FME Businesses Get Off and Running
LOUIS BELLOT
NEWS EDITOR
It is that time of year again. All fourteen FME businesses are now up and running, selling a variety of goods and services across campus. As many as six different companies can be found peddling their wares in Reynolds between the bookstore and the Crossroads Café.
This year's group includes several unique ideas not recently seen on campus. All hope to earn the business of the Babson community in the spirit of charity and competition.
In-your-face promotions have gathered the most attention so far. Contracted by SQA to increase school spirit at sporting events, members of the company can be seen around campus promoting for the hockey and basketball teams. The Babson mascot has also been enlisted. Beaver Secrets CEO Brad Allen is optimistic about his company's future prospects.
"We're planning on visiting all the dorms and selling door-to-door," he said. "We've found it works much better than we anticipated." Selling Babson-oriented tank tops, thongs and hair scrunchies, Allen expects a boost in sales for Valentine's Day.
More Than Shirts can be found in the Reynolds storefront. Open for two full days, store employees Jose Bello reports that initial sales are higher than expected. "We're planning on replacing most of the stock before the weekend," he adds, "and we can also order nearly any shirt or poster someone wants.
Business is somewhat slower over at Beaver Cleaners. The company missed out on a space in Reynolds, and instead set up shop inside Park Manor Central. CFO

Black History Month A Time For Cultural Awareness
Tiffany Wong
Senior Copy Editor
Once a year, a significant celebration of the culture and history of black people occurs. Black History Month begins in January with the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and continues throughout the month of February. This recognition of black history originated with Carter G. Woodson, and was initially referred to as "Negro History Week." It was only in the late '70s that the celebration became established as Black History Month: a time during which we not only understand, but also appreciate the contributions that black people have made.
Contrary to popular speculation, February was not selected to be Black History Month because it is the shortest month of the year. Rather, Woodson initially chose the second week of February as being the period of choice because it marked the birthday of two men who had greatly influenced the black population of America: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.
In addition, February marks other important events in the history of black culture, among which are the passing of the 15th Amendment, which granted blacks the right to vote on February 3, 1870. Also, the birthday of civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, W. E. B. DuBois, occurs on February 23, 1868.
On the other hand, Tanis Blackwell, advisor for the Black Student Union and assistant dean
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State House Minority Leader Speaks at Babson
JASON BEDRICK
Opinions Editor
On Thursday, January 30th, a small crowd of about 25 people descended on Olin Auditorium to hear Republican Massachusetts House Majority Leader Bradley Jones speak about a wide range of issues from the Big Dig to the pending war on Iraq. Jones has worked in politics even longer than he was campaigning for a local politician. At the tender age of 23, Jones was elected to the housing authority. Jones won his first election to the legislature in 1969, and has been continuously reelected by his constituents ever since.
The Babson College Republicans hosted the event with the assistance of the Greater Boston Young Republicans Club.
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Speakers Impart Advice at Panel Discussions
Lindsey Alix
Editor-In-Chief
Last Friday, the Center for Women's Leadership held a half-day session titled "Career Strategies: A Woman's Perspective." It was held in Olin and comprised a variety of sessions at which panels of women discussed their careers and choices.
The afternoon began with two sessions, "The Interviewer's Point of View" and "Executive Presence: The 'It' in 'She's Got It.'" These sessions were geared towards helping business-women understand what exactly a future employer might look for in potential candidates.
The second session contained three helpful sessions including "How Do You Do It? Work-Life Balance," "Creative Strategies for Success in a Tough Market" and "Job Transition Success Stories." In the job transitions panel, the career women offered a plethora of good advice to the audience.
Sue Gladstone, a Babson MBA graduate in 1988, tells women to remember that a career nowadays is never a straight path. "As you evolve and grow, your job needs will too. Job transitions will happen along the way," she advised women not to be afraid to change jobs when needs and desires change.
Another speaker on this panel, Julie Driscoll, a '97, has more advice for women looking to make a change in their careers. Driscoll suggests women talk to everybody. "Networking is everything, you never know who might help you," she said. Also promoted working for a small company at one point in time.
Sue Gladstone said that her job in
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Office of Campus Life Welcomes New Staff
Lindsey Alix
Editor-In-Chief
The office of campus life recently welcomed two new staff members to Babson College. Irish Godino and Christopher Kalambritis started in their new positions as associate directors of the office of campus life at the beginning of this semester.
Godino's position handles all the aspects of the residential life here at Babson. Laura DeVeau, who left last semester, previously filled this position. Randers, taking over for Jason Pina, is in charge of most on-campus student organizations such as SGA and CAB.
Godino started at Babson on January 6th of this year. Until that time, she had been working as an assistant director at Bryant College. In that position, she handled many of the issues related to residential life on the campus.
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Greek Organizations Kick Off Rush Week
LINDSEY ALIX euro-in-Chief

This week marked the beginning of the spring Rush for the Greek life organization on campus. The three fraternities, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the two sororities, Sigma Kappa and Kappa Gamma are holding open houses for people interested in joining.

The fraternity/sorority open houses began on Monday night as new recruits could walk around each tower or organization to learn about each one. Tuesday and Wednesday consisted of more opportunities for people to meet the organizations and learn about the benefits and the people in each.

