Decision Making Board Works to Improve Curriculum

LINDSEY ALIX
Associate Editor

The undergraduate decision making board had its biweekly meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2002. The UGDMB meets to decide and analyze the undergraduate curriculum here at Babson. The board is made up of faculty, staff, and a student representative.

One item of the meeting is the decision of the board to consider changes to the current curriculum. The UGDMB has tackled a variety of issues. Some of these include reviewing the process of academic advising, the language requirements for study abroad, and the acceptance of winter session courses.

The board also hears new course proposals from the various academic divisions. Recently, during the November 11th meeting, law professor Toshi Lestor put forth a presentation for a course entitled, “Law 6772, Interpersonal Relations, Culture, and the Law.” This course would discuss topics such as discrimination and group identity in regards to religion, race, gender, and sexual orientation.

Professor Mary Gaddis, during the October 22nd meeting, proposed a new women’s studies course. This course was designed to give students a view of feminist theory from a historical and theoretical approach. The board voted and approved the course as a permanent addition to the advanced liberal arts options.

Another item that the board is working on is the creation of a Blackboard site. Hopefully, this site will include the course announcements on recent issues or topics can be posted for discussion.

The UGDMB also has the ability to reorganize courses. Specifically, the courses Art of Chinese and Japanese Calligraphy and Japanese Business Culture and Language were voted to remain as advanced liberal arts courses.

BDE Prepares to Surpass Expectations

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Senior Copy Editor

The members of the Babson Dance Ensemble have been working hard to put on their annual fall show for the week after Thanksgiving Break. Always one of the most enjoyable presentations of the semester, the Babson Dance Ensemble’s fall performance will undoubtedly provide an enthusiastic welcoming greeting after Thanksgiving break.

Over the past few months, BDE has been working hard to give a truly phenomenal show for the fall semester. Typically, the performances for this term do not feature faculty members and do not include senior soloists, unlike those arranged for the spring semester.

As such, there is always slightly greater pressure to make the program as unique as possible. A considerable amount of effort is needed in order to assemble dances into one exceptional show that surpasses those of semesters before.

The only expectation the entire ensemble has is that we outdo ourselves semester after semester and provide the Babson community with an outstanding performance,” confirms senior Vin Framu, current president of BDE. “We certainly pride ourselves in bringing spirit to the school.”

Another conflict that the dance ensemble has had to overcome was losing several talented senior dancers with the start of a new year. Fortunately, this challenge has only served to provide BDE with additional motivation, as mentioned by Framu. “The biggest difference this semester was the loss of some dancers.

Considerable Improvements Made to the Science Program

TIFFANY WONG
Senior Copy Editor

Recently, the science curricula at Babson College underwent a significant reformulation, most specifically in terms of its course selection.

The decision to make such modifications stemmed from the concern that students were not benefiting enough from the classes they were taking. On another concern was the absence of any intermediate classes that could properly fill the gap between stepping-stone from the already presented foundation courses.

One concern was that school is the small faculty-student ratio, but similarly, a disadvantage is course limitation, commented James Phillips, the associate professor the Math and Science department here at Babson. He also commented "not all the students were happy.”

The dissatisfaction found in students resulted not only to the relatively inadequate amount of science courses to choose from, but the lack of relevancy the courses had to business and technology issues.

Accordingly, as Phillips commented, a "set of tech-focused courses was needed" so that students could "use them to really explore specific industry areas." In general, the previous science curriculum offered courses that basically did not have a large enough focus on business.

This absence was an underlying factor in most complaints specifically the science curriculum, with the reiteration that students had expected more.

Soccer Defeats Medgar Evers, Marches On

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The Babson men’s soccer team struck early to take a 3:0 uncontested victory over Medgar Evers College on Wednesday afternoon in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament. Babson marched early on the City University of New York Athletic Conference and Babson always looked back.

A stifling defense limited Medgar Evers to the single goal in the contest and six shots overall in the contest. Just 3:25 later into the contest, Dowell found the back of the net off a deflection from the opposing goals. The ball had rolled the Medgar Evers goalkeeper Anstet St'eau, and a hard charging Steve Pagnotta ’05 deflected the ball into the net which then rolled directly to a waiting Dowell who firmly planted a low shot into the now empty Medgar Evers goal.

But Babson didn’t give up there. Just 3:25 later into the contest, Pegnotta’s blast deflected off of the inside midfied, Pagnotta gave the ball up to a hard charging Jonach Whitten who dribbled in front of the goal where the ball got away and rolled back to the center of the field.

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Science Curriculum Changed
For First Year Students

Students have different requirements from the sophomores, juniors and seniors, who are still under the old curriculum.

Essentially, the freshmen are supposed to take both a freshman seminar and a one-semester course, as opposed to the former requirement of only taking a freshman seminar and a corresponding lab, resulting in a total of only four credits.

The courses that are part of the old curriculum are slowly being phased out, and currently the selection has been narrowed down to two courses: "Marine Science" and "Nutrition, Fitness, and Health".

This accounts for the elimination of the "Space Science" course, and the introduction of a similar, but improved course of the same name that applies the necessary concentration on business and technology with corresponding job opportunities.

With foundation courses being altered this semester and the upcoming spring term, the intermediate courses will be fully implemented in the fall semester of 2003.

Obviously, students who will be able to experience the new curriculum will not only accumulate a greater total of science credits, but also, more importantly, will benefit from its variety and relevance to business-related subjects.

However, the implementation of the process brings about a substantial disadvantage to the students who will not be able to take the new and improved science courses.

As Professor Mike Restivo says, "I think it is unfair that the upperclassmen are getting the short end of the stick because there are less choices for us and more for the freshmen."

