The student and faculty art show in Sorenson Family Art Center will be selling artwork created within the Babson community. The show took place from December 5th - 6th.

### Toys for Tots Returns to Babson

**ANTHONY J. MICALE III**

Enron-E-Campus

Whether you are in a family that has been hit hard by the job market, or devastated by the New York City bombings on September 11, 2001, Babson Public Safety is trying once again this year to ensure that kids everywhere have a happy holiday season. Their participation in the "Toys for Tots" program, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps, is now over 10 years in the running and has been providing dollars of toys to children in need of a Christmas gift.

Said the Officer of the Babson Public Safety team has been helping this effort for several years, and is coordinating the project this year with the help of other public safety officials.

Walker remarked, "This event is a tradition that we hope to continue."

Babson is expanding the project this year to include drop-off points in Olin College as well as the Babson Ice Rink. The rink has been especially supportive in helping the program by assisting in the collection of toys.

### Sorenson Family Arts Center Has Sale of Babson Artwork

**CHABU SHARMA**

Staff Writer

Right here on our campus, hidden underneath the Wall Street Lingo and the expensive business suits of Babson's corporately inclined climate, lies exceptionally creative students and faculty possessing absolutely impressive artistic talents. The current Babson pre-holiday art sale has taken the veil off of and exposed these artists to the rest of the Babson community.

Walk through the Sorenson family center connected to Trink and you will see exactly what I am talking about. The walls and tables are lined with breathtaking self-expression in every form, ranging from ceramics and painting to basket weaving and photography. The wide spectrum of works varies from the primitive and simplistic to the complex and symbolic. Whether whimsical and lightweight or fanciful and festive, the works displayed are far from ordinary. Just simply walking through the gallery is eye candy to all, and its difficult to restrain from reaching up to grab one for yourself (which fortunately you can do, since all works are for sale).

The art sale not only captures the artistic abilities of Babson students, but of the faculty as well. Available are beautiful hand colored woven baskets in all sizes by Jai Kelly from the Development department, and handcrafted stoneware bowls in bright yellow ceramic teapot, by Randy Pink, an instructor here at Babson.

Other non-student artists include, David Akiba, and Frances Hamilton, as well as Olin Engineering professor Helen Denis Keller.

The idea was initiated by Burt Hash, who discussed his idea with two art instructors as well student Sanaa Hyder, all of whom accepted the idea with enthusiasm. Afterwards, the planning began.

According to Burt, one of the most difficult things to do was to price and market the art sale itself, which was open to any.

### Karen Cruickshank Leaves the Babson Community

**ALISA BOGUSLAVSKAYA**

Staff Writer

After years of dedication to the Babson community, Program Director, Karen Cruickshank, is leaving Babson College. The outgoing party was held for her on Tuesday, December 4th commemorating her unforgettable service and commitment to the event. The great turnover. Many of her co-workers members of the college administration attended, as did faculty members and students from both the Honors Program and the Women's Leadership Program.

Karen had only wonderful things to say about her presence at the College and only sadness about how she will be missed.

Karen had many words and precious memories of her time together with Karen. One such person was none other than Dean Carol Hacker, who has worked with Karen for over ten years. Hacker reminisced about Karen's first year, and she was always welcome among the Babson community, and to her, even been a mother away from home. "She's friendly and supportive. That's why I always wanted to here for all my problems," says Diane MacLaughlin, a sophomore.

Karen will always be remembered at Babson for her every present smile. "She would always go out of her way to help people, and she always has a smile. I can't remember a time she's not smiling. She's an absolute sweetheart," says Connie.

### The First Miss Babson Is Announced

**MELODY ISAAC**

Photo Editor

The votes are in, and on Dece, the Babson community picked its Miss Babson, Katrina Sundberg '04 was announced as the winner on the Tuesday night Seth and Jeff show. The night almost didn't happen due to a technical difficulty at the radio station. The server that the show runs off of had been hacked into, and as a result, the school decided to quarantine the stations server in order to see if someone might have been able to hack into the other servers in the school.

Adding to this problem was the fact that Channel 9, which the station has no control over, wasn't working until about an hour into the show. The show continued however, and when Channel 9 started working, the show went smoother.

There were three finalists: Panne Ray '03, Erica Burns '02, and Katrina Sundberg '04. The judges had really wanted to have chosen Miss Babson from the votes that they received over the week, but the votes were so close they decided to have the finalists come in and have callers call in and help make the final decision.

While the station was down the post played music and were deciding whether they should reschedule the show. Through instant messages, many listeners still continued to stay with the show, and as soon as Channel 9 was up the show was back to its usually antics. Callers called in with questions and comments about each of the finalists, and the host themselves also asked questions to better gauge who would make the best Miss Babson.

The decision was made that none of the girls would leave empty handed.

The third place winner received a discount to the West, the second place winner got tickets to the Blue Man Group, and the winner got the full price which also included a free weekend of fun in the sun.

### The hoists of VoxPop, Seth and Jeff, pose with the near Miss Babson, Katrina Sundberg.

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Unique Olin Research Provides Opportunity

William Clayton
Staff Writer

Research from day one of your college experience, no graduate students with whom to compete, undergraduate education as the main focus. These are all claims made by Olin College to prospective students. So what does that actually mean? Olin College's central mission is to provide a world-class engineering education, and going hand-in-hand with that objective is Olin's commitment to undergraduate research. This approach serves multiple purposes at Olin College, allowing faculty to remain current in their fields, and also providing the opportunity to "teach engineering in a realistic way," states VP of Innovation and Research Sherri Kerna. Dr. Kern's position is unique to Olin and is symbolic of the college's commitment to the discovery and adoption of new knowledge into its educational program.

Olin is searching for faculty who are committed to "exemplary undergraduate teaching and committed to innovation, creativity, and intellectual vitality." Olin President Rick Miller states that vigorous pursuit of research is critical in order for faculty to maintain "continuous intellectual vitality." The underlying assumption of the role of research is that without investigation and discovery, an adaptable engineering education is not possible. Thus, professors and therefore the courses become static and can't improve with time. Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science Jon Stolk believes that research projects are an "outstanding setting for close interaction with students."

Research can also be a very useful instructional tool. VP of Innovation and Research Sherri Kerna addresses the importance of research, "Real engineering problems do not come in neat packets. They don't have answers that can be found in the back of a book." Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Bill Pratt explains that research can teach "how to attack problems that don't have easy answers." Provost David Kerns likes "to see the interaction, the intellectual curiosity and the teamwork that [research projects] can help foster.

Bolaji believes in integrating research into the undergraduate experience. VP Sherri Kerna says, "Olin College considers research a mode of education." Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Brian Stokey comments, "In my own experiences, I learned a heck of a lot more working in a research environment as opposed to the things I learned in the classroom."

At the beginning of the year, the Olin Partners were offered at least 25 different research projects from which to choose. All of the students were asked to work on at least one project and several students have become involved in more than one. The "opportunity overload" frequently mentioned by members of the Olin community is certainly true in terms of research options.

The opportunity to take part in research starting from the beginning of one's undergraduate education is not commonplace. Provost David Kerns comments, "Most students really don't have the chance to do research until they've much further along in their career." Professor Mark Somerville states that because research is a "real example of do-learn...you can really imagine research being a bigger part of a student's experience at Olin than it is in most other places."

Research provides an opportunity for both students and faculty to investigate their interests, even in unrelated fields. For example, Ann Marie Burns '06 is translating Spanish for Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Music Diana Dabby and investigating the spectral of a distant galaxy through her astrophysics research with Professor of Physics Stephen Holt. She views research as "an incredible opportunity" to work with faculty.

