Anthrax Scare Proves to Be Benign

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After analysis by the State of Massachusetts Board of Health labs, the unknown substance found in a letter in Hollister Hall last week tested negative for the anthrax bacteria.

This report came to Babson's Public Safety department on Saturday, and an email from President Brian M. Breenfoot soon followed. It is unknown what the exact nature of the substance is, however it is not believed to be of any threat to the school.

Carol Hacker, dean of student affairs, said, "We may find out the actual nature of the substance at some point, but we don't know when." She continued, "Because the threat to babson seems so minimal, and there are so many Anthrax scares in the state right now, we are not a priority except to check for Anthrax itself."

As of the time of babson's mail incident, there had been over 130 calls to report suspicious substances in mail parcels. According to Hacker, that number is now over 200. Tim Mann, associate dean of student affairs remarked, "There have been hundreds of mail tests in past weeks, but no positive tests have been made anywhere in the state."

Currently, the investigation into the incident is now centering on the origin of the substance. Ruling out an actual biological attack, Hacker and public safety will now be looking into whether or not the substance was intentionally placed to appear as a hazardous substance.

Hacker further stated that any additional incidents like those on October 16th would be treated in much the same way as the campus has seen to date.

Even though the incident in Hollister hall ended up proving to be benign, students are still worried about their safety. Peter Gerstberger '03 said, "This brings it a little to close to home for me."

Families Experience Babson College

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This year's parents' weekend brought families from all over for a few days of relaxation, entertainment and fun. Family Weekend 2001 started on Friday, where parents and guests were encouraged to sign in and receive comprehensive information packets put together by family weekend coordinator, Paula Termini.

Earlycomers had the option of taking the Cutter tour, which run both on Friday and Saturday, or spending time catching up with their student. Many chose to see the Babson Players perform "Drop Dead" at eight, which was an astounding success both nights. Saturday brought a smorgasbord of activities and events that sought to bring the campus to life. Parents could be seen in the dining halls of Trum, taking the chance to chat and enjoy the lovely food. Matt Rossow '04 mother attested, "This food is delicious, you must never get sick of eating here!" Matt responded, "It's almost as good as IMC, you should try some."

Parents and students were encouraged to take advantage of the downtown Trolley Tours, which offered a scenic tour of Boston along with stops at points of interest. Tours were also running in the Roger W. Babson Museum and provided historical background about the college that many parents found interesting.

In Ohl Hall, families were invited to attend the panel discussion Entrepreneurship Comes of Age Giving Back, where they were presented with a group of entrepreneurs and their innovative approaches.

With their hands in Trum, many made their way over to Sherbon where the President delivered a welcoming address and students and faculty in attendance were recognized for their hard work.

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Brian Ellis receives an award during family weekend.

Olin Students Set Their Sights on Mars Inhabitation

WILLIAM CLAYTON
STAFF WRITER

A group of twelve not-quite freshmen at Olin College are joining a competition in which upperclassmen and graduate students at the top schools in the country compete.

Sound risky? Sound surprising? Sounds like Olin. These Olin Partners are working with Professor Stephen Hall, who is jointly appointed at Babson and Olin, to enter the NASA MarsPort Engineering Design Student Competition to design a greenhouse for Mars. This greenhouse would be a supplement to NASA's plan for a manned mission to Mars that asists the proposed crew of six in their attempts at self-sufficiency.

This mission will be launched in 2009, with different manned flights to be launched in 2011 and 2014. The journey to Mars takes around 2 years, and the astronauts are expected to stay on the Martian surface for roughly 500 days.

The Marsport Competition involves several stages. On November 15th, a preliminary proposal is due. On the basis of this proposal, 6 finalists are selected. These finalists continue to develop their proposals until May, at which point a winning team is selected.

Sean Munson comments, "Innovation is going to be our greatest strength." Steve Krumbholz believes that "if we put our minds to it, we can come up with a solution that creates serious competition for the other, more experienced teams".

Prof. Holt thinks that under-
ANDREW BOYSEN
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Babson Networking Association has Arrived

There is a new organization on campus that essentially everyone can benefit from. It is an organization that may finally bridge the gap that lies between international and domestic students. That organization is the Babson Networking Association, and they had their first informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

At the meeting were Babson students from every populated continent. In fact, diversity is one goal of the association. It would target a goal of 200 members, from over 60 countries, speaking more than 76 languages.

Many business schools already have networks and even networking associations. This type of thing is long overdue on the Babson campus, and it was this very idea that brought together the founding members.