Currently, the presidents of each Greek organization include Katie Jerden '08, Sigma Kappa; Anthony Manley '04, Kappa Gamma; Minh Bui '06, Theta Chi; Mike Nee '04, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Wystan Detoro '04, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Minh Bui, president of Theta Chi, explained that the best reason to join Theta Chi is the brotherhood. "No where else will you find a group that is as tight," he explained. Bui also states that Theta Chi is unique because it has such a variety of people in its organization such as athletes, dean's list students, and student employees.

In a joining a Greek group, Bui mentions that there are a variety of benefits such as academic support, community service, and a deeper devotion to Babson.

Freshmen Optimistic About Sales
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Scott Carey reports, "We are working on new selling techniques that should help us sell more. We're thinking about setting up in Forest to make our service more convenient to some students.

Café Norte, a late night snack bar, can be found in the basement of Park Manor North. Beaver Flicks, a video and DVD rental service, are run from the Park Manor Central office space. Other businesses that can be found in Reynolds include: Rainbow Confections, selling zippie lighters and glass mugs; Babo2go, selling coffee mugs; Babo Beanie Wear, selling wool hats; Babo Outfitters with clothes and slippers; Babasa with portable folding chairs; and Beaver Glassware, selling mugs and shot glasses.

B-Cables, selling retractable Ethernet cables, has a new store in the basement of Park Manor. A few other businesses have started up in Forest to make our service more convenient to some students.

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Black History Month Kicks Off With Performances

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director for multicultural programs, believes that there are other leaders, perhaps not as well known, who should also be recognized.

"There are so many things in this country that black people contributed which others don't seem to see. The person who made the stop sign was black. The first person to perform open-heart surgery was black. During this time, we are able to celebrate history that others may not even have considered to be a part of the history of the US."

Black History Month does more than acknowledge the history of black people in the United States - it also allows for the opportunity to understand a deeply rooted and oft-ignored culture. "I feel passionate about how culture is really a part of who you are," says Blackwell. "The fact that I can walk into a black group and it's obvious now I'm a black woman - that's not a part of me that I just can take out."

An issue that may be considered taboo, racism and ethnic stereotypes are to be handled with thoughtfulness and consideration. Tonia Blackwell adds, "Even in our differences, we have to acknowledge those differences." One thoughtful and non-prejudiced approach is that of a whole race, to let alone an entire history or culture.

As Tonia believes, "We have to be sensitive to the fact that within any given culture, there also exists diversity. We should not believe the pop culture of what is being said about people of color. I hope that people are beginning to take other people for who they are instead of getting caught in false stereotypes."

In Babson, a number of events have been planned and scheduled for Black History Month, attributable, for the most part, to the handful of black organizations on campus. However, Tonia poses a less-specific alternative. "I would like to see the other organizations get involved. Why aren't they contributing as well? It's not just the black students that have to do programs."

In the past, CAB and the Levin Center have coordinated a few events, which is a step in the right direction. Although Tonia believes, "etiquette is certainly being made, but more can be done.

With regard to the general Babson community, there is the underlying assumption that Babson attempts to view people as individuals. Tonia Blackwell supports this concept, but argues that not everyone has had the same experiences, or come from the same background.

"To open the fact that what you see in the media is not always accurate. We have to realize that who ever we're talking to, we should not only accept it for what it is, but also accept their diversity - be it ethnic, cultural or anything else."

Being a non-president of the Black Student Union, "Black History Month is a time when all black people in America should be honoring the people who had raised their lives to make sure that black people today can walk freely amongst the white people." It is also a period of time during which it is truly about Deeply and take a closer look at the culture behind the people.

Seminar Advises Future Women Leaders

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a small company let her expand her knowledge in many areas so she was able to stay ahead of the office.

The third panel member, Fran Finkel and Brian, B78, M'88, counseled women in business to ask a lot of questions and take on much training as possible. Her philosophy to stay ahead was to never stop learning something new. A final member of this panel, Elaine Mann, B'91, want to help young women who should choose jobs based on their inner gut feelings. She told the audience to take jobs for the experience not the money. Mann advises against choosing a job as one may not find job satisfaction that way. One of the reasons she believes that she has been so successful in her career is her ability to take advantage of all activities as they come even if they are lower paying, they may be a better opportunity.

After these afternoon sessions ended, a keynote address was given by Deborah DiSanzo, M'89, entitled "Lessons From the Seasoned Executive. When the Seasonal Keep Changing." DiSanzo gave

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safety of the United States. Professor William Coyne, who once worked for Governor Mitt Romney's senatorial bid, asked about the lack of Republican candidates on the local level where some Democratic incumbents in the state legislature ran unopposed in the 2002 elections. Jones called for more young people to get involved in politics and reminded the crowd about his early entry into the political realm.

When asked about the Big Dig, Jones reminded everyone present about the scope of the project and the incredible feats of engineering which have been accomplished. He acknowledged the budget overruns associated with the Big Dig but remained positive about the overall results of the massive project.

Jones also spoke at length about the budget of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Overall, Jones supports the cuts in the budget that have been proposed by Governor Romney although he expressed concern over certain health proposals which have the potential to affect retirees and nursing homes.

