Safety Checks: Find Minimal Problems
MARIE PROROPETS
Editor-in-Chief

Health and safety checks, which lasted from September 25th to 27th and included about 900 rooms were conducted by the office of campus life, and went without a hitch this year. "I am pleased to announce that there were no issues of significant consequence," said Fred Grant, director of the office of campus life. He added that "there were no issues of significance" this year, and also if any complaints by students. Conducted by a member of the public safety staff, campus life staff and facilities, the checks were scheduled for each floor, and each room was safe, had acceptable furniture, and were all free of any illegal substances, that they be removed.

Rooms are checked for fire safety, which includes a check of smoke detectors and candles. This year, a faulty smoke detector was found in a room and there were candles noted.

Additionally, campus life also checked for furniture that needed to be replaced, lounge furniture in rooms, checked if the locks were working properly for new programs.

In the next few weeks, resident advisors will be returning to rooms noted to have problems and make sure that the marked items were removed from the rooms.

Items such as drugs, drug paraphernalia and alcohol in the possession of a minor are also addressed if "there is something in plain view," said Grant. "If Continued On Page 3"

Undergraduate Program Office Ruffles
LOUIS BELOTT
Staff Writer

After a tumultuous spring and summer that saw three key members of the undergraduate program office staff leave Babson within three months, the department recently completed its search for replacements and has re-organized in the process.

The office oversees such programs as IMC, the undergraduate decision-making body (UDMB), foundation computer lab (FCAL) and FME, as well as coordinating plant tours and coaching programs.

Our new hires have brought in some fresh ideas and enthusiasm, as well as a new face on campus, Assistant Dean Rob Major. "After changing constantly we finally have things settled," the hiring process took so long because the department wanted to ensure it hired the right people for the job. The delay was not due to a lack of applicants. Formerly, the department would designate a person to run a particular program, so when that person would leave, no one would have the expertise to efficiently take over. Under the new setup, while individuals will likely still focus on one or two individual programs, responsibilities are spread throughout the department. Kristen Shulman has been hired to replace Melissa Coveney as the new assessment coordinator and will oversee much of the coaching for leadership and management work.

Construction, Bond Issues Dominate 2002 Financials
DJ SCHEPPER
Consulting Editor

According to the Babson College Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending June 30th, 2002, the college’s endowment decreased from approximately $181 million to $151 million, a decrease of approximately 16.3 percent, while the college lost $8.4 million through its operations.

The college experienced a deficit, chief financial officer Hank Denuael is optimistic about the numbers, as he notes that many of the losses were planned, such as a planned loss of revenue at the Center for Executive Education due to construction.

Additionally, Denuael noted on the endowment: "We continue to perform in the top quartile of endowments. These are challenging times, but we are doing well. And for everyone. But I think the most telling statement is that our endowment is approximately four times higher than it was in 1997." Both Denuael and Richard Bowman, Babson’s controller, were quick to note that endowments across the country have been facing trouble over the past two years. Bowman, most importantly, noted that the endowment is a long-term opportunity, so the important part is keeping it healthy for the future.

The approximately $33 million drop in the endowment came from two areas. The first was an unrealized loss on investments that totaled approximately $20 million, and the second was the amount of money was used to fund the school’s budget. Just over $9 million was used to fund Babson’s operations as the college applied its normal endowment spending policy. Additionally, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2002, Babson issued two bonds for $66 million in total, $46 million to bond.

Governor-Elect Craig Benson Visits Babson
JASON BEDDICK
Staff Writer

Just a week before Thanksgiving break, and just two weeks after the national election, this campus was graced by one of Babson’s first alumni to be elected to a gubernatorial office.

Republican New Hampshire Governor-elect Craig Benson graduated from Babson in 1977 and has since co-founded one of New Hampshire’s largest companies, Cabotlin Systems Inc.

Benson also worked at Babson College’s Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship. Benson worked with Professor Julian Lange to teach several entrepreneurial courses at the graduate level. You can still find his name on the door of his old office, room 211, which he shared with Professor Lange.

On Monday, November 18th, Benson came quietly to the campus and taught a class of 35 enthusiastic MBAs at the Babson Graduate School of Business.

Benson was invited by Professor Julian Lange to teach about the Cabotlin case study which he helped to create. "You either do this thing, this case study, or you don’t," said Benson. "That’s what being an entrepreneur is all about. It’s up to you to make a decision. Entrepreneurs make decisions.

The graduate students asked questions and gave their opinions about a variety of topics including the case study’s model to organizational behavior problems and solutions.


They began working out of Levine’s garage in Ashland, MA building systems to carry a conductor of cable and then cutting and selling it to contractors in pieces that were smaller than the individual companies were willing to sell.

In 1991, Benson and Levine were named one of New Hampshire’s "Businessmen of the Year" by Inc. Magazine. By that year, Babson Systems Inc. was generating about $150 million in sales revenue.

In 1997, Cabotlin’s peak was $150 million, their highest year to date.

Blow Fuses Knock Out Power Around Campus
ANDREW BOYSEN
Managing Editor

On Monday, December 2nd, at 11:15 A.M., a fuse was blown in a manhole outside of Coleman, which led to a number of buildings on campus being without power for some time.

An electrical contractor for the school was working on a splice in the new high-voltage cable in a manhole outside of Coleman when the incident occurred. Fortunately he was not injured.

According to Shelley Kaplan, assistant vice president of facilities management and planning, an existing splice area and blew a fuse one-phase of the three-phase, 13,800-volt supply line which provides electricity to the upper-campus.

In order to replace the breaker, it was necessary to cut all power to all of the buildings on this circuit so that somebody could replace the breaker in the main and replace the resultant failed fuse in the main switchgear.

Power was lost to the ice skating rink and Boston Sports Club, Van Winkle, Colemen, McCullough, Piets, Reynolds, Sorenson and the Glavin Family Chapel.

Losing one phase affects some lighting and electrical outlets, but more seriously, it knocks out all motors and fans that operate on a three-phase supply. This is very serious, because it can burn out these motors very quickly. This is why the school had to respond so quickly in handling this matter.

Fortunately, workers of the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant were working on campus to continue to cut power to all of the buildings on this circuit so that somebody could replace the breaker in the main and replace the resultant failed fuse in the main switchgear.

On November 15th, twenty students played soccer in New York City in order to find out about the typical teams of analysis for investment banks.

The Arts

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," the second installment of the film version of J.K. Rowling’s immensely popular books, is definitely one to watch.

The Babson College men’s basketball team started the 2002-2003 campaign with three strong wins. The Beavers started by winning the BIT...
School Shows Deficit As Endowment Drops Again

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The seniors of the Babson Dance Ensemble have spent many hours this semester improving on their knowledge of dance to the many freshmen that have joined the storied club.