Three founding principles of this organization are connections, friendship, and deals. Membership is an important part of life, but this, along with connections and deals are what make the business world work.

Through this organization, students from all corners of the world will be able to come together to make connections and deals.

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Babson Networking Association meeting room.

Families Experience Babson

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Babson students listen to professor Joel Shulman as they attend the first Networking Association meeting.

and off campus. DJ Schepker '03 and Erin Berenz '03 were awarded the Ralph J. and Charlotte R. Sorensen Award for Meritorious Achievement. Recipients of this award are chosen for their outstanding achievement in the classroom with a recommended GPA of 3.5 and in co-curricular activities and are among the top two or three free classes for the following semester.

Sorensen thanked the "awards ceremony and very nice tradition at Babson College. I am extremely honored to have been able to accept an award. I have worked very hard to get where I am today and I hope this helps me push myself even harder."

The Michael Conlon Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to Cara Campo '03. The recipient of this award is chosen by the family of Michael Conlon for their status as varsity athlete, excellent school citizen and outstanding achievers in the classroom. The student must also be an integral part of the Babson community and contribute to the community in a significant way.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities?

The award was presented to 15 seniors this year. These students have excelled in the areas of scholarship (GPA of 3.25 or higher), participation and leadership in both academic and co-curricular activities and citizenship and service to the College and potential for future achievement.

Award presenters included Jamie Glantston Costicel, Bari Hash, Chris Merlo, Rob Major, Linda Steiger, Flane Allen, De Veau, Carol Hacker, and Judy Bilanski.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

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HIGH 95

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

PARTLY CLOUDY

LOW 82

HIGH 92

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

PARTLY CLOUDY

LOW 65

HIGH 82

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

PARTLY CLOUDY

LOW 37

HIGH 75

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

PARTLY CLOUDY

LOW 39

HIGH 58

Babson Networking Association has Arrived

This summer I had the opportunity to take a numbers class at Babson, and I was amazed at the diversity of the students. The professor, a Ph.D. student at MIT, was a young man who was very passionate about the subject matter. He made the class very engaging and challenging, and I learned a lot from him.

The key takeaway from this experience was the importance of communication. It was clear that the professor was invested in his students' success, and he was willing to go above and beyond to help them understand the material.

I strongly believe that Babson Networking Association has arrived, and that this organization will bring together students from all over the world to make connections and succeed in the business world.

Project Gives Olin Students Out of World Idea

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Standing and applying "teamwork" and "communication" skills is the goal of the project. A significant portion of the project is the Olin community interested in this project. The project, on October 22nd, the project is organized a brainstorming session with faculty that drew 6 professors, Vice President of Innovation and Research Shern Kurns, Provost David Kurns, and College President Richard Miller.

Professor Jon Stolk describes the project as an "incredible engineering challenge and a great design project." Professor Gill Pratt is interested in this project because it is cutting-edge interdisciplinary project. "It would captivate the imagination to have people on Mars" and I think very important thing to do.

Cheryl Inouye has "always been fascinated by space," and many of the partners and advisors that have been drawn to this project express similar views. The partners are currently investigating several different concepts that have been proposed so far as part of the Olin project. The team is also investigating ways to incorporate outreach into the design proposal; during the brainstorming session, many ideas were proposed in addition to more than 35 outreach ideas.

Later this week, Chris McArdle, a freelance Boston Globe reporter, and Dr. Gordon Himmelman, who runs the Wellesley greenhouse, will be visiting the project and give us their interest in the project. Adam Horton is the external project part of the project very important because "it gets us really talking to people around the area" which is important for the new college.

Research is very important at Olin, where it is considered a mode of education. Dr. Shern Kurns addresses the importance of research by saying, "Real engineering problems do not come in neat packages. They don't have answers that can be found in the back of a book." Dr. David Kurns likes to "see the interaction, the intellectual curiosity and the teamwork that [research projects] can help form." Professor Mark Somerville states that because research is "a real example of doing..." you can really imagine being a manager of a student's experience at Olin than it is in most other engineering departments.

This Marsport Competition marks an important first stop for Olin. Prof. Scornavacca thinks the Mars project is "the kind of thing that we want students doing in the future, not just this year." Katerina Blazek comments that a successful proposal would "put Olin on the map in terms of good research and good engineering.

Since Olin is beginning its existence only now, it seems unlikely that space, or at least Mars, will be Olin's final frontier.