Jones believes that the state government has enough money but that there are problems with mismanagement of resources. He looks forward to better management of these resources.

He noted that the Democrat majority of the state legislature is complaining about some of the cuts being made but so far they have not offered alternatives. He points out that the Democrats have pushed through a budget last year that overspent $800 million. Then acting-Governor Jane Swift has proposed $900 million of the budget but the Demo-}

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On Behalf of SGA
Students Blindly Sign Contracts for Housing

LINDSEY ALIX Editor-In-Chief

Babson students sign away basic constitutional rights when they agree to live in campus housing. Everyone who lives in campus housing has to sign the Undergraduate Residential Housing Meal Plan agreement, yet many students do not actually read the contract before they sign.

These agreements are held in the office of campus life and are signed after students move into their respective rooms the following year. On the back of the contract is a list of twenty-four rules and regulations of the school. However, the likelihood of the average college student turning over the contract and reading the rules is fractions low.

Students, do you have such trust in this institution that you are willing to blindly sign contracts? All students who took Fundamentals of Law in my Law class should realize that this decision is very unwise.

The contract clearly states that students must abide by all the rules set by the University, regardless of their personal wishes or needs. To read this, I wondered where the student handbook is. Nowhere on the back of the contract is the location of the handbook. I was later informed that I could find the handbook in the office of campus life, if I had to sign for there were actually located elsewhere. Alright, just checking.

Another interesting section of these rules is the search policies of the University. The University has the right to search your room at any time without notice, so you should keep your private belongings locked up in your room.

As a note, if you plan on using a PA, it is highly recommended that you do so in order to maintain your privacy and the privacy of other students.

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Many people have made great use of Palm Pilots since they were first introduced. Since the original Palm Pilot (a personal digital assistant) came out, many new versions have been released, including the Palm V, Palm VII, and the Handspring Visor. These devices are often used for personal scheduling and organizing, but they can also be used for more advanced tasks such as data management and collaboration.

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PDAs Integral Part of Technology Innovation

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It's Not Possible to Spell Unfair Without U.N.
JUSTIN SCHNEIDER
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Established in 1945, the United Nations is an international body formed to endorses peace, resolve conflicts and promote mutual respect among nations. It is well, with few exceptions, that its treatment of Israel marks one out as guilty of outstanding problems. There are various means by which the U.N. and its member countries accomplish this. It can be seen in the form of block voting, blind hatred of the country or simply the inability to understand its uniqueness.

Block voting is where various African or U.N. countries vote the same way to obtain more power and clout in the U.N. To block voting, countries in the U.N. have no choice to make conscious decisions; rather they follow the precedent of the group lead country. Many less developed and third world countries form these voting blocks to obtain power and advantage in the U.N. On the national U.N. Council, many of its members are being denied the opportunity to express their views on various issues due to the voting by these 35 nations. Third world countries are thus being denied their voting power at the U.N.

This distortion of the vote count and representation is a distortion of the vote because those block voters occupy an overwhelming majority. Since some of these countries are very anti-Israel, they use the U.N. as a tool to attack Israel while it turns a blind eye to nations and regimes that actually deserve so much negative attention.

In 2001, an IUCN-sponsored World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa, the stage was set for a multi-national condemnation of Israel and anti-Semitic symposium. As they had come to the wrong conference, the members of the U.N. conference of all member countries as a forum by which to preach racist ideology about the rights of the Jewish people of Israel. They turned a conference against racism into a conference to promote racism. Led by Arab nations, there was a push to define Zionism (the equivalent of anti-Semitism) as a form of racism.

Another example is how the Secretary General of the U.N., Kofi Annan claims to condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks but he does not condemn the Palestinian leadership for its continual assistance in the terrorism and support behind the campaign of terrorism that has killed over seven hundred Israeli civilians since September 2000.

Annan said, on January 9th, that "Mindful of the tragic killings that have occurred in the occupied territories, I urge the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to feel the need to blame Israel in the defense of its citizens while in the midst of a campaign of violence.

They should get to the root of the problem, the terrorism, and pass resolutions that condemn the Palestinians and their leadership for using and supporting terrorism.

Nearly half of the Security Council resolutions are about Israel. In 2003, the U.N. has a double standard for Israel; it criticizes its small imperfections while overlooking gross violations and injustices of fundamental human rights in other countries. There are countless poor African nations, starving to death and being killed in ethnic conflicts like that in Nigeria. There is appallingly little outcry in the U.N. on the evils committed by Muslim countries, including the practice of "honor killings" where women in polygamous marriages for one reason or another are stoned to death. Then there is China's vicious persecution of the Falun Gong. If all nations were equally condemned for their human rights abuses, why is it that African nations, including the Palestinians, are allowed to violate these human rights without recourse?

And why is it not perfect? Like any other nation, Israel has made its share of mistakes, but the international community has never paid attention to it. Israel faces a unique situation, one in which its critics are willing to send their young ones to eat in its restaurants and clubs to blow up innocent men, women and children. If a terror group in Pakistan is punished, then the perpetrators of terrorism are given the license to continue.

Israel is not asking that they be allowed to do as they please with rival nations, but that they be held to a moral and legal standard that is not applied equally to all nations. Israel only asks that the U.N. stop labelling equally between all nations. The U.N. should hold all countries up to the same standards. This is a double standard is ultimately to be blamed for terrorism and human rights violations.