The students enjoy the availabilty of research that Olin makes possible. "The opportunity to explore a number of the many things that made Olin more attractive overall," student opinions of the interaction I have with the faculty members is priceless," student opinions of the interaction I have with the faculty members is priceless," student explains. "I was not particularly interested not really about any of these things and therein lies the difficulty of teaching. She says that it's "really about the perceived value to the audience or the buyer. Art is priced according to the price that the consumer is willing to pay. It's a tough process because art is such a personal thing."

The objective of this art sale is not only to distinguish the visionally talented Babson community, but also to get across the message that the art industry is a type of industry that has its integration and significance of art is crucial to our world. Banas summarizes the situation as "important to relay to the school and the faculty in general that art is an important part of society and a good education. As a business school we should be aware of the art industry and one of the continuous work and involved in this business. The art business is just as big and just as groundbreaking as any other business."

The art sale took place yesterday on December 8th, but fear not art enthusiasts—there is still a chance to view our purchase the works of the incredibly talented Babson students and faculty on Thursday, December 6th as well. If all goes well, which most likely win happen considering how highly successful the first day was, Babson art sales may become a constant and eagerly anticipated annual event.

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ALISA BOGUSLAVSKAYA
Staff Writer

Between November 19th and November 22nd, the Office of Campus Life conducted a series of inspections of all dorms on campus. The check is a routine procedure that takes place every year during the fall, called fire break. However, this year, the Office of Campus Life is pleased to say it ran smoother than it did the past several years.

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This year's inspection went well, overall, according the Office of Campus Life. There are no rooms in which it is considered dangerous to live. There were not so many items removed from the residents this year. Duggan noted that it seemed as if people noted the inspection expected them to take place, and acted accordingly.

Almost all of the smoke detectors worked well and there was little damage done to the buildings themselves. There were, however, a few instances when the inspectors had to remove alcohol from dorm rooms of underaged residents.

Brian Duggan was pleased with the outcome of the inspection. He said, "I was very impressed with the conditions of the buildings. Students acted like they [the students] were aware the checks were going on."

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LOW 30, HIGH 51

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 28, HIGH 48

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 28, HIGH 47

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 27, HIGH 49

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
LOW 26, HIGH 49

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ARCHIVE AD - The Babson Free Press
Netanyahu: Stop terror at its very roots

BY KAREN SCHWARTZ
(U-MICHIGAN)
(U-WIRE) After a weekend of appre-
tearing on national news networks to
comment on a recent spate of vio-
lence in the Middle East, former
Israel Prime Minister Benjamin
Netanyahu spoke Tuesday at a
Metro Detroit fund-raiser, discuss-
ing the challenges Israel is facing.
His visit to Michigan came after a
series of bombings that killed 25
people in one week, bringing
Israeli and Palestinian relations as
well as terrorism to the forefront
again.

"Nothing justifies the blowing up
of children, the blowing up of a bus,
the blowing up of the World Trade
Center," he said.

As for getting rid of terrorism,
said he it is crucial to get to the
roots. "If you shoot down a kami-
kaive pilot, there will be another ka-
mikeye pilot," Netanyahu said.

"The only way to defeat this war-
fare is by sinking the aircraft car-
rier, and the aircraft carrier in this
case is Yasser Arafat's terrorist ad-
duction. We must say to Arafat what
the United States has said to the
Taiiban: Surrender terrorism or
surrender power."

Netanyahu also discussed the
land conflict between the Palestin-
ians and the Israelis, comparing it
to what the Arabs occupied Spain
and Spain prevailed. "Does anyone
say you did a terrible injusti-
tice to the Arab?" he said. "In both
cases the original owner of the
land refused to give up the claim.
We have a deed that goes back way
before the land, and a good look to
go along with it."

"It's not their land," said Net-
anyahu, recounting his re-
sponse in a recent interview on
CNN during which he was told by
an anchorwoman, "But the Palestin-
ians say you stole their land."

As far peace in the Middle East is
concerned, Netanyahu said that
rights are a central issue.

"Eventually we will have to make
a deal with our Palestinian neigh-
ors, but what impedes the deal is
the claim that we have no rights
whatsoever in that land."

More than 250 University of
Michigan students traveled to
Southfield to attend the event,
which was held at local synagogue
Congregation Shaarey Zedeck. The
Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit
made the opportunity available to
students, University Hillass Pro-
gram.

Ballantyne added that it was im-
portant that students were show-
ing their support for Israel by at-
tending the event. "It's a time of
crisis in Israel and we need to show
our support as American Jews.
Going to an event like this tonight
with a very high-profile speaker, it's
not the same thing as doing but ev-
everyone is rallying and going regard-
less," she said.

Engineering sophomore Avi
Jacobson said he attended the event
because he was interested to hear
about current issues from someone
who had once been in power but
that he hoped for more concrete
discussion.

"I wish he would have spent less
of his time explaining why he thinks the
Pales-
tinians are wrong and instead for
us what would constitute
a partner for peace," Jacobson said.
"What's lacking from the Israeli side is a
statement of long-term goals and a political
strategy."

LAU sophomore Eve Poen said she
hoped to find out what Netanyahu
would advise America do to re-
response to terrorism. "Now that
we've experienced it firsthand, hear-
ing about how to deal with it makes
more sense and seems re-
ally important," she said.

"He focused more on what we
should be thinking about with ter-
rorism, about how America and Is-
rael are the only ones fighting it
and it's not true," Poen said. "And
when he started to talk about Is-
rael and how they give the land
that he was very one-sided and his
points were valid but they're not
acceptable to get peace."

Public Safety holding a fund-raiser to help needy children.

Babson Police Organized Fundraising Drive

Continued From Page 1

for donation. Walker is ex-
pacting the level of donations
this year to be enhanced by
the new collaborations.

Walker acknowledges that
last year, an exceptional num-
ber of gifts were contributed
to the effort, but hopes that
this year will still prove pro-
ductive. He said. "Last year
was exceptional; we hope for
a good result this year as well."

Noted by Sgt. Walker was
that complete community
outreach has helped greatly
in the program's success. He
mentioned that "Faculty,
students, and staff all contrib-
ute."

Of interest to many stu-
dents is the ticket payoff pro-
gram associated with the
donations. For most ticketed
offences committed after
November 17, a toy donation to the
"Toys for Tots" program at
Babson can be made in ex-
change for most tickets that
can be incurred on campus.

There is one excused
ticket limit per person, re-
gardless of the number of
or cost of the toy donation. The
value of the toy is also does not
have to be equal to the
amount of the ticked fine.

While most tickets are eli-
gible for this exchange, a few
types are not. John Jackson,
director of public safety, said,
"Remember that tickets for
moving violations, parking in
handicapped spaces, and any
type of fire lane violation are
not eligible for exchange."

Toy donations can be made
in the Babson Public Safety
office, as well as in the ice-
rink. The toys should be new
and unwrapped. They can be
for any age but toys for
smaller children are pref-
erred.

Walker stated, "Many of the
toys are going to small chil-
dren, so it is important that
there are not some small parts
that could be dangerous
to a child."

He also stated that many of
the gifts might go to help the
families of victims of the Sep-
tember bombings in NYC.

More information can be
found at public safety's
website or also by visiting

Donations are ac-
cepted until the 14th. Walker
hopes for another successful
year, stating, "I like to make
people happy too, and this is a
great way to do that."

FME Businesses of the Class of 2005 Finalized

JONATHAN LEE
Business & Technology Editor

The list of FME businesses for
the next spring semester has
recently been released.

After a fierce competition, the
class of 2005 has selected 14
ideas to be those FME busi-
nesses.

Campos Cars, a cars package
business, and Babo Wear,
which sells T-shirts and other
screened apparel, were chosen
in the class of professors Gordon
and Taylor.

Final business ideas in the
class of professors Stock and
Gordon were Babo Records, a
business that sells CDs consist-
ing of a compilation of music
by local bands, and Soft Sleeper,
which sells soft compact chairs
that fold out into a bed.

There are many businesses
that are a mere replication
of what has been done
in the past.