In addition, he points out that "we wait for our turn to have good selection days for classes, and in the end, we still do not get a better choice than the class offered to the freshmen by Jen Sanchez '05 further states, "The school needs to be more consistent across the board with their improvements to the schedule."

Although the changes are indeed advantageous, and arguably necessary, it was hard for some to implement earlier on in the curriculum. Nevertheless, it seems that the new changes being made are certainly valuable, and will hopefully benefit the students in the future.

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Science Curriculum Changed
For First Year Students

The undergraduate DMB is changing around the science curriculum, requiring incoming students to take 6 credits.

School Purchases New Vans for Student Use

Babson has purchased several new vans to accommodate students as well as follow safety guidelines. Last year, there was concern with the safety of the two fifteen-passenger vans.

Helen Bickford, administrative assistant of public safety, comments, "There was great concern that the fifteen passenger vans were not safe if the three seats in the back were full. If the van was full with fifteen people, it could cause the van to have a roll over."

Public safety and campus life decided to take the seats in the back of the only remaining fifteen-passenger van out to ensure that a roll over would not happen. They also purchased a new Ford Windstar minivan, which seats seven passengers each. The Windstar is only minivan to the quad, five star crash test rating four years in a row, and all Windstars include the personal safety system, an advanced safety technology.

In order for students to book a van, they must be certified with public safety. Students can sign up on Tuesdays at 10:30 A.M. or make an appointment on Fridays or Saturdays. The test consists of watching a video and taking an exam. The process takes about one hour, and the certification is valid for two years.

Babson Advances to Tournament Round 2

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Pagnotto does not expect anyone keeping for the second goal of the contest.

Babson then bunkered down and let its defense do the rest of the work. Despite playing without the injured Mike Murco '94 the defense was rock solid. Jack McMamanon '03, Rich Trussell '06 and Lee Rosaubom '94 worked solidly together along the back line, never letting opposing players through. The defense stepped through in intercept balls and made numerous tackles across the soggy pitch to stop the attack.

Mark Abraham '03 and Phil McGuire also played outstanding games for Babson along the back as they supported up the wings. It was the work of Abraham that set up the third Babson goal of the game in the 32nd minute.

Abraham was able to save a ball from going out of bounds with a sliding tackle near the end line, before bringing it back to the center. The ball ricocheted around in front of Addinson March '03 before finding the foot of Dowell, who planted it beyond the outstretched arms of the Medgar Everson goalie.

Throughout the second half, the Beavers seemed content to play in their own end and attack sparingly. Despite that they still managed to record 13 shots in the game and forced 7 saves by the opposing goalkeeper.

The game got sloppy late as the first team was up 2-0 and yellow cards were issued to players from the opposing team. But by the end of the game, Babson had the 3-0-advantage to advance to the second round.

The Beavers' next game will be on Saturday at 5 P.M. against Drew University, the number five ranked team in the nation on the campus of Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J. The team is now in round of 32, after making its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1998, the longest drought in school history.

UGDMB Makes Decisions Regarding Ugrad Curriculum

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organizational behavior and operations into several semesters, which could cause staffing problems.

Other issues with the IEM revisions arose from complications between different divisions. The integration of certain disciplines such as marketing, microeconomics, and macroeconomics appeared to not satisfy the entire faculty.

A more cohesive option is being researched and looked into. At this time, no decision has been reached on the proposed plan.

John Dierksen '94 is the current student representative for the UGDMB. Dierksen was asked to look into the board by past SGA president Manny Martinez and his executive board.

Usually, the position is a full academic year, however due to Dierksen studying abroad this spring semester, his term will end this December.

Dierksen reports that the board hopes to address the following items before the end of the semester: accepting internships for credit, revising the required management strategy and a review of the study abroad program.

"Working on the UGDMB has provided me with another perspective on the college decision making process. When I was a freshman, I discus"ed the UGDMB discussions, their first and foremost concerns are for the students who are truly focused on the success and future of each Babson student," John Dierksen added.

Dierksen welcomes students to e-mail him with any concerns or questions they may have to make regarding curriculum issues.

The UGDMB will continue to work hard to make progressive changes to the curriculum to benefit the students.
**Babson College Police Log for October 28th - November 10th**

**Lockouts:** 129
Motor vehicle assistance: 17

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**Monday 10-28-02**
12:08 P.M. - Report of a motor vehicle accident at the Boston Sports Club; report filed.
1:53 P.M. - Arrest of a larceny at Olin Hall; report filed.

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**Tuesday 10-29-02**
1:12 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint at Forest Hall basketball courts; peace restored.
1:14 A.M. - Vehicle towed from Forest Hall basketball courts.
3:59 A.M. - Alarm sounding at the Horn Library. Alarm was shut down by cleaners.
3:33 A.M. - Unregistered vehicle towed from Woodland Hill.
10:49 A.M. - Report of a person selling magazines at Piets Hall; unable to locate.
4:49 P.M. - Alarm sounding at the Horn Computer Center; alarm reset.
8:09 P.M. - Alarm sounding at Woodland Hill; propped door secured.

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**Wednesday 10-30-02**
2:14 P.M. - Alarm sounding at the Horn Computer Center; propped door secured.

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**Thursday 10-31-02**
6:57 P.M. - Report of vandalism at Coleman Hall; report filed.
10:26 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm at McCullough Hall. Alarm tripped by cigarette smoke; alarm reset.
10:45 P.M. - Confiscated materials taken from McCullough Hall.
11:51 P.M. - Alcohol violation at Roger’s Pub; report filed.