Undergraduate Programs Finishes Hiring

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SGA Minutes for December 4, 2002

Executive Summaries:
Meeting had with Rob Callahan-SGA election committee goals were established
-SGA is now allowed to send out mailings to UGRADS to ensure a quicker and more efficient service.

Scheduled Business:
-Babson Shuttle Discussion
-Scheduled event developments:
-M. Bus should run on more days.
-The bus should go to Boston areas such as Landowne Drive and the theater district for pickup from 2-3.
-New Business:
-Gym and weight lifting equipment needs to be renovated and removed because it is old and broken.
-Club teams should be allowed in the weight room.
-Video editing machines were requested.
-Public access to pool times should be expanded.
-All bathrooms should have soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers in their dorms.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:
-NAACP asked that the e-mail policy be revised.

Announcements:
-NAACP forum is on Thursday night.
-This Saturday is the final Knight Party of the semester.
-This Sunday “XX” is being shown in Screen 8 at 8 P.M.
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Retraction

There are several retractions that The Babson Free Press would like to make in the article, “Babson’s Search to Add New Dean Shows Promise,” which appeared in the November 21 edition.

Mike Fetteros, who was referred to as the vice president of academic affairs does not hold that position. He is now the provost of the college. Before becoming provost, he served as the vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Carol Hacker will not be acting as the provost, but will instead be working to support the provost. The new dean will not report to Hacker, but she will be reporting to him or her.

A Word from Public Safety

This semester, Babson Public Safety has found a large number of out-of-date registration papers. By the requirement of Massachusetts State Law, if a car is found with an expired registration, the car must be immobilized. A boot will be put on a car if a car is found on campus with an out of date registration, and the owner must register their car before the boot is taken off. Depending on circumstance, a maximum of 72 hours will be given to the owner to register their car. If a car with an expired registration is stopped or found off campus, the car will be towed on the spot.

In order to prevent this from happening, Chief John Jackson would encourage students to pull out their physical registration cards and see when they expire. If they expire within the school year, write yourself a reminder to renew the registration.

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there were things [illegal substances] present in a room which shouldn't be then public safety would contact them [the student].

Grant made sure to stress, “That's not the main purpose of our job."

In the past, problems have arisen in both invasion of privacy complaints by students and alcohol and drug violations. This year, Grant added, “I don't know of any [privacy] complaints. Students know it happens.”

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Schiffman is leaving for sabbatical the 1st of January after holding the position for eight years. While the search for a replacement is under way, Dean of the Undergraduate Curriculum Richard Mandel will fill the role on an interim basis.

Babson Graduate And Governor-Elect Revisits

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Babson's support for a constitutional amendment and a re-form of the state-wide property tax whereas Ferrall's proposed legislation led to a last minute change in the New Hampshire legislature, namely the absence of any sales or income taxes.

Benson was accompanied to Babson by his campaign manager, Jesse Devitt, who now serves as the Managing Director of the Benson 2002 Transition Team.

Babson's Professor Lange described Benson as a "first-rate professor," and a "fine man."

WEATHER FORECAST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
LOW 19 HIGH 33
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
LOW 23 HIGH 36
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
LOW 22 HIGH 41
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
LOW 21 HIGH 39
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
LOW 22 HIGH 36
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
LOW 21 HIGH 39
Top Level Women Offer Advice at Panel
LINDSEY ALIX
OPINIONS EDITOR

On November 20, 2002, The Center for Women's Leadership held a "Decisions in My Corporate Career" panel featuring successful businesswomen. This panel intended to present women who have held top positions and have successfully balanced work, life, graduate education, mentoring, and other activities.

The business leaders consisted of Suzanne Sands, Lori Roland, Stephanie Battle, Michele Adelman and Shira Goodman. Respectively, these women held top positions in financial management, program management, talent management, brokerage and tax management and marketing.

The first speaker, Suzanne Sands, a 1987 graduate from Babson College, began her career at Merrill Lynch. Currently, she is managing director and head of the corporate bond syndicate desk at J.P. Morgan Securities.

During her discussion, she focused on the importance of having a healthy balance between career and family. Her special interest is spending time with her daughter.

Another speaker, Lori Roland, a 1988 MBA graduate of Babson College, is also at this time the director of programs and development at Gillette's Oral Care Business. Roland is responsible for overseeing all global inter- divisions for the Oral-B branded products.

Roland acknowledges that many things challenge women within the workplace. She notes that women find mentors "regardless of which company you find yourself in, be a voracious learner who taps into other's experiences. Find someone in your role model and pick him or her brain. What made them a success?"

If you see someone handle a difficult situation seamlessly, talk to him or her about how you handled it, the culture and unwritten rules where you work, and develop the skills you need to succeed in this environment.

A third speaker, Stephanie Battle, another MBA graduate of Babson, is the global director of talent management for Alcoa, Inc. Battle discussed many of the difficulties that she encountered during her career such as racism, sexism and ageism. Through it all, she succeeded as a leader.

Battle recommends that women who want to be leaders should have the following characteristics: "strong value system, highly developed interpersonal skills, great communication skills, ability to delegate work, compassion, courage and a passion to work..."

Michele Adelman manages the New England satellite office of KeySpan Corporation's strategic tax department. Her duties include the management and research of compliance to all state and federal tax codes.

During the presentation, the panelists critically evaluated the charged situation seamlessly, discussed the culture and unwritten rules where they work, and developed the skills you need to succeed in this environment.

What motivates me to come to work every day is the belief that I can make a significant contribution to the company. I get satisfaction from improving processes.

A final speaker for the panel was Shira Goodman, executive vice president of marketing for Staples. In this position at Staples, Goodman discussed her responsibility of cohesively managing the operational, strategic, and financial aspects of all the marketing projects for Staples.

The panel was a beneficial discussion that highlighted high positioned women who have successfully balanced their careers and personal lives. Furthermore, these women gave insight to other women on how to achieve such success.

The Center for Women's Leadership has its next seminar for January 31, 2003, and is entitled, "Woman to Woman Career Strategies:"

Blown Fuse Cripples Campus Power Service
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He did this after Cable Splicing and Testing (the high voltage contractor) replaced the fuse at switch A. In his inspection, he noted that this failure most likely had been coming for a long time.

This is the fifth high voltage electrical distribution failure in the last three years, but fortunately the school is working to ensure that this does not happen again. Babson College is in the process of replacing the entire high voltage distribution system on the campus.

Work is expected to continue through the spring and summer months until the project's projected completion date, which is late November of 2003.

Police Log for November 18 – December 2

Lockout: 186
Motor Vehicle Assistance: 15

Monday 11/18/02
3:11 P.M. - A report of a larceny of a power pack from the Horn Library; report filed.

Tuesday 11/19/02
2:48 P.M. - A report of a student not feeling well in Coleman Hall; transported to NWH.
10:21 P.M. - A report of suspicious activity on the roof of Canfield Hall; Area checked, nothing found.

