Sodexo Seeks to Better Serve Students

CHIPT KOTY
STAFF WRITER

After a fall semester filled with worries and concerns, voiced by faculty and students alike, regarding the change in the meal plans limiting the use of Reynolds Café, Sodexo headed by Carl Citron has rolled out a new concept in the meal plan.

Said Citron, "We're trying to offer the most popular menu selections in Reynolds in the exchange package."

Starting last week students would be able to use not only the Babson Bucks allocated to them through the Silver ($100), Gold ($125), and Platinum ($175) semester meal plans, but they will be able to use their Trim-to-Go meals on select items at Reynolds Café.

MTV's Bill Bellamy To Highlight Winter Weekend

MARK WAITING
STAFF WRITER

After a long vacation away, the campus activities board appears poised to kick the spring semester off with entertainment, activities, and evenings full of enjoyment. Plans for the weekend of "cold days, hot nights" include a famous comedian, a winter ball and free ice-skating. Everything will take place from February 14th to the 16th.

Debuting the weekend's events, famous actor/comedian Bill Bellamy from MTV Jams will be performing at 9 P.M. on Thursday February 14th in Knight auditorium. His impressive repertoire of acting includes such movies as "Any Given Sunday," "Leve Stinke," "How to be a Player" and HBO's "Def Comedy Jam."

Bill Bellamy will stars as Jeremiah on "Men, Women & Dogs" which is aired every Sunday night at 8:30pm on the WB. Bill also made the common used phrase, "booty" call famous (which directly translates to: "requesting the opposite sex's presence on short notice for personal satisfaction").

Following the success of Dave Chapelle last year, we wanted to bring back a big comedian again," said Ed Nee. Bill Bellamy certainly is a well-known actor, and seats are expected to go quickly.

Tickets go on sale in Reynolds on Monday February 4th at noon. One ticket will be $12, two for $20, with a total of 750 tickets available. If all tickets are not sold before Wednesday, other local colleges will be given the opportunity to purchase them. Richard Berberian, cab's production team chair, is "going to be a great show and we recommend that you get your tickets early...

Following Bellamy's act will be the Winter Ball, which will be held on Friday February 16th in Pepico. Dress will be semi-formal.

To reserve tickets, contact the Office of Campus Life at 781-769-1144. Proceeds will go to the Bermon Center and cleanup after Cab events. They will also go to " voters will be asked to a substance abuse foundation of their choosing."

Mann also commented that although the violations were individual, from the fraternity as a whole was reasonable. He said, "When an incident involving members of an or..."
College Campus Hate Crimes on the Rise in US

MARC WAITING
STAFF WRITER

In response to a rising number of hate crimes taking place on campuses nationwide, the Anti-Defamation League launched a massive campaign to increase hate crime awareness across the Northeast. This comes after news of more than 2,067 reported hate crimes in the year 2001, rising from 1,312 in 1997.

The September 11th tragedy precipitated a rise in hate crimes across the country and has prompted officials to further address the problem of racial profiling and related crimes. Students, colleagues and schools have experienced a rash of threats to community members as a result of the attacks, prompting the Anti-Defamation League to respond accordingly.

Over 40 colleges were involved in the effort, including Wellesley, Babson, BU, BC, and several others across New England. The effort seeks to educate campus police and public safety departments with proactive strategies on hate crimes.

The ADL distributed "Hate Crime Blind Spot Cards" to campuses across New England last week containing information on hate crime response mechanisms that offered methods to deal with occurrences.

Chief Jackson of campus police offered, "It brings awareness to the officers who do not usually deal with hate crimes."

The program seeks to return the campuses of New England back to a state of normalcy, and to curb the growing number of attacks wrought upon international students. When asked whether the program will be continued, R. Rowell '04 offered, "It's about time that public safety took an active role in combating the often dismissed hate crimes that take place more often than people like to admit."

To those who have ever experienced a hate crime, this comes as welcome news and surely is a step in the right direction. "This new initiative is particularly helpful for officers who seldom deal with them," said Jackson.

The primary goal of the initiative is to promote a coordinated, proactive response to hate violence as a means to advance police-community relations. The ADL and Babson hope to identify resources and procedures to further the Babson community.

Bellamy Set to Open Winter Weekend on Valentine's Day

Winter Ball and Ice Skating Illustrate Some of the Events CAB and SGA Have Planned

Violations Cause TKE To Lose Organizational Tower

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Formal, and students are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

Saturday night's action will unfold at the Wellesley Center, where there will be free ice-skating from 11 P.M. - 1 A.M. Scenarios will also be served and plenty will be on hand from an outside vendor to satisfy the expected demand. Food and drinks will be served to replenish burnt calories and prevent students from exercising too much.

Saturday night's action will unfold in the Wellesley Center, where there will be free ice-skating from 11 P.M. - 1 A.M.

Last year was a huge success, and CAB hopes that this year's turnout will be even greater. "We've been working really hard on this week-end and we look forward to seeing you there," imparted Kristin Kelleher '04.

Reynolds Exchange Replaces Trim-to-Go

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been discontinued for the remainder of the year as the new system is still in a test run. How will the success be gauged and is this going to be permanent? Responding to this, Carl Citron said, "We're looking at this change as an experiment for this semester. We will evaluate it as the semester goes along."

This new plan has come as a surprise to many students, but the balance of the number of students that it services at Babson is not significantly affected.

The new system stems from Sodexo's concerns last year about the heavy traffic on Trim, and the overflowing of the tables in Reynolds. A balance in customer flow is important to sustain both independent food service areas.

Citron said, "We want to make sure we can continue to maintain a high level resident dining program in Trim Dining Hall."

Sodexo has several amicable ways of restructuring the system with meetings with management of Sodexo over the course of the past few semesters. Sodexo has been willing to work with the students and the students have compromised with Sodexo.

SGA's President, Manny Martinez '00 stated, "I am excited about the new meal plan. I think it's going to bring back the students to the Reynolds Campus Center, which was greatly affected last semester."