The new Good-To-Go meal plan in
Trimm this year is currently being
reviewed by Sodexho. Currently,
students can cast their vote in a
jam in trim on whether Good-To-Go
should stay in Trim or move to
Reynolds. Currently,
Sodexho is looking into meeting the
Good-To-Go meals
next to the mailroom in Reynolds.
The SGA encourages
all students to vote on their
future location
for Good-To-Go meals.

Last year students were allowed to use their meal cards
in Reynolds in Crossroads Cafe, however, this year, the Good-To-Go
meals were instituted as a service food option to the meal plan.

Connections, Postermans, Simply
Scrubs, and Babson Throws are
businesses that came out of the
professors Truman and Net-
ma sections. Connections' busi-
ness strategy is to create a
resource guide, while Posterm-
ans, which is the first FME
business of its kind, sells customized
and laminated posters with mount-
ing options. Simply Scrubs has a
"simple" business concept,
which is to sell scrubs pants with
a beaver logo. The last business
of the section, Babson Throws,
sells themselves throw rugs.

In the classes of professors
Baloguere and Smith, Beaver
Bottles, Beaver Tailz, Baboon Air
Chairs, and Beavehr Wear made
the final cut. Beaver Bottles is
a business that sells all-purpose
durable bottles. Beaver Tailz,
aimed at taking advantage of
the high supply of beaver
screeves. Baboon Air Chairs, which
could potentially compete with
simply scubs, have some
comfortable chairs for dorm rooms.
Lastly, Beavehr Wear, which will
have to compete for funds, is Babo
wear and Simply Scrubs, sells
swatshirts and lounge pants.

Representing the class of
professors Cale and Dewakeare
Flashback, a creative business
creates sellable art, fab-
eras and develops pictures, and
Party Time Clocks, a business
sells sella clocks with customized
and beer-themed faces. The
CEO's of Party Time Clocks are
Christina Hearn and Brad
Adamczyk.

The clocks are sold in two
different styles. There is one
standard size, which is 12" in diam-
eter. When asked how Party
Time Clocks differs from other
FME businesses, chief executive
officer Brad Adamczyk com-
mented, "This just is what sets
us apart. We can put any
picture on the clock face for $9.99."

There are many businesses
that are a mere replication
of what has been done in
the past. However, the changes made to
the FME curriculum, such as the
senior seminar in the beginning of
the year to enhance student cre-
ativity, may make a difference in
the trajectory of the
businesses in the spring.
Construction Continues Around Campus

MARK WAITING STAFF WRITER

It seems that no matter where you look all over Babson, there are construction vehicles and personnel. Ongoing projects include the work being done around Hollister, the massive trenching being excavated in the middle of the field near Park Manor Central, and the renovations to the Center for Executive Education.

Construction in the Hollister parking lot was prompted by sinkholes forming beneath the water detention system that softened the earth. Ironically, the system was put in just a few years ago, but is already showing signs of deficiency.

Plans for construction include making temporary repairs for the winter, then tearing up the parking lot during the summer for a more permanent fix.

Andy Pike, construction coordinator for the work being done near the loading docks of Hollister parking lot, stated, "Hopefully we will be able to get the contractor who performed the work here for the past few months in to the project, because it has just been extended.

The trucks and crew that were on the Hollister job are all in another location now, but work still remains to be done. Workers spent almost two weeks breaking through the concrete and digging up the ground to uncover the sewer system.

Water was temporarily shut off as the crew worked swiftly to fix the problem. Andy Pike estimates that the work on the construction went without incident, and the new system is in place. The weather finally cooperated with Schneider 30 declared, "It's good that we're finally going to have snow in March that we can worry about what the toilets that don't?

The field of Park Manor Central has been ravaged by backhoes and looks something remi-

bination of a World War II bunker. Construction work is on-

progress, as crews lay a pipe for a new telephone line that is being run across the field. The company performing the excavation claimed that even something that would be noticed on how much was done as being done as quickly as possible.

Junior Internship Interviews Are Fast Approaching

MARK WAITING STAFF WRITER

Juniors are starting their job searches already, and in today's job market, students need all the help that they can get. Luckily, the office of undergraduate development is already beginning to help undergraduates plan, arrange, and meet with some of the best dis-

Martha S. Bothwell 1990 and Stephanie S. Jakubowski 1991 are students at Babson College.

Students not only benefit from reining their resume, but also by the year and trying to get in on the discussion.
Would like to Wish Everyone

A Happy Holiday

And A Safe Trip Home

Enjoy the Break!

Babson College Public Safety Police Log for Week of 11-26-01 - 12-3-01

**Reported lockout 60**
Motor Vehicle Assistance 7

**Monday 11-26-01**
7:32 P.M. - Officer reports seeing lights on 3rd floor Hollister; no one found in area; entire building checked nothing, found building secured.

**Tuesday 11-27/01**
7:06 P.M. - Report of a larceny from men's locker room Webster center, report filed.
11:33 P.M. - Report of vandalism Coleman Hall 1st floor, holes found in the wall in the hallway area, report filed.

**Wednesday 11/28/01**
7:04 A.M. - Report of suspicious person in Activity Computer center area; checked by officers; no one found in area; extra checks will be made.
7:12 P.M. - Report of a MV accident Trim lot no injuries reported report filed.
**Friday 11/30/01**
12:09 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint PMS 2nd floor, alarm sounding; officers turned off alarm; building checked okay.
6:50 A.M. - Student transported to NWH for head injury.
10:47 A.M. - Request for an ambulance; facilities parking lot employee transported to NWH for head injury.
4:35 P.M. - Received call from Irie Rink; employee being threatened; report filed, under investigation.
11:25 P.M. - Student reports receiving harassing emails; report filed, under investigation.

**Saturday 12/1/01**
12:35 A.M. - RA called to report that students were in Coleman South Lounge with Alcohol; no one in area.
2:00 A.M. - Report of an alcohol violation Forest Hall, report filed.

**Sunday 12/2/01**
10:01 A.M. - Student reports injuring his leg on the stairs in Putney hall; refused transport; ice packs given to student.

**Monday 12/3/01**
1:25 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint Putney Hall; students asked by officers to turn down stereo as there were complaints.
Greek life is continually misunderstood on college campuses everywhere. Being in a fraternity or sorority is not only a social outlet for students. We all know that joining a fraternity or sorority is a great way to meet new people, and it’s assurance that you can always find someone to eat dinner with at Trum, or someone to go to the pub with, but those of us in a fraternity or sorority know it’s much more than just that. Each fraternity and sorority nationwide has a set of goals, values and virtues they live by. Greek life isn’t about toga parties and drinking beer, instead its about scholarship, brotherhood, philanthropy, sisterhood, loyalty and trust; it’s about being leaders and making a difference on campus. If you’ve ever wondered how much a part this of school Greeks on your campus are, here’s a snapshot to put it all in perspective.