Annan referred to the United States, which has done nothing to preserve peace and justice in the Middle East. It is shocking.

We as a nation must demand that the State of Israel be held to the same standard as every other nation. We must demand that the U.N. be held to a moral standard and that there be an end to the discrimination against Israel.
Business & Technology

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Beaver Flicks Revolutionizes Entertainment at Babson

Jack S. Phelps

Business and Technology Editor

Beaver Flicks, one of fourteen new FME businesses this year, is one of the most ambitious freshmen businesses ever.

The company, who's mission is "to provide the Babson College campus with an entertainment service that provides DVDs and snacks of the highest quality," is leveraging a member's personal connection to potentially open a franchised video rental store.

It has licensed a tremendous number of DVD's and VHS tapes from Superstar Video in Tewksbury and will rent them out for $3.99 a piece, cheaper than Blockbuster, Shonkak Patel, the company's Chief Operating Officer, quick to note.

Beaver Flicks currently has over 177 of the hottest new and classic films, a number that is "growing weekly."

The business is trying several strategies to maximize their revenue. First, it is targeting the Admissions office, working on a deal whereby it could provide a movie and snack to each visiting overnight student, a potentially invaluable market. Second, the company hopes that it will be able to assess hefty late fees on italics to customers. With these additional revenue sources, its goals should be significantly easier to achieve.

Where does all this money go when they're done? The company is donating its profits to the Greater-Boston Food Bank, an organization that distributes donated food to different meals kitchens in the Boston area. Co-CEO Victoria Harmon says that the Greater-Boston Food Bank offers the business an opportunity to unify its employees in dealing with the problems of homelessness and hunger.

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Bars to the Chest Keeps the Ladies Impressed

MICHAEL BORST
STAFF WRITER

As many of you may know, working out will keep you in shape. It may come as a shock to some, but what I have said is actually true.

A great way to mold your body into a female magnet is to exercise. This is the key ingredient to piling up your muscle fibers to pieces on a regular basis. I’m not saying you have to always lift enormous amounts of weights like some meatheads do, but instead I’m suggesting that you mix heavy lifting with repetitive lifting.

Some guys lift insane amounts of weight on a regular basis, so that their biceps rip their shirts if they flex too hard. That’s just not cool. Now you might not agree with me on this one, but keep in mind that I don’t care at all what your thoughts are on this matter. In any light, I’m suggesting that you lift heavy weights with a low number of reps to increase muscle mass and then lift low weights with high reps to tone your muscles, all the while appealing to the opposite sex.

This is just a suggestion. For example, I know that this male body of sheer perfection, look no further for a female just a few lines up, right under the title of this article. That’s right, the guy that has the seemingly perfect body just happens to be writing this magnificent piece of writing. Believe me, it is no coincidence that I lift on a regular basis and get all the girls. It’s as easy as that. Some of you might not be able to follow my fashion, just how ideal my physique really is. I am composed of sheer muscle, as I can squash small bugs with the simple squeeze of my fingers. I also look good doing it. The muscles are now off my arm in just the right way, my muscles are just the right size and just the right shape for the beautiful, disease free, defenseless insect. I don’t mean to brag, but the exter- nal beauty of small creatures is my specialty.

All kidding aside, it’s great to know that women are on a regular basis. It might seem tiring at the time, but it pays off in the end.

In addition to helping your body look more appealing to the opposite sex, you also experience a feeling of rejuvenation as you acquire higher levels of estrogen and relieve stress that has built up during your busy week. I’m sure you’ve all obvi- ously known my stuff.

New Study Links Estrogen Levels to Car Crashes

MARK WAITING
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

A new study conducted by the National Association of Chau- vinistic Males has linked high levels of estrogen with the incidence of car crashes.

Those involved in the study were asked a series of questions about their levels of estrogen that were 300 percent higher than motorists with clear vision. The findings of the study cited increased aggression to overflowing, a tendency to wear our natural suit of armor and a prodigity for scented candles.

One subject was interviewed mid-drive after colliding into a stationary wall. When asked what she believed was the pri- mary cause of the accident she said, “I knew that there was a wall somewhere, but my eyelash curler was blocking my line of sight. They shouldn’t make those walls so hard anymore.”

Another crash victim told her story to this interviewer.

“I was driving down the Mass Pkwy when I saw a rare species of butterfly on my windshield. I scared it so bad that I dropped my hair curler, which was blocking my view of the other hand. In all of the confusion of trying to stop I hit the steering wheel with my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone off the dashboard. Which fell into the coffee between my legs and discon- nected important calls!”

Mark Waiting, president of the NACM, was interviewed shortly after the findings were published. He offered, “This study proves what we have sus- cepted all along. Heightened levels of estrogen are dangerous to anyone who comes near these vehicles and dangerous to individu- als. My advice is that if you ever encounter one of these drivers on the road, build up quickly.”

In an effort to curb the in- flamed conditions of these drivers, he has asked the govern- ment to institute a nationwide recall on all vehicles. The plan calls for a question- naire that every new driver must take before being given a license.