"It adds more flexibility. I hope the students will enjoy. On the other hand, if the students are not satisfied with the new meal plan then I'll promptly meet with Mr. Citron and discuss other options. Until the new meal plan, just walk up to me and tell me."

A common misconception is that Sodexo is working against the students and that they are not willing to serve the student body's needs as customers of this college.

Quite the contrary, they are here to make the overall dining experience more enjoyable and the steps that have been taken in the past few semesters show that they are willing to work for and with the students and respond to feedback.

Citron had this to say: "Much of the existing program, as well as the meal plan changes, have evolved from student input over many years."

When questioned about his thoughts on the implementation of this new plan, Bryce Thayer '00 said, "I take this change as a positive sign for our future relationship with Sodexo, but at the same time it's hard to believe that when they do make the decision to take away Reynolds should not have been made in the first place."

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Free Press Welcomes a New Editor-In-Chief

VICKY TO
News Editor

On December 12th, Marie Prokopets ’04 was elected as the new Editor-In-Chief of The Babson Free Press for the 2001-2002 term. Prokopets has been working for The Free Press since her second semester freshman year and was promoted to Managing Editor by the beginning of her sophomore year. After observing and learning from Anthony Micale III, former Editor-in-Chief, she felt she was prepared for this position.

Prokopets is very enthusiastic about her new position. She comments, “I am really excited to be in this position, and I would like to thank all of the Babson Free Press staff for helping me make it possible. Also, I would like to thank Laura Devay for all the help she has given me.” Prokopets’ contributors were in agreement. “She is a great editor,” said President Barefoot. “She is always available to help.”

Prokopets also encourages the staff to attend events and get involved with the community. “I think it is important to show our support for the community,” she said. “I think it is important to show our support for the community.”

Financial Hardships Hit Babson Campus Hard

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The long range planning committee. President Barefoot, Mike Fetter, Tom Krimmel, vice president of development, and the director of business relations, Scott Timmins, professor of entrepreneurship and Richard Voss, director of planning, will also be on the committee. Others will be on the committee, but are yet to be determined by the community and the board of trustees.

These committees were put into place due to a number of reasons. First, the college has faced many challenges on the financial side. The Center for Executive Education and School for Executive Education have been earnings have been diminishing due to the expansion of the CEE facility and the postponed programs in lieu of September 11th.

As the stock market has been experiencing a decline in the past two years, so has Babson’s endowment. At the same time, alumni contributions have also slowed down, as many of the alumni have been facing poor economic conditions. In addition, college costs have been increasing dramatically.

Because of these problems, changes will have to be made. One of the first changes is that the budget for the college will be cut. This will affect all levels of the college, from the students to the faculty.

President Barefoot believes that the review committee is vital, whether we are in this financial environment or another. President Barefoot believes that, “We really haven’t had a formal review since the early 90’s.” Although we are having a few financial troubles, President Barefoot says, “We are strong financially and in better shape than most, we just need to watch out for pennies.”

Babson Public Safety Log for January 14-28

Tuesday, January 15, 2002
1:38 AM - Request for an ambulance to go to Memorial Hospital. An adult who was feeling unwell was transported to NWH.

Wednesday, January 16, 2002
11:00 AM - Report of a motor vehicle accident in rear Bryant Hall. Information was exchanged by both drivers. No injuries reported. 12:00 PM - Report of a motor vehicle accident in Olm prop fit. Report filed.

Thursday, January 17, 2002
12:45 AM - Student reports the theft of a laptop. No suspects. Student transported to NWH by a friend. 11:36 AM - Report of two suspicious males in Park Manor South. Officers checked the area and no one was located. 4:27 PM - Report of a fire alarm in Hallman building. The building was checked and no alarm was sounding. Facilities contacted.

Friday, January 18, 2002
5:08 AM - Report of a fire alarm in the Hallman building. Building was checked and no alarm was sounding. Facilities contacted.

Saturday, January 19, 2002
12:19 PM - An officer reports a vehicle in front of 1900 Great Plain Ave., Olm College property. The vehicle left the area.

Sunday, January 20, 2002
12:02 PM - A professor called to report a wandering around Malloy Hall. The party told the professor that he was from Mervin. He was asked to leave the building, as he had no reason to be in area. No one was located.

11:43 PM - Report of a noise complaint in Piatt Hall. Checked by an officer and found to be an alarm clock in an unoccupied room. It was turned off by an officer.

Tuesday, January 22, 2002
5:47 PM - Student reports her furniture missing from her room in Putney Hall. Her roommate located the furniture. It was placed in storage over the semester break and was returned.

Wednesday, January 23, 2002
4:39 AM - Student in Van Winkle Hall reports not feeling well. The student was transported to NWH by Public Safety. 10:50 AM - Report of shoplifting in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Report filed.

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Friday, January 25, 2002
12:47 AM - Officer reports vandalism at the front entrance of Piatt Hall. Facilities notified.

CAB Presents WINTER WEEKEND

Beginning with Bill Bellamy

Thursday, February 14th
7:00

Sorenson Center for the Arts

$12 for one, $20 for two
WINTER 2001-2002 SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING PLAN

To ensure efficient snow removal operations and the safety of the campus community, Public Safety and Facilities Services ask for your cooperation during all winter storms. The declaration of a snow emergency will be made by the Facilities Services Department via the campus e-mail system. When a snow emergency ends, the Facilities Services Department will send a cancellation e-mail message. After the cancellation, students and college employees may resume overnight parking in snow emergency parking lots.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING:

During a snow emergency, vehicles must be moved from parking lots marked as "No Parking During Snow Emergencies" during the hours of 10:00 PM through 7:00 AM. Suggested overnight parking locations for temporarily displaced vehicles are the Woodland Hills main lot, lower Bryant Lot, Trim Lot (except at aisle ends), Coleman lot, and Forest lot. The lower level of the parking deck is CEE parking only.

It is your responsibility to move your vehicle from the designated no parking areas once a snow emergency is declared. Vehicles in violation of the snow emergency parking policy will be ticketed by Public Safety and may be towed at the owner's expense.

