host comedian Steve Hofstetter. Hofstetter is well-known for being the first comedian on Collegehumor.com, the famous (and infamous) website dedicated to immature college hilarity. Hofstetter has also written for Maxim magazine and ESPN, created the "Sports Jerk of the Week" website, and wrote the book Student Body Shots: A Sarcastic Look at the Best 4-6 Years of Your Life.

Hofstetter's opener, Josh Jacobs, is also known for his work on Collegehumor.com. Jacobs is an alumnus of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the largest fraternity on campus, while

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Oktobefest Looks to be a Hit on Campus with Students

LINDSEY ALIX
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Later this month, Babson College students can look forward to a fun-filled event also known as Oktoberfest. This year, CAB, in conjunction with SGA, BCR, SSU, and Olin has put together a schedule of events that will surely be a good time.

The theme of this year will revolve around the traditional idea of Oktoberfest. Keeping things traditional was voted on by members of CAB after eliminating other theme suggestions.

The events will begin on Wednesday, October 22nd with the movie 28 Days Later being shown in the Sorenson Center. On Thursday, the largest event will take place: the Better Than Ezra concert in PepeGo. This concert will be the first time Babson has held a full concert. Previously, the only concert CAB has held on campus has occurred during the spring.

The show will begin at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased for $10 for all Babson students. This band was chosen completely by the responses from a survey sent to students. "We received over 600 responses to the survey this past summer, which was great," comments Mike Restivo, president of CAB.

The tickets have been on sale at the Reynolds Info Desk for two weeks now and this week the sale was opened up to outside colleges. "This year, we are trying to more aggressively advertise to other, local colleges. We believe we can get a lot of response since a lot of other colleges do not have fall concerts," states Restivo.

On Friday, CAB will sponsor a pub night in traditional Oktoberfest style with the hope

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New SGA E-Board Elected
This Past Weekend

LINDSEY ALIX
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last Thursday and Friday the Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board was voted on for the coming 2003-2004 school year. The voter turnout was much higher than expected with 716 responses, 100 of which were submitted within one hour of the polls opening. Results were e-mailed to all undergraduates once the election process was closed on Friday evening.

2003-2004 SGA President is Jennifer Sanchez, Executive Vice President is Kristen McQuaid, Vice President of Finance went to Sanjay Rama, Vice President of Communications is Evonne Wesołowski, Vice President of Commerce is Barry Berkowitz, and the new Vice President of Campus Activities as well as President of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) is Mike Restivo.

Although most of the candidates ran unopposed for their positions, the Presidential race, as well as the race for the Vice President of Finance, was a heated contest. Opposing Sanchez was Brett Adamczyk, Minh Bui, and Teghir Singh Raktizer.

The two presidents have a big focus on close between Sanchez and Bui with

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Workers put the finishing touches on the brick patio outside Central and South. The new area has three new benches where warm, weather students can hang out side together.

New SGA E-Board Looks Forward to Year

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33% and 28% of the votes respectively. Adamczyk was close behind with 25% and Raktinen was right behind him with 13% of the votes.

Sanjay Rana won with 61% of the votes over Bar- don Michael who had 37% of the votes in the race for the Vice President of Finance. The new E-Board is ready and equipped with fresh ideas to start upon a new and exciting school year. Jennifer Sanchez looks forward to a year of forging new friendships with students and faculty as well as the entire E-Board.

She says that her main goal is, "to see student satisfaction regarding their personal social life increase."

Executive Vice President, Kristian McQuaid, felt that the election process went smoothly especially because she ran unopposed. One of her main goals is, "to promote SGA throughout campus, to really make people aware of the things we are doing," and also to, "let [students] know the different ways that SGA can help them, or their organization," she says.

Sanjay Rana, Vice President of Finance, plans to fo- cus on working one-on-one with organizations ensuring they are informed as to the rules of budgeting and fund- ing.

Barry Berkowitz, Vice President of Commerce, is currently working on a Com- merce Committee Plan that will work with various school offices and SGA to promote student-run businesses. He hopes to "unveil" his plan at an SGA meeting later this month.

Like many of his fellow board members, Michael Restivo, Vice President of Campus Activities and President of C.A.B., hopes to "foster collaboration among organizations."

In anticipation of the school year he says, "I am more excited than nervous. I feel as though the old VP of Finance, Dr. Note, has prepared me very well for the transition."

As the old E-Board helps the new board through a smooth transition into the school year, Liz Chamberlain feels excited and optimistic about the coming year.

"I am very excited about the new E-Board. I think they are well prepared for what lies ahead of them," she says. Chamberlain also expresses, "I would like to thank students for voting and for allowing me and my board to serve them this past month."

Congratulations to the new SGA E-Board and good luck in the coming year. We are all waiting in excited anticipation to see what the year will bring.

Babson College Public Safety Police Log

Lockout: 111
Motor Vehicle Assistance: 6

Monday 9/22/03
1:40 pm Request for an ambulance at the Health Center. Student trans- ported to NWH.
11:36 pm Request for an ambulance at NWH. Non student trans- ported to NWH.