Awards Ceremony Recognizes Student Achievers

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WEBMASTER

Saturday, October 26, the Annual Babson College Awards Ceremony was held in the Sorenson Theatre. Over twenty students were recognized for their achievements at the College. President Brian M. Barras also presented his state of the college address during the event.

The Heathery Maloy Award was presented to Seth Ginsberg ’03. This award recognizes students who have displayed hard work and dedication to curricular and co-curricular life, as well as drive, perseverance, and optimism in the face of challenge.

President Barra’s address was predominantly focused on the recent Anthrac scan, the new partnership with Wellesley College, and his fundraising plans for the near future. Allison Cady ’04 and Scott Hirsh ’04 were awarded the Michael Sainovich Memorial Award. This award is given to a sophomore, male or female, who, as freshmen, both excelled academically (GPA of 3.5 or higher) and contributed to the Babson College community through their involvement.

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Katie Cibulak ’02 received the Babson College Outstanding Activity Award primarily for her involvement in Kappa Kappa Gamma and planning events.

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Changes in the Library to Make Studying Easier

MELONY ISAAC
Photo Editor

The Horn Library has made many changes to improve the lives of students. From the re-modeling of study rooms to updating databases, the library is making a conscious effort to continue to help students get work done quickly and efficiently.

Databases are now available off campus with the use of your username and password. "In the past we used to send out password to students, that we changed periodically, so they could access our databases," Lexis Nexis and the Dow Jones index, off campus. Now they can just use their own username."

Christine Drew, the Manager of Instructional Services of the Horn Library, went on to explain the other new database that the library created for students use. A database that links you to the database of whatever magazine or newsletter you are looking for, putting the links to them all together for easy access. This Full Search Text Finder helps you search for the full electronic text of your favorite journals, newspapers, and magazines.

The library has also cut its three study rooms with new technological equipment including a 42" plasma screen, a speakerphone, and a VCR; this room can be used for anything from joint research projects and practicing PowerPoint presentations to video and DVD viewing. You can reserve these rooms (103, 105, 106, 204) just as you would any other group study room.

There have been complaints about the noise level in the library. The librarians have done all they can to keep it as quiet as possible. Still if the hustle and bustle of the first floor is too much for you study needs the library does have a "quiet area" on the third floor. There are no cell phones and no talking allowed on this floor and it is the ideal study area for those who prefer to work in silence.

Also available are the wireless cards that allow you to leave the building and work outside or away from a wall connection to the LAN network. You check these out like you would a book and return it in the time allotted. If you go over time limit a fee will be billed to you. The Horn library is continually adding new and better things to make the library experience easier and hassle free. If you ever need any help in the library or a student worker is the person to help you, at two reference desks. As long as there are a variety of books and videos to choose from, and with the new system finding what you need in easy. The Horn Library is continuing to make changes to enhance the studying and researching experience.

Sophomores Concentrate on Live Music and On Business

SANAA HYDER
Art Editor

The Babson art scene is changing quite fast. A lot of students interested in pursuing arts are putting their efforts into developing their business ideas and entering the world of utilizing their knowledge of management. Frank Roberts '04 and Karen Washburn '04 are two such students. They have started a business on campus that allows live band performances and helps to manage small college bands and other up and coming music ensembles.

"We want to help promote education in the music industry. People like music, and this is one way for students to learn more about it." Sumit Dasgupta '04, also involved with the group, commented, right now we are just throwing ideas around, seeing if they stick. We just want to find out what we can do and what will make the biggest impact. The bands that they know of so far span many genres of music including hip hop, soul, and jazz.

After a lot of careful planning, these guys hope to serve as a middle ground for up and coming college bands, outfitting them with demos and press kits and helping them get more publicity and shows. Until then, they hope to bring about easier access to the music of some of the local bands, and add a new dimension to the developing art scene here at Babson.
BABBON PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE LOG REPORT
Dates Ranging From 10/2/01 - 10/22/01

BABBON PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE LOG 10/1/01 - 10/08/01
Reported lockouts 60
Reported motor vehicle assistance 13

Tuesday 10/2/01 6:15 P.M. - Report of a MVC accident on College Drive; no injuries reported; report filed.

Wednesday 10/3/01 9:00 P.M. - Report of a suspicious activity Horn Library; area checked, nothing found.


12:01 P.M. - Student escorted to NWH by BPD, slight injury to be checked.


11:06 P.M. - Report of an odor of gas Coleman hall, area checked nothing found.

11:14 P.M. - Request for an ambulance Canfield hall, transported to NWH shoulder injury.