Wednesday 11/20/02
12:47 A.M. - A report of a noise complaint in Forest Hall; report filed.
19:30 P.M. - Student transported to NWH with a cut on his hand.
10:38 P.M. - A report of a fire alarm in Coleman Hall; detector reset.

Friday 11/22/02
12:19 P.M. - A report of under age drinking in the Pub; report filed.
12:22 A.M. - Alcohol confiscated in the Trim Lot; report filed.
3:50 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm in McCullough Hall; alarm reset.

Saturday 11/22/02
8:19 A.M. - A report of a motor vehicle accident in the Inrick Park parking lot; report filed.
6:01 P.M. - Wellesley Police report receiving hang up calls on their emergency 911 phone number.
Area checked, no one found.
7:52 P.M. - A report of a fire alarm at the Webster Center; alarm reset.

Monday 11/25/02
2:06 P.M. - Alcohol confiscated from a room Bryant Hall; report filed.

Tuesday 11/26/02
8:26 P.M. - Fire report of a fire alarm at the Rainbows Center; detector reset.

Wednesday 11/27/02
12:59 P.M. - A report of a noise complaint in Pack Manor Central; Area checked; nothing found.
9:01 A.M. - Wellesley Police request assistance for a motor vehicle accident on Wedensday Ave. 7:00 P.M. - Report of a Laramy from the Boston Sports Club; report filed.

Friday 11/29/02
12:47 A.M. - A report of a fire alarm in Park Manor South; alarm reset.
13:57 P.M. - A report of a fire alarm at Park Manor Central; facilities notified.
8:45 A.M. - A report of a fire alarm in Forest Hall. Burnt food; alarm reset.
12:30 A.M. - A report of an injury at the Ice Rink. Party refused transport to the hospital.

Saturday 11/30/02
3:32 P.M. - A report of a fire alarm at the Sallys Hall; report filed.
7:37 P.M. - Student reports loud radio from a dormitory; system to be repaired; facilities notified.
8:07 P.M. - Student reports loud radio from a dormitory; music to be turned off.
Sunday 12/01/02
1:37 A.M. - A report of a noise complaint in McCullough Hall; reports filed.

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Babson Players Announce Spring Musical

CHRISTY WALSH
Concerting Writer

The Babson Players are very excited about their new musical, "Pippin," coming up in the spring. It is the story about a prince named Pippin who longed to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. He traverses through the trials of war, love, and politics, seeking fulfillment in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh, and the intrigues of political power.

The Players' executive board is pleased to be performing this very different and challenging musical for next semester. As Brigitte Gehring puts it, "it's sexy and sassy and will be a great show that you cannot miss."

Pippin is well known for its colorful dance numbers and award-winning music. The Players' board consists of Chrissy Norwood as president, Christy Walsh as vice president, Craig Anderson as treasurer, and Brigitte Gehring as secretary and the publicity board consists of Alisa Bogushkaya, Jamie DiMatteo, and Lisa Chin.

They are also pleased to have on board David Goldman as the director, Kelly Bower as choreographer, and Janine Wright as the musical director. And of course most importantly they are very happy to have their advisor Dean Mandel helping them with yet another production. The Players would like to thank the campus for their support during the last musical, and hope that if you are interested in joining the Players to please come to their audition.

Auditions will be held December 9th and 10th at 7 P.M. in the Sorenson Theater. Please contact Chris Narwood at extension 474 if you have any questions.

Babson Women Strut Their Stuff in Miss Babson Contest

DAVID NEMI
Concerting Writer

Seth and Jeff, still wondering whether it's Mr. Babson or actually Miss Babson, didn't seem to care last week as they hosted the second annual contest highlighting the talents and interests of nine competitively Babson female students.

Showcasing their style in formal and active wear, there were two separate categories where contestants strutted down the catwalk to the sounds of Babson College Radio's DJ Joe Spinelli. During this time, career goals as well as campus activities and interests were read to the panel of eight distinguished judges and crowd of nearly 400 supporters at the event held in Knight Auditorium.

Lauren Ros '05 won the competition, keeping the crown of Mr. Babson in the hands of the sophomores. Crowning Ros, all the category for judges to score finalists, grew especially sizeable during the talent portion while contestants danced, sang, read poetry, pumped golf balls and dripped hot wax onto SME partners. Needless to say there was an eclectic mix of participants whose backgrounds and diversity made the competition exciting.

There judges showed great enthusiasm, and included members of the Babson community such as President Babcock's wife Pam Babcock, Woody, Carl Beckman '03, Dean Mandel, and a member of Babson Public Safety. In addition there was a member of the audience as well as a high school boy.

Casey Dupuis was the only minor in attendance in addition to being a judge and said after the competition, "I can't wait to tell the boys about this in study hall tomorrow." Needless to say there were portions of the competition that were notPC-13.

Prizes and promotional materials for the competition, including food and beverages at the event, were provided by Babson College through a generous "Ad Hoc" grant given through the office of campus life.

Seth and Jeff, creators and hosts of the Mr. Babson contest, also host their self-proclaimed "flagship" show of Babson College Radio, the Seth and Jeff Show, heard Tuesday nights at 7 P.M. on channel 1.

Jeff Greenberg '03, responsible for the Ask Roger great, said that the event was a success and that Mr. Babson should be an even vildier competition. Seth Greenow '03, among the longest standing IDs at Babson, was impressed with the quality of the participants and the objectiveness of the judges. They came out of the woodwork that night, that's for sure," he explained.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As Thanksgiving approaches and thoughts of succulent turkey with stuffing rekindle my mind, I thought I would take this moment to write back to the Babson student community to remind them of the wonderful opportunities that they have and to be thankful for the high quality education and experiences they are receiving.

My thoughts stem from previous articles that I have read in the Babson Free Press and comments that I have heard about students complaining over simple things such as Trim hours, maintaining bike racks, construction, etc.

Over the course of these past few years, I have studied at more than five different institutions from around the world and Babson has best balanced the facilities and holds the highest degree of care for its students. I am not talking about massy community colleges either. I am including schools such as Georgetown, St. John’s, and Oxford.

I guess the saying “you don’t know what you have until it’s gone” will always prove true, especially in the quest to attain higher standards for all those students who argue for extended hours and more selection in Trim and Reynolds, I ask you to come here and witness our dining services. Dining is served promptly at 7:15 P.M. If you arrive one minute late, you are turned away. As for the selection, you have two choices: meat or vegetarian.

For all students who complain about housing, I ask you to come here and live in under-funded dormitories. For two weeks of 40-degree weather, I lived without heat or hot water.

For students who complain about walking around construction and not having covered bicycle racks, I ask you to come here and live two miles away from where you are living; I will stop here, but the list goes on.