Tuesday 9/23/03
12:01 am Report of a fire in the parking lot behind Vanwinkle Hall. Parish found in the area spoken to by Officers. Everything checked okay, no fire.
4:54 pm Request for an ambulance at the facility break room. Em- ployee transported to NWH.
6:00 pm Report of a harvesting phone call in Forest Hall. Report filed.

Thursday 9/25/03
4:29 pm Student reports a larceny of a cell phone from the Webster Center. Report filed.

Friday 9/26/03

Saturday 9/27/03

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Steve Hofstetter Comes to Babson Courtesy of Hillel

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Hofstetter is an alumnus of Alpha Epsilon Pi, a fraternity on campus which is still seeking official recognition.

Mandel is hopeful that he can further increase Hillel's activity on campus this year. In the works are plans for weekly or bi-weekly bagel brunches and Shabbat (Sabbath) dinners. Hillel will be sponsoring a bagel brunch for Family Weekend.

Mandel and the Hillel E-board have been encouraged by the increased attendance at services and other Hillel events this year, especially the regional Boston Hillel Boat Cruise where attendance was almost triple the average attendance for Hillel events in previous years.

In the spring, Mandel is planning to put together a community-wide Seder, a dinner celebrating the Exodus during the Jewish high holiday of Passover. The Seder will be to educate others about the rituals and customs involved with the holiday.

Babson Hillel may also be working with the Wellesley College chapter for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, and plans are underway for the annual Falafel Ball, which was a big hit last year.

Stand-Up Comedy

Steve Hofstetter & Josh Jacobs

Saturday, October 4th

Tickets: $10 at the door or Reynolds Info Desk

Attention Everyone:

The Office of Class Deans has assembled a series of workshops open to all Babson students to sharpen and further develop their academic skills. These workshops will assist students with time management, setting goals, accessing campus resources, and approaching faculty. The workshops are only an hour long and will be delivered by some of Babson's finest presenters!

Here are some of the exciting programs coming soon:

Monday, October 6th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Sorenson Visual Arts Center, Trim 215

• Faculty Panel
• Guest Speakers: Elizabeth Swanson Goldberg, Assistant Professor in Arts and Humanities; Elaine Allen, Associate Professor of Statistics; Richard Bliss, Assistant Professor of Finance; Bill Coyle, Associate Professor of Accounting

Tuesday, October 14th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Reynolds 244

Knowing Your Writing Process
• Guest Speakers: Kerri Rouge, Lecturer in Arts & Humanities and Director of the Writing Center in Babson Hall

Monday, October 20th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Horn Library, Cutter Center

Accessing Library Resources
• Guest Speaker: Christine Drew, Manager of Library Instructional Services

Monday, October 27th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Sorenson Visual Arts Center, Trim 215

Learning and Study Strategies
• Guest Speaker: Erin Evans, Coordinator of Strategies for Success and disABILITY Services

Monday, November 3rd, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Sorenson Visual Arts Center, Trim 215

• The Arts and a Healthy Lifestyle: Taking care of you
• Guest Speaker: Buni Hash

Please check the Office of Class Deans website for more details, babson.edu/classdeans
Speak Up Before It's Too Late Forever

LINDSEY ALIX
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Life can get going pretty fast sometimes. You have papers and projects due, meetings to attend, and places to go. However busy you are though, you should never let the people you care about be left behind.

Many times in life, people use the excuse, "Well there is just not enough time." That is completely untrue. There is plenty of time in life to do the things that are important to you. One thing that should be important to us all is family and friends.

Never take for granted the time you have because you never know when it will be too late. Over the past three years, I have lost touch with some people simply because I did not take the five minutes or less it would have taken to send an e-mail. Friendships can survive on nearly nothing, but need some attention every once in a while to remain alive.

Make a point to stay interested in people’s lives. Even if you have not heard from someone in a long time, it does not mean you should forget them. Just because they have not contacted you does not mean you shouldn’t contact them. Be the first.

Another thing I have learned over the years here at Babson is that the times you remember the most are not those that happened inside a classroom, but rather the times spent with friends on campus. Rarely ever again in life will you have a bunch of close friends living within walking distance. Take advantage of this proximity, visit and hang out as much as possible. Prioritize your school experience, make sure that building memories with friends gets as much or more time as school work does.

This suggestion to hang out more than work may surprise you, but life is not all about making money and having success. I do not dare claim to know what life is about, but I know it's not about money.

Back to the keeping in touch with people topic; family is very important. Whether you are from the Boston area or from across the world, make it a point to keep in touch with relatives. You never know when someone's time on Earth will end, so tell them how you care about them now.

The biggest regret in my life relates to this issue. The night before my grandmother died, she called my house from the hospital. That day she had had a heart attack, but doctors said she was fine and would be released the next day. Everyone in my house talked to her, but I, who planned to visit her first thing in the morning, decided I would talk to her tomorrow.