Answers to yes or no ques- tions such as “Do you drive in your undergarments?” or “Do you think you’re just?” will be used to determine if the driver should be allowed to own a vehicle. It is hoped that estrogen is the subject. He claims that the new plan would reduce the incidence of vehicle collisions “by as much as 90 percent.”

Winning aggressive drivers who may have estrogen in their systems is the first step in pre- venting accidents. A car driven by someone under the influence of estrogen will often have bumper stickers, under inflated tires and dangerously low oil.

200 drivers in the state are required to drive for the new alert systems for drivers to alert authorities when they believe that they are being driven by a driver under estrogen-related crash. The rum- ble, 1-800-STOP-PMS, has al- ready been known to decrease the number of reported accidents.

In the future, the NACM hopes that all drivers under the influence of estrogen will be dis- allowed from driving full-size vehicles and be put into slower, safer golf cars.
Germany: an interesting contrast to the US

NILS SEEBACH
Contributing Writer

The Federal Republic of Germany is arguably the heart of Europe, which makes it an excellent country to start your visit to Europe. I have visited many countries in Europe, including Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Germany is a small country located in the north of Europe, with a well-developed infrastructure and a rich cultural heritage. It is a country with a long history of achievements in science, technology, and art. Germany has also played a significant role in European politics and has been a driving force in the European Union. In this article, I will discuss some of the highlights of Germany's history, culture, and society.

There are many differences between the United States and Germany. One of the most significant is the way the two countries handle their history. The German people have been forced to confront their past and work towards reconciliation, while the Americans have largely ignored their history of slavery and racism. Another difference is the way the two countries approach their education. In Germany, education is a top priority, and the government invests heavily in it. In the United States, education is often seen as a private matter, and the government's role is limited.

On the other hand, there are a lot of restrictions in the German society. Young entrepreneurs especially have to undergo a lot of difficulties because of government regulations. Not only is the top tax rate 53 percent, but it takes almost half a year to get the necessary permits and licenses for starting a new business and start operations.

The German people and especially politicians are not willing to implement reforms even though the system has proven to be inefficient. For health care, unless the government pays a lot of money and reforms are necessary to ensure that students benefits will still be available in 10 years.

The college life in Germany is most not comparable with the life of college students in the United States. In Germany, there are hardly any private colleges. Most universities are funded by the state and the money given to the colleges is insufficient for good education to every student. Most classes have more than 50 students and lectures with more than 900 students are not unusual.

The education usually takes 6 years, and many students procrastinate and it takes them longer to finish their education. In general, students have more free time and there are almost no on-campus dormitories.

This system has negative and positive aspects. On the one hand, it takes longer and students do not get a very personalized education but they have more time to explore their individual needs and interests.

In conclusion, there are many differences between Germany and the United States, and it is important to understand these differences to fully appreciate the unique aspects of each country. By understanding these differences, we can learn from each other and work towards a better future.

Mandela Criticizes Bush, Blair as Racists

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At a speech in Johannesburg, South Africa, former South African President Nelson Mandela, known for his Nobel Prize achievement, was quoted on January 30th as saying, "Both Bush as well as Tony Blair are undermining an idea (the United Nations) which was sponsored by their predecessors."

He went on to say, "It is because the secretary general of the United Nations is now a black man? They never did that when secretary generals were white." Mandela's comments were well received by the crowd, and they expressed loud applause.

Nelson Mandela is very strongly against a war on terrorism and feels that the approach that the United States is taking is not the right way. Bush and Blair, he feels, are not listening to the United Nations or following the proper way of trying to reach a diplomatic solution. Mandela opposes any action taken against the consent of the UN.

The United States is undermining the value of the UN, and the reason for that according to Mandela, is because Kofi Annan, the current UN secretary general, is from Ghana, a nation in western Africa. He states that Bush and Blair would have both followed the United Nations and listened to their processes and procedures if the secretary general was a white man.

Mandela stated, "It is a tragedy what is happening, what Bush is doing in Iraq. He went on with harsh words about President Bush and said that he is a 'president who has no foresight, who can not think properly, and is now wanting to plunge the world into a holocaust.'"

Some of Mandela's other accusations against the United States included a human rights violation when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in 1945. He stated, "Because the Americans decided to kill innocent people in Japan, who are still suffering from that, who are now they to pretend that they are the policemen of the world."

He accused the US of killing innocent people in Japan, and hurling many others to suffer to this day. He said, "If there is a country which has committed unspeakable atrocities, it is the United States of America, they don't care for human beings."

These are very strong and harsh claims made by Nelson Mandela, a man who is revered as the Nobel Peace laureate.

President Bush has received criticism for his stand on a few other issues as well, such as on the University of Michigan affirmative action standing. President Bush filed a brief with the Supreme Court, because three white students said they were denied admissions because of three minority students, even though their applications were weaker than theirs.

Many people have criticized President Bush as being racist for this action. Even the President's cabinet was divided over the issue, as Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, both African Americans, were not opposing the University of Michigan's admissions process.

Giuliani Hired to Reinvent Mexico City Police

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International Editor

Recently, the mayor of Mexico City, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, also known as AMLO, appointed former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani to help improve the city's police force and crime deterrence. Giuliani, known for his strict law enforcement during his time in New York, is expected to address this issue with a payment of millions of dollars.