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**Friday 11-01-02**
1:02 A.M. - Received a complaint of intoxicated persons in the area of the Coleman Lot; unable to locate.
5:52 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm at Park Manor South. Clothes found ablaze in the laundry room.
8:39 A.M. - Alarm sounding in Park Manor Central; set off by workers.
2:58 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm at the Horn Library; alarm reset.
4:42 P.M. - Report of an alarm at Canfield Hall; alarm reset.
6:03 P.M. - Report of an alarm at the Horn Library. Propped door secured; alarm reset.
8:12 P.M. - Report of a roommate dispute in Forest Hall; report filed.

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**Saturday 11-02-02**
2:09 A.M. - Received a complaint of loud music in Canfield Hall; volume decreased.
2:34 A.M. - Received a report of an alarm at front of Piets Hall; RA notified.
1:53 P.M. - Received a complaint of a strange odor in Forest Hall. Nothing located.

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**Sunday 11-03-02**
12:15 A.M. - Students in Park Manor Central informed to decrease noise and clear walkways.
1:22 A.M. - Vehicle towed from a fire lane at Park Manor South.
2:02 A.M. - Received a complaint of noise at Park Manor North; unable to locate.
10:54 A.M. - Vehicle towed from College Drive.
11:33 A.M. - Report of an alarm of fire at Park Manor South; alarm reset.

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**Monday 11-04-02**
4:09 P.M. - Alcohol violation detected in Park Manor Central; report filed.
11:18 P.M. - Received a request for assistance at the CEE; services rendered.

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**Tuesday 11-05-02**

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**Wednesday 11-06-02**
1:03 A.M. - Alarm sounding at the Horn Computer Center; set off by cleaners.
1:53 A.M. - Report of a person injured in Coleman Hall; student transported to Newton-Wellesley Hospital.
9:19 P.M. - Report of a smoke detector sounding in Forest Hall; alarm reset.

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**Thursday 11-07-02**
1:22 A.M. - Report of noise at Park Manor South. Students asked to decrease the volume of music.
7:47 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm sounding at McCullough Hall; alarm reset.
8:26 P.M. - Report of an electrical problem in McCullough Hall. Facilities notified.

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**Friday 11-08-02**
2:10 A.M. - Report of vandalism in McCullough Hall; report filed.
1:03 P.M. - Report of an alcohol violation at Roger’s Pub; report filed.

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**Saturday 11-09-02**
12:54 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint at Keogh Hall; peace restored.

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**BDE Practices Hard To Prepare Annual Fall Show**

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...many seniors, but creativity helps to make up for that. However, with the 13 new members introduced to the ensemble, the level of talent and passion has certainly not been lost. There still remains a tremendous amount of spirit and commitment.

In addition, the executive board of BDE has definitely been working harder than it has in the past, brainstorming a lot of interesting ideas to not only add dancing values to the shows but also entertainment values to the ensemble," stated Framuslro.

The executive board remains unchanged from last semester. Adda from Framuslro, there is Alissa Gnat, ’04, the vice-president; senior Erin Areu, ’03, the house manager; fellow senior Beth Kroener ’03 for off-campus public relations; Mike Bann ’00 with on-campus public relations; Ana Cristina Garza ’04, treasurer; Tori Simly ’00, the program manager; and secretary Beth Knitl ’01.

For this fall semester performance, BDE has been arranged with an assortment of accompanying songs and an extensive variety of dance techniques projected by Mike Bann. "The show has everything from pointe to hip hop. We have a bunch of new choreographers this semester, and music ranging from old classics to new hits."

The chosen theme is "You Shoot Me All Night Long," and like always, the closing song tries to demonstrate a connection with the theme of the show. Pursively revealed by Framuslro is that the ensemble "did not pick your typical finale," hinting at an exclusive characteristic not seen before.

Also discussed by the Babson Dance Ensemble president is the intention of wanting to "give the audience a backstage look at what BDE is all about." Rather than pros and cons, the performers wanted to give an opportunity for the audience of what goes on behind the scenes, during rehearsals and other behind the scenes acts. This all adds up to a surprise that will only be made public come show time.

Credits must also be given to advisor Kim Trelugas, who works in the office of student life. "It is a great deal of assistance and as Framuslro states, "probably one of the best administrative advisors at Babson." He continues, "Kim is a fantastic help to the E-board, as well as the entire ensemble."

With a stellar ensemble of performers, the support of an outstanding executive board and the guidance of a terrific advisor, this upcoming performance is certainly to be among the best.

As Bann states, "It's going to be a hot show. You don't want to miss it."

The show will be performed from Thursday, December 5 to Saturday, December 7 in the Wellness Center. Tickets are $7 for students, faculty and alumni.

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Laundry Machines Finally
Seem Safe From Vandalism

MARK WAITING
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Over the past few years, the laundry machines here at Babson have had a tough life. Just a year ago, thieves who had figured out how to operate them without paying were pillaging them on a daily basis. This year, they appear to be safe from harmful intrusion, as there has not been one recorded case of laundry theft.

Total losses were estimated at a conservative $7000, though the recent increase in laundry sales seems to indicate that the amount stolen could have been significantly higher. What the thieves were probably not aware of was the fact that they were actually stealing from themselves.

The agreement that Babson shares with its laundry vendor provides our college with a percentage of the total sales as a commission. Those funds are then directed towards Student Affairs, who offer them for student programs and activities. In essence, they took money out of the pockets of their fellow classmates.

The penalties thieves suffered were not publicly available, nor was the method by which they managed to "hotwire" the machines. However, Neil Foley, who manages the laundry machines, stated that had theft continued there would have been sweeping changes across campus.