**Tau Kappa Epsilon**
TKE considers itself to be one of the most elite organizations on campus. For members of TKE, being a part of the brotherhood represents a social, academic, philantropical, and familial benefit. It is the goal of every TKE member and to contribute to their quality of life and personal progress. TKE’s encourage other TKE’s to improve upon the person that they are, at all times. Our fraternity makes itself known on this campus by the presence of many of its members in organizations that represent all aspects of this college. In athletics, TKE’s are represented on the Rugby and Hockey clubs, as well as by their own teams in Intramural baseball and football. TKE’s can also be found among TKE’s ranks, along with executive board members of Student Government Association and Greek Council. TKE is also proud of the fact that they have won the past four Greek Week Olympics. The volunteer element at TKE is ever-growing and successful. Most recently we have volunteered at Barton Road and have headed up the recycling program on campus. TKE also made a huge impact on the house baseball events because we feel that we have a distinct advantage over people in wheelchairs, being that they are handicapped and all. This has led many TKE’s to develop a high self-esteem, inside and outside of the classroom. As a result, each member of TKE has increased their academic standing within the college, with 8 members of the fraternity making the Dean’s list last semester.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma**
Kappa Kappa Gamma prides itself on its members. Each member in Kappa is not only dedicated to the betterment of the sorority, but they are all leaders outside of Kappa. The members of Kappa Kappa Gamma are a diverse group of strong women who strive for success in many different areas.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded to strive for academic excellence. As a sorority, Kappa has the highest GPA of all Greek organizations on Babson’s campus. We have six women in the honors program as well as six Presidential scholars. Almost all of our members are affiliated with one or more national honor societies. All Watkin’s, Daniele Mathias, and Katie Cibulka are members. Four Kappa sisters are a part of the Women’s Leadership Program and three are Peer Mentors. One sister dedicates a lot of time as an Advisor for the Women’s Resource Center, and another sister is an FME Mentor this year. Kappa is also active in leadership of the Babson community; we have three members of SGA, one sister on the steering committee for the class of 2004 and one for the class of 2005. Kappa is also represented on the Judicial Board. Positions such as these make it clear that Kappas not only dedicate themselves to the sorority, but also to the college community.
Kappa’s network extends far beyond Babson through our philanthropies. Philanthropy allows sisters to take leadership off campus as well as on, it allows us as a chapter to make an impact that is felt beyond Babson. Katie Cibulka worked for the Bernon Center and has organized Kappa’s involvement in many philanthropies. Every year our entire chapter raises money and walks in the Walk for Breast Cancer, and assists in many Special Olympics events both on and off campus. Aimee Weisskirch is now president of the Habitat for Humanity here at Babson College. Mathias has been a volunteer at the Blood Drive and the 2004 Hematology Gala. Daniele Mathias is the chairperson of the board for the Westfield Habitat for Humanity here at Babson College. Katie Cibulka is Secretary. All Watkins expresses her creativity as an opinions writer for the free press. Erin Alarcon is also the co-director of the GLEE (Gays, Lesbians, and Everyone) club. In the Greek community, Kappa shows its leadership as Daniele Mathias is president of Panhel and Casey Myers is Vice President of Greek Council. The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma are strong women who strive to make an impact on the community in every way they can. They all share the common values of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and work to exemplify them.

**Theta Chi**
Theta Chi Fraternity is a close group of extremely diverse individuals which prides itself on strong Brotherhood and focuses on “extending the Helping Hand to all who seek it.” Philanthropy is at the core of their activities, particularly the annual Couch-A-Thon. This is where Brothers spend 30 consecutive hours on couches outside of Trum Dining Hall in the cold beginning of December to collect donations from the Babson Community for for the Big Sleep Event that raises thousands of dollars in donations from the Babson Community for for the children in need. This event took place on Thursday, November 28th - 4:00pm on Saturday, December 1st. Other events include Blood Drives and Benefit Concerts sponsored by the Chapter.

Leadership positions and projects on campus is another area where Theta Chi members are currently involved. Nathan Knight is the Student Government Association Executive Vice President, Head Coordinator of the Admission Assistant Program, and a Presidential Scholar. The Greek Council Executive Board includes tennis player Sandeep Madhavan as President and Josh Elwell as Treasurer. John Diercksen is a Peer Mentor, Admission Assistant Program Membership Coordinator, on the Sophomore Class Steering Committee, a founding member of the Links Consulting group, and part of the College President’s Task Force. Babson holds is an active SGA member and Vice Chairman of the Campus Programming Board. Justin Mann is a Multi Cultural Mentor and plays tennis. Jamie Moore is a FCL instructor and, like Eric Brown, owns his own business. New Members Brad Urupping and Steve Marek are on the tennis and hockey teams, respectively. Tim Copp’s musical talents can be viewed at any Jazz Band performance.

As these examples show, from Philanthropy to Leadership to Athletics, Theta Chi Brothers have myriad interests and activities.

**Sigma Kappa**
Sigma Kappa has a wonderful semester. After including back two of our sisters who were abroad this spring, we quickly settled in to create more kahus and memories. Philanthropic successes of the semester have included our semi-annual Blood Drive, Giving Back Week and a clothes and toys drive for the Maisa Sea Coast Mission, one of our main philanthropies. Throughout the semester, we have also held some of our usual events such as the Semi-Annual ALMA BBQ, Inspiration Week and weekly sisterhood events. On November 4th we initiated four amazing and dedicated women into our Mystic Bond. On November 9th, our Founders’ Day, Sigma Kappa Sorority celebrated its 127th year and the 25th Anniversary of the Zeta Zeta Chapter on the Babson Campus. Our annual Founders’ Day Event was a huge success, celebrated by active and alumni sisters, distinguished Sigma Kappa alumnae and Babson administrative guests. December 1st was our semi-annual sisterhood event, a little Athletics Night, which included more memories. We pranced around in the snow while waving to students. We had the privilege of being the first three of our active sisters who are currently abroad and wish the greatest of luck to our sister who will soon be leaving for Australia.

**Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Sigma Phi Epsilon again proves that being a part of the most well-mentioned and beneficial organizations that exist to the Babson community. Our ideals of scholar, leader, athlete, and gentleman are truly exemplified through our campus involvement and in our own experiences.

**Summary**
Overall, Sigma Phi Epsilon stands out as being unique among Greek organizations. We are constantly increasing our influence, involvement and manpower to better support each other and each other makes the most of our college years. The complete experience of being a SigEp is far too meaningful to sum up in a few paragraphs, but our members are constantly around campus, willing to talk about their experiences, and are always looking for new members.
Always Thinking: Thoughts For Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, etc.

ANTHONY J. MICALE III
Editor-In-Chief

As the semester comes to a close, the normal flurry of events is filling Babson's Campus. We are taking fi-
nals, creating presentations, and writing papers. We are finalizing our classes for next semester as well as our travel plans for the road home. At the closing of the year, we always think our-

selves in an environment that is learned. It is important to remember the hidden purposes of the end of the year.

Whether you will be celebr-
ating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa- an-
other festival or simply the New Year, remember that all of these rituals signify, or are supposed to signify, thankfulness, caring, and closure with the events of the year.

We have spent so much time worrying about assign-
ments and grades, but so many things have been concerned about our job ap-
lications not being revised. Many times to time for our-
selves, and remember what is really important: Being Happy.

Isn't happiness what Life is all about? How do you define happiness? I do not think to live with the way you look. How about grades? How about money?

What would it take to make you happy? I think happiness is maintain-
ing the creativity, and to some degree, the na-
ture that we have as children. When you look at what you learn in school, I think that leaders and suc-
cessful people are the ones that are always ready for the next adventure, and are al-
ways wondering about some thing that they could leave themselves open to anything without a frame-
work. Hold on to what you consider is what makes kids great, and is something that I think adults need to keep as well, if they try.

How did I get from the clos-
ing of the year to the meaning of life, you ask? The reason I bring it up is because I hope that everyone will use this break not to sink back into more classes, or work overtime for extra money, but to concentrate on their own well-being.

I think a lot of people are so caught up with "all the work they have to do" that they have lost that worry about being happy. I know too many rich people that are not able to be able to assert that grades, jobs, and money even partially con-
tribute to happiness. Happiness cannot be bought. None of those things, although ad-
mittedly, they are nice to have. If I go to that Ferrari, please buy it! I wish I could too.

As you travel home, I hope you arrive to your desti-
nation safely. I also wish for all of you some well-deserved peace and relaxation, be-
cause you deserve it. I certainly earned it! Take some time to recuperate from the stresses of class and life, and celebrate the holidays remembering the thankful nature of your purposes. Have a Merry Christmas (or Chanukah or Kwanzaa or whatever else) and a Happy New Year!!