Despite the high cost that was negotiated with Giuliani and his group, the Mexico City mayor accepted it. He received some skepticism from Mexican officials, but Giuliani's former police commander for his looking up to the US.

Relations between the two countries have been more tense in recent years, with efforts from the leaders of both nations. The relations did strain when, as a result of the terrorist attacks on the US, the Mexican border was tightened, and the movement towards restriction and scrutinizing traffic from Mexico into New York was not well received by the Mexican president.

It will be something very different to see the Mexico City police trained to deter crime in the same manner as New York City's police approach it.

The cost of the whole program runs into the millions of dollars and is one that the government would not have been able to afford, thus the cost has been picked up by a few businesses, a person, that feel the program is in the best interest of the city.

The Giuliani policy on reducing crime that was effective and was liked by the mayor of Mexico City was the zero tolerance policy. The Mexico City mayor feels that if the zero tolerance policy of New York is adopted, and used by the Mexican police, than it will reduce crime just as it did in New York.

The important question to consider here is to see if the crime rates and statistics, especially the types of crimes that occurred in New York, are the same as those that occur in Mexico City. The most significant crime that occurs in Mexico City according to what has been published is drug trafficking.

Giuliani had significantly reduced the "bad" side of New York. Giuliani and his consultant firm were hired by AMLO, with hopes that his policies and different methods will help in the decrease of crime in Mexico City. In fact, Giuliani was in Mexico City last month under tight security. His trip was even cancelled at first for safety reasons.

Giuliani has a very successful track record, but is the money that he's charging worth it? This is one of the first major contracts that Giuliani's firm has received, and surely he will do the best job he can. Only the future statistics will be able to tell us if he is successful and if the money that was spent on the program is actually worth it.

WE GAINED WEIGHT

See our Scholarship Channel lately?

We've added over 250,000 brand new scholarships and revamped our entire site to give you more accurate search results!
Black Coffey Brewing
Soirée at Babson College
CHARU SHARMA
ARTS EDITOR

The Knight Auditorium is def-
nitely the wrong venue. No, its not another scintillating Knight party-but something even better. This Thursday there will be an amazing concert starring hot new R&B group Black Coffey (Motown/Universal) and Rob Jack-
son (Divine/Mill/Arista), whose website describes them as the "tightest rapper out there."

The concert will be free of charge and is sponsored by NAACP and the college's culture club. It is scheduled to be seen at 8:30 P.M.

There will be a media panel fea-
turing the makers of the film "The Black Ninja," rapper Rob Jackson, R&B group Black Coffey, music managers, writers, producers and recording engineers, which will be preceding the concert in Trim 7 at 7 p.m.

Attendees can find out about the nature of the music industry, what its success means to them, and even have the chance to make connections with industry leaders, NAACP and the college's culture club will also sponsor this event.

Rituals in a family of musicians and some of the students were influenced by soul, R&B, and gos-
pel.

Purishel: this distinctive blend of styles is reflected in their songs, such as the title hits, "Hey," and "Sippin.'"

Their music has been self-classi-
fied as "sugarsweet" to "rock con-
centrated with the sweetness of Jodess," according to the band's website, and has always been focused on Black Entertain-
ment Network.

So why is the band called Black Coffey? Besides being nomenclature, their website claims: "In our fam-
ily, we always say that coffee grinds down fine and brews deep. Clay remain-
ers with a smile, you know. And that's what our music does. It grinds down to the essence of soul music and it brews deep, rich and flavor-
ful."

Black Coffey in the past, like on the "Country Boys" track, which has also been played on the Black Entertain-
ment Network.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the concert won't be the concert itself, but the opening act, which will be performed by Babson's very own musicians Shaminar and Marcro.

Marcro, a Babson freshman from Detroit, MI, has been rapping since he was 13 and already has a sold
album "Axis" from his group Alliance.

So block out your calendar from seven onwards tomorrow night, you don't want to miss the righteous exception of musical entertainment right here on the Babson campus.

"The Shield" Pushes Cable Television to Another Level

MARK WAITING
LIFESTYLES EDITION

Television's newest and hottest antithesis above-theory, "The Shield," continues to pique the network's hope with its gritty, coarse and profane drama. In the opening shot of the show, viewers are warned that what they are about to see contains nudity, graphic violence and strong language, which may not be appropriate for children.

Often in its second season, "The Shield" has earned its place on the "must watch" list with its fast pace and head-breaking action.

In the leading role, Michael Chiklis plays the maverick cop on the streets of Los Ange-
les as Detective Vic Mackey in a way that gives even the term "crooked cop" a whole new meaning. He is the head of the Strike Team, a tactical unit comprised of policemen who are out to use and abuse their police power.

Mackey is bulldog-like in his treat-
ment of criminals and his commis-
sary use of force in both his personal and work life. He goes toe-to-toe with the scav of the Earth and doesn't budge when they squirm. "I'm a different kind of cop," says Mackey in the first episode, hinting at the fact that this police drama may have something more to offer than predecessors like "NYPD Blue." The audience soon learns that this show is indeed different after being witness to a male deri-
sive and a mutilated corpse. But the fun doesn't stop there: some of drug dealers bound with our ties and on fire after being drenched in gasoline provide more fuel for shock.