Whenever possible, please park at the perimeter of parking Lots, so we can clear the center and park close to other cars that may be in the lot. If you are parking in a lot that has already been plowed, please park in a spot that has been cleared. The Facilities Services staff can clear parking lots more effectively if vehicles are not scattered throughout the lot.

Periodically, Facilities Services will coordinate and request the assistance of the campus community in clearing the larger campus lots such as Coleman and Trim. It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to shovel snow from around his or her car. There are a limited supply of shovels that can be borrowed from Public Safety with a student ID.

This policy does not apply to handicap parking spaces.
Student Government Minutes from Meeting Held January 30, 2002

Emmanuel Martinez, President - x4897
Nathan Knight, Executive Vice President - x4637
Jason Orosky, VP of Finance - x6624
Andrew Foley, VP of Commerce - x8631
Jeffrey Greenberg, VP of Campus Activities - x6629
Ciji-Danielle Robinson, VP of Communications - x6610

President - Manny Martinez
- Extend pub hours
- SGA pub night was in place for canceled Knight party last Saturday
- Involved President Barefoot task force in improving Babson

EVP - Nathan Knight
- Senate meetings weekly @ 5pm
- Committees within senate to focus on student organization work
- Committee sign-ups within the new binders handed out at tonight's meeting

VP Finance - Orosky
- Budget update (posted on Blackboard)
- Worked on cleaning up the constitution for the commerce section
- Student Business Benefit package
  - Combination of things to help organize and create opportunities for student businesses
  - Help the lack of student business on campus
  - Package wrap-up this Sunday
- Each member of commerce committee responsible for a student business
- Create more resources for student business

VP Communications - Ciji-Danielle Robinson
- New Binders handed out at the beginning of the meeting include the following
  - SGA contact sheet
  - Committee descriptions
  - Dog tags
  - Constitution
- Blackboard will take the place of an anticipated SGA site
- Blackboard utility very convenient and effective

VP of Social Activities - Jeffrey Greenberg
- Blackboard survey for CAB in regards to campus activities 400 responses
- His weekend, there will be a Knight Party a.k.a. "Pre-Superbowl Party"
- Bill Bellamy coming to campus for February 14, 2002
  - Tickets: $1 for $10
  - 2 for $20
  - Prize determined from the CAB survey
- Tickets go on sale at the information desk in the Reynolds Campus Center
- Winter Weekend: "Cold Day, Warm Nights"
  - Ice skating and "Snowball"

Scheduled Business
- Motion to postpone discussion of changing the Commerce section of the Constitution until next week (due to a lack in meeting quorum.)

New Business for next week
- CAB asks for extra money from SGA to fund the Bill Bellamy concert
- Presentation for funding by Brandt Brannad and Jacob Donnelly along with a hand-out of how the funding is being allocated
- Carl Hacker, Toni Blackwell, and President Barefoot approached about helping out in funding the Bill Bellamy comedy concert
- Events will be charged to cover the costs of the concert
- Receipts will be presented if need be for loyalty purposes
- Web space initiative survey
- Old Babson tradition: "Beaverabilia"
- Successful in the past and can increase school spirit
- Questions, Comments, Concerns
- If you would like to help out with Winter Weekend and Spring Weekend, contact CAB@babson.edu
- Beavercow - kick-off on Founder's Day
- Students get to win prizes from their knowledge of Babson College
- Cash prizes, gift certificates and free book among the many prizes
- "Used to be a tradition that was very popular - trying to get it up and running again"
- "Are there students out there that want to do this? Let us know; SGA@babson.edu"
- "Flag in Publishers disappeared after the break; would like a follow up."
- "Flag should be reported to Public Safety"
- SGA machines in Publishers? - Follow-up
- House representatives like the SGA tent card; should be done more throughout the semester
- SGA packet should be included in packets for accepted students
- Concerns on reaching quorum
- New elections for house representatives will be held to fill the house
- Concern of students who would like majors as opposed to concentrations

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Reynolds Exchange A Step in the Right Direction

DJ SCHEPKEER
STAFF WRITER

Students returning to campus got a late holiday present as they were greeted by a change in the meal plan offered by Marriott on campus. The elimination of the Trim-to-Go program was greeted with jubilation by many. But even better was its switch to bag meals of meals allotted at Reynolds.

There have been many debts in the meal plan since the new program was announced last March. The new plan has been a disaster for all students. But the new allotment of meals has been a real boon for everyone.

Now, with my middle-eclen, not too expensive plan, I figure I can eat one meal during the week at Reynolds, for nine weeks, or into April. It figures to be extraordinarily better than last semester's options. As far as the loss of Trim-to-Go, the only real problem with its non-existence is the irritation of the inactivity of the ramen. Ramen was the only reason to ever come to the food service at Trim-to-Go. In fact, most days you couldn't even find a decent egg roll or noodles; they rarely tried Doritos.

The limited selection Trim-to-Go offered benefited few people and often had detrimental effects on my diet. I can't just trade a lunch for breakfast. Seems to make sense to me.

Additionally, those of us who need a quick place to grab a sandwich for lunch or dinner can only have so many meals to eat at Reynolds. The flexibility has been lost. Students who also often have schedule problems with the hours Trim offers and end up having to eat a large amount of meals at Reynolds.

This is a large disadvantage for these students who choose to participate in school athletics. We were promised a number of things with the new meal plan. But the fact is, the quality of Trim, the most important issue, still hasn't improved.

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The new change in the meal plan has certainly given hope to those of us who enjoyed ten meals a week at Trim-to-Go. Those were the good old days after all. It is, however, only a short-term solution to a larger problem.

The addition of Reynolds Exchange only masks the problem simply because the Trim-to-Go is over. First of all, if I want to eat breakfast I have to buy a large menu of expensive breakfast options. I hardly make sense since their might be one or two options that I just can't stand. So, I don't charge myself out of bed to eat breakfast.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2002

OP/ED
Dear Editor,

Hey all, I have decided to air my dirty laundry in the Opinion’s section this week. Last semes- ter closed out with another enthralling opinion’s article by Ms. Ali Watkins. No offense, Ali, but let’s call a spade a spade.