Saving Energy at Babson While Also Helping The Needy in Boston

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Yes, I have my armpit hair, and yes, I am loving hippy; but I do care about the environment.

When I took a class on global warming and the depleting ozone layer in marine science class, I learned that Tufts had a climate policy, and that Babson doesn't. Not only does this have a climate policy, but they are also extremely wasteful, as I saw with my own eyes last summer.

Tufts began the Tufts Cli-
mate Initiative, also called TCI, in order to create a cleaner energy path that would reduce the tar-
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Dancing the Night Away with Babson Dance Ensemble

BDE E-Board

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Nacho's and a large orange.

U.S. Media in Chains
After Terrorist Attacks
American Government Trying to Limit Some Media Coverage in Afghanistan

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Since the U.S. military began its operations in Afghanistan in early October, the first amendment hasn't been the same. Freedom of the press is no longer the primary concern of the government. Instead, they've adopted a policy of national loyalty. The news media should be dedicated to telling the government's story, not a story that is dedicated to the pursuit of truth.

This government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," has been acting like a parent at an R-rated movie. The blanket that has been pulled over our eyes is obvious if we just look at the right sources. The US national security advisor recently held a meeting with network executives to offer suggestions on how to report the news in Afghanistan. He asked the executives to censor any "inflammatory language" that may appear in bin Laden's infamous rants.

How did the gatekeepers of our society respond? News Corp's executive, Rupert Murdoch said, "We do whatever is in our patriotic duty." Even news-conglomerate CNN accepted the government's guidance. There aren't many sources we can turn to out there; most news sources are controlled by larger corporations. As more and more of these sources sacrifice the truth for so-called governmental solidarity, the pre-9/11 agenda is secondary to the agenda of the government. How do we know what the news is when we hear the truth? The policy makers should be more concerned with performing like an admirable government. Seeing bin Laden talk trash on America is not going to change national security. Likewise, knowing the truth about causticities may not seem like the best thing for the American people to know, but it is not the job of the government to restrict information to serve the "greater good."

This government's approach to the war is to tell us the truth. The blanket that has been pulled over our eyes is obvious if we just look at the right sources.

34 Million people living in sub-Saharan Africa, among the world's poorest regions, have been infected with this disease, and of that number, 11.5 Million people have died.

Due to strong patent laws that keep the prices of drugs high glo- bally, these companies can charge any price they want, and indeed do so. This can be destructive in two ways: Patients who desperately need the drugs, but can only afford them, are forced to ex- pend all of their available resources to obtain the medicine. A developing nation in Africa that can barely afford these medications for its citizens finds its resources ripped from it, crippling the health of the nation. In another scenario, a developing nation comprised mostly of individu- als and not the government, spends its entire health budget on one drug, and it fails. The extreme costs of medication dooms its sick population. It is easy to see how we are not spending on some form of medication, but the great cost as- sociated with AIDS medication (the prices are set so high to pay mostly for phar- maceutical research and manufacturing (production) will by far surpass anything individuals in most third world nations can pay. Because of this, wealthy western nations offer the greatest returns due to the greater resources. As a re- sult, pharmaceutical firms focus more on the wealthier markets than on the nations that truly need them, not by the number of infected individu- als, but also for economic and political stability.

Because of the current patent system, research and development is driven purely by profit, and pharmaceutical firms will not waste efforts developing drugs for the world nations for local diseases that don't occur in the western world. These nations offer nothing in the form of monetary returns. This is the main rea- son why 14 percent of the world's population each year from tropical infec- tions. The result is a system that benefits the rich, and leaves the poor people with the responsibility for finding cures to illnesses such as ma- laria. By refusing to help developing nations, these illnesses do not plague the wealthy.

This system seems to rise with injustice that makes one wonder whether patent holders should have the right to hold monopolies on essential medicines.

Patent Holders Right to Charge Nearly Any Price?

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This question regarding patent rights and monopoly prices is brought to the public arena mainly through major newspapers in the western region, but nearly every area of the world.

One of these, HIV/AIDS, the new plague that has gripped the entire globe, has hit the developing world the hardest. According to an Executive Order released May 10, 2000, 24 million people living in sub-Saharan Africa, among the world's poorest nations, are infected with this disease, and of that number, 11.5 million people have died. This represents 82% of the total HIV/AIDS-related deaths worldwide.

Unfortunately, from analyzing the pricing tactics of major pharmaceutical compa- nies, it seems clear that these companies are focusing on developing the drugs, but can only afford them, are forced to ex- pend all of their available re- sources to obtain the medi- cine. A developing nation in Africa that can barely afford these medications for its citizens finds its resources ripped from it, crippling the health of the nation. In another scenario, a developing nation comprised mostly of individu- als and not the government, spends its entire health budget on one drug, and it fails. The extreme costs of medication dooms its sick population. It is easy to see how we are not spending on some form of medication, but the great cost as- sociated with AIDS medication (the prices are set so high to pay mostly for phar- maceutical research and manufacturing (production) will by far surpass anything individuals in most third world nations can pay. Because of this, wealthy western nations offer the greatest returns due to the greater resources. As a re- sult, pharmaceutical firms focus more on the wealthier markets than on the nations that truly need them, not by the number of infected individu- als, but also for economic and political stability.

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The Drunken Student Phenomenon

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Three weeks ago, I wrote an article about the beer-in- duced phenomenon of hooking up. In general, I was pleased with the feedback I received from all of you who seemed to identify all too well with the concept. In fact, it encouraged me to consider other beer-induced phenomen- a, but first, a rebuttal.

In last week's edition of the Free Press, Mr. Stanley "Chip" Roy slammed my ar- ticle, which called for Baboon's Club Policy to dis- pulate rather than sacrifice themselves to beer buggies. He denied that this article conflicted with the women's liberation movement. First of all, I don't claim to be a Holy Roller women's lib supporter: I save that for the girls over at WallaWallas, am am a staunch Republican through and through, for God's sake.

Yet my time at Baboon has taught me one thing about all people, college women and men, they should practice self-respect. And, as part of applying self-respect in their lives, women should be able to more from men than a one- night stand. That's not asking for very much, I think. And the same goes for gus. Don't you all want girls you can even introduce to your mothers?

Moving on, beer buggies and drinking alone are not only phenomenon that college students experience fol- lowing a few drinks (right)? Although it takes the cake as the #1 side effect of too much drinking, there are several others I have pondered for this week's commentary.

Phenomenon #1: Drunken Dialing. Whether you have been the caller, or the callee, almost every group has been a vic- tim of the telephonic post- party. Somewhere, people think their voice is more at- tractive across the line at 2 A.M. as they slur their sweet nothing to the sweet someone or girlfriend who is probably smashing up with his or her later. At the same time, these unsuspecting students forget their late-night phone shenanigans until their morning classes are buried by the hor- rid looks they receive from the recipient the next day. Don't be too quick to unplug your phone line and disconnect cell phone before hitting the hay. Who knows who may be calling you up.

Phenomenon #2: Pubic display. I like to call it "getting schnozzy". While you may think this fits with the challenge of staying up, PDAs are another beast all together. Unsuspecting singles are not the victims of this as much as those who already are in relationships. One of my friends, who fall victim to hooking up keep most of theookie behind closed doors. She does not want shame exposes them; how- ever, beer and other booze often are the ingredient that makes the hungry couples bring to what they normally would reserve for a more personal level. Thanks guys, but it only makes those of us who are drunk feel (even) worse about ourselves.

Phenomenon #4: Feeling in control. A common misconception that co-eds encouraged by beer and friends find themselves in is that they are in control. Well, all too often. I have witnessed friends sit in the Coleman hill, just a few feet away, fire away, and laugh about it. It just is that we feel harder, bet- ter, faster, stronger, and more fearless with Bud Light in our shadows? Therefore: Note to self: stick to $5 A bottle. It's funnier to be talking about it while you're sitting down. Drinkers such as "Jackass" in his appearance in Newton-Wellesley visits.