However, five minutes before I arrived at the hospital the next morning, she had another massive heart attack and died. I never got to talk to her or say how much I loved her. I did not take advantage of the time I was given to talk to her the night before.

I will always remember that moment and the mistake I made. Do not make the same mistake. Take every chance you get to tell the people you care about the most how much they mean to you. Never live with the regret that I do.

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SGA Minutes for Wednesday October 1st

Scheduled Business:

I. Funding Requests:
--Club Hockey budget presented by Captains Dave Deckelbaum and Jon Lio
-BUDGET PASSED
--Scuba Club budget presented by Lilly.
-BUDGET PASSED
--Babson Cheerleading Club budget presented by Jen Bell and Lauren Zopatti
-BUDGET PASSED

II. Inauguration
--Swearing in of new executive board.

III. New Registration and anti-hazing policies due to Chris Kandus this week

New Business:
--Soap dispensers in the suites (McCullagh, Kalich, Plets)
--Have Wall Street Journal readily available in dorms

Announcements:
--Men’s Rugby Game @ 1:00 pm this Saturday on the Lowerfields
Motion to adjourn
you accidentally knock your roommate’s toothbrush into the toilet. He's not home. What do you do? Answer the question. Compare your opinions with others. Explore what matters at pwc.com/lookhere.
Operation Iraqi Freedom is Justified

CHRIS LEVINSON
STAFF WRITER

Now that Saddam Hussein is gone, it’s possible on the home front, most of whom swing left of center, are asking whether our campaign in Iraq was just. Well, to put things in perspective, Saddam was the head of a brutal totalitarian state, perpetuated genocide against the Kurds using biochemical weapons, and tortured and murdered his own people. He is much like Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia and Kosovo. Yet while most Democrats, including new presidential candidate John Edwards, were all for bombing and outsourcing Milosevic, they consider removing Saddam a mistake. Even though Milosevic was small potatoes compared to Saddam in terms of the scale of death and destruction and had never stared with war, the Democrats deemed that he was a legitimate target. So why was Desert Storm a success and I do not know and I do not think General Clark or Governor Howard Dean knows either. Perhaps to make way de jour is that removing Saddam was wrong because we did it without the “international support of any kind?” Please. Should Belgium or Angola really have a say in American policy decisions. Are Syria and Libya going to support removing an unelected dictator who violates the civil rights of his people? And, according to our Dem friends: no UN resolution; no war.

Conversely, where were our most vocal detractors during the Iraq war, mainly France and Germany, while leveling most of Belgrade, the capital of a “sover- eign” nation to remove Milosevic? And where were vitriolic sound bites from Democrats while we were attempting a “regime change” there? They were supporting us. Certainly, it was right to protect the people of Kosovo but why was that a just war while Operation Iraqi Freedom was, in the view of most Democrats and our European allies, a mistake. Was it because some bureaucrats at NATO headquarters said so? Or was it just because all the Kosovo refugees at their borders offended these European stalwarts of morality?

Saddam Hussein’s regime was responsible for deaths of 1.5 million people in Iraq, Iran, and Kuwait. But Democrats never mention genocide in Saddam’s Iraq or the relief given to many Iraqis now feel that he and his sons are gone. If they are ignorant of their inconsistencies on such issues, it means they are frighteningly naive and foolish. If they are purposely ignoring them for political gain, then they are dishonest. Kith or tawny why they should not be trusted with foreign policy decisions.

We should expect people to have the courage to do what they think is right. Why should we expect less from our leaders? We should not ignore brutal dictators who threaten our security and slaughter their own people just so we can stay in the international in-crowd. Anyone who would do this cannot be trusted to govern this country.

The Editor-in-Chief does not agree with this article and asks the campus community to contact freepress@babson.edu

Babson Public Safety Needs to Lighten Up

JASON OLARTE-HART
CORRESPONDENT

I’m tired, real tired of feeling imprisoned anywhere I am on the Babson campus. A nationwide survey found Babson students to be rankled 18th in the most unhappy college towns. At Babson College Public Safety is a huge concern to me for several reasons.

There are those who will arbitrarily and passively dismiss us as over reactive. It’s true, “it’s what you make of it, you can have hat but not with that attitude.” Good news, I recently took this attitude, without a hat and party down like it was 1999 on campus. But alas! My fun was short lived as the underlying precept of the unibrowed sheepshaved soulful once again, the un-emotional applause of power of Babson Safety Officers.

As an officer outside of perspective, say a visiting friend, the creech which we call ‘Babes’ may parallel Comedy Central’s “ Reno 911,” but to the Babson student, Public Safety’s rigorous mishandling of their authority clearly leaves our on-campus environment enjoyable. Honestly Public Safety, what is the attitude? Public Safety’s infectious feeling does not exist in Babson. Right, we are all in an impotent state listening to a CONTINOUS LOW.BLOW out of all year-old’s hands? The fire test has not worked here for years so why not make an adjustment and take a new approach to enforcing policy limiting a person to pour out a beer and explaining their reason for the next better not a bad cop out of their hand or pouring it out in front of them after rudely snapping it from the student?