Yes, I agree, as you said, you are a staunch republican, while I myself am an staunch democrat. My nature deems us to have debate, and we love to debate about any topic. The topic I chose to debate about with you this week is the fact that I believe yes, in fact, you are a firm women’s liberation supporter.

You vehemently defend this fact in your last opinion’s piece. Why, you may ask, does this concern me enough to write about it and actually dedicate any specific amount of my time to your belief system?

While I will not deny your reasons, I think your ideas are preposterous and your feelings are sexist. You stated that Babson women and men should practice more self-respect; you stated that women should expect more from men than a one night stand; but who are you to decide that these people are now worthy of this statement and that we are not worthy of the same?

This idea is ludicrous. You made it sound as if women were duped into thinking that they were going to marry the man they had the one night stand with. Come on, let’s get serious; women are just as capable of making sexual decisions as men.

I have done a great deal of research on this topic and I have surveyed almost half of the women at this school from a perfectly statistically valid random sampling of women from all classes. We will be able to see if this is not just our Babson populace, and over 75% of them stated that they often look for a one night stand and have no more expectations of the night than the same would imply. Who are you to judge?

Are you telling me that you are not able to go to sleep at night because you feel you violated your morals and standards by participating in a one-night stand? Come on, Ali, be real with us, how much experience do you have with these situations?

If you stand in front of me and say that you were with someone else and no you didn’t have a one night stand, then they should probably go talk to Jan Wong or Dr. O’fiai about their mishaps.

All in all, I hope this week to tell me why I should not consider you a sexist. I challenge you to explain to me why I should find any validity in your musings. I challenge you to persuade me that you are not a sexist women’s liberation supporter.

I challenge you to not make an ass out of my intelligence by expecting me to believe the popsycocock you have spewed forth.

All, it comes down to this, if you were not sexist or did not have a sexist view regarding any of your peers, why would you challenge me? That you do not believe that we are as capable of making sexual decisions as men.

The question is, don’t these people realize that Mayor Rudy Giuliani was to make a decision in response to the tragedy that Obama Bin Laden caused?

How can Mayor Giuliani possibly be the ‘Person of the Year’ by merely reacting to something that someone else did? If Bin Laden had never made a decision to attack the United States, people would still be talking about how Giuliani cheated on his wife.

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I believe that ‘Time Magazine’s’ Selection of Giuliani as Person of the Year Defies Nature of Award

MARIE PROKOPETS
Bossoni In Cones

It seems that ‘Time’ has shirked its journalistic duty and picked Rudy Giuliani as the ‘Person of the Year’ in order to keep their readership high.

According to ‘Time,’ the ‘Person of the Year’ is some- one who, for better or for worse, has most influenced events and the world in the last year. Who, other than Osama Bin Laden, can fill that definition?

Obviously, this isn’t the popular opinion; there are numerous poles on the set in which over 80% of the respon- dents said that Obama Bin Laden should not be the ‘Person of the Year.’

I agree that Mayor Giuliani did do many memorable things; he lowered New York City’s crime rate, murder rate, and he vanquished many homeless from the streets. The question is, why are people that must ask themselves is did Giuliani really make a bigger impact on the world than Obama Bin Laden?

I believe that ‘Time Magazine’ is doing a disservice to the public in order to maintain their readership and keep those costs down. Because who, other than Bin Laden, killed 3,000 civilians; killed hundreds of New York Stock Exchange; and started a world-wide war against terrorism?

My suggestion for ‘Time’ is to either to stop practicing poor journalism or to change the definition of the ‘Person of the Year’

If the definition were to be the person who affected the world the most; if we do it in a love way, then ‘Time’ would be a bit more justified in picking someone else for this title. Otherwise, they should change their defini- tion to, ‘The person who affected the world the most, either positively or negatively, but who won’t hurt our readership or make people angry.’

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Students Fed Up with Bad ITSD Service

ADAM KORNGOLD
Business & Technology Editor

In the wake of the VIDO regis-
tration fiasco and the recent
crippling crash during course regis-
tration, students have become tired of the constant and erratic
network, as well as many other technol-
ogical problems that ITSD has been causing.

While Babson’s e-mail server, Blackboard, and VIDO are of-	en down, students have their own set of
problems with students go well be-
yond their incomplete network. They ranged from repair of laptops to viruses spread throughout the servers. What made the process for courses took longer than watching the Ti-
tanic,” says Justin Schneider ’04. “Over the last half-year, many
frustrated students have been complaining about the long wait times on the phone for help for courses over the VIDO server.

There have been articles in The Babson Review complaining about VIDO’s inability to handle the volume of registrations for courses. However, the computer learning from the office of class dean to be patiant. Despite these signals of trouble, the VIDO server, ITSD’s head of opera-
tions, Daniel Tonselli, was unaw-
nounced to the problems with the VIDO server.

In addition, reliability of the computer lab is very poor. One day, six of the computers in the main computer lab were out of order.

Computers in the Horn Com-
puter lab do not show any error
messages on the screen, are not hooked up to the Internet or sometimes turn themselves on. “The problem with ITSD is that
if one printer is broken, I must
find my new computer to print,” says Corey Tanase ’04.

ITSD does not have all of the computers in Horn correctly calibrated. According to Dave Foscalso, Desktop Service Consultant, only 50 computers are calibrated regularly every other week. However, he was unaware that some computers were out of order.

The main concern of most students is that the laptop ser-
vice department often replaces broken computers with broken computers. Because ITSD does not have enough extra comput-
ers on hand, it is not uncommon for students to break a
broken computer to bring in their laptop and not receive a new computer for a few days.

In addition, the laptop repair department is refusing to issue loans to students until their computers are even though they have extra loaner computers available.

Students are also frustrated that even after they wait for two days for their computers to be repaired, ITSD has replaced their computer with another broken computer. Students claim that even with their new computer’s battery only holds its battery life for an hour, a process that they put their laptop to use with a “ouch luck” policy.