Phenomenon #5: The Song Club. I like to refer late-night Weiser to singing along to, and I belt it out. The song phenomenon is not lim- ited to college co-eds who know the words to, or think- ing that they know the words to, every song that comes over the airwaves. It also in- cludes the creation of false rhythm and skill. All of a sud- den, we are not only rock stars, but also know how to dance and sing better than ever before. Those who know the words to "We Are the Champions" the dance floor sober are now grinding with the best of them. I love it. I do have rhythm, you don't, have rhythm drunk, but continue to belt it out.

These are only a few of the phenomena that come to mind; I'm sure there are more. I met several more that you have par- ticipated in. I simply thought it worth the time to make you laugh. I hope this helped solve your drunken possibilities. I tell sto- ries that make life interesting and thank you for your week. This week, I challenge you not to make an ass of yourself.
INTERNATIONAL

Security Fears Concern Foreign Students

In today’s world, international students must deal not only with going to schools and universities in their own countries, but also with returning to America. Most of us fear that new immigration laws will make it harder for us to return and continue our studies in America. Because of this, many international students choose to stay rather than risk their futures by returning to their home countries.

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Winter break is around the corner and “winter break fever” is sweeping across campus, getting most students into holiday mode. Everyone is overwhelmed with excitement about planning where to go and what to do.

For international students, the excitement is twice as great, because winter vacation means going back to their own countries and reuniting with old friends and family.

However, after the September 11th attack, traveling home for international students will never be the same again. Not only do we have to endure a long and exhausting journey, we also have to deal with tighter security checks at the airport, meaning delays and delayed departures.

After the attack, there are more restrictions and international students have to consider before even eating homemade food. Most international parents send their children to study in America hoping for them to come back safe and sound, realizing the importance and value of their children’s educational experience.

The use of a common currency, traveling across Europe, purchasing, selling, buying and losing money will make easier not only by a common currency but a common market in which to use money through which a minimization of restrictions, a lowering of the cost of goods and services.

Many positive aspects exist when using a common currency, for example, uniform prices and coins circulating within EU member country. It allows for a macro level, a number of coins that are the same. Some are black, and others are white, which offers various issuers relating to a nation’s identity and sovereignty.

Take for instance what happens to arcade games, food and drink vending machines, and cigarette machines and the like. With the arrival of the Euro, differently designed bills imply differently needed recognition sensors on machines. While different coin sizes and thickness implies that machine slots need to be adapted. Meanwhile, Teller Machines additionally need to be updated to read and hold Euro bills, conforming to the properties of the new denominations.

Another example, take for instance software. The Euro will be a major currency in both Japan and the United States. It is the global standard for financial market and already used in the Eurozone.

A common currency eradicates the transaction costs associated with exchanging one European currency to another.

Since all cash and coins are converted, hidden money in mattresses, behind paintings and in piggy banks will also have to be retyped, converted and then hidden anew. Because all participating currencies were at one point in time looked at a fixed rate to the Euro and because the value of the Euro is tied equally into the Euro, remaining from the divisible will most likely mean a sharp increase in prices throughout the EU.

On another dimension, current and past nations’ notes and coins will be but a relic of the past. Beautiful artifacts of history representing the unique arts, cultures, political figures, flora and fauna of each region and the individual sovereignty of those nations lost. It will be burdensome and efficiency demand it. My Deutscher Mark in my wallet today will be a glass-encased artifact in museums in less than 30 days.
There is a Way to Save Money on Cell Phone Service

Choosing Between Cell Phone Providers: Monthly Plans or Pre-Paid Service

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Almost everyone owns a cell phone these days, but how many people are aware that they may have selected a pricing plan that is costing them too much money? Finding the right wireless plan is not an easy task, with dozens of companies advertising all the benefits of their service while minimizing all the drawbacks.

Competing carriers, incompatible phone technologies, features and prices all serve to confuse the wireless phone shopper. Companies selling wireless phone service use computers to design pricing plans intended to extract the maximum number of dollars from every customer, driving them insane in the process.

Is there a way to make this any less painful? A good start for any wireless phone user is figuring out how they will use their wireless phone. This assumes of course, that cost, not the latest miniature phone, is the consumer's mo.

Whichever of the following categories you fall under, finding the plan before shopping for the phone is always the smartest way to go. Being honest with oneself is key when purchasing a plan, as having low expectations for phone use often leads to high bills. As Jamie Bowman '05 complained, "I went slightly overboard with the anytime minutes, so my dad billed me because my cell phone bill was $300."

Most users are better off purchasing prepaid plans, low cost monthly plans, or a new-fangled disposable phone. Prepaid plans such as the $25 local AT&T Prepaid Wireless calling card included 71 anytime minutes, which works out to a per-minute charge of 35 cents.

Buyers have 90 days, or almost three months, to use the minutes, as the monthly cost is $8.33, excluding phone cost and activation charges.

Most think "prepaid" means paying up front for a number of minutes and having them as long as they want to use them. Not so. Most expire after three months, which must be renewed, and have activation charges as well as phone charges.

Low-cost monthly plans such as the VoiceStream Wireless Commonly include 60 anytime minutes and an additional 500 weekend and long-distance minutes for $19.99 a month. These plans are not much better than the prepaid plan, and they commit the customer to a $30 bill every month. The monthly bill may be higher, but the

per minute charge may actually be lower, which means a better deal.

One more option for the wireless phone user is the "call card" phone, which will hit the stores this December just in time to be a Christmas gift. These cards are also in the pipeline: a credit-card sized model from Deltacom Technologies, called the phone-card, and one from Teleposta Communications where you remove the phone and replace the battery. These aren't on the market yet. You'll pay about $30 for the Hop-On phone, which includes 60 minutes of outgoing calls and 50 minutes of incoming, and with no incoming call capability, this is a true emergency phone.

For the average daily user, there is a plethora of plans custom tailored to suit any individual's needs. The average monthly wireless bill is $65 and has gone over $45. Just paying 50% more, $29.99 a month vs. $45 with a plan like the one above, often gives you twice the minutes or more. It is much more helpful to track the per-minute costs, as long-distance and roaming charges can be a buyer's downfall. In selecting the right plan. If roaming charges apply, it might be worth paying more for a plan that eliminates these charges, such as AT&T's Digital One Rate Plan. At the $50 level, you get 500 anytime, anywhere minutes for $69 a month.

Finally, for the student permanently glued to his or her cell, there are plans that cater to high-end users. Compare the 9 cents per minute cost for AT&T's Regional Advantage plan with 1,000 anytime minutes for $150 to the 7 cents per minute cost of its $19.99 starter plan.

Is there a way to make this any less painful? A good start for anyone with a wireless phone is figuring out how they will use their wireless phone. This assumes of course, that cost, not the latest miniature phone, is the consumer's motivation.

The secret to getting a great deal is doing research before jumping at the first phone that catches the eye.

Student Firm to Help Advise FME Businesses

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Want to have the best organ- ization or business on campus? Links Consulting, a student-run business, is consult- ing for FME businesses and school clubs. Led by Jay Strong '04, seven sophomores have started the firm and will be conducting workshops from their office in the basement of Coleman.

'I felt a need for a consulting business on campus after being CEO of an FME busi- ness," says Jay Strong. The first assignment of Links Consulting will be to advise the FME Consulting centers.

The Undergraduate Pro-
munity. The firm's services include planning seminars with CAB and SGA to assist them in the improvement of their organizations. The seven sophomores in the group went through extensive training earlier this year. They attended many seminars and workshops, including some off campus. These members plan on giving workshops throughout this semester on leadership and teamwork based upon the exercises they have learned from the workshops. Strong emphasized that his organization is not only meant for improving lackluster businesses, but more importantly to help groups advance to the next level. It is set up to liste- ten to customers and then make recommendations, for a flexible fee.