Public Safety should be held accountable for their actions. Don’t you have to be a student to sit on the College Market? Students just sat idly by and watch your best four years get away in a campus that doesn’t feel safe. Take action and let the more of us who are not, the more wheels will grind and we will right these wrongs.

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New Logos Much Like Old Logos But Worse

JASON BEDRICK
OPINIONS EDITOR

(Disclaimer: This article is for satirical purposes only and is not meant to offend anyone. If you are easily offended and/or a member of the administration who wields massive power over my life, please read no further.)

I am pleased to announce that after several minutes of not being diligent work by a task force representing only myself, a new article has been approved for the Babson Free Press! The new article (above) here represents just the right blend of irreverent wit with desperation at the way my ever-increasing tuition is being spent (on task forces to over-eagerly modify logos and such), and a more contemporaneous freshness that communicates how words can be thrown together in such a way that sounds like something exciting is happening when really nothing more than the mundane has occurred. That’s right, the Babson College logo has been changed!

The new logo “updates” the “global look,” and makes the “B” – one of my top 25 favorite letters – a central part of our imagery. Let’s face it, the distorted image of several entities was getting passé. The word “College” has been removed from our main logo – perhaps to make way for “Babson University” – and we’re going to be able to slap this logo over the u-grad and grad schools, executive ed, acaemic centers, institutes, athletics, and wherever else it might look good.

College renaming is now ready to begin the not-so-much-anticipated rollout of the new brand portfolio. Your college tuition will be spent needlessly in a three-phase process.

Phase One: Crying the Gospel. First we will update the logo across campus. In the meantime, we will have several “informational lunches” (paid with your tuition) to show off the new logo and tell you all about how it was developed (to reiterate: we removed the word “College” and added the letter “B” to the globe), and how it will be used (to reiterate: we’re using it basically like the old logo or any other logo).

Phase Two: More of the Above. Here we’re going to take advantage of all the remnants of the old logo and replace it with the newer, freshness.

Phase Three: The Inquisition. The new logo will be forced into every aspect of the Babson infrastructure and you will feel like you are clinging to the old logo will be expelled.

I am most interested about this than any individual should be, which is to say not at all. This new logo does so much for this campus. What with is: nobody knows, but we’re sure that it does something (more than waste tuition dollars I mean).

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Goldman's Questionable Trading Multiple

On September 23rd, shares of Goldman Sachs (NYSE: GS) fell 3.9% to $48.00 on heavy trading while many of the company's competitors, including Bear Stearns, Lehman Brothers, and Morgan Stanley were all on the rise for the day.

The cause of this hit may influence the long-established notion that Goldman is the best known for its aptitude to trade bonds.

Earlier this quarter, Goldman purchased millions of dollars of mortgage portfolios from various clients. Their expectation may have been that there would be a corporate buying spree at current mortgage rates, enlarging the future value of these mortgage portfolios.

However, the market moved away from Goldman in late June when rates rose for the 10-year treasury moved away from 3.52% to 4.4% on the last day of June. The USA today on August 4th, described the outcome as follows: "The average bond fund lost 2.3% of its value during July. Those who bought bond funds as a haves from the stock market were no doubt disappointed, especially as the average stock fund rose 3% in July."

How did such a blunder occur? Having missed the opportunity to resell the portfolios, Goldman has continued to hold these holdings.

The result is that Goldman has lost $1 billion in its mortgage desk, which will be displayed at the end of its fiscal year on 11/30/03. Risky trades, incorrect currency expectations, and few hedges caused this to be an especially weak quarter for Goldman's fixed income division.

Goldman has a historical reputation of being an aggressive and active trader. As such, Goldman has emphasized that trading conditions have improved, and that the results will be better than expected.

On the other hand, Lehman and Bear Stearns employed hedging strategies to limit the losses on their mortgages until predictions were fulfilled and bonds resold.

Despite a more aggressive trading policy, Goldman achieved only quarterly results of $1.32 a share, a 32% increase, while Lehman and Morgan saw earnings more than double as bond trading drove net income.

Goldman Sachs formerly traded at 18 times earnings, while Morgan Stanley traded at 17 and Lehman at 16 times earnings.

Now, Goldman trades at 17 times earnings and could very well trade for less. As of the close of October first, Goldman shares traded at $89. This stock certainly appears to be having bad news and can be expected to move lower as the fiscal year draws to a close.

States Fight to Tax Internet Retail Sales

State and local governments are petitioning Congress for the privilege of collecting taxes on Internet retail sales. Lawmakers backing the effort to collect the taxes prepared legislation for introduction Thursday that would give congressional approval for the voluntary system.

The effort, known as the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, imposes no new taxes; rather, it helps states to capture the taxes already due, said Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Oklahoma.

"This is not about changing taxes. It's about simplifying them," he said in a release to CNN.

The Internet has remained a mostly tax-free shopping zone since the Supreme Court ruled that states can't force a business to collect sales taxes unless they have a store or other physical presence in the state.