To prepare for the pilot show and win the leading role, Chiklis lost 50 pounds and shaved his head to give him a more brutish look. Coming from roles that portrayed him in a softer light, Chiklis had his work cut out for him.

"The Shield" appears to have brought new life to a channel that traditionally has never had any no-
table programming. This is due in part to the fact that "The Shield" wouldn't have a snowball's chance in hell of making it on ABC or Fox with the violence and graphic lan-
guage that puts it on a level of cable network controversy similar to the show South Park. Although this show began its life as a risky invest-
ment for FX, it appears that they may finally have hit real pay dirt.

Friday and Saturday February 7-8

About Schmidt, R 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:45
Adaptation, R 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 10:00
Biker Boys, PG-13 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15
Catch Me If You Can, PG-13 12:00, 3:15, 10:00
Chicago, PG-13 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 8:00, 9:00
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind, R 12:00, 6:00
Darkness Falls, PG-13 12:30, 2:15, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00, 10:00
Deliver Us From Eva, R 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
Gangs of New York, R 12:15, 6:45
The Hours, PG-13 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, PG-13 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, PG-13 12:30, 4:30, 8:30
The Pianist, R 12:15, 6:30
The Recruit, R 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Saturday February 9-13

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The "Initial Tree" is just one of the new exhibits on display at the Horn Library Gallery. "Drawing in Space: Evolving Interactive Installation is open Tuesdays and Thursdays until February 27th.

Have you taken a look inside the Horn Gallery lately? Here's what you would see: brightly colored pipe cleaners suspended from the ceilings and crawling on the walls surrounded by vivid piles of Styrofoam pompons in the middle and cor-
ner of the floor.

In a nutshell, you would see an experience—that of Boston artist Linda Price-Sneddon, titled "Drawing in Space: Evolving Interactive Installation," open to the community Tues-
days and Thursdays 12 P.M. to 4 P.M. until February 27th. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Price-Sneddon, who told me a bit about her exhibit.

Originally from Salem, Mass-
achusetts, Price-Sneddon be-
gan her artistic career as a
painter. For the past four years, however, she has become what she calls "pisty." Price-Sneddon's unique "Drawing in Space" style is based on the idea that art does not have to be intimidating, but engaging. This is made clear in the statement posted on one of the exhibit walls, which reads something to the effect of "feel free to bump into things."

The exhibit is an ongoing project, which Price-Sneddon will be continuously adding to and changing, as she prefers being driven by the "combina-
tion of chance and intention."

It is a good thing that she has chosen to use reversible mate-
rials, such as pipe cleaners, pompons, and yarn, which are not only complimentary to one another, but also flexible as well, adding to the "immediacy of the drawing."

Price-Sneddon also invites visitors of the gallery to par-
take in the creation of the draw-
ing. She "rel了一口气some control" to visitors, asking them to add to her "Initial Tree," where they are able to twist and bend colorful pipe cleaners into their initials and hang them from a suspended "tree."

Price-Sneddon has even al-
lowed some students to rearr-
ange the materials, letting them draw inspiration from the ambiance of the exhibit, which is further illustrated by the eclectic music resonating in the backdrop.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Price-Sneddon's ex-
hibit is the underlying mean-
ing. She values being in the moment, rather than always planning for tomorrow, the latter of which, though we may not like it, is epitomized here at Babson.

With an exhibit, which in-
vites interaction and change, Price-Sneddon hopes to instill in the public a mentality that chooses to value the "experience over product."

It's almost never a good idea to make assumptions, but this is one of the exceptions. It can be assumed that, as a busy and overwhelmed Babson student, you're being paid a visit to Horn Library at least once this month. So, how about next time you take a short detour into the mysterious Horn Gallery, where you will find a work in progress, a drawing dedicated to the art of living in the mo-
ment.

"Drawing in Space: More Than It Seems"
Ice Hockey Returns From Tough Trip

MINI BUI
Sports Editor

The Babson men’s ice hockey team wrapped up a two-game road trip this Saturday with less than spectacular results.

The team played brilliantly and deserved a win against Williams, but gave up a late goal to come away with a tie. The Beavers then took their show to Middlebury where they were simply overpowered. However, there was a bright side to the week as James LaFreniere ’06 was named ECAC East Player of the Week.

The Williams game, which was played at a tense pace and dominated by the team speed and up-and-down lead-ership that the Beavers possess.

Rob Harvey ’03 was able to find the back of the net twice. Furthermore, Jason Hart ’04 made 27 huge saves in net. However, this combination of offense and defense was still not enough.

With a 3-3-2 lead in the third period, the Beavers began to feel the pressure of Williams full assault. The experienced defense could not hold as Williams MIT was able to gain their leads with their pressure and scored the tying goal with eight minutes into the period.

The game would end at 3-3-2, which would come away with only a tie. The next day, the Beavers made their way up to Middlebury, VT. The Panthers of Middlebury, who are ranked 4th nationally, pounded the Beavers this last year in the three-game series, gaining a deep into the period.

The young, but improving LaFreniere, who leads the team with 16 goals.

Also playing well was Craig Wein "96 in net. Wein's greatest move during the game was blocking 29 shots in a losing effort.

When the final horn had finally blown the Beavers had lost 3-1 to a superior Panthers team.