Friday 10/5/01 1:15 P.M. - Report of vandalism Pieta Hall 2nd floor window, report filed.

2:33 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint Putney hall, student asked to quiet down to comply; officers cleared area without incident.

7:17 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm Woodland Hill, set off due to power failure.


6:46 A.M. - Report of vandalism Hollister lot; mirror broken off vehicle, report filed.

Monday 10/8/01 6:12 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm Pieta Hall; caused by burnt toast, alarm reset.

Babson College Public Safety Police log 10/08/01 - 10/15/01
Reported lockouts: 25
Reported Motor vehicle assistance. 3

Monday 10/8/01 8:09 P.M. - Report of a suspicious activity Horn Library; area checked by officer, nothing found, will do extra checks of the area.


Tuesday 10/9/01 3:40 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm Hollister Hall; building checked, nothing found; also alarm not sounding in building.

7:22 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm Putney Hall; malfunction in system, alarm reset, facilities notified.


12:13 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm Forest Annex; set of by steam in shower, alarm reset.

3:40 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm Van Winkle Hall; alarm reset, report filed.


10:47 P.M. - Officer confiscates fireworks from Pieta Putney Hall, report filed.

Wednesday 10/10/01 3:17 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm Pieta Hall 3rd floor; detector set off alarm, facilities notified to check system, unknown why detector went off, alarm reset.

3:58 P.M. - Report of a larceny from Trim Hall Sorenson Visual Arts area; report filed, under investigation.

Thursday 10/11/01

11:05 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint Canfield Hall; area checked, found to be quiet on officer arrival.

Friday 10/12/01 12:17 A.M. - Report of a vandalism Pieta Hall; broken window, 4th floor, report filed.

12:59 A.M. - Alcohol confiscated from Pieta Hall; underage student residing in room alcohol found in.

2:59 A.M. - Report of vandalism Trim Hall; also alcohol confiscated from individuals found doing vandalism in the area.


10:01 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint by an individual; loud music; officer spoke to parties to keep music down.

11:54 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint Putney Hall, quiet on officer's arrival.

Saturday 10/13/01 11:06 P.M. - Report of a disturbance Bryant Hall; officers spoke to parties involved, everything checked okay; non-Babson Student sent off campus for the evening.

Sunday 10/14/01 2:15 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint Plaint Forest Hall; report of someone running around the building knocking on doors; area checked by officers, all quiet at this time, no one found in area.

10:30 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint Trim Hall; vehicle squealing tires in parking lot, area checked; spoke to parties involved, report filed.

4:12 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint Plaint Forest Hall; area checked by officers, spoke to parties involved, report filed.


9:33 A.M. - Request for an ambulance babson ice rink; transported to NWH, parties struck by hockey stick.

9:49 A.M. - Student transported to NWH by cruiser; not feeling well and would like to be checked.

10:20 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm PMV; caused by sprinkler system. Facilities notified, they would take care of problem, alarm reset.

12:08 P.M. - Request for an ambulance Sorenson Center; female party slipped, transported to NWH to be checked.


10:02 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint PMV; area checked, nothing found at this time.

Babson College Public Safety Police Log 10-15-01 - 10-22-01
Reported lockouts 60
Reported Motor Vehicle assistance 6

Monday 10/15/01 1:05 P.M. - Report of a disturbance Wallyas center; officers spoke to parties involved, all information taken; involved parties sent on there way, report filed.

4:30 P.M. - Report of an injury Olin construction site; ambulance contacted for transport to hospital, hand injury.


11:44 P.M. - Report of an odor of marijuana Coleman hall; area checked nothing found.

Tuesday 10/16/01 7:38 A.M. - Report of a larceny of newspapers; reported to Public Safety, report filed.


Wednesday 10/17/01 9:04 A.M. - Report of a fire alarm OEB; area checked, nothing found, water from sprinkler system set off alarm; low pressure reported, alarm reset.

9:48 A.M. - Report of another fire alarm CEB; area checked, water sprinkler system set off alarm, low pressure, alarm reset.

10:33 A.M. - Report of a odor of gas Olin site; area checked, nothing found at this time.

Thursday 10/18/01 12:43 A.M. - Request of an odor of marijuana Coleman hall 1st floor area checked by Officers found to be cigarette smoke.

12:44 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint outside Coleman hall; area checked, all quiet at this time, no one found in area.

12:44 A.M. - Report of suspicious activity Coleman hall; unknown person running inside building with a plastic bag under arm; building checked, nothing found at this time.