State and local governments have been working with businesses since 2000 to organize an easier way to collect the taxes. They have simultaneously established a single set of tax rules that keep businesses from having to adapt to the different tax customs of every state and local government. Twenty states have adopted new rules to align their laws with the tax agreement.

The National Governors Association, representing all 50 states, has now made up one-third of national state tax revenue, and state and local government fear that tax collection will decline as shoppers turn to the Internet more often.

"Preserving local authority is critical to the ability of local government to provide fundamental services on which our citizens depend, especially at a time when local governments have been squeezed by so many fiscal pressures," said Karen S. Anderson, mayor of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

The federal government has taken notice of the budgetary pressure on states. Congress this year approved a $20 billion payment to help states weather a stormy economy.

In stock federal help gradually draws power to Washington, though, and he would rather see the states make their own decisions about how to raise and spend tax money.

He predicted most House lawmakers would agree. "The votes are here in the House," he said.

Critics hold with traditional views on interstate tax laws, citing precedents set throughout American history by catalog retailing pioneers like Aaron Montgomery Ward, who started the first-known retail catalog in the 1870s.

Proposers such as Istook claim that states have lost revenue because of Internet sales. However, it is certainly true that states must make up the gaps in their budgets caused by the shift from traditional to Internet retailing, and the most valid way to do this is by taxing Internet purchases.

Traditional brick-and-mortar retailers also have their eyes on lost money. More than just state budgets, these retailers lose business to increasingly convenient and familiar Internet retailers.

These retailers with physical locations in a given state note that they employ people and keep money in that state, and are therefore worthy of protection by that state, in the same way that the federal government protects domestic industries; it considers important.

The question of Internet taxes will not go away. As it becomes increasingly easy to regulate Internet commerce, and as the phenomenon it becomes more and more prevalent, states will feel more severe budget gaps if they do not make up the differences somehow.

Wellness Group
Fashion and Luxury Hits Babson's Campus

CHAU SHARMA ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Many students on campus wear the latest fashion trends, such as Prada, Calvin Klein, etc., but how would you like to work for them? Whether you are interested in a career in the high fashion or luxury industry or just have an eye for fashion, you have got to learn more about one the hottest and exciting new occupation on campus, the fashion industry, and Fashion association (LFA).

The inspiration behind creating this organization comes from a new recognized by President and founder Sana Mehta who found a lack of focus on specializations here at Babson.

Sana Mehta comments, “Students have nothing they are specifically specialized in—i.e. you want to start your own brand and have designer clothing...we still need to gain the expertise from somewhere else (design school, etc.) or you want to start your own clothing line—she still need to go to school to learn the workings of the ingredients, etc. The school does not offer any formal training that is focused on one of the world's biggest industries. However, in other words, the sexual tension was present but both were distracted and didn’t notice it. This is perhaps more of a result of cinematic culture than a result of the actual situation.

The movie keeps its entertainment value with virtual and cultural gag jokes. This rather base-crocodile-humor has us laughing at how much taller Murray is than the Japanese in an elevator, and chucking when his direct line takes several minutes of speaking in Japanese to communicate simple concepts. This comedy may be funny, but it’s an easy trick for a director to pull off, and Coppola seems to do anything for a laugh.

At the same time, though, this cursory look at Japanese culture communicates more than just humor—demonstrates how our characters feel in their isolation, and shows how appropriate they are when they are together.

Coppola’s cinematography is sophisticated and gorgeous throughout. The style is simple and beautiful, and presents a lovely picture for what is a mindless and city-scapes the characters visit. From beautiful views of Mt. Fuji to miles of shiny glass skyscrapers, the movie is a no-fail, all beauty. Except that, it’s a few handfuls to Japanese censorship. Aki Kurose, which makes for a smart, if pretentious, addition to the movie.

On the whole, the movie is an excellent drama, but is in many ways pompous, and purports to have a lot of answers that it doesn’t. It is certainly a sophomoric creation in this respect. However, as a non-traditional us, the movie is excellent, and is a good a job in its direction as any other director could have, and the movie definitely warrants a viewing from any audience.

Lost In Translation Stuns Critics and Audiences

JACK S. PHELPS BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Sophia Coppola’s much-anticipated directorial effort, starring Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, and lost Japanese popular film, is the strongest and most sincere character portrait to come out of Hollywood this year.

Murray plays a popular ac-

tion-movie star who’s flown to Japan to shoot a whiskey com-
mercial. Unhappy in his every-

day life with his wife and young kids, he finds himself even less 

happy in metropolitan Tokyo.

He runs into the pretty, young Johansson ("Ghost World," "The Horse Whisperer") who is feeling alienated by her husband (Giovanni Ribisi) and a fashion photographer always off on a shoot. After a brief hit of awkwardness, the two strike up a remarkable, enjoyable friendship, only to have Tokyo’s night life and trying to figure out their lives.

Both are willing to un-

derplay their roles, which is a great asset to the film. The movie is tastefully composed, with rich colors and a cast that can move us, female and male, and the characters feel great from the pace moves.