Strong hopes that Babson student organizations will use the information learned at workshops to implement more innovative ideas.

Links Consulting is cur-
Tech Review: AMD's New "Organic" Athlon XP to Take on Intel

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Intel, as the inventor of the microprocessor back in 1972, as well as one of the original producers of IBM PC microprocessors back in the 1980's, has long enjoyed its reign at the top of the CPU food chain. Unfortunately for them, however, a long-time rival has got them beat-for-now. The new Athlon XP, produced by Advanced Micro Devices, debuted on store shelves only a few weeks ago but is already causing an uprising in tech circles due to its newfound stronghold on CPU performance.

The fourth revision of a CPU released in 1999, the Athlon XP, which comes in quite a few speed variations, has several new features that have made it the processor of choice for performance enthusiasts.

First of all, it is AMD's very first release of a processor with an organic-based package for the chip. Throughout the 1980's and into the 1990's, all microchips were seated on a ceramic base that contained connectors allowing the chip to interface with the rest of the system. Organic packaging uses an organic material that is far better at dissipating heat and allows for much thinner designs, helping the mobile market immensely - where space is at a premium - as well as helping the processor attain higher clock speeds on desktops as well.

AMD had been very behind the times with this technology, since Intel's launch of the Pentium Pro processor way back in 1996 was the last chip Intel used ceramics with. Intel has been using the new packaging type ever since.

Much of the internal workings of the chip remain unchanged from the Athlon 'Thunderbird' that the XP is replacing. However, the chip has gained a half million transistors, making the total 37.5 million. The arrangement of the internal components has changed as well to enhance performance. The chip is almost a square instead of the familiar rectangular shape of the old line, and very slightly larger.

On a more technical note, the Athlon XP processor also gains support for Intel's SSE instruction set, although it still lacks the SSE2 support in the Pentium 4. It also features an improved Data Prefetch mechanism and buffer subsystem, which aids efficiency of the chip, and boasts over 20% less power consumption than its predecessor.

On the marketing side, AMD has decided once again to use Intel as a benchmark for its chips. Instead of using clock speed to differentiate the chips (i.e. 1.2Ghz Athlon vs. 1.4Ghz Athlon), AMD has created a new naming system that relates the chip to its closest Intel competition.

For example, the Athlon XP running at 1.3Ghz is called the 'Athlon XP 1800+'. The '1800+' is meant to mean that the chip, though lower in clock speed, will perform or beat out a Pentium 4 1.6Ghz chip.

There are 1500+, 1600+, 1700+, 1800+, and now 1900+ versions of the chip, which run at 1.33, 1.40, 1.47, 1.53, and 1.66Ghz, respectively. AMD hopes that by changing the way the chips are named, consumers will stop using clock speed as a primary measure of performance, and therefore stop viewing Intel's clock speed lead as a performance mark.

As proved by testing, the Athlon XP 1800+ (1.53Ghz), while 470mhz slower than a Pentium 4 2.0Ghz chip, outperformed Intel's best product by as much as 15% in some cases. On average, the 1800+ proved far more than a match for the Intel solution, and the 1900+ chips are the "nail in the coffin" for Intel's line.

AMD may be the performance leader today, and will be for several months, but Intel's release of the chip code-named "Northwood" may signal an end to AMD's short-lived reign sometime next spring.

The trouble is that AMD chips run a lot harder and hotter than Intel chips. Intel processors can have clock speed increases far more easily, which gives Intel the advantage in the end. When Intel ramps up the speed of the Pentium 4 "Northwood" to its 3.0Ghz estimated speed, AMD users can rest assured that it will be months before Intel comes even close to touching the new Athlon. Hopefully by that time, AMD will have some new tools with which to compete with.

For now, however, AMD is crowned the winner!
"The One" is Actually Only a Zero

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If you are looking for amazing, Matrix-style special effects, in addition to a good plot, then don’t watch “The One.”

After seeing the commercials, neither the bad reviews nor the fact that it was only playing once a day in a local movie theatre deterred me from seeing it. Now, I only wish that I hadn’t wasted 7 dollars and an hour and a half of my life on it.

“The One” is a science-fiction film that stars Jet Li as the lead character in a land where there are multi-dimensional and everywhere has 125 multiples. Jet Li plays the main character; a police officer and his evil self, Yulaw. The film is a tale of himself, Yulaw becomes smarter, faster, and more powerful. The only problem is that the energy is divided up between the selves.

Yulaw’s main goal is to become “The One,” something that he thinks he will give him God-like status. The problem is that no one knows what will happen when there is only one person left of the 125 selves.

When Yulaw has killed 123 of his selves and there are only two left, he realizes that both he and the good guy have been receiving energy and now both possess superhuman strength and wit.

“The One” offers a brainless plot and a terrible plot. The characters have no depth and the acting is emotionless.

The movie was too unrealistic for my taste but not because of all of the parallel universes. For some reason, Jet Li never got hit by any bullets when they were repeatedly fired at him. Sure, he’s got superhuman strength, but bullets don’t just pass by him.

Not only are the makers of this movie looking in good writing skills, but also they can’t even come up with different names for different characters. I found it hard to believe that out of 125 people, the two who were left at the end were for some reason both named Gabe.

Another problem that I found with the movie was that characters were introduced into the plot and then never appeared again. One such instance involved a woman, Ongulino, who lets a mouse out of her shoe that somehow explodes and helps Yulaw escape. I thought, “Who is this woman? Why is she helping Yulaw? Why doesn’t she explode a mouse?” And finally, “What were the makers of this movie thinking?”

To my surprise, I, a person who will only see a movie if a celebrity or two is involved, was actually interested in leaving the theatre in disgust; unfortunately, I did not. Hopefully, you won’t make the same mistake.

Blue Man Group adds an Innovative Spin to Theater

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Blue paint, pipes, a great deal of improvisation—Blue Man Group has it all. On Friday, November 29, famed for their Leadership and unique costumes and choreography, they took over the Charles Playhouse in Boston, and it was amazing. This was my second time seeing it in the show, and it was better than the first.

For those of you not familiar, the Blue Man Group is a fusion of music, improvisation, and comedy. They might be known for their performance of the Intel commercials and on the 99 VMAs where they performed with Jill Scott and Mos Def. They are a group of unique artists, using uncommon objects to make music, art and jokes that allows them to promise you that you will never look at a wrinkle in the same way again.

Blue Man Group is known for its unique style of music that is played on a variety of invented instruments. The Blue Man Group’s album on Virgin Records was recently nominated for Grammy in the category “Best Pop Instrumental Album.” You can find out more information about the Blue Man Group at www.blueuman.com.

If you are looking for a unique and new type of show, then Blue Man Group is definitely the show for you. If you want to satisfy your funny bone and perhaps think a little more deeply about complex things, they have a way of making the obvious seem hidden. Within BDE there are too many people and the choreography was smoothly.

In addition to their show, the group is also known for their generosity, as all ticket proceeds to the September 11th Fund. Again, Katzie commented, “BDE has funding and a lot of support from the community, and we decided that it was time that we give back to the community; and the September 11th Fund seemed like a great idea.”

Try-outs and informational meetings are held in the beginning of every semester, and Katzie encourages everyone in the group, the more diverse and the more fun we have.”
Grilling at a December Afternoon Barbeque

BRAD VENNE

Winter is supposed to be the season when we can start enjoying winter sports such as skiing. Yet on this past Saturday, December 1st, my friends and I organized something that the weather rarely permits: a BBQ! When the thermometer approaches 70 degrees on the first day of December, you must take advantage of it, and so we set our sights on grilling some fine cuisine.