Students also find that their new laptops do not drive correctly or that the proper drivers have not been installed.

Jack Phelps ’04 brought in his computer after the screen
malfunctioned only to have to wait a few days to receive an-
other laptop. When he brought the new computer back to his room he turned it on and discovered that his new computer’s screen was also bro-
ken, and ITSD had also re-
mended the laptop to him.

The laptop department does not effectively track and maintain laptops for students. Almost all of the com-
puters are repaired by student techicians who often work on more than one computer at a time and confuse the problems. Frequently, the department set a policy of not allowing stu-
dents in the repair center during laptop re-
pairing. While this rule makes sense since students need to have knowledge about their
own computers and can assist the laptop technicians in fixing the problem, I believe that ITSD is concerned about stu-
dents seeing their unorganized data.

Many of the laptop techni-
cians resort to reformattting
the computers if students can-
text on laptops and just reinstalling Windows. Without an easy way to fix computer problems, it causes students great problems because all of their files are lost.

The reason that ITSD often recommends that students computer is because they either do not know how to fix them or do not have the time to do them. In the meantime, almost all of the computers that ITSD refer-
marks do not have to be refor-
matted.

According to a Microsoft Win-
dows support technician, “In 99% of the cases of computers crashing, the problem can be fixed by hitting the hard drive of a computer.”

Laptop technicians do not make ef-
forts to help students perform
before risky falling set-
tings changes on the student’s laptops. One ITSD student

A View From Abroad: An International Perspective

VISHESH ARGAWAL
Contributing Writer

My IIM class has only three Americans out of forty students.

Studying in a class that is very diverse makes people from all around the world give their own opinions.

People who tend to dress similarly have similar interests. Babson is one of the colleges with a high percent of international students. Despite being a small college, Babson has made a good name for itself, not only in the surrounding Boston area, but all around the world.

At Babson people follow a differ-
ent culture, different from the rest of the colleges. Babson has a typical corporate culture and competition is a big part of this culture. There is competition in every field, whether it is studies, spending money at the nightclub, buying nice cars, wear-
ing the latest, or having a sexy girlfriend.

The Babson parking lot is more of a showcase of expensive cars. Porsches and Mercedes are com-
mon, but BMW’s, can be referred to as “the baby Porsches” and they make the Babson Community.

John Walker should be considered a prisoner of war, not a convenient tool for furthering an administration’s political beliefs.

From Yemen, Walker traveled to Pakistan in 2001 and while he was there he started to learn the Arabic language. He said he became intrigued by this group’s teachings and scholarship before being sent to Afghanistan. There he helped the Taliban movement fight for control of the country.

While being interviewed by a CNN correspondent he mentioned that he had not spoken English in many months, only Arabic. He also claimed that his “heart became attached to (the Taliban).” So this brings us to the issue at hand.

Walker is being charged with being an U.S. citizen who tried to kill other U.S. citizens. But if we take a look at the way Walker has acted over the past few years, we will find reason to look past the fact that he has a passport that reads “United States citizen” and to con-
consider him a flyweight.

He has not lived in America for a large period of time. He even gave up the language that he spoke as a native of this coun-
try. In addition, he joined an army fighting for land an-
other part of the world - not to mention an area that has only come to our attention because a terrorist group based in Af-
ghanistan allegedly attacked our home.

Had that attack not occurred, there would not have been any Americans fighting in Afghanistan and Walker could fight. Are we to expect all American born individuals fighting for a cause to drop their weapons and switch sides as soon as America decides to at-tack those working for that cause.

As Americans we believe in freedom and unity. That’s what they keep telling us on the bill-
boards and bus stop posters across the country.

Walker went to a land and fell in love with a cause to control that land. He did what any American, according to those advertisements, should do: he fought for what he thought was right. Yes, he definitely fought against Americans. And yes, the Taliban is not considered the greatest proponent of religious freedom. But we cannot stand by and watch as a man is treated like a criminal - a country to which he feels no con-nection.

John Walker should be con-
sidered a prisoner of war, not a convenient tool for furthering an administration’s political beliefs.
The Sacagawea Turns Out to be a Flop as It Fails in Circulation

PATRICK REARDON
Contributing Writer

Introduced with much pomp and circumstance, the Sacagawea dollar coin of 2000, the Sacagawea, a golden dollar coin that features the likeness of Lewis and Clark's Native American guide, was supposed to be warmly and enthusiastically received. But the public has resisted and displaced the paper dollar as the currency of choice. After two years of circulation, the Federal Reserve's attempts at promoting the coin have proved fruitless. The Sacagawea appears as though it will suffer the same fate as its distant stores, Supercenters, and the Anthony—termination of minting due to unpopularity and an alarming lack of circulation.

When the Sacagawea was first minted in January of 2000, it was expected to succeed for several reasons. However, the US government stood against making an 86-cent profit on every dollar coin it produced. For this reason, they gave the Sacagawea dollar a $50 face value, which meant that they would only have to replace the coins every 20 years. In contrast, the usual 15-year replacement schedule for every 15 months of paper bills.

With a $40 million campaign to promote the coin, the public response was overwhelmingly positive. Unfortunately, that optimism has slowly dissipated after two years as the Sacagawea resides in a rather unsavory position.

One of the problems is that these gold dollars are incredibly difficult to find. You’ll have better luck at the local diner than at the corner liquor store. The second reason is that the Sacagawea was never intended as a collector’s item, but as a replacement for paper money.

Wal-Mart Represents Solid Pick for Wall Street Wizards

JASON ORLOSKY
Contributing Writer

In this section for the spring semester, I will be writing about different investment opportunities in today's markets. Before the first stock pick, I would like to assure you that I have a lot of experience with the stock market. I have been following the markets since 1991 and have been successfully managing my personal portfolio for over seven years, with an annual growth rate of 12.50%.

I have also been interviewed for Street Wise, by Janet Stanford, which is a guide for teenage investors. With this experience I hope to provide you with the knowledge you need to think that are good investments and strategies in the markets today. Keep in mind that these are good investments, this section is only advice and is not guaranteed profits.