I am not asking for sympathy. I have chosen to study where I am for specific reasons and I am having the experience of a lifetime. Rather, my hope is to help those students who are feeling a little down about their school to remove their blurred glasses and open their eyes to the rest of the world.

Babson presents some of the most amazing opportunities to its students. The faculty and staff at Babson are world-renowned, and with their wealth of knowledge, they create an unbelievable atmosphere that promotes student learning. So, take a minute over this holiday season and be thankful for the facilities and the opportunities that you have at Babson!

Jacob Donnelly
Class of 2004

Dear Editor,

It was with some interest that I read former Babson College Republicans officer Ron Levin’s letter decrieing the political apathy found on campus. I recall a similar situation during my tenure at Babson.

However, I’ve caught a slightly different conundrum than Mr. Levin. You see, I don’t know about you, but I’ve become more depressing—the lack of political concentration on campus. I’m referring to the fact that Babson’s first alumni to hold statewide elective office, New Hampshire’s Craig Benson, built his platform around a commitment to repeal the state’s discriminations; legislation laws for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. While I laud Ron’s call for political action, I have to reprimand him regarding Benson’s election reminded me of another sad reality that I hope is changing: Babson wasn’t only a difficult campus for the politically active Democrat, it was also not particularly welcoming to gays, lesbians, and transgender students during mid 1990s.

Engaging in the political process is about more than merely surfing the web and watching TV. It’s also about participating in the marketplace of ideas and ensuring that everyone has a place at the table.

With that in mind, I’d like to suggest an addition to Ron’s admonishment to future Babson “captains of industry—the ‘alimony dollar’ that Ron alludes to doesn’t discriminate, and neither do smart businesspeople.”

Brian R. Miller ’98

Dear Editor,

I feel sympathy for one of your writers on his opinion regarding the class deans. However, Mr. Levin did seem to have his ego all wrong when it comes to students. Unlike all other colleges, Babson happens to only offer one road, with a diverse selection of ways to get there.

As a student, I came expecting that I would be earning a bachelor of science in business administration. In order to receive that degree, students should expect to take the core classes known as foundation courses. Don’t you remember how in high school you had English, Math, History and Science, and there was no way out of them? It’s basically the same.

In essence, if you feel that way, it is not the class deans’ fault. You have chosen the wrong school in which to learn.

As a matter of fact, ITSM meets every week and I don’t see anyone attending the meeting from the Undergraduate population. If you want to change the curriculum, see them.

With regard to the registration process, I spent two hours with the ITS administrators helping the organization get organized. I know your frustration. One of my classes had the wrong published time but vidio knew that it was conflicting with my Statistics class, as it was in the same time block. We have had school meetings and Dean have attended.

If you understood FPS, you know there is more to it then just clicking a button and getting the course you want. For a matter of fact, there are several programs, or business programs, it do its registration.

Alberto V. dela Cruz, Jr.

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Look beyond the numbers.
Average Grades Need to be on Transcripts

MARIE PROIKOFSKY

I work hard. I try to get good grades. But sometimes, at Babson, the class average is a C, and a B is actually a very good grade.

So how can I show employers and graduate schools that I did well in school?

The answer is something a professor of mine brought up in class: Transcripts! Transcripts, not our class grades, are the average grade for that particular class should also be displayed. Exhibiting the average grade would show exactly how the student did in comparison to their peers in that specific class.

Although we are given a class ranking at our time of graduation, I feel that this is just not enough. Average grades would do a variety of things, including giving companies and graduate schools a more accurate picture of a student's performance. Transcripts also encourage students to work harder, and showing if a professor is grading properly or not.

Currently, I find myself dreading the point next year when I will be applying to graduate schools. GPA is good in comparison to the average at Babson, but how are the graduate schools to know how I really did in classes? Maybe I did get a B+, but it could also have been the only B+ in the class.

I want the schools and my potential employers to know this information, and feel that it would make me appear to be a stronger candidate.

Overall, the new policy would have a growing standard, and most likely would have a growing range of average grades to a B+ area.

Dana College has implemented this policy, and unfortunately, the policy does not seem to have curbed grade inflation, as the average grades listed seem to be in the A+B area. I am confident, though, that Babson would not go along this route, as we have a reputation for tough grading.

Department average grades for each class along with a student's grade on transcripts would be displayed in their usual format, as it would give them an advantage when applying to jobs, force them to work harder, and help grade inflation in a positive way.

Dear Editor,

This being my first attempt at an article in the Free Press I beg the reader to stay with me to the end. If not satisfied, worry...I took it four years at Babson to write this one letter and I only have one semester left here.

There has been much discussion over the construction all over campus, specifically on "the hill" around Paetz and the Towers. DJ Schepker has argued that it is affecting his sleeping ability and that it has turned him into a whiny baby as a result.

Please note that it has been DJ's habit over the last four years to fill the free press with articles informing students of the weekend's sports events, campus politics, and occasionally articles of complaint—that I do not see the correlation between on-campus construction and his increased whining. Andrew Boyes has argued that the digging is a way to employ out of work Babson graduates by having them dig holes and fill them. He also suggests that the hole provide a storage place for empty beer cans after a weekend of partying. Although these are logical suggestions they are not accurate.

If anybody really wants to know what going was on all around campus with the dump trucks and the backhoes they would simply ask the workers themselves. After all shouldn't they know what they are doing? Stupid question.

I didn't ask any of the workers what they were doing, but I have come to a conclusion myself this week: it is quite obvious that Babson has been deemed a national treasure hunting site.

Seriously, what else will explain the random six foot holes all over campus and the giant spray paint X's on the sidewalks. Quite clearly there is a buried treasure on information. It is being exploration crew has been funded to find it.

The crew has gone as far as to put up 8 foot metal fences to keep us out and stop us from stumbling upon whatever it is that has apparently buried by Roger Babson himself since that a balance must be made out of the stock market before it crashed.

I don't know about you, but I think this weekend I will be digging up a section of the soccer turf on upper fields. And I'm not giving any of my riches to Johnny Action either.

Josh Slattery '04

Reasons to be Thankful During the Holiday Season

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Before you board your planes or pack your suitcases, remember that for the holidays, it might be a good idea to think of how fortunate we are to live in this country. The work at school may seem overwhelming at times, but the fact is that we are privileged to have the opportunity to better ourselves and guide our own future. The grim reality is that many Americans do not have the same privileges that we take for granted, and are in fact struggling by getting by in our nation today.

Many Americans who work one or two jobs simply to make a living, barely have enough money for the basic necessities. However, there is a good portion of this nation's citizens who have never had to face squeezing by on a limited income.