Our first task was to get a grill. We could have just used the grill outside of Coleman, but how would we have been able to supply the music for our party, since we all know that a BBQ demands music? Therefore, we needed either a portable grill or portable music, and we chose the former. However, if we had had to go out and buy a grill, that would have driven the cost of our event through the roof. Fortunately, in stepped our friendly neighborhood secret society to solve the problem. Big thanks to the sisters of Sigma Kappa for letting us borrow their Weber Grill. Too bad the sisters were all busy with a weekend retreat and could not join us, but maybe next time, girls.

We picked a spot, which was both secure, we went to the store and bought all the necessary supplies. We cooked up a feast on a pleasant's ransom. We had chicken and burgers with all the fixings, all kinds of munchies, and everyone left stuffed.

Of course, we could not limit this event to just Babson students. We had visitors from other neighboring colleges too. And who says there is nothing to do at Babson? After having survived Babson for over two years, time has taught me that you have to make your own fun here at Babson, and a BBQ in December was just the beginning of our night of fun.

After the big meal, it was time for movie night. How convenient it was to have a movie equipped with everything needed for a good night of movie watching. We watched "The Princess Bride," "Dogma," and "The Secret of My Success" until 3 A.M. What a way to end the day!

The lingering doubts of perfection had me questioning what could have made this seemingly perfect night even better. My conclusion: the only thing needed was more people participating in the festivities. If you know how to contact my roommate Psycho Zen or me, then you are always welcome to join in on our craziness. And if your gathering ever needs some spicing up, you could always just come by and take care of business.

To conclude, as is tradition in the Sigma Kappa society, I will end in some random quotes about EK for leading us the grill, Seth and Jeff for hosting the Babson common content, the ITED Laptop Services crew, my roommate Psycho Zen, and last but not least, the crew that created the aforementioned BBQ.

Altered State of Reality: End of the Semester

CHIP ROTHY

Well, it is just about time to end this wonderful semester of fun and trouble. I guess I should take a different approach to this week's article and write about something that I really feel is worthwhile, especially during this time of year.

No Fat Kid commentary; no random whining and complaining. I just want to talk about how I think that people should take this seasonal opportunity to be a little more charitable and understanding with one another. Maybe after giving it a shot and liking the results, you will make it part of your daily routine in dealing with situations.

This is the time of the year when a lot of people here at Babson are stressed out and trying to get a lot of work and projects completed in a very short amount of time. When this is happening, people feel that it is their right to be short, rude and treat people with less respect than is normally appropriate.

Every time I see something along these lines happen, it makes me a little upset and makes me want to do something about it. I, for one, am not a saint, and I have on occasion been known to be rude and give some one an attitude who perhaps didn't deserve it.

This year though, I am pledging to try and make a difference through my actions and I think that maybe you should give this a little more thought too. Another thing to keep in mind is that events of the last three months have had a tremendous impact on everyone and if they teach any one thing, it is to remember the fragility of life and how easily it can be foolishly taken away.
SPORTS

Men's Basketball Loses to Salem State

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Salem State’s Peter Sklarsz hit a driving lay-up with 11 seconds remaining to give Salem State College the win over Babson College in a game that Babson led until the final three minutes of play. The 70-69 victory boosts the Vikings’ record to 2-4. The Beavers take their first loss of the season and fall to 4-1.

Babson controlled play in the first half. The Beavers outshot their competition sinking 14 of 30 from the field, compared to 13 of 24 from the Vikings. At the end of the first, Babson led 36-34. Giles Weston ’02 and Jeff Nicholsson ’01 both put up nine points in the first half, and Jeff Nicholas ’06 threw up eight points to contribute to the Babson lead.

In the second half, Babson continued to play well. Weston and Nicholas continued to perform, putting up 18 of Babson’s first 20 points in the half. Weston scored eight straight during a two-minute stretch midway through the half. Thanks to Weston’s effort, the Beavers led 55-49 with 8:23 left in the game. The lead was Babson’s largest of the contest.

In the next four minutes, Salem State College slowly cut the lead. The Vikings finally stole the lead away from the Beavers when Sklarsz put back a beautiful reverse lay-up off of missed three-point attempts. With Sklarsz’s play, the Vikings took the lead for the first time: 66-66. Weston then sunk two free throws to regain the Babson lead with 2:26 remaining, but the Vikings reclaimed the lead with their own set of free throws shot by Jylima Ofori-Attah. With 1:40 left, the Vikings led 68-67.

With 1:15 remaining in regulation, Chris Michalowski ’03 fed a “sweet as candy” pass to Westie who converted a lay-up to put Babson back on top 69-68. Salem State gained possession of the ball with 20 seconds left. After the teams traded missed jump shots, Salem State’s Michael-syzk found Sklarsz cutting into the lane. Sklarsz laid it off the glass and the ball went in for the game-winning point. The Vikings held on to win 70-69.

Westie was a major contributor in the game-high 26 points, seven rebounds, shot 10-for-13 from the floor and 6-for-8 from the free throw line. Nicholas finished with 13 points, while Colelli and Hines combined for eight assists and eight steals. This is the Beavers’ eighth loss against the Vikings in nine games.

Women’s Basketball Remains Undefeated

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The Babson women’s basketball team played its 8th game of the season on Saturday, at Framingham State College. The ladies came out with their sixth victory, leaving them undefeated and standing with a record so far of 6-0.

They have overpower Husson College, Salee Regina, Anna Maria, Tufts, Bridgewater State, and most recently, Framingham State. They have experienced some games where they’ve outsoured their opponents by 39 points and even 40 points. Having grown accustomed to this pattern, Babson fans were on the edge of their seats watching the game on Saturday. The Beavers acquired their victory by a small margin of 10 points, 73-63 against the FS Rams.

In a game that featured exciting, gripping team ball, Rebecca Krawczyk ’04 had an outstanding performance. She finished the game with 19 points and had numerous steals.

Senior co-captain, Meredith Eddy, followed Krawczyk in the scoring column with 15 points. Eddy has been the leading overall scorer for the team, averaging 17.3 points per game. By the fourth quarter, the Babson defense was also a factor; the Babson junior guard, Joanna Macheiner also hit a few three-pointers to strengthen the lead throughout the game, and she provided strong defense.

Senior point guard, Kerri Lally, who had to sit out for a part of the game due to an injury, also played great defense. The game was highly physical, and many bruisers and bumps were earned along the way, yet the Babson Beavers remained on top.

Not surprisingly, there were many records set during this game on the team. In the past six games, many players have taken turns stepping in and pumping out great performances.

Meredith Hellen, a freshman player, said about her team, “Adapting to a new team has been tough, but this season is easier this year. I thought that being ‘the new person on the team’ would make it hard to play with the other girls. However, this team has a lot of great players on it and they come together and take turns stepping up. It’s been a lot of fun so far and there’s a lot to look forward to.” The fans couldn’t agree with you more Merr!!

Babson Men’s Ice Hockey team come together after playing a very well played enjoyable game.

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Last Friday the Babson Men’s Ice Hockey team traveled down to Middletown, Connecticut to face Wesleyan in what promised to be a riveting game. Those who witnessed the game were not let down by this promise. What was a nip and tuck game throughout ended in a 3-2 defeat for the Babson Beavers.

The Beavers, led by goalie Greg Berard ’02 and forward Andy Dratch ’03, fought bravely, but in the end came up one goal short. The Beavers’ flurry of shots, 50, on goal were not enough as Panczykowski turned back 48 of them. Berard also put up a good fight in the Beavers’ net as he turned away 34 of 37 shots.

The difference in the number of shots on net can be attributed to the fine defensive play of Pat Dolan ’03 and Drew Lindow ’04. Dolan, the team leader in points for a defensman a year ago, was unable to get on the board largely because of the dominant play of goalie Panczykowski.

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However, one Beaver that was able to get on the board, Andy Dratch ’03, was able to do so twice. He accomplished this with two goals, one in the first period and another in the second. The first was assisted by Rob Harvey ’04, the second by Derek Nisula ’04.

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