Coppola demonstrates the characters’ isolation prior to reaching Tokyo, their space and character, and their sexual and emotional lives. When they meet, the characters’ days begin to unfold sporadically, with little understanding of the other. However, as the week progresses, the characters begin to develop a few new character traits, which adds an extremely refreshing, albeit slow, feel to the movie.

"Lost in Translation" is not a romantic comedy. It is love between two individuals. It is a throwback to the classic period, but it remains tenuously sexual throughout the movie. However, we are shown to add a mundane amount to the movie by a series of pointless stories, including with shirts and t-shirts with explicit blue and green, references, violent outbursts, and other strange and uncharacteristic behaviors. Melanie can’t bring herself to take a more active role in her daughter’s life.

She should care about Tracy’s problems and her daughter’s guardian, her cousin, even gives the thirteen-year-old alcohol. Despite the occasional slapstick moment, the movie is always engaging and makes one smile. On the whole, the movie is an excellent drama, but is in many ways pompous, and purports to have a lot of answers that it doesn’t. It is certainly a sophomoric creation in this respect. However, as a non-traditional us, the movie is excellent, and is a good a job in its direction as any other director could have, and the movie definitely warrants a viewing from any audience.

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Keeping the relationship moral. However, in other ways, the sexual tension was present but both were distracted and didn’t notice it. This is perhaps more of a result of cinematic culture than a result of the actual situation.

The movie keeps its entertainment value with virtual and cultural gag jokes. This rather base-crocodile-humor has us laughing at how much taller Murray is than the Japanese in an elevator, and chucking when his direct line takes several minutes of speaking in Japanese to communicate simple concepts. This comedy may be funny, but it’s an easy trick for a director to pull off, and Coppola seems to do anything for a laugh.

At the same time, though, this cursory look at Japanese culture communicates more than just humor—demonstrates how our characters feel in their isolation, and shows how appropriate they are when they are together.

Coppola’s cinematography is sophisticated and gorgeous throughout. The style is simple and beautiful, and presents a lovely picture for what is a mindless and city-scapes the characters visit. From beautiful views of Mt. Fuji to miles of shiny glass skyscrapers, the movie is a no-fail, all beauty. Except that, it’s a few handfuls to Japanese censorship. Aki Kurose, which makes for a smart, if pretentious, addition to the movie.

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INTERNATIONAL

World Current Events for

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti:

"On October 1st there was an attack on the Haitian government buildings led by a group of people who belong to a street gang, Canival Army. The group is led by Amiot Metayer, and the reason behind the attacks is that the government killed one of their gang leaders.

The government buildings that were attacked were the customs house, police station, and a state-run insurance company. They also burned the internal revenue service bureau and destroyed documents. There has been a lot of upheaval against President Jean Bertrand Aristide, and a growing demand for his resignation also exists.

La Paz, Bolivia:

"On the 1st of October, there were very strong demonstrations against the nation's exporting of natural gas along with other issues.

The natural gas issue is not the only significant problem and reason why the protesters are taking to the streets. Teachers were protesting for higher wages, as well as the resignation of the Bolivian President Gonzales Sanchez de Lozada.

The farmers were also protesting because they want more land reform.

There are other agricultural groups such as coca producers who want the government to stop destroying their plants.

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

"A father in Riyadh charged men who came to see his daughter for marriage, approximately SR 5,000 to take a look at her. The father also demanded the groom after its decision to marry was made, to pay SR 5,000 for her as a pre-payment. The two would have been married if the groom had not found out of the previous marriage and child the bride had.

As a result, he called the wedding off, without receiving his payment back. According to the Islamic Shariah law, a man in Saudi Arabia is permitted to have up to four wives, and this would have been the groom's second wife.

Moscow, Russia:

During her recent visit to Russia, to meet with Lyudmila Putin, first lady of Russia, and the first ladies of Armenia and Bulgaria, Laura Bush discussed the importance of reading in American children's lives.

She stressed on the increased addiction of American youth to television and that parents need to take a greater involvement and react to the children, or encourage them to read.

Lyudmila Putin organized the children's book festival after spending one day with Mrs. Bush in the United States. The three first ladies also had a discussion on the relationship between reading and healthy families. Mrs. Bush was on a five-day trip to Paris, Moscow, and London.

Nova Scotia, Canada:

Many people were furious when they were told that they would not receive much aid for the losses incurred as a result of the power outage due to Hurricane Juan. Yesterday was the third day without power for residents in this area. One of the hardest hit industries was the fishing industries as many of the fishermen were losing their necessary equipment due to the storm.

There is some effort to secure aid for certain fishermen, but for the most part there seems to be very little significant aid.

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Harel Stanton speaks to the students during his slideshow presentation, "The 1000 Faces of Israel."
Support Your Playoff Team, Grow a Beard

JON RICCI
STAFF WRITER

October's back, and as the temperature drops so do the hopes of all but eight Major League Baseball teams.