11:32 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint Forest hall; officers spoke to parties involved, alcohol confiscated, report filed.

Friday 10/19/01 2:12 A.M. - Report of a Larceny of cab fair from Hollister lot; area checked, no one found.

5:01 A.M. - Report of a noise complaint PMV; outside building area checked, nothing found.


3:04 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm Canfield hall; alarm board showing, D tower checked, nothing found, alarm reset.

Saturday 10/20/01
1:47 P.M. - Report of vandalism Coleman hall; several emergency exit signs have been broken, report filed; report also forwarded to Facilities.

5:08 A.M. - Request for an ambulance from Van Winkle hall intoxicated student transported to NWH.

4:17 P.M. - Report of vandalism PMV; student report VCE is not working due to a power surge, student told to notify Campus Life.

5:23 P.M. - Report of MV accident Map Hill Drive, MV struck dog, officer transported Dog/owner off campus to owner's home.

8:39 P.M. - Report of noise complaint Pine Valley hall; officers spoke to parties to keep music down because of complaints.

Sunday 10/21/01
9:54 A.M. - Report of harassing phone calls Keating hall; report filed; report filed under investigation.

12:54 P.M. - Report of MV vandalism Bryant hall, report filed.

Monday 10/22/01
1:46 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint Van Winkle hall; students talking loud in lounge, area Officer asked to keep noise down because of complaints.
Babson College Always Thinking: Autumn, Pixie Dust, and Parking

MARIE PROKOPETS
Managing Editor

In a recent article in the Boston Globe entitled "Harvard's quiet secret: rampant grade inflation," 91% of all Harvard students graduate with honors was discussed.

After speaking about this article in two classes, I began to think about Babson's grading policy and how Babson students stand up to Harvard students.

As every student here knows, we all work very hard just to meet the standards of the grading system. According to the article, "As many schools, at Harvard, the A to F grading range has unofficially turned to an A to B plus range." So, what does that mean to us if schools like Harvard are grading students so easily?

Imagine this scenario: two students apply for a job. One student, a Babson graduate, had many sleepless nights and worked very hard just to get a 3.5. The other student, a Harvard graduate, coasted through school high on grades and graduated with honors with a 3.7. So who gets the job? The obvious answer is the Harvard graduate.

So, there is no need to be fearful of the standards that help the situation, but there seems to be none that can completely remedy it. First of all, if it were possible for every college to put their avowed GPA next to the student’s GPA, it would help companies see if there is grade inflation, and thus be able to make better hiring decisions.

Another solution would be for Babson professors to grade easier, and have rampant grade inflation. This would obviously be beneficial to students or to the college’s reputation. Trevor Cox, Harvard student said, “It’s scandalous. You can get very good grades, and earn honors, without even working hard.” Obviously, doing poor quality work and getting good grades is not something that any students should have to realize what the grades they earn mean.

So how do we resolve the fact that we are pitted against students whose grades have been highly inflated? There really isn’t anything that can be done, except to hope that you’re not being judged with a Harvard grad for a job.

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ANTHONY MICALE III
Editor-In-Chief

It has come to my attention that you have taken the ideas of your classmates and claimed them as your own.

A new leader for the top recruit out of business school...
Last week, Marie Prokopets, the managing editor of The Babson Observer, wrote an article that seems to have been misconstrued by many students. Unfortunately, the points that she makes have failed to sink into the heads of these same students.

To many people, Osama Bin Laden is a bad man. I'm for those people, that is fine. These days, images like this are under consideration.

However, to many still living in our civilized society, this picture can and should be taken as offensive. In no way is Ms. Prokopets trying to say that Osama Bin Laden is a good man and that what he did is right, but the very nature of her article is material that is not inclusive of only Osama Bin Laden himself.

Any time the word Charmin is placed on top of a turban, it is in the nature of the turban to frighten the wearer of the turban, but to everyone who might wear a turban. Turbans can often be a religious symbol, and it is offensive and downright insulting at times to place such material on your doors.

The very job of campus life here is to ensure a successful residential life for all students. If some students are offended, campus life has a responsibility to accommodate them, especially since this is not an isolated case.

Two years ago, when I lived in Park Manor North, Garrett Moran, a former student, lined our hallways with the 'Sargent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Wall,' a collage of the 3-Dimensional swimsuit issue that was published by "Sports Illustrated." However, not long after being put up, we were asked to remove it by campus life, because some people found it offensive. This is even a worse situation in that at least we have the luxury that the material must be in a public area.