One woman decided to fight this ignorance by venturing out to communities that are not in America itself. The result became Barbara Ehrenreich's Nickel and Dimed: On the importance of real life accounts that explore the struggles shared among the working poor. After reading this startling bestseller you will certainly have more reasons to appreciate what you have. Ehrenreich spends time in different parts of the United States to give us a firsthand look at how the working class Americans live by simply holding down minimum wage jobs. Although her findings do not seem to be legitimate as possible, Ehrenreich places limitations on these findings by eliminating the luxuries of having personal security and a home. From working as a waitress in Florida to working as a maid, Ehrenreich finances her live to eat fast food and sleep in cramped trailers.

Yet by working these jobs Ehrenreich becomes close to the people she is writing about, and realizes that these people are no different than us and the issues they are facing. They are fighting to survive.

I firmly believe that Ehrenreich will succeed in her attempt to change the way America perceives the working poor. Ehrenreich provides a vivid and realistic look into the lives of the working poor. Ehrenreich's experiment also reveals that many of these "low skill jobs" are in fact both menial and physically demanding. We do not have to look very far to see the people who suffer from these lifestyles. In the end, all we have to be thankful for, but "Nickel and Dimed" will certainly add a few to your collec-
Intel Stumps With Hyper-Threading Chip

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What seems like an age-old roadblock to being able to run an end as Intel Corporation, maker of the popular Pentium and Celeron chips which are standard fare in about 80% of new PCs, achieves greater and greater technological advantage based on its long-term opponent: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

In fact, Intel released their new 3.06 GHz Pentium 4 model with capabilities dubbed "hyper-threading" as a baseline on a trial basis.

The aim of hyper-threading is to enable the chip to act on two sets of instructions simultaneously, as opposed to traditional chips, which merely carry out one process after another. In fact, the chips physically look to a computer's operating system as if there are two chips when there is only one.

This emulation of a dual-processor machine is so that an operating system, such as Microsoft Windows, can delegate commands to a time machine at any time, without sacrificing the efficiency of the processor. Hyper-threading, however, a processor can run many of the tasks simultaneously.

The chips will not be included in consumer-level computers until early 2003, but they have been released to some critics, testers, and reviewers.

One such tester, Tom's Hardware Online, has been in contact in benchmarking tests of new processors and chips. Tom's Hardware Online measured a wide variety of factors: gauging everything from frame rates in Quake 3 to MJpeg audio encoding time to 3D video rendering.

Their tests show that when running one task at a time, the chip with hyper-threading runs faster than the Pentium of the same speed, and generally significantly about AMD's fastest chip, the Athlon XP 2800+.

However, Tom's Hardware Online conducted some tests in order to measure the difference between one and two thread.

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Hitch Rides on the Segway Human Transporter

SEGWAY’S HUMAN TRANSPORTER A NEW VEHICLE OF VEHICLE TO GET AROUND IN

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Have you ever come across the words "segway" or "human transporter" and wondered where you could get this marvelous device from?

Well, now it’s just a click away, nowhere else but at Amazon.com. In case I haven’t been able to hook your attention yet, check the details out now.

The Segway Human Transporter (HT) seems to be truly a 21st-century idea. It is a two-wheeled electric vehicle that is practical, efficient, slightly minimalistic, and most of all fun way of getting around. It’s as different from a bicycle or motorcycle as the original personal computers were from their lumbering mainframe predecessors.

When you lean forward, the Segway HT also goes forward. A walking lean produces a walking rate, and a steeper running lean can bring the machine to its top speed of 12.5 mph.

Segway LLC, the product manufacturer, has designed the device in such a way as to help potential riders avoid bumping into pedestrians or joggers. Having a footprint slightly larger than normal sized people, the machine avoids obstacles and can carry 75 pounds of cargo and still support a 250-pound person. Incredible, isn’t it?

So, who are their potential customers? They could be anyone from regular folks traveling to and from work each day, students and professors in college towns, city dwellers who take many short trips, retirees in Sunbelt resort communities, vacationers traveling with RVs, and people with easy access to nature trails and walkways.

The Segway HT is being sold on Amazon until March of 2003, and is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. But before you rush to run and read the next article (or buy one on Amazon), there’s a bit more you should know.

When you lean forward, the Segway HT also goes forward. A walking lean produces a walking rate, and a steeper running lean can bring the machine to its top speed of 12.5 mph.

I know you might have guessed that the Segway’s price would not exceed the originally announced price of $3,000, but it turns out that they are currently selling for $5,000—almost the price of a second-hand car.

The purchase price may be prohibitive for many potential users, but the cost is partially offset in the long term by nominal upkeep.

Lawns regarding legal riding areas (sidewalk versus street) vary from state to state. Thirty-two states have passed laws approving personal mobility devices like Segway, while none have passed any thing against such devices.

There is a minor inconvenience: the rubber plug-in protector on the machine seemed a bit loose, flopping around a bit on the more rigorous used machines, inconsistent with generally excellent second-hand car.

No accessories are currently available for the Segway HT, but company spokeswoman said that by the time units are delivered in spring of 2003, some will be readily available.

Class Choice of Careers in I-Banking

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On November 18th, twenty students voyaged to New York City in order to find out about the investment banking industry for investment banks, one of the highest paying professions in the country, by the most profitable companies.

The trip, which was sponsored by the Career Center on Monday, is an example of the companies that are interested in the future of the college, which wish to pursue a career in the field of investment banking.

Two faculty members, Professor Robert Turner, accompanied the students, along with Rabbi Shalom and Megal Kehelgan from the Center for Career Development.

The trip is conducted annually for juniors and seniors to give junior a better understanding of the challenging environment of investment banking.

The visiting students attended a reception hosted by the Alumni Club of New York, where they met with former Babson alumni as well as other analysts about what to expect for different investment banking and the typical workload.

The study analyst spoke about how the analysts work between 100-120 hours each week, often staying late every day. A typical week starts on Wednesday at 10 AM, with an assignment in the morning, and being completed by the new analyst.

The analyst will then work on the assignment, ordering lunch and dinner at his or her desk, and then finally finish on Saturday afternoon. On Monday morning.

The analyst goes home, only to shower, and then the analyst will go back at the office by 9 AM the morning.

The analyst is expected to be interested in applying for a job, it was made clear by each firm that the analyst will be hired. Currently, many of the top investment banks are cuttting the number of job offerings to recent college graduates.

Megan Kalaghass, a management consultant, said that the hiring in the investment banking community over the last year has been minimal, and that the hiring is actually quite simple. The days of sending your resume into the hearts of their candidates with fancy dinners and corporate events are over.

The job is now the responsibility of the candidate. It is imperative that you have the best foot forward at each stage of the process, from network- ing, to cold-calling, to telephone, and thank you letters.

Students who attended the event had a variety of job opportunities that awaited them. This Thursday, December 1st, the CCC will be hosting an event for all junior interested in summer internships in New York City.
The Beasen Latin American Forum, posing here, is hosting an end of the year event on Friday in Reynolds that will be a talk given by Jose Manno, a radio and entertainment business personality.