The Twins, Yankees, Athletics, and Red Sox remain on the American League side, and the Braves, Cubs, Giants, and Marlins are left for the National League.

Whatever team suits your fancy, there is only one sure and fast way to support your fall classic favorite: Grow a beard. That's right, take your Mach 3 and put it to bed, because you are in for the long haul!

Growing a beard for the duration of your team's playoff life is a key factor in its success. Whether you're a seasoned pro at growing a facial rug, or this is your rookie debut, it is essential that youfollow these simple yet critical rules of the beard-hating fandom:

1) Don't suck, grow a beard.

Some say "Jon, obviously growing a beard doesn't take that much effort.But then again, you are an expert and have mastered the art."

2) Bearded people are more likely to make you feel for it. I swear on my life that this site exists. Use it.

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- "Nothing and no one matters more than the beard. Not your girlfriend or boyfriend, nor your dog, even your mother.

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ble that you're already in the final part of the month, so don't allow these minor tattles to take your peace.

Got a big interview coming up? Forget about it. Your beard is more important than your financial stability.

3) Win your beardability. What is "beardability" you ask? It's your natural talent in growing the scruff.

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ploy the services of the late Butch Haggard, to create a beard and make the world a better place.

And don't worry, I haven't forgotten the ladies. Lady Day has her place! And, you've got your choice, and there's still hope for you too, and there may be a little bit of peach fuzz you know who you are, and that's not a fortune.

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There's a reason we call them Travelers. They're a very special group of people—or so everyone claims when you appear to possess. They always assure us that a special group of people. It always amazes me how people can be so far apart in thought. But when you look at it, it is a true reflection of human culture. They have a heart for music. Shines and pears out of his body and I don't think it matters if there were only two people standing in the crowd, they would play moving on. If you don't know how to start, it can be very easy. Make sure to stroke thrust, and then tackle the first few you see, hug like a Hun, hold on tight, and let the healing begin.

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Truth, it's What's for Dinner Tonight
ASHLEY JAIN
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

It’s Wednesday night. I’m sitting in the Free Press office, munching on Cookie Crisp (a great late night snack), and wondering what I am going to write about this week. My fellow Arts Editor, Charu, gives me a great idea from her Social Psychology class, “write about truth, Ash.”

So, as the theory goes, truth is not really objective, it is really just agreement. The more people who agree with a “truth,” the more comfort one finds in that truth. This truth may not be a real truth but in majority agreement, it becomes a “truth.” On the other hand, it could be a factual truth and still gain validity from the masses. Either way, it takes a lot of people to agree with an idea for people to believe it is true.

For centuries people believed the world was flat. Then Christopher Columbus had the radical idea that the world was round. Little did the world know then how un-radical his idea was. It just goes to show, as more and more people started to believe Columbus’ idea became truth. Granted, the world really is round, but who knows then? People called Columbus crazy and mad.

Let’s push this a little further in the context of everyday life. People deal with compliments and insults everyday. These words influence us, even if in a small, subconscious manner. We take them with us, and they always come up when we least expect it. They come barreling back like a little kid towards candy. You don’t always crave it, but once you see it, that idea draws you in.

Words have a similar effect; those compliments and insults may not seem to affect us at first, but when they pop back into our consciousness, we are forced to deal with them. In deciphering the meaning of those words, we find validation with others. We find truth in ourselves by others’ perceptions of who we are.

Now I know this goes against the whole self-discovery and reflection concept, but truthfully, even when we are trying to discover ourselves, it cannot be done without consideration of others. We cannot know our selves without who we are in relation to others. I am a daughter, a sister, a friend, a cousin, and an aunt. All those relationships relate to other people.

My truth comes in knowing who I am, but also knowing who I am to the people in my life. I know I am an independent person, I know what my values and morals are in life. One cannot go through life without validation from others. You can only have validation in yourself after you attain confidence. Confidence comes from a comfort level in the relationships you make and keep.

To bring this round circle, truth is agreement, truth comes from validity, and validity is achieved through relationships with others. Thus, in order to be truth, it must relate to others, to be affected by others.

Howard Dietrich, ‘07, hangs out with Mallory from the Real World Paris, at College Fest this weekend in Boston.

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Babson Men's Soccer Team Has Victorious Weekend

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SPORTS EDITOR

As they start conference play, the Babson College Men’s Soccer team has been on quite the winning track. The team has played tremendously in the past two weeks, winning 4 of the last 5 games they’ve played. The two most recent victories occurred this past Saturday and Sunday.

The wins started on Saturday as the Babson Men’s Soccer team faced off against NEWMAC rival Clark University. Clark came into the contest undefeated for the season at 6-0-1, while Babson had a 3-3-2 record. On paper it would seem that Babson was going to lose, but the reality was that Babson had played an extremely tough non-league schedule and their record did not accurately represent the type of talent this team possesses.

Babson would strike first in the contest as Derek Losti ’07 took a cross from Sean Dowell ’04, and sent a touch pass to Matt Hart ’06, who ripped a shot past the goalie. Babson then added onto the 1-0 lead for the rest of the first half as both teams had opportunities but were unable to find the net or, in the case of Clark, a shot.