My pick for this week is Wal-Mart Stores Inc., ticker WMT, traded on the New York Stock Exchange. At the end of the day on Tuesday, January 29, Wal-Mart is number two on the Fortune 500 list. However, the company has been in the top of the Fortune 500 for a number of years. Wal-Mart is one of the most successful companies in the world, with 4,318 stores in the United States and nine other countries. These stores include discount stores, grocery stores, SAM'S Clubs and Neighborhood Markets.

Wal-Mart is a very financially come popular for vending ma-
machines and transit systems, its lack of circulation is still a predicament faced by many of the coins. Huayoe of the U.S. Mint is certain that the coin will be a success. In terms of acceptance, Huayoe of "It's happening. It's just not an overnight occurrence.”

We'll have to wait and see if Mr. Huayoe's words come to fruition or if the Sacagawea follows in the footsteps of the Susan B. Anthony into obscurity.

The new Sacagawea coin has proven to be a huge flop. The nation has failed to adopt the new dollar coin over the traditional paper dollar bill.

Enron's restatement, cutting $800 million from profits and $1.2 billion from shareholders' equity, based on the nature of transactions with partnerships, led rating agencies to downgrade Enron's credit rating. At this time billions of dollars in off-balance sheet debt to suddenly became due. Enron, as it had promised, was forced to issue stock to Raptor, which then went out of business.

A year ago, as the Enron saga unfolded, the company was in receivership, and a large portion of its assets were sold off. The new stock was trading at $0.07 per share.

In the aftermath of the collapse, there have been far reaching re-percussions. As of December 8th, Enron's stock price has fallen to an all-time low, resulting in the loss of many employees in its Houston headquarters. Enron has also fired a large portion of its employees in Europe as well. In addition, the company or more than just their immediate stakeholders.

The survival of Enron's stock caused many employees to invest the majority of their 401(k) plans in the company. In fact, once the company has been purchased, these former employees are now owners. Employees watched the plunging stock in horror, prevented from selling their 401(k) holdings until they were 57, as their retirement savings dwindled.

Rov. Sullivan, Director of Spiritual Life and a professor at Rice University, said, "Maybe the law should hold them accountable; if not, certainly their con-science should.” He continued, "By actively misleading employees, they may have a moral obligation to pay them back.”

In response to their loss, share-holders have filed class action lawsuit attempts to recover their money from top officials of Enron and Arthur Andersen. Over the past several years twenty-six top Enron insiders have sold 11.5 million dollars worth of stock.

Professor Erlich, assistant professor of law warns, "It may be perfectly okay to restate the earnings or balance sheet. The question is whether any of the disor- dinances, past or present, are mate- rially misleading and intended to deceive investors.

Another issue the failures raise involves the accounting firm Arthur Andersen. Many regulators are wondering if a possible conflict of interest caused Andersen to ignore the accounting irregularities.

Last year Andersen was paid more in consulting fees, approximately 58 million dollars, than for accounting services. This is currently allowed under SEC regulations, but the future of these fees is being called for change.

Further complicating the situa- tion for both Andersen and Enron, it seems both actively shredded documents relating to the collapse. Andersen has fired its executive in charge of Enron's audit, although he says that he was never aware of the apparent absence of documentary management policies.

The most recent news has fo- cused on the possible involvement of former vice-chairman J. Clifford Baxter. Baxter was named in a lawsuit which was dismissed, receiving $353.5 million from the sale of $371.5 Enron shares.

Baxter left a suicide note that has not been released to the public.

To the Bush administration are also being probed. Officials are focusing on six meetings between Dick Cheney and Enron officials last year. Also, the GAO is tak- ing steps to use the executive branch in Federal District Court, for records pertaining to the Administration's energy policy.

The SEC and Justice Depart- ment are also investigating Enron and new facts come to light daily. It could be quite some time before the whole picture becomes clear and the financial mess left in the wake of the collapse is cleaned up.
Sorenson Center for the Arts:
Spring 2002 Special Events

Macbeth
Shakespeare & Company
February 7 at 7 p.m.
Students $3, Staff, Faculty, Alumni $6, General public $12

Lily Afshar
A concert by acclaimed Iranian classical guitarist
February 8 at 7 p.m.
For tickets and information: 617-924-9507

Alicia Ostriker
A reading by the 2002 Charles D. and Marjorie J. Thompson Visiting Poet.
February 12 at 7:30 p.m.

A Magic Show
An evening of magic and illusion by Babson students Jared McNabb and Jeff Greenberg.
The Babson Improv Troupe opens.
February 22 at 6 p.m.
Tickets $3, For tickets and information: 781-239-6039

Fourth Annual Babson Talent Show
Jazz, folk, classical, improv comedy and more
February 28 at 7 p.m.
Free admission

Moving Beyond Balance
Snapdry Dance Theater's jaw-dropping physical control creates hauntingly beautiful images that defy gravity. Stunning poetry and laugh-out-loud humor leads to a stimulating, fun-filled evening.
March 2 at 8 p.m.
March 3 at 3 p.m.
Students $3, Staff, Faculty, Alumni & Seniors $10, general public $18

Collage International Dance Ensemble
March 9 at 8 p.m.
March 10 at 2 p.m.
Award-winning choreographer Ahmed Luici interprets traditional dances from Europe, America, and the Middle East, featuring the Zlatne Usta Brass Band. Tickets $20, $15 for seniors and students. Babson Administration and students half price. Call 617-934-5928 for ticket information. www.collagedance.com

La Cage Aux Folles
Musical by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein, based on a French film by Jean Poiret.
March 9 at 8 p.m.
March 10 at 1 p.m.
March 23 at 8 p.m.
March 24 at 2 p.m.
For tickets and information: 781-237-8114

How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying
A Babson Players production.
April 4, 5, and 6 at 8 p.m.
For tickets and information: 781-239-5683

Babson Dance Ensemble
April 11, 12, and 13  p.m.
For tickets and information: 781-239-5683