Some of those consequences would have included removing card payment machines for the entire residence hall, locking down the laundry areas, and in severe cases the laundry machines themselves would also have been removed.

Last year's effort to uncover the vandals was greatly helped by our very own Free Press. Once the information was made publicly available through the newspaper, students began to come forward with tips.

The problem was not isolated to one location either, mentioned Foley. "The original scope of the problem was so large that it appeared to be happening in every single residence hall.

"But not everyone is a thief and not everyone is willing to put up with the consequences of a thief's actions. It is my hope that student's begin policing themselves and holding each other responsible for what was going on.

Now, with increased signage and student awareness, laundry machines are once again safe from evil-doers. That, combined with new security measures built into the machines, will hopefully keep our laundry privileges safe for years to come.

Despite problems in the past, laundry machine vandalism has been down recently. New safety mechanisms have been put into place to hopefully deter potential vandals from tampering with the machines.

Fetters Replaced as Dean of Ugrad Programs

While working with Hacker, the dean will endeavor to connect the curriculum and the student academic experiences with extra-curricular activities.

"Because of Dean Mandel's leadership, the undergraduate program will continue to flourish as the search committee and I complete an international search for the new dean of the undergraduate program."

The role of the dean has been restructured to place more emphasis on the external workings of the college. Internally, the dean will still be responsible for curriculum, placement, admissions, advising and will be working with Carol Hacker.

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Babson Offers Students
Sixty-One Organizations

VICKY TO
NEWS EDITOR

With sixty-one registered organizations on campus, students can easily find a club or organization that suits their interests.

Notably, the Babson Christian Fellowship, Babson has a wide variety of organizations. Moreover, if an organization is not already present on campus, students can apply to start their own.

Fred Granit, Director of Campus Life commented, "It's very simple to create a new organization. The forms and the procedures are located online at www.babson.edu/ugrad/campuslife.r"

To start a club, a student needs to get a commitment from other students who are willing to participate and help build the club. Once the organization has been formed, a faculty or staff member is needed to advise the organization.

As soon as the club finds an advisor, the new organizations can begin the registration process. Students on campus can also apply to receive funding from SGA. For more information, call 901-420-3000.

Unlike student organizations, housed housing does not receive any money from SGA. Campus life does, however, help these organizations to find funding through either the Roger Grant or other means. The Roger Grant is a one-time opportunity to get money for a special activity benefitting the campus.

Even though there was a cut in the school's operating budget, SGA was not touched. Jason Orlosky '04, former SGA vice president of finance, states, "Babson gives $100 per student to fund a student organization. The money is distributed to organizations through an application process. "

These organizations create a budget for the semester and then they present it to the Ways and Means Committee, who then decides how much of the semester funds are appropriate.

Further explained that, "This year there is $18,000 at stake for this semester, up from $15,500 last year. As for the organizations on the SGA budget, they apply during the budgeting process to receive the annual budget for SGA. These organizations usually stay the same from year to year."

For more information about an organization, see the campus life website or visit the offices of campus life.
A Letter from the New SGA Executive Board

Fellow Babsonians,

SGA is off to a great start this year. We are very excited about the overwhelming enthusiasm that we have seen from students at our weekly SGA meetings. Our committees are busy and are actively working to improve your Babson experience.

Our new executive board is ready and eager to serve the Babson Community. On Saturday, November 2nd, Nathan Knight, Manny Martin, and Jason Orlosky, devoted their day to help us become acclimated to our new roles on campus. We have a lot of energy, motivation and, most importantly, supportive students and administrators working with us on campus.

We are utilizing our office that is located in Reynolds right outside of the office of campus life. This serves as a central location for direct contact between students and SGA. Office hours are posted and students are encouraged to stop by and see us with any questions, comments, concerns and ideas.

Another area that we plan to improve upon is Babson's relationship with Olin College. We are in communication with CORe (Olin College's SGA) and we will be looking forward to building a strong bond between our two diverse communities.

Most importantly, we are working to improve school spirit. Tuesday, November 19th is spirit day for all students, faculty, staff and administration. We realize there are no athletic events or other activities scheduled for that day, but we feel that everyone at Babson should have the opportunity to join together and display Babson pride for the sake of bringing everyone together as a community.

The Babson community is very good at complaining about the lack of spirit on campus; this is a great opportunity to break out your Babson gear and Babson green and white and feel good about being here. So, we are hoping that the community will join together with green hair and tons of face paint for a wonderful day of pride.

Please feel free to email us at SGA@babson.edu so that we can further our mission to improve the overall student experience here at Babson College.

Liz Chamberlain, President
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Dear Editor:

As a former chairman of the Bahamian College Republicans (from 1996-99), my biggest struggle was dealing with ubiquitous political slapdash on campus. Based on reading The Bahamian Press online on November 15, 2003, I believe this problem can be solved by making politics a requirement for graduation.

Aside from Mr. DJ Schepker's very pathetic editorial explaining his decision not to vote last Tuesday, I also wonder if anyone on the front pages truly understands the importance of the Senate. Not only do students need to get involved in the decision making process, but they also need to understand the importance of the Senate. Students need to be aware of the issues that affect them and the importance of their vote. In order to make informed decisions, students need to be educated on the issues and have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Mahoney
MBA '04
Pelosi Views is a View from Within

JASON BEDRICK
Contribution Writer

On November 6th, 2022, the GOP shocked Democrats when they not only gained seats in the House, but took control of the Senate. Soon after, Representative Dick Gephardt, D-MO, announced that he was stepping down as Democratic House Minority Leader, which began a battle to take his place.