In the second half, Babson struck again, 11 minutes into the period, Nick Richio ’05 took a rebound off his own shot to find the back of the net giving the Beavers a 2-0 lead. With over 67 minutes of playtime, Babson was able to control the game and sweep with a 3-0 victory. Rogers Williams was only able to challenge Cuzzo into making 1 save. The half would end with both teams unable to tally a goal.

For the second straight day, the Babson scoring machine started up about 11 minutes had passed. Jay DiSieno ’05 was able to take a rebound and scored on a wide-open net.

That goal would prove to be the difference, but Babson added two more for insurance. The final game would end with the Beavers making a 5-0 victory. Rogers Williams attempted to make a push near the end but 4 more Anderson saves were enough to get the Beavers the win.

Babson looks to be playing strong, which is a good sign as they enter NEWMAC play. Their last five NEWMAC games will be played the next 4 weeks with only one non-league game squashed in.

Intramural Sports
Conclude Another Week

SHAWN HAWTHORNE
STAFF WRITER

This week, Intramurals featured some great action with all sports. Soccer on Monday had one very close game between the Sig Ep Raiders and M16. Both teams battled for goals with the big time players truly shining as time ran down.

Sam Barton, Harris Glauser, and Mike Serra, showed that they are ready for the big time this week. However, with playoffs only two weeks away, M16 who had suffered a nail-biting loss in Week One, was not about to let the game slip away. Team leader Brett Bocci and Rodrigo Rojas led the team to an intense overtime victory to sneak past the Raiders 2-0.

Turkish United, No Me La Pises, and the acclaimed Trapper Joe's all remained undefeated with Week Two victories as well.

Tuesday night is Hockey night, and both the Wobbly H's and Sig Bad Bruins headed into the night with a 1-0 record, but when they faced off at 8:00 pm sharp someone had to give. It was the Wobbly H's who pulled out another night good offensive outburst to defeat the Bruins 6-2.

Wobbly will face off against AEPI, the only other team in the league, next week at 8:00 pm. The Sig Ep Raiders after being outdone on the soccer field, were not about to take another heart breaking loss as they beat AEPI 3-2 this week.

Three on Three Basketball occurs every Wednesday night at 8:00 pm. This week the games truly showcased some of the hidden talent in the basketball world here at Babson. The Insane Beavers Train, made up of Dave Crowley, Ryan Dowd, Dave Towell, and Alex Hawkins, continued to show dominance as they won their second consecutive game.

With a Week One score of 94-10 and a Week Two score of 29-16, these guys come ready to play, and play to win. However, teams such as Class A, So Nyack, and Franklin's Finest are also undefeated, and, with two weeks left, the playoff race is on. Only eight of the sixteen teams make the playoffs and things are going to be tight.

Look for next week's big game to be between Franklin's Finest and First Class as they square off at 8:00 pm. One of these teams will be going home with the W, and one of them will just be going home. Look for the results in next week's article.

Sports

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Clubs Sports Update Since September 30th

DAVE SANTINO
STAFF WRITER

Men’s Rugby

Despite some early season injuries in its first two games, the Babson Men’s rugby club has jumped to a 2-0 start. The squad came out on top Saturday, 15-7, at the University of Maine - Farmington.

The game was marked by “hard hits and booming kicks by many Babson backs with the wings and fullbacks putting relentless pressure on Farmington,” said team president and wing Ryan Fuller ’04.

After an inspirational halftime speech by coach Ted Vassallo, the Beavers came out with even more force. Toby Donath ’04 faked weak-side, and then swung back to the strong side, and the backs continued on, run by Thomas Siever ’04 for the first try of the game.

“Many new players showed promise during the match,” said Fuller.

Men’s Hockey

If you’ve noticed recently that you can’t access the team’s website, don’t worry. Ever since the Babson College website was changed, the sports information/IT staff has been working to get the men’s club hockey site back online.

Speaking of websites, the team’s national affiliate, the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), has created a new, sleeker website which you can access for league updates, rankings, and press releases.

If you get an urge to see how Babson stacks up against other ACHA Division 2 teams during the season, check out www.achahockey.org.

Come Support Babson Beavers!!

Thursday, October 2, 2003

WB Salve Regina (H) - 4:00 PM
FH Tufts (A) - 4:00 PM

Friday, October 3, 2003

VB Salem St. (at Salem St. Tournament) (A) - 6:00 PM
MT Trinity (H) - 3:30 PM
GLF ECAC Championships (A) - TBA
Saturday, October 4, 2003

VB UMass-Boston (at Salem St. Tournament) (H) - 10:45 AM
VB U. of Southern Maine (at Salem St. Tournament) (N) - 2:15 PM
MT Emerson (Fall Scrimmage) (H) - 12:00 PM

WT Clark (A) - 1:00 PM
FH Smith (H) - 1:00 PM
WS Smith (A) - 1:00 PM
MS WPI (A) - 4:00 PM