What truly upset me most is that simply because some people are offended by anti-Taliban, anti-Muslim material, we should take the opportunity to call for the hasty support of the Taliban. It is a true patriot's duty to do this. As long as this is not the case, I have no idea what we are doing.

I have learned that living in discount housing means being screwed over at any price. But when it comes to power, heat, and comfort, I do believe Babson is taking it beyond reason.

Since I have moved in, time response for anything from building and grounds has been wonderful. A half day, when their building is a stoned throw away from our home.

One day in my new dorm, I found that I did not have a B&G. Therefore, I called B&G and was told that one would be there within an hour.

Two days later, I received my B&G.

In other places, situations, information may not come to Babson.

The new guidelines for handling suspicious mail, the safety products provided to students, and the updates provided have given a new foundation for the state to allow any fears that the current state of the nation may provide.

The emergency management team at Babson has helped to provide a wonderful response to all that has gone on. But last week, Babson was physically affected for the first time.

In other places, situations, information may not come to Babson. Students may be held hostage by what they do not know. This information has been a powerful source from the very beginning, starting with the original decision to cancel classes.

The school has never worried in its response, repeatedly letting students, faculty, staff and family members know what precautions Babson has taken.

More than anything, this response has helped students keep the canes any that they may feel.

While we have often critical our school's response to certain actions, the school has coordinated a series of events and made a group of decisions that can only be applauded. As we continue forward, hopefully more problems will work out. However, we should all feel safe knowing that the school is doing anything possible to ensure the safety of the Babson campus.

In the future, we can only hope that Babson officials will continue to alert us to what is occurring on our campus.
Sodexo Offers Ideal Food Services

ROBERT CREIGBAN
Opinion Editor

Bahoon College was quite busy this weekend. Welcoming the family and friends of students presented a few challenges to various parts of the school. The art center presented an exhibition displaying student works, the athletics department ran a terrific show, and the Bobcats played on a sunny day and the Tuesday Hall was especially busy.

Upon further inspection, however, a Trim veteran and certainly the chefs would notice a slight difference in food quality: the meals were actually cooked, not raw, and the vegetables were not burned at all.

Trim was charged with the task of feeding and pleasing the parents of many students, not the entire Boboon campus, just the ones willing to subject their parents to Trim food.

Fortunately, for the many parents not wanting to eat off campus, management knew change was necessary. A few changes needed to be made in quality control, not notably in the air quality, as hundreds of students were expected to bring their parents—the ones that finance the student’s meal plan.

This seemed to be an impossible task, but skillful management won the day. The gigantic dive-bombing hordes of flyers were lasered and corralled. The strange smell that larks around the mall dispenser also disappeared...as mysteriously as it appeared. One just hopes these two problems were actually removed, not just contained.

Trim offered a wide selection of foods and features once thought impossible. Saturday morning offered the widest range of foods.

The pizza bar offered many different types of bagels, some never seen before in Trim. The same section offered a wide range of cream cheeses even though, when asked for flavored cream cheeses, the manager claimed that was impossible. Certainly the manager deserves an award for this compenst the impossible.

Meandering over to the main course section, one found many of the normal foods. A parent would be pleased to know their money was well spent on their child’s meal plan.

Upon further inspection, however, a Trim veteran and certainly the chefs would notice a slight difference in food quality: the meals were actually cooked, not raw, and the vegetables were not burned at all.

Sodexo offers one of the largest catering companies for colleges and other organizations around the state in a big time. On days or events where the parents of these students visit, they offer some of the biggest days of the year.

Checking the Bahoon College website in reference to Trim dining hall, Sodexo is described as the “highest quality Marriot Sodexo service available”.

Sodexo is one of the leading caterers serving the Bahoon College campus and surrounding areas. They have thousands of students nationwide find themselves suffering from serious food-related illness or starvation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Sodexo’s email address, or come by the Trim student services for further assistance.

Network File Sharing Policy Is a Bad Solution

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Webmaster

As most of you know by now, ITS has disabled connections to the popular file-sharing services such as MySpace are impossible to download for students, teachers, and other members of the Bahoon community.

Not only does this interfere with an important part of college life, but it also cuts off valuable resources needed for classroom work. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Sodexo’s email address, or come by the Trim student services for further assistance.

Not only does the new policy hurt students in terms of social life, it also restricts opportunities for classroom work. For instance, Professor Jeff Meek’s class next term on American Popular Music relies heavily on student access to music resources.