Pelosi, whose representatives originally voted for the position, but since Representative Steve Bustos, D-IL, is now the Minority Leader, becomes a new player in the game of Washington politics, especially the House, where she has no one to take her place.

The congresswoman said that she could have made the decision to run for Speaker, but the issue that is currently weighing on the minds of most of our party is whether she is expected to take

Gephardt’s place and become the first female party leader.

Her challenger, Ford, is a self-made" underwater" candidate who ischemically for Pelosi for being too far to the left.

Pelosi voted against the resolution on war, and Ford is charging that she has always voted against the war. The two extremist leftist views are going to alienate many voters, especially those moderating the voters who are becoming increasingly important for both Republicans and Democrats to court.

Ford has a tough job ahead of him; Pelosi has never lost an election.

I think that opportunity is a good thing for the Democratic Party for the same reasons which concern Ford. Now we have a time to energize alienate voters. However, this could be a good thing for the people.

This is why the Democratic Party has moved towards the left and the Republicans have moved further to the right, where a third party could build.

The reason that no third party has ever been created is because a viable party is that they tend to be to the left of the Demo- crats, like the Green Party, or close to the right of the Republicans, like the Libertarian and Reform Parties. However, independent candidates or candidates already out of Republican or Democrat could be an option.

If a strong enough leader did Reynolds TV Lounge Not So Hot for Social Activity

LINDA L. ALIX
Opinion Editor

Even watch TV in the Reynolds Campus Center? Did you even know that there is a TV lounge? Probably you are not aware of the tiny closet-like room near the mailroom on the second floor.

You walk in and in a thirty minutes you will have crossed a point where I don’t care what it is doing, I just want to take a break.

I should be allowed to sleep in peace if I don’t have a class until 8:45 A.M. I also have a lot of trouble getting up extra amount of rest so that I can get to school.

The construction is fine as long as it is the right time, and even with my window closed, that is all I can hear in the morning.

I just want to know, for now, why those dump trucks that sit outside of Pike on a daily basis feel it is nec- essary to be running day and night, even at a time. Sure, I may be whining, but isn’t that what you do when you are supposed to be sleeping. I want to take another call.

Another problem with this room is that it is small. You can only fit six people in the room. Six people can sit on the slightly less than ideal couch and not much more.

So, what do I suggest? A larger, more comfortable room that people would want to go chill in. Need a better picture? Imagine waking up on a Saturday with nothing to do.

You walk down to Trig to get some lunch around 1 P.M. Now you are in Trig. Well, is it really so much like nothing better than to stay loafing in my sweatpants inside watching TV or reading a book for someone’s one card, just like post it or sticks cards.

Reynolds, being a campus cen- ter and as such a place to relax from classes, should offer such amenities. Now, don’t get me wrong, I like Reynolds just fine. I just want a better lounge.

Yes, Reynolds does have pool tables and an assortment of arcade games, but they are not enough. If you need more, you can surf the inter- net, use the big TV in the mailroom, and some relaxing chairs scattered around for chill-

Beyond that, however, Reynolds does little to be the center of campus life. Of course there is an or- ganization meeting room for students to use, but how fun are those for someone looking for something to do.

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Microsoft Pushes Tablet PCs for Sale

After years of experiments and promises, the personal computer industry - a $200 billion industry that purchased computer has finally become a reality.

Last Thursday, Microsoft, Corning, RIM, and other makers of computer, software and microchip companies announced the availability of Tablet PCs. The Tablet PCs, said to be "durable, reliable and easy to use," are the only computer that combines the full power of the Windows XP operating system with the capability to use a digital pen in addition to a keyboard or mouse.

Basically, Tablet PCs bundle text like a paper notebook, but run all the programs of a notebook PC. Weighing about three pounds, Tablet PCs have a small and rounded shape of an ultralight notebook and possess swiveling screens that can be written on with a pen-like stylus.

Virus Developed to Infect Cell Phones

Warning! This article is strictly not recommended for people who suffer from phobias for viruses in computers. Surprising, isn't it? Viruses have been spreading so much in Europe, according to P-Secure, an anti-virus vendor based in Helsinki, Finland. The "Love Bug" could just as easily have attacked cell phones. The only reason it's associated at all with any kind of telecommunication is the message itself," said Alan Komel, manager of security solutions at Computer Associates International, Islandia, New York.

The Microsoft operating system found on these PCs includes software that allows the handwriting scribbles on the screen and then converts it to plain text. In addition, Tablet PCs use microphones to record speech.

Fundamentally, Tablet PCs are computers that are adapting to how people really work, whether they're taking notes in a meeting, collaborating wirelessly with colleagues or reading on screen.

"We're just scratching the surface of what is possible," Apple said. Although Tablet PCs provide many benefits and look very attractive, there are some people who aren't completely sold on the product. Some analysts are dissatisfied with the limited amount of screen space and the short battery life. The screen is small, it's hard to see the hand writing, and the battery needs to be recharged after 3 hours.

In addition, some analysts believe that the handwriting recognition is faulty. Bob Enderle of the Giga Information Group said, "The handwriting recognition is not all that good.

Many consumers, analysts say, are skeptical over whether Tablet PCs will be able to gain much more beyond the business market. "It's not clear that people really want it," Enderle said. "On a similar note, Andy Dworkin, a research analyst for DCC, noted, "Its initially going to be a niche and fairly non mainstream product." While analysts debate the potential success of Tablet PCs, the possibility of success is debatable.

Bertelsmann Music Group (BMG), subsidiary of media conglomerate Bertelsmann AG, announced last week that it had stopped printing CDs without copy-protection measures in the U.S.