A Midsummer Night's Dream
TheatreWork@Babson presents Shakespeare's magical romantic comedy.
April 18, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m.
Students $3, Staff, Faculty, Alumni & Seniors $6, General public $12

New Philharmonia Orchestra Family Concert
April 22 at 2 p.m.
For tickets and information: 617-327-9717 or www.musicforall.org

Chang-rae Lee
A reading by Korean novelist and Homingway Foundation/PEN awardee.
April 22 at 7 p.m.
Free Admission

East Meets West
April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Flute Français
A New Philharmonia concert featuring world class flute virtuoso Eugenia Zukerman and the colorful music of Berlioz and Debussy.
April 27 at 8 p.m.
April 28 at 2 p.m.
For tickets and information: 617-937-9717 or www.musicforall.org

Metropolitan Wind Symphony
The world premiere of "The Wind in the Willows" by composer Johan de Meij.
May 5 at 3 p.m.
For tickets and information: 617-983-1507

Horn Gallery at Horn Library

Sunday – Wednesday 1 p.m. 5 p.m., Thursday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. or by appointment.

Second Life
Artists using worn and Found Materials to Embody
New Ideas
Peter Madden, Edie Read, and Dawn Southworth.
January 31 – March 8, 2002
Opening reception: January 31 at 5 – 7 p.m.
Gallery Talk: January 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Seen and Remembered
Images of growing up presented in painting, drawing and woodblock prints by Laura Chassan, Kate Desjardins and John Schultz.
March 26 – April 26
Opening reception April 4 5 – 7 p.m.

2002 Spring Workshops
Introduction to 2D & W Photography (two session commitment)
Part I: March 3 1:00-6:00 p.m. (Using a camera, exposing and developing film)
Part II: March 10 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Using enlargers and printing photos)
Instructor: David Akiba
Sorenson Visual Arts Center Room 222
Lab fee: $25 (all materials included, film, paper, chemistry, etc.)
To register call x5622 or send email to mavaranagh@babson.edu

Ceramics (three session commitment)
Round I
Tuesday Night Class - Feb 5,12 & 19 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Class - Feb 6,13 & 20 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Round II
Tuesday Night Class - Feb 26, March 5 & 26 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Class - Feb 27, March 6 & 27 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Randy Fein
All materials provided
Sorenson Visual Arts Center Room 221
To register send email to rfein@al.com

Figure Drawing (one session)
Instructor: Frances Hamilton
All materials provided.
March 6 6:30-8:00 p.m.
To register call x5888 or email to fhamilton@babson.edu
Sorenson Visual Arts Center Room 215

Block Printing (one session)
April 10 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Frances Hamilton
Bring a favorite snapshot and use it to make an image.
All materials provided.
To register call x5888 or send email to fhamilton@babson.edu

Public Speaking For Success in Business (six session commitment)
Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Lau Lapides
Build your confidence level to speak in front of any audience! As professional actors we’ll teach you the skills you need to know to be an effective speaker. Learn the actor’s "bag of tricks", work on breathing techniques, relaxation, energy, eye focus, articulation, projection, and more! Geared towards the business professional or anyone who wants to overcome the jitters of stage fright. No experience necessary.
Sorenson Visual Arts Center Studio 235
To register send mailto:Lau.Lapides@hotmail.com
LIFESTYLES

New Semester Brings FME Businesses

BOYSEN LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Like many other writers, I had thought about writing a column about security for Bradley International Airport, but I decided that there wasn’t much to tell. I mean, I sleep, and ate a lot. I saw my family and did a little skiing and bike riding. I was only hospitalised once when I went to the hospital once, so it was pretty uneventful. Instead of telling you about the events of the semester, I decided to cover a few recent events.

Some of the most exciting news of the week on this campus, controversy at least, has been the, um, downtown Boston, is the Patriots AFC championship and ad

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-is poor, I do spend a lot of time working very hard at the Babson which, of course, is not

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"The Royal Tenenbaums" Cashes in Big

MARIE PROKOPETS
Entire In Chief

If you've ever thought that your family was dysfunctional, watching "The Royal Tenenbaums" will make you feel a lot better about yourself. This movie delivers non-stop laughs and packs an all-star cast. Royal Tenenbaum, played by Gene Hackman, is a disbarred lawyer who is separated from his wife. Anjelica Huston plays his wife, Etheline, who has just been asked for her hand by the family accountant, played by Danny Glover. Royal and Etheline's now ruined marriage had at one point produced three child prodigies. These three child geniuses had all aged and become three not-so-genius adults. Chas, played by Ben Stiller, was once a brilliant financial mastermind who sold real estate at an early age. Years later, Chas becomes a paranoid widower who constantly watches over his sons Uzi and Ari. Richie, played by Luke Wilson, won from being a star tennis player to a hermit living on a boat. Oh, and also, he is in love with his sister, but don't worry, she's adopted. His adopted sister, Margot, a once brilliant playwright is now a reclusive actress residing in an unhappy marriage played by Gwyneth Paltrow. When Royal gets word that his wife is considering the marriage proposal, he fakes an illness in order to get back into the family. Under many strange circumstances the family is brought together. Royal, Etheline, their three children, and their two grandsons, as well as the butler, are all once again living under the same roof. For those of you who loved Wes Anderson's movie "Boromil", "The Royal Tenenbaums" is a must see. Oh yeah, and ladies, don't miss it when Luke Wilson shows off his beard. Yes, just say that you will have a big surprise in store, at least I know that I did. Thru the weekend of Jan 25-27 "The Royal Tenenbaums" grossed $4,790,000. It was also displayed in 999 theatres, which has been steadily increasing since its opening on Dec. 14th. If you have not seen "The Royal Tenenbaums" yet, now is the perfect opportunity. It is still showing at a theatre near you.