Tension Mounts in Caracas, Venezuela

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President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela has been under a lot of turmoil. The opposition has declared yet another general strike to try and force the president to hold an immediate referendum on his rule.

This is the fourth strike this year by the opposition, but this is different than the previous three. The opposition against Chavez consists of a loosely knit coalition comprised of representatives of political parties, labor, business, military and the Catholic Church.

The latest round against President Hugo Chavez went forth with its strike on December 2nd, which was not a one-day strike, but some of the previous ones. The coalition also said that there would be many threats, and that they wanted to shut down the country for seventy-two hours.

Despite this aspiration, some boilovers seemed to continue as usual, and the oil industry, which is very crucial to the country, continued its activities as a usual day.

The opposition claims that they want to oust Chavez because his policies have brought disarray and results for the nation. They believe that Chavez’s policies have caused a rise in unemployment and poverty. The opposition further states that they want Chavez to be forced into another election, so that hopefully he would be removed from office.

Currently, his presidential term is supposed to last until the year 2007. According to the constitution, a binding referendum cannot be held against Chavez until he reaches half-way through his term. At present, the country is in a delicate state, and Chavez’s popularity has dropped from 80% in 1998 to almost 30% today.

Despite the claims made by the opposition, the Labor Minister Mario Cristiana stated, “The strike failed.” She also added that 86% of the country’s $100 billion revenue producing industries function as usual.

One of the main industries in Venezuela is the oil industry. Petroleos De Venezuela S.A., a state-owned oil company, is also an exporter to the US.

The National Guard has also become involved in handling the protest and the protesters. They were able to break up the protest with the use of rubber bullets and tear gas.

Despite these efforts made by the National Guard, strike leaders called for more protests. The army has now taken over the police and police rifles, making the criminals better armed than the police.

Chavez, for the first time since the violence began, spoke out by saying that this is a “desperate effort” by the opposition to remove him from office, and that they are only going to use “destabilization and violence.”

Chavez also told reporters that this was necessary in order to oppose schemes, and said that “They won’t achieve their sinister goals of destabilizing the country.” Chavez went on to say that the opposition is forcing stores to close, which creates more clashes.

He further said that he vowed this strike will not affect Venezuela’s key oil industry, and that he would not resort to a state of emergency.

Despite the fact that the strike was going on and that the opposition leaders wanted to keep stores closed, many stores, banks and food shops were open. The traffic on the streets remained as usual, but the Venezuelan winter league baseball All-Star game, along with some other events, was postponed.

Chavez might develop repressive and violent actions against the opposition and those against him in response to their actions. The opposition is still hoping that people will demand Chavez’s resignation. President Bush, commented on this in his way by saying that he hopes for a peaceful solution.

Even if there is a transition, a gradual and peaceful situation is very necessary for the country. Otherwise, things could result in detrimental effects for the country.

That same day, terrorists linked to Al-Qaeda attacked Israeli targets in Kenya. The Paradise Hotel is an Israeli-owned hotel in Mombassa, Kenya, which caters to Israeli tourists. The hotel was attacked by suicide bombers in an all-flair vehicle. Three Israelis and nine Kenyans were killed and 80 others were injured. The Israeli victims were Noy and Dvir Anton, aged 12 and 13, from the West Bank settlement of Ariel, and Albert (Avram) De Havila, 60, of Rafah, a retired civil servant who had started a new career as a tour guide according to The Aret Daily.

A second attack in Kenya occurred simultaneously at Mombassa Airport as a Arkia Airlines plane took off for Tel Aviv, Israel. On the ground, four terrorists used shoulder-launched missiles in a failed attempt to take the plane down.

Some reports indicate that Shin Bet security measures onboard the plane, such as protective flares, were credited with preventing the missiles from striking the plane. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has put the Mossad, Israel’s foreign intelligence agency, in charge of investigating the terrorism.

BLAF EVENT THIS FRIDAY

The Beasen Latin American Forum (BLAF) will be hosting its End-Of-Year event this Friday, December 6th. The event is full of activities and it will take place in Reynolds 241 from 6 to 10 P.M.

The main activity of the event is a talk that will be given by Jose Manno, a Radio and Entertainment Business Personality in the Boston area.

The discussion will be followed by a dinner which will be comprised of Caribbean food brought from El Cafetal. There will also be plenty of Latin music and dancing.

Jose Manno is the Regional Director of the Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Administration on the Politics and Economics of Latin Music. Manno is a leader in the Boston area Latino community and is the founder and host of the Latin Music program, “On Sales” on WJUR, which has served as a beacon for Latin music in Boston for the past thirty years.

Manno knows the artists and has a detailed knowledge of the business of the Latin Music industry. Manno examines the evolution of Latin music in the US, tracing the path of musicians from the Caribbean “concert-craze” who work in small dance clubs to those who graduate to the concert venues, to those who “make it” to the high-dollar national “craz over” concert tours.

Manno also examines how the music is shaped by the economics of the promoters, the Spanish-language TV and radio broadcast interests, and the tightly held interests of the owners of the concert venues and distribution channels.

Come join the discussion this Friday!

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Make The Most Out Of Winter Break
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As the first semester comes to a close, you're probably thinking about how to spend your winter break. Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. Travel: Consider traveling within the country or abroad. There are many options available, from hiking in the mountains to exploring a new city.
2. Learn a New Skill: Whether it's cooking, coding, or a musical instrument, there are plenty of opportunities to learn something new.
3. Volunteer: Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and gain valuable work experience.
4. Relax: Sometimes the best thing you can do is simply relax. Read a book, watch a movie, or take a long walk in the park.

Remember, the key to enjoying your winter break is to plan ahead and make the most of your time off.

Running a Marathon Can Be a Joyous Affair
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When most people think about a marathon, they think of the negative aspects such as pure pain, inane miles and have 60-year-old known at the mercy of twenty-one. However, for Mark Witting and his team, running a marathon is a joyful experience.

Over Thanksgiving break, we embarked on a road trip centered on the goal of running in the Philadelphia Marathon. On Friday after classes, we drove hundreds of miles towards Philadelphia and listened to the same CD six times on our long trip to Villanova University.

As the marathon was on Sunday, we immediately had to start preparing and that meant saying “no” to drinking on Friday and Saturday night.

Since the marathon is such a long race, nutrition and food intake is crucial. Although we all drive the same carbohydrates such as cereal is very crucial for the few days before the big race. In addition, becoming hydrated and eating power bars and gel is also important.

By the time Sunday arrived, we were ready. The weather was cooperative and the results were amazing. Imagine thousands of people cheering for you throughout the race, and coming down the last mile finishing in front of a packed crowd of people with the crowd going crazy.

There was also the joy of being able to party after and be drunk after just three beers; now that’s a cheap date. For both of us, crossing that finish line was one of the true highlights of our lives.