The move, a daring one after the company experienced troubling with consumers last year, is intended to stop consumers from copying or "ripping" CDs, and ultimately to stop sales. BMG has sold over 2,000,000,000 CDs, according to Dillard, chairman of BMG's music sales. BMG has sold over 2,000,000,000 CDs, according to Bertelsmann's chairman of BMG Music Group, Heiner Dillard.

"Our company's copy protection is the Red Book Standart as well as all labeling," Dillard said.

"A standard home CD player is one that has no burner techs built in. Our CDs play all CD players without burner techs. There will be no CD manufactured without copy protection any more," Dillard said. Bertelsmann's copies all disc manufacturers to implement the new system. "I think the new system will break in," Dillard said. "We are sure that our new system is better than the old system."

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Chinese Government Sees Shakeup Among Top Brass

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International Editor

Chinese President Jiang Zemin and approximately seventy other government leaders were forced to step down soon as part of the Communist Party that was created in 1921. This is the first time in China's history that so many high-ranking officials have been forced to retire in such a short period of time. This is to clear the way for the selection of a new leader for the country. The changes were announced by the Chinese Communist Party on Sunday, November 6th, in a statement that said that the new leader, who will be the Party's first secretary, will be announced at the 12th National People's Congress in Beijing on November 14th. The new leader will then face the task of steering the country through the difficult challenges it faces, including economic reform, political stability, and the maintenance of national security.

Jiang, who is now at the age of 76, has been in office for thirteen years, and has led China through many situations. Currently, the President presented his speech during his speech on Thursday, November 6th, which stated that he feels that members of the party should be recruited from the private entrepreneurial sector, as well. Other members have lauded this theory, and Jiang has received much praise over it. China's Communist Party's Politburo, consisting of the twenty-one most powerful people in the country, are also said to have a meeting, but it is not clear what their discussion will be about. The Politburo Standing Committee is the highest decision making body, which currently consists of seven members. Currently, very few people, in the highest ranks, know the success and the changes in the government that are to occur. There are even party members who are unaware of what the results will be of the changes. The decisions are being done very secretly and carefully. The Chinese people do not have a say in what happens and who gets chosen. Many feel that the issue does concern them, but there's nothing they can do about it. Some protesters even took matters in their own hands, and protested outside the Great Hall of People. The police later took these protesters away. The process will carry forward when the congress, which consists of 2,114 members, will choose a new Central Committee on Thursday, November 14th. This new Central Committee will consist of two hundred members, and will hold its first session on Friday, November 15th. This new committee will then choose who will be a part of the new Politburo and the Politburo Standing Committee.

Members of the AMAN organization on campus enjoy a dinner held recently in celebration of Diwali. Diwali is the Festival of Lights and can be compared to Christmas.

Switzerland Houses Spectacular Scenery

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Switzerland is a country with spectacular scenery, and one whose standards are envied throughout the world. Experiencing Switzerland, either with the intention of visiting this picturesque country or of improving one's education, ought to be an enjoyable process. Some of the most popular winter resorts are St. Moritz, Gstaad and Interlaken. All three are world-renowned resorts. Switzerland has churches, cathedrals, castles and country houses of all periods that are very interesting. I have seen Switzerland myself, and have experienced every thing it has to offer. It is just amazing.

The federal capital of Switzerland is Bern. Bern is a beautiful city, birthplace of the Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich's fifth avenue, put it on a position as Switzerland's cultural and political capital. The Zurich Stock Exchange, the 4th largest in the world after those of New York, London and Tokyo, turns over 13.6 billion Swiss Francs in domestic share over a year.

Geneva is quite different from the others. It has less than half the population of Zurich, but is a little larger than Bern. The Palais des Nations, although fully functional as a home to the UN, is like a living museum. Macon Travel, dating from the 18th century, is the oldest house in Geneva and has been very nicely restored.

There is also the Monument to World War II, which is a tomb of a duke of Brunswick who died in Geneva in 1875 and left his fortune to the city, and is modeled on the Scala of the monument in Verona.

The Alps represent a wide range of landscapes; peaks of 1315 peaks under which there are 60 lakes. The term "alp" is used to denote the range of mountains which stretches across south central Europe.

The term has another local meaning. However, the Swiss and their German-speaking neighbors use it to denote the high Alpine meadows where cattle graze and pastures. Alps, with a capital "A", refers to the mountains, and a small "a" means the pastures.

Right up in the clouds, exalted from the reach of jungfrauros, one of Switzerland's highest peaks, is a modern rail-road station. The Swiss have reached their summit here. Switzerland is one of the smallest countries in the world.

It takes about one day to drive across the country in any direction, and in that one day it's possible to pass through dozens different types of scenery and half as many climates.

Switzerland is really the most practical, the toughest, and the most enduring democracy in the world.
Rumors Prove Fun If Revenge Can Be Exactd

MARIE PROKOPETS
Editor-In-Chief

You know you've heard it. You know you've done it. And you know you've been a victim of it. Rumors are prolific on this campus. "For instance, I have seen a few rumors spread about Marie, particular," commented Monica Budwine '03, Chris Smith '04 even went, "A rumor is that Marie is very fond of basketball players."

So now we know that rumors exist at Babson, but when you find out that someone spread a rumor about you, what is your first reaction?

If your answer is to get back at them, you are correct! But the question now is how, exactly, can you get your vengeance most ef- ficiently? And of course, should you exact your revenge?

Forget about giving dirty tricks to even worse rumors about the wrongdoer. Draconian measures must be taken.

One of the most obvious ac- tion is to spread a rumor about the offender twice as bad as the one that was spread with a soccer player? Well guess what, I heard she slept with the entire team. That will teach her.