We must take a step back and try to track trends on file sharing. As a business practice, community building, and a way of experiencing music and on so.

Also, students often use music in their coursework, and without the loss of music media files, this seems almost impossible.

I offer a suggestion to ITS as to how to solve this problem: instead of blocking all media file sharing, restrict the amount of traffic for each user. This can be achieved by allowing each network device to the dorms to transfer up to 500 MB a day. If a student goes over this, a warning can be issued. The second time, they will lose network access for a week. If repeated, they can be blocked from accessing media file sharing for that specific user only.

By using this method, our network traffic will be reduced and the Bahoon community will still have the privilege that most other colleges do in terms of access to music.
Windows XP To Be Released Despite Criticism

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After six years of not releasing a major upgrade in their monopoly on operating systems, Microsoft is set to launch its Windows XP, which stands for experience. The product, which has been through heavy scrutinization from both the European Union and the U.S. Justice Department, will be sold for around $100 for the upgrade version.

Microsoft's main claim to upgrade is Windows XP's increased speed. According to Microsoft, XP boots 34 times faster and runs programs at 25 times faster than current speeds on Windows 98. In addition, the new software is supposed to decrease the amount of times that the computer locks up.

Many customers may need to do some upgrading on their computers before they purchase the upgrade software. XP requires a minimum of 128 MB of RAM, 1.5 GB of hard disk space, as well as a Pentium 300.

Many computer box makers are hopeful that the release of Windows XP will force home consumers and businesses to upgrade their computers. The technology industry, which is already suffering from slowing computer sales, is counting on the release of Windows XP to be a boon for the industry.

The main reason to upgrade to the new operating system is because it includes several new programs that Microsoft has bundled with its OS to destroy its competition. For example, the new software includes a program that allows the user to access their home computer from a remote computer. This feature competes directly with Symantec's PCAnywhere software, a product that Microsoft previously did not produce.

Microsoft's monopoly case is still pending in district court after last year's ruling by Judge Thomas Penfield Jack son that Microsoft is a monopoly. The Justice Department has recently announced that they have dropped antimonopolistic restrictions for Windows XP.

However, the European Union, under Mario Monti, the competition commissioner, is already investigating Microsoft's past illegal practices. Windows XP may be included in the current investigation, and if Microsoft is found to be responsible for violating European anti-trust laws, they face a fine as large as 10 times their revenue.

This new product has been drawing a lot of criticism from consumer advocacy groups because it is only capable of being installed on one computer. Windows XP needs to be registered within thirty days of installation, or the computer will shut down and not function.

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PC Market Shrinks While Dell's Share Grows

ASHAY MEHTA STAFF WRITER

Personal Computer sales are expected to fall 25 percent this year, and worldwide shipments of PCs will drop by 1.6 percent to 236.6 million units, says market analyst International Data Corp(IDC).

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competition between the two big microprocessor manufacturers, AMD and Intel. The dominant chipmaker, however, has not only drastically reduced the prices of its high-end Pentium 4 processors lately, but has also introduced faster versions of the chip.

In response, AMD has made price cuts of its own. US sales showed an even more marked decline, with 16.9 million units shipped—an 18.7 percent drop from 13.4 million units in the third quarter of 2000. Dell extended its lead in both the US and worldwide markets, nabbing 13.8 percent of worldwide shipments, and a full 25 percent of domestic shipments—double that of its nearest rival.

Compaq, on the other hand, has been suffering greatly. They have laid off over 7,000 employees. "Compaq continued to suffer from competition relating to its supply chain," Smudler said, "In addition to Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we believe the company was adversely affected by an at first uncertain view of the HP-Compaq merger announcement."

(Hewlett-Packard) experienced its slowest growth for worldwide shipments since the first quarter of 1997. As with Compaq, HP's strong dependency on the U.S. home market is taking a great toll on its overall performance."

Gartner, an IT consulting company based in Stamford, CT, believes that although inventory efficiency remains extremely important in managing gross margins, PC vendors' gross margins continue to erode and force them to focus more on reducing operating expenses to meet profitability goals.

As a result, all of the major vendors have laid off workers, consolidated parts of their operations or both. This trend has the potential to hurt customer satisfaction both in product quality and buying experience.

The PC manufacturers are looking forward to the Christmas period for an increase in sales, but many people feel that this is not too likely. It's possible that the earliest we can expect a recovery in the PC sales is in the early half of 2002.