When roads cross the line even sweeter was the fact that we both qualified for the Boston Marathon. I exceeded the line in 3:04, and Mark just made the qualifying time by running 3:10. More importantly, who wouldn’t want to see hundreds of people who run marathons next year on the front?”

On the other hand, 36 of the 82 mile race was a demonstration against abortions. This was not just any demonstration, it was a whole festival, the runners had the posters of us with pictures displaying what a fetus looks like before and after an abortion.

To make matters even worse, they were on lead speakers yelling things like “Abortion is like the Holocaust, everyone is responsible.”

I couldn’t understand why people would protest at a marathon besides the fact that these people are responsible for thousands of people. If they didn’t have respect for the fact that they were going on and on while our run was interrupted, they were in pain, how did they expect to gain respect?

Sometimes, people just don’t understand. My stomach ended up feeling like it had spent two weeks in the jungle of Haiti.

The road trip continued with a stop at Georgetown University where we encountered a number of business school students, and then off to NYC.

I have to say, a lot of people commented about our school being too dorky, but trust me, we are not bad in comparison to the needs at other universities.

But before you ask, our trip was a lot of fun, even if you do get a little sick and have to use the bathroom. I was left smiling from ear to ear when I was out doing the Hustler.

You Might Have to Settle for “Hamburger U”
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With over 400 graduates competing for a total of 18 brain requiring jobs worldwide (and six of those will be downsized within six months of signing), it is time to start looking for a job in places where others might not think to look.

That is why I picked up material about the management opportunities at McDonald’s while driving to Minnesota for basketball.

I learned that there are great jobs in the management trainee, second assistant manager, first assistant manager, and store manager fields. While I would much prefer a field in technology or business, the hard-working, and intelligent student, my degree does have the word business rather than finance in it.

Just like the jobs I really want, McDonald’s offers further education benefits, at “Hamburger University.”

“Because of McDonald’s international scope, translators and interpreters in 30 countries are employed, as are professors to teach and communicate in 25 languages at one time.”

And, as of those 400 million, one fourth of them have been “mathematically correct.” Are you going straight to hell and are not even worthy of a lump of coal? For those of you that would have us all be “good” kids in every home, which are only using 100 million homes and the rest of the 300 million are going to be taken for us.

In order for Santa to hit each of those 100 million homes in that time frame, we would have to walk fat roll 900 miles by inch and travel approximately 1,900 miles. It seems to me that all seems very difficult, considering that the average reindeer can’t run faster than 25 miles per hour.

Incidentally, he would need at least one million reindeer to pull the 20,000 pounds and pay back all worthless rocks home. Santa would have to poach all the reindeer in the world and come up with a red light bulb on one unfortunate reindeer’s nose.

As the trip to 1,500,000 miles in less than one hundred of a second would turn Santa into a strawberry shakes. The inertia of his sleigh would be impossible to control with the immense G-force would drive his eyeballs into the back of his head.

The best created from air resistance at high speed would cause his reindeer to burst into flames. Incredible loud sonic booms would wake up children across the world, at the blood of a million burning reindeer reindeer reined down from the skies. Santa would single-handedly be responsible for the greatest animal massacres known to mankind.

A conclusive evidence clearly shows Santa is an evil man as all died in a horribly painful death. It was estimated to be at least 1,000 million suffering reindeer.

Looking back, why did we ever think of the poor animals? He enslaved midgets wobd who called “elves” for hundreds years and treated them with nothing less than an inhuman punishments.

He used the elves to run the workshop around the world, he ran the workshop around the world. He even failed to pay the workers for their work.

This is why no other SNL scriptwriter will subject to prosecution by the IRS.

Let this be a lesson to all those who think of settling for a job when you have a peculiar interest in young children sitting on his lap was not a threat to society.

These are generally priced blankets with pictures of Butterball, the national turkey. Don’t go to bed without a blanket. They are not only great for those of you who have a job, and it is not your fault. The fact of the matter is, however, that there are jobs out there, as long as you are willing to settle for less than six figures, you are free for something that fits your talents.
New Harry Potter Film
Even Better than the First

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"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," the second installment of the film version of J.K. Rowling's immensely popular book,a must see for any one to watch.

Reprising his role as Harry Potter is Daniel Radcliffe, joined by a brilliant cast, including, once again, such classics as Emma Watson, Alan Rickman, and the late Richard Harris.

As far as things go, the film is that of Kenneth Branagh, best known for his extraordinary work in "Henry V.

Chamber of Secrets begins with the summer after Harry's first year at Hogwarts. He has graduated to a bedroom from the closet he used to live in, but he's not treated badly by his relatives.

An annoying little house elf named Dobby is tasked to warn Harry that he must not return to Hogwarts this year, as there is a danger to Harry and his friends. He disapproves of the warning and with the help of his best friend Ron, played by Rupert Grint, escapes and begins to find a way to be at the Weasley's home.

From there he is supposed to ride the train back to Hogwarts, but once again Dobby tries to trip him up. As a result, Harry and Ron are forced to ride in the father's flying car to school.

When they arrive, Harry starts to notice things coming from the walls which no one else can see. In the meantime, three things are happening to the students at the school.

Students are being betrayed with fear, threats are written in blood on the walls, and a dark new professor named "My Fa Mu Tahm" has been introduced. It seems that someone has opened the mysterious Chamber of Secrets, letting loose the monster and all its calamitous powers.

Once again, Harry seems to be the prime suspect, but when best pal Hermione, played by Emma Watson, is petrified, Harry and Ron know they must discover who is responsible for what is happening; and what they could discover could kill them both.

This film, although clocking in at nearly three hours, is enjoyable for all audiences. Everything from the acting to the special effects was taken up a notch and, of course, even if it was the intensity (bear with me here people) of this film has made it different from the first.

Giant spiders, blood, fear and an atmosphere of supernatural activity make the sequel more exciting. The tone in this story is a lot darker than the previous books, but it serves well for more mature audiences and, in my opinion, makes for a better story overall. J.K. Rowling has developed the characters in this book, and, although the film itself doesn't capture the amazing creativity put into the Harry Potter series - a movie would be someone who hasn't even read them.

Director Chris Columbus has done a great job by bringing the series to the big screen, using more frequent and effective special effects, and a perfect cast. Andrew Scott's affinity for adventure and excitement is well captured on film, regardless of age. It's clever, intriguing, fun, and will keep three hours of your time.

Some interesting information: despite Chris Columbus' tremendous success, the next Harry Potter will be directed by Alfonso Cuaron, the man who directed "Y Tu Mama Tambien." I'm sure several of you have found some incentive now.

It just says something to the effect of, "I hope you will all be there at this "$89" and that kind of statement doesn't leave a lot of room for wondering "now, what exactly does he mean by that?" The same holds true in 8 Mile. Though I expected the movie to be a lame attempt at making a few extra dollars out of Eminem's popularity, I have to admit that it was much more than that.