Beyond The View: X-BOX Provides Practical Relief from Doing Work

CHIP KOTY
STAFF WRITER

This week I am going to take a deeper look into the X-Box gaming system and how it stacks up against the competition. I will try to give you a review from an unbiased perspective, as I do in fact own the game system. I will give you the facts and maybe even the FBI's stamp of approval. The appearance: At first glance the X-Box game system is big, bulky and cumbersome. If you tear away the outer layers of black and green plastic you are looking at a low end PC with a high-end graphics and sound card. The specs for all you nerds out there, are (H=800 D=4"12"S=5", weight 8 pounds, 64 Audio channels/256 stereo voices, clock speed 733MHz, data width 640B sec., installed memory size 64MB (DDR Ram), movement tech. - mechanical, memory card type - flash, storage capacity 1X8MB, Intel Pentium III, max external resolution 1920X1080, and video output - 480p, 480i, 720p, 1080i. The extras are an in-house self contained DVD player, HDTV ready, digital surround sound capable of 355 simultaneous voice channels and an Ethernet connection to play titles such as Halo against friends on campus, or at the office. Online competing will not be available till sometime next year. The perks: Because of the 6GB hard drive, the user is able to put a CD in the drive and copy songs from the CD directly to the drive itself. You can use the X-Box system as your audio mixer if it is attached to a high-end sound system and can transport it pretty easily. Although the game titles of the system are not as extensive as that of PlayStation 2 or Nintendo Game Cube, the ones that are available,approximately 25, are solid games, i.e. "Halo," "Max Payne," and "Apex." If you are looking for games you know and an extended list of titles, you should check out Game Cube or PlayStation 2. Game Cube made all of their popular titles available at the same time as the product. It is generally geared towards mid-teens to younger teenage kids, and the game choices pretty much reflect that. With PlayStation 2 you have a large number of game titles available, but this product has also been available for a lot longer than the X-Box. From what I have read thus far, the critics all agree on that point. X-Box is for the serious gamer that is looking to tinker their gaming experience to the next level. With the capability to hook up to large audio and video systems, X-Box has the versatility that PlayStation 2 and Game Cube lack. Game Cube will run you around $199.00, while X-Box and PlayStation 2 run you about $399.00. So, if you are not seriously into gaming and don't really care about the graphical quality of your video games you should probably think about Game Cube as it is gentler on your pocket. On the other hand, if you want the ride of your lifetime with games such as Halo and Max Payne, X-Box is worth every cent that you pay for it. That is all for my review this week, until next time when I review Max Payne: that is all and I am extra fat just like a bald man. Peace outside.
Men's Basketball Dismantles Engineers

The Babson College men's basketball team demolished an impotent MIT team on Tuesday. Babson played smothering defense, in a 76-51 victory.

The teams started the first half scoring evenly and with seven minutes left in the first half, Babson was up by two points, 17-15. After a few more possessions, the score remained fairly even. Then, off a missed MIT shot, Giles Weston '02 scored on a fast break and sunk a free throw to complete the three-point play to put the Beavers up 22-17. It was the beginning of the end for MIT.

With about four minutes left to play in the first half, Joe Cullen '03 nailed a three to put Babson up 27-17. It looked as though Babson was increasing their advantage, but MIT had an answer with its own 3 pointer. The Beavers, not to be outdone, slapped MIT with another 3 pointer courtesy of Jeff Nicholson '05. With only 37 seconds left in the first half, the Beavers were up 35-24. And before MIT could say “multivariable calculus” the ball was over and Babson held a 3-point advantage.

In the second half, Babson's defense shined bright. Babson played great team defense and kept the MIT team as scoreless as a nerd on Saturday. After early baskets were exchanged, MIT was held at 33 points for about 12 minutes in the second half.

Just when MIT thought their problems couldn't get any worse, Westie Dunked on the bewildered MIT players off a steal on the other end of the floor.

With 7:51 left in the game, Babson led MIT 61-33. And though the average IQ at MIT is probably higher, even Babson's students knew the game was over.

Women's Basketball Destroys Mt. Holyoke

Coming off a tough loss to Nichols on January 23, the Babson College women's basketball team rebounded quickly and destroyed Mount Holyoke 85-54 on Saturday.

Rebecca Krawczyk '04 and Joanna Maher '03 combined their efforts to put up numbers that Bentley students could barely count to. They scored 29 points and 11 rebounds for the Beavers in the NEWMAC contest.

Krawczyk shot 7-9 from the floor and 1-1 from the free throw line, for a team high of 15 points. Krawczyk also pulled down five boards in the Beaver's win.

Maher added 14 points by shooting 5-8 from the field. Maher also grabbed nine rebounds and assisted three times. Her single three-pointer did cause her some disappointment, however.

At the halfway point, Babson led by only two points at 31-29. In the second half however, they shot a whopping 52.2 percent from the field, connecting on 12 of 23 field goal attempts. Babson ended the game shooting 43.9 percent from the field. Their opposition, Mount Holyoke, shot just under the percentage of females at Babson at 36.1%.

Ingrid Miller '03 of Babson recorded nine points, four boards, and three assists. Co-captain Kerri Lolley '02 also put up five points, three assists, and three steals. Erin Connroy '05 and Patricia Lomber '03 combined for 12 points.

Center Jessica Justico scored a game-high 17 points to lead Mount Holyoke, while guard Mavee Baro added 15 points and eight rebounds, despite shooting just 7-of-22 from the field.

With the win, Babson improves to 12-6 overall, and 3-0 in the conference. The Beavers await a contest with Salem St. on the 1st.

The Beavers have seven more games in this season before the NEWMAC tournament, and the season still has room to go either way. After much excessive whistle blowing and free throw shooting on the part of both teams, Babson maintained a comfortable lead. Jeff Nicholson drove for a layup with 20 seconds left to add insult to injury, and the game ended as three Babson players went up for a massive block. As they leaped into the air, the buzzer sounded and the game was over.

Babson's stifling defense did not go unrecognized. The NCAA ranked Babson's defense the best in the Division III colleges in the nation. As of last Tuesday's game, Babson allowed an average of 99 points per game. The Beavers record improves 13-6 overall and 6-1 in the NEWMAC. The Engineers fall to 13-6 overall and 3-4 in NEWMAC competitions.