The next best way to get them back is to ask your friends what they think.

The Meatheads are Back on Campus

JAMES SAUNDERS
Staff Writer

Another weekend has passed, and while I was not on campus to share in the madness of our school, here is the latest news around the grounds of Babson College that this weekend was a "good" one.

While the partying was point and everyone was having a good time, there seems to be an unhealthy amount of partying in our culture or rather the culture of our school.

Rumors have definitely run out of ugly heat this weekend and I want everyone from Forest to Van Winkle and from Putney to Byrant to know that rumors or gossips do not make our school a better place to be.

What you do people can do is just be happy and not spread rumors or gossips.

Living Off Campus Has its Ups and Downs

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Babson College is a good envi- ronment for living and working, but after three wild years of Ar- turo’s house, I felt it was time to move into Boston.

After all, my primary reason for coming to Babson was to be away from Minnesota for a few years, it turns out that Babson/ Needham/Wellesley wasn’t the culture change I had anticipated.

My first step was selling some friends on the idea. This was easy, but finding a place proved difficult; my potential roommates and I were not on the same page in terms of location and tolerance of noise.

After a few weeks of talking to realtors, I called up and called campus life to confirm the avail- ability of my single in Keith.

Fast forward: three months later I was watering a with a family friend, and as it turns out, his daughter was moving to Bos- ton for art school. Her two bed- room pad on Mass. Ave. was half- meant, and she didn’t know any- one in town. I offered to show her around the city in exchange for free rent. After a couple of days of looking around, we landed on an apartment near the MIT campus.

Life is good.

I feel too used up to deal with the party boys at Babson. After all, these people’s main duty is to subsidize themselves by shooting their laser guns around our only legal property.

But off-campus isn’t as hum- drum as it sounds. Have you ever heard of a group project; all of a sudden I feel like a single mother on welfare. And the commute is brutal, especially for athletes. In addition, some of my best friends live at Babson, and it would be nice to have them around more often.

My recommendation: live in Boston for a semester, especially if you aren’t a local.
Seinfeld's "Comedian" More Fascinating Than Funny

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Jerry Seinfeld's "Comedian" is much more than a routine, one-time event; it's a book, a DVD, and now a movie. It's a record of a memorable night at the Isaacson Theatre in Boston, with special guests such as Lily Tomlin, Carol Burnett, and Jerry Seinfeld himself. The movie captures the spontaneous, off-the-cuff nature of the performance, making it a truly unique and engaging experience.

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Theatreworks Puts on Oscar Wilde Play

CHAU SHARMA
ARTS EDITOR

Miss Prism: Do you mind if I take your picture? Cecily: I often like to be looked at.

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" is a classic comedy that has been adapted into a variety of media. In this production, the cast is made up of students from Babson College, and the set design is a beautiful recreation of the play's famous setting.

The play is often referred to as Wilde's satirical spoof on the rigid aristocratic society of the post-Victorian era. His characters are funny and condescending snobs of England's elite. Wilde's use of paradoxical statements plays a fun at the starchy façade of polite society and denotes importance and humor.

Some actors in the production include Olin College student Michael Curtis, who will play Algernon, Olin Graduate School alumni William Jone who will play Lane, current Olin Graduate School student John Alger who will play Gwendolen, retired Babson Associate Professor of Accounting and Law, Donald Roffert, who will play Reuben Chasuble, and current director of the Forenac Center of Arts, Burt Hahl, who will play Merriman.

The timing of the shows has been strategically chosen to cater to both faculty and student schedules, with performances on Thursdays, November 16th at 8 P.M. and November 17th at 8 P.M. Tickets are $3 for students, $6 for faculty/alumni/children and $12 for the general public. For more information, call 781 289 6682.

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The Ring, 12:15, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:45, 7:10, 9:30, 10:10

The Santa Claus 2, G
1:15, 1:30, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45

Punch-Drunk Love, R
1:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15

Sweet Home Alabama, PG-13
1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

Before and that's what killed them.
Upon locating the tape itself, Rachel watches it, skeptically, and is left unnerved with due reason. The tape plays like an amateur apprentice to psychiatry. Moments later she receives a phone call from a Sendish little girl who says "seven days" as a warning of Rachel's imminent death.

What does she in those seven days involve investigating the origin of the tape, even as she begins to make sense of its curse. And, during that week, she isn't the only one to watch the film. Her young son (David Dorfman, who will undoubtedly suffer comparisons to Hallie-Joel Osmond for this role) and his father also view the tape, and end up doing a spin-off after she does.

At this point, the hidden truths behind the images on the tape are more disturbing than the actual plot. That seems to be true for the entire film.
Heartbreaking Loss Ends NEWMAC Bid

Top seeded Wellesley defeated the 4th seeded Babson women's field hockey team to stave off an earlier loss to the Beavers this season. Unfortunately for Babson, the stakes were higher in this affair, and it sent the Beavers packing from the NEWMAC tournament.

The first half was fairly even with both teams getting quality scoring opportunities. Goalie Colleen Kelly '03 single handedly kept the game scoreless. She slowed down the high-powered Wellesley by making exceptional stops and acrobatic saves.

The second half was much more of a one sided affair. Wellesley was able to maintain pressure on the Babson side of the field for the majority of the half. Finally with four minutes remaining in the game, Wellesley struck first. On a three-on-two break, Wellesley was able to complete a pass to an open winger who put the ball in the back of the net. Babson, however, would not go down easily. Within regulation time the Beavers were awarded a penalty corner. Since time had expired before the time that the penalty was issued and regulation time expired, Babson was able to inbound from a penalty corner with no time remaining.