8 Mile opens up a world of underground Detroit hip hop; a place where rappers do "battle" with each other in dirty clubs, and people are willing to go to any extreme to get out of there. Eminem won't get an Oscar for his acting, but his character is genuine and real, even if he's only playing himself.

The movie is littered with shots of Detroit and "battle" scenes are infused with the same kind of emotional charge and energy that has become so characteristic of Eminem's Artistry.

Once again, I couldn't help but be convinced of Eminem's talent. As much as I disliked it, I walked away from the movie and all I could think was "Damn, that's pretty good."
Men's Basketball Starts Off Strong, Hines Honored

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The Babson College men's basketball team started the 2002-2003 campaign with three strong wins. The Beavers started by winning the Babson Invitational Tournament and followed that up with a huge victory over non-league opponent College of the Holy Cross. Simply put, the Beavers blew Mount Ida away with an 89-60 victory. Babson then went on an 8-0 run, which consisted of two three-pointers from 8-6 redshirt Jeff Nicholson '05 and one layup from Chris Michalowski '03. With the run, Babson built a 70-21 lead and never looked back as they went onto a 97-71 victory. Babson won the tournament and Michalowski and Nicholson earned All-Tournament Team honors. Despite the success, Babson's victory over Mount Ida was not enough to make the BIM's Most Valuable Player for the second straight year.

Three days after the tournament, the Beavers would take their show on the road and head up north to Colby College. The trip and hostile crowd proved to be a non-factor as the Beavers started off with an 11-4 run and never looked back. After a 3-0 run, Babson would never trail, and Colby would come closer than 9 points for a 76-59 Babson victory. The win was a direct result of some fantastic play from Jeff Hines '04 who scored 21 points, collected 6 rebounds, dished out 4 assists and made 3 steals.

With his strong performance in both the Babson Invitational Tournament and the Colby College victory, Babson was awarded the NEWMAC player of the week. Hines is leading the league in assists and has 16 assists and 2 steals with 2.7.

Truly the Beavers have started the season strong. They looked poised to make another solid run into the NCAA national tournament.

The Babson men's and women's swimming and diving teams have gotten off to a quick start this year. While the women have lost close matches, the men have gone 5-1

Hockey Claims Invitational Championship

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Babson College scored a whopping nine goals, including six in the third period to claim a 9-2 victory over SUNY Brockport in the championship game of the Sixth Annual Babson Invita- tional Ice Hockey Tournament on Sunday afternoon. The Beavers improve to 4-0-1 on the season with the win.

Babson scored an early 1-0 lead when Rob Harvey '04 assisted Dustin Kim '04 on a power play goal at 6:08 in the first period, and it looked as though the first period would end with the Beav- ers in the lead, but with 22.7 left in the period, Brockport an- swered with a 4-0 early in the third period, which proved to be the game at 1 at the end of the first. But that was the closest Brockport would ever be to the championship. At 3:40 minutes into the second period, Team Sullivan '06 netted a shot to put the Beavers on top 2-1. It was the first unanswerable Babson goal.

Derek Nirula '04 increased the score to 5-1 late in the second period with an unanswerable Babson goal. Babson refused to let up. James LaFreniere '06, Justin Kim '06, and Nathan Cook '06 each scored a goal of their own before Brockport answered with a goal at 12:09 in the third period. Sadly for Brockport, Babson still held a commanding 6-2 lead.

The Beavers, far from finished, scored three more goals in the final three minutes to complete the game at a modest score of 9-2.

Harvsey finished with two assists in the win for a total of three goals and three helpers in the two-game tournament.

Sullivan, and Dustin Kim joined Harvester on the All-tournament team. Goaltie Jason Hart '04, who finished with 21 saves on Sunday and 35 in the tournament also joined his Babson teammates on the All-tournament squad.

Men's Swimming Team Dives Into Opening Action

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The Babson College men's swimming and diving team has begun their season with a notable with a current record of 5-1. Rich Chute '03, and former Gillis '03 lead the team and co-captains this year. Their first win came from a away meet against UMass-Dartmouth.

On November 14th, the sec- ond meet of the season was nar-rowly achieved after the specta- cular finish of the 400 freestyle relay. The final relay gave the team the chance to upstage Brandeis, 122 to 121. Huge points were gained during this meet with the aid of the divers, who showed marked improvement over last season. Carl Beckman '03 impressed the crowds with his remarkable swim at his first meet since the '99-'00 season.

The following meet was away against Wheaton. The team again showed that they had what it took to win with a 154-75 victory over Wheaton the by downing W.P.I. by a score of 147-92.

During this meet, diver Jon Gillis '03 had one of his finest performances, accumulating a personal best 263 points to fin- ish just 13 points shy of qualify- ing for nationals. Also against Wheaton, Chute '03 took first place and Alejandro Espinoza '05 took second place in the 1000 freestyle.

Lady Beavers Fall Short Against Tufts

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Babson Women's Basketball suffered a tough 62-54 loss Tuesday night to Tufts University.

The loss now leaves the Beavers with an overall record of 1-3. Babson came on a tough loss going into the game, falling to Save- Regna over Thanksgiving break in a non-conference match, 77-72.

Babson started off very strong against Tufts, gaining a 17-14 lead, but the Jumbos came back up with some crucial points to go into halftime leading 31-27. In the second half, Tufts had an incredible 10-4 run, bringing the score to 41-31 with 16 minutes remaining.

At one point in the second half, the Lady Beavers trailed by 16 points, the largest lead for Tufts in the game. Babson fought back with a 10-0 run to close the gap in the score thanks to the long three-pointer from guard Amanda Hellen '05. She then capped it with a free throw with 8:17 remaining in the game.

Unfortunately for Babson, Tufts rebounded with some tough three-pointers of their own, leaving Babson trailing 58-50. After trading free throws, Jessica Beker '06 hit a driving lay up in a final attempt to pull ahead in the contest, but the Beavers came up empty on their final three pos- sessions as Tufts walked away with a crushing 62-54 victory over Babson.

Outstanding performances in the second half came from Babson's Erica Coppy '05 who scored nine straight points com- bined for Babson.

Baker made 6 of 11 shots to gain 15 points for the Beavers, demonstrating strong play par- ticularly in the second half. Conroy came up with 13 points and eight rebounds while guard Joanna Maher '05 ended the contest with a game high of five steals, and in addition assisted 14 points total.

Patricia Lesby '03 also had an outstanding game, blocking a career-high four shots for the Beavers. But the Jumbos out- rebounded Babson 45-34 with 18 boards off the offensive glass, giv- ing Tufts many second chances.

This heartbreaking loss marks three straight for the Beav- ers. Women's Basketball faces Bridgewater State at home on Thursday, December 5th, at 7 P.M. in Webster.