The team came back defeated with no win to speak of. However, it was a grand return for LaFreniere because the first-year student-athlete was named ECAC East Player of the Week.

LaFreniere turned heads in Babson’s game versus the University of Southern Maine as he amassed four goals in the game.

What is more remarkable is that the Beavers scored every one of those goals as they went on to beat USM 9-8 in over- time.

For a first-year, LaFreniere sure does not need any learning curve as he ranks among the conferences best in points, goals, power play goals, power play points, and game-winning goals.

Clearly, LaFreniere is at the top of the class in the con-

ference when one speaks of first-years.

Conroy Pushes Women Past Coast Guard After Clark Loss

MINI BUI
Sports Editor

The Babson College women’s basketball team hit the road this weekend to take on Clark Uni-

versity. The team was simply outmuscled and dominated throughout the game after the early minutes. Luck-

ily, the Beavers were allowed to rely on the fine support of antagonist Stakes Gymnasium on Tuesday to beat Coast Guard.

Last week, the team showed a great promise after two late game victories. However, it seems that those two previous games left nothing in the tank for the game at Clark.

Babson, running on what seemed like pure adrenaline, started out the game strong. The Beavers led 19-11 and had a lead after only 5 minutes of play.

However, things would go all wrong for Babson as that point as Clark dominated play for the next 15 minutes of the half to take 30-19 lead going into the second half.

Babson’s Meredith Helllem ’05 defends a Coast Guard player on the perimeter in Tuesday's NEWMAC victory for the women.

BLAKE LEONG
Staff Writer

It was just another routine week for the Babson men’s bas-
ketball team with two wins and no losses. The Beavers began the week with a 79-70 win over Coast

Guard on Tuesday, following a 69-52 victory over MIT on Sat-

day. Babson went into the MIT game ranked 17th in the
country in the most recent Basketball America (BAC) poll.

Jeff Nicholson ’05 had an out-

standing game against Coast Guard scoring 19 points and blocking three shots to lead the Beavers to their 6th NEWMAC victory. The game was essen-
tially over in the first half thanks to 11 points and 3 blocks from Nicholson. By the end of the first half, Babson had sunk the Coast Guard and led by 17 points. Coast Guard never made a move in the second half. The closest they got was a 16-point deficit with 16:50 left in the game. Shortly after that, Babson went on a 10-0 run, dashing any hope Coast Guard held onto.

The Beavers led by as many as 28 on the way to the 80-point vic-

tory. Nicholson shot 6-for-7 from the floor, including 4-of-5 from downtown and 3-for-3 from the line.

Luke Webber ’06, Jeff Hines ’04 and CJ Irene ’06 contributed 11, 9 and 9 points respectively.

The win against MIT was closer, but just as many

notches in Babson’s “W” column. By the end of the first half, Babson led the game by 16 points, and it was looking like time for the Engineers to enlist in the game. MIT stayed competitive in the second half, engineering a 10-
run early in the half that made the score 36-26. A study conducted at MIT recently showed that Babson led by 10. Another MIT three-pointer would cut the lead to single digits for the first time in the second half. But, as it was to chassis its opponent, Babson went on a 7-0 run which pushed the lead back to 17. However, the Beavers were able to get no closer than 14 for the rest of the game. Joe Colelli ’03 hit 11 of his 12 free throws and led the Beavers in scoring with 27 points. Colelli also added four assists and four steals. Weber finished with 14 points, which included 4-of-5 from downtown and three steals.

Babson’s two wins this week come as a surprise. The Beavers

made the NCAA’s last year and continue to be nationally ranked in the country. It has not been enough for Babson to be an MIT student to see the power of this team.

Beavers Sink Coast Guard, Attack Engineers

Rich Chute
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This year’s trip to Miami was an enjoyable one. Pleasant
weather made practices at the University of Miami pool enjoyable and productive.

The team as a whole showed an increased commitment to workouts, training activities and was in good spirits for the majority of the week. In addition to an increased training regimen, we had guest appearances from alumni DJ Fairbanks, who once proved to be a worthy addition to any practice.

The first meet back was an unexpected win. Despite several small errors cost Babson the disappointing loss.

The following week was a different story however. Babson vs. Coast Guard (Home) proved to be an exciting meet. Babson came from behind to lead after the first round of diving. Strong swims by sophomores Aaron McKean and Alejandro Velez proved to be important in the Beavers early drive. Unfortunately, in the end Babson was simply outmaneuvered, but did not go down without a fight.

Offing two straight losses Babson made short change of the Norwich Cadets (Away). Preparing for a match against a Babson’s superior swimming and exceptional diving, the Cadets were easily defeated.

Following the win in Vermont came the meet with rival Bentley (Away). Bentley holding on to their proud status in the Division 2 pool as the Beavers for the week. The Beavers won all two events.

Upcoming events for Justin Pfeifer both swam faster than expected to secure more points for the Beavers. The team hopes to continue this winning streak as it moves on to Bridgewater this Thursday and then to Springfield on Saturday.

Men’s Swim Starts Off Strong This Semester

Mark Lussier ‘03 vies for the opening tipoff while Jeff Elmes ’(11) ’04 and Jeff Nicholson ’05 wait to get the game against Coast Guard started.

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