All Wellesley had to do was clear the ball out of the box to end the game. Miraculously, the Beavers were able to inbound the ball and get it on the stick of Elise Cowley '06 who shot the ball past the Wellesley goalie.

Men's Basketball Is Prepped for Success

How do you improve a basketball team that went 25-5 the previous season, had the nation's best defense and made a trip to the Division III Sweet 16? If you are the Babson men's basketball team, start by returning four starters, a NEWMAC Freshman of the Year, a quality transfer player and a strong deep bench. This year's team is working hard every night to guarantee their most successful and incredible season yet.

Led by Head Coach Stephen Brennan (two time NEWMAC Coach of the Year), Babson returns senior captains Joe Collie '03 (8.1 ppg, 3.3 spg) and Chris Michalowski '03 (14.0 spg) in the backcourt. The frontcourt is anchored by MBAC NorthEast All-District First teamer Jeff Hines '04 (13.3 ppg, 3.7 spg), senior Jeff Nicholas '05 and senior bigman Mark Lussier '03.

Babson uses their bench more than most teams, looking to Luke Webster '04 for defense and Brandon Tadlock '03 for offense. Babson is deepest at the guard position with Phil Rife '06 and Dan Elammon '05 spelling Collie, Michalowski, Hines and Enore.

Brennan says, "I look at our guards as players, we do not assign playing time based on size but rather each player's ability to play at a high level on both ends of the floor. This program is not defined by size or height." When times get tough all eyes will shift to the emotional and physical leader, Matt Webster '03. His hustle and strong play will feed the team in difficult situations.

Brennan and his staff have challenged the team by scheduling some grueling contests early with Salem State, Suffolk, Trinity and Ripon. When asked how the team would respond, Brennan responded, "Our players will learn, compete and move from game to game regardless of the outcome. Adversity defines who you are based on how you react to it."

Clearly Babson's biggest strength is their smothering defense. They tallied 55 steals last season led by Hines (87), Collie and Michalowski (60). They also held opponents to a nation low 66.5 points per game. Brennan doesn't feel that his team has a go to guy but feels that role will be defined on a nightly basis and that the defense will dictate that. Brennan says, "Our team is about unselfishness and not paying attention to the stat book."

All in all, Babson will be giving everybody in the community something to cheer about. This squad is working hard every day to improve and get ready for an NCAA Tournament run. Coach Brennan guarantees that if and when students realize his team's talents, they will not be disappointed.

He goes on to add, "These guys are an athletic, hard working group that plays well together. We have gifted scorers who will feed off of our defense. Come out and support these guys and provide a crazy college atmosphere that will put fear in the other team's eyes."
Babson Soccer Downs MIT
To Earn Automatic Bid
D.J. SCHEPKER
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A lot of defense and one superb offensive play was all that the fourth seeded Babson men's soccer team needed to boost its seeding in the final round of the NCAA tournament. Babson led 1-0 on a goal by Michael McManamon in the 9th minute of the first half. The goal was the only one scored in the game as Babson defeated MIT 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

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The NewMAC champion Babson College men's soccer team poses with the championship trophy shortly after defeating MIT 1-0 to record their first trip to the NCAA Tournament in 8 years.

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SPORTS EDITOR

It would be a great tragedy if you missed this fall season for Babson College athletics. Maybe you were busy getting acclimated to PME or if you are freshman. Maybe you were too excited about the upcoming basketball, hockey, or even baseball seasons and forgot about the excitement that fall sports offer. Or maybe you are just one of those people who did not care enough about anything.

Well, if you are one of those three, then you ought to be ashamed because you missed one of the most successful seasons that Babson has possibly ever had.

Let's begin with the golf team. A perennial contender that no one talks about once again stands atop the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference as champions again for the eighth time in the last nine years. The usual suspects in Steve Ekland '03 and Ravie Dave '05 led the charge for Babson.

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A rollercoaster ride that featured the successful duos of Jonah Frisch '03 and Steve Pagnotta '05, who both finished with a team high of 25 points, ended with the Beavers coming back stronger than ever.

The women's soccer team was nothing less than an offensive juggernaut. Scoring a ridiculous 16 goals against Emmanuel early in the season, you had to know this team had potential. However, much like the women's volleyball team, this team was too young.

They took their licks this season and should be poised to make a serious run at the NewMAC title next year. The Beavers ended the regular season 9-8-2 and even lost to Wesleyan in the first round of the NewMAC tournament.

The next team needs no learning curve. Simply put: Babson College men's soccer, NewMAC champions.

The Babson Rugby Club wrapped up one of its most successful seasons ever on Sunday, crushing the best team in the New York State Union, Siena. After dropping a heart-breaking match to Middletown on Saturday, Babson knew that in order to be ranked among the top 14 teams in the country, they would need to beat Siena by over 50 points.

Faced with that daunting task, Babson, whipped into a fury by captains Tom Daly '04 and Doug Kopcsco '03, played their greatest 90 minutes of rugby in recent club history. Led by seniors Brian "Pretty Blue Hair" Voelkl, Brian "Money" Manning, Ben "Lil Levener" Verrazzano, "Crazy" CarlACKeman, and Mike "Biggles" Graham, Babson was unstoppable.

Fluid passing and great tackles were seen from everyone on the pitch, as well as excellent kicking by Toby and Jon "Trampoliner" '04 who both were superb, especially when battling the wind in the second half. Tries were scored by many, including Wes Donohue '04, Carl Dupsrichter, B.L., Ronald "Kenyu" Kidoro '03, and Chris Ouko '03. Babson scored four tries. Just before the final whistle blew, Toby hit a 15-meter drop kick, his first this season for Babson.

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