What To Expect From Windows XP

JOHN NELSON STAFF WRITER

With the launch of Microsoft's Windows XP on Wednesday Oct. 25th, there are many people out there wondering what Windows XP will actually do for them. Many wonder if this new release of an operating system will spur the computer industry into growth mode again.

To those questions I say no. There are many pros and cons to Windows XP, but the real realization is that for many of us those changes will not affect many of us and will most likely be more of a revolution than a benefit. I am currently using Windows XP and have noticed some large differences, but they aren't revolutionizing the way the computer works.

To start off with, the most visible difference is in the new startup screen, the look of Windows 98 and the new start menu. Of course you can change the look of this screen, but when it comes to that of the old Windows 98 for those who don't want to change too soon. The biggest and best changes between Windows 98 and XP are the advancement of:"plug and play" and"power management." The largest thing that will affect most of us at Babson is the wireless cards. If you've tried to use one of the wireless cards in Reynold's or the library then you know it's difficult if not impossible for you to get it to work nicely. With XP, you plug the wireless card in and three seconds later you're connected.

As far as power management goes, for those of us with laptops we know that Windows 98 does it horribly. Often the computer hangs before it ever comes out of suspend, and it takes forever to do it while you're sitting there, hoping it won't die. With XP, coming out of suspend is just like plugging in a light.

Aside from these two drastic improvements, you're likely to not notice a thing. The new startup menu is also somewhat of an improvement. Microsoft says that it is "task oriented" and it prominently displays the programs you use the most; however, for most, taking away one click to open a program that takes 10 seconds to load anyway isn't a large improvement.

Slumping computer sales for first 6 months of fiscal 2001

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Today’s Financial Toilets Make Foreign Students’ Blood Boil

HENRY MAELI
International Editor

Though I have never personally and officially worked or interned at a university in the United States, words that have, for international students and individuals of foreign descent, flooding a job or interning in the US now has been tougher than ever before.

There are of course some basic explanations as to why this is the case. Take for instance the recessionary nature of the economy reflected by firms’ decisions to cut jobs, recalibrate earnings forecasts and the necessitated readjustments of overall growth prospects. Also, take into consideration the tragedies of September 11th and the political climate that are targeted at American media corporations and businesses throughout the world, effecting the mental state that surely every university and college and their respective career centers are feeling to some degree or another.

There are furthermore other issues; what are known as unfair work searches for international students more difficult than going to the job market and I have been up some seaweed and sashimi that you can roll yourself some homemade seaweed rolls or make the rolls while studying for IMC exams.

These complications arise in the form of limited visas that are available and the obvious discrimination from the American embassy of its citizens and the necessity for corporate sponsorship for work authorization visas. All of this and the paperwork, legal fees and other tedious procedures that are involved in such a process. Take all of these factors into consideration, its no wonder the hiring of foreigner continues to increase the liability for American firms.

I have two sisters who work in New York City. They are currently one works and the other one is desperately trying to find employment. They both work as a friend of mine and have been laid off from their respective companies. As of this moment, they, like my uncles and aunts are also desperate searching for jobs, arranging meetings with headhunters, posting resumes left and right, sending cover letters, networking with anyone and all people they know from their alma mater so many out applications in volumes.

After a period of unemployment, there are a lot of people who feel that financial troubles soon will start to take its toll on you. My sister, who is the friend of my friend and is currently trying to find work in any kind of job that they can find available, is desperate to do anything to be able to offset the expenses that they incur on a day to day basis. With their current rate of income, their children for rent and food, their situations are not as worse as it could be for perhaps many others.

But, what happens if work is not on the horizon? What stories that I have heard from recent graduates. Some try to find work, any work, to earn income to simply decrease the magnitude of their expenditures. Others, where applicable in industry, are freelancing on a per hour basis. Some are additionally moving to different regions in the US training in a metropolitan area to a more suburban or rural vicinity where competition for jobs is cut as fierce amidst the volumes looking for work in larger more urban cities.

As opposed to moving around the US, moving to different countries and different continents are additionally concrete possibilities.

While the aforementioned has been optimal for number of graduates, others have additionally been known to form partnerships with their friends or acquaintances and embark upon creating a business of their own. Perhaps being the number one entrepreneurship school has its advantages after all.

One of the best hands you actually go with your own self-initiated business. How much money can you actually make with that record somewhere, where in the world you could get the financing you actually need to start up your venture?

Thus, the bottom line is, do in another word, the future looks more of a liability or an asset to US companies compared with their counterparts abroad? All things said and done, its naturally easier to go through the process of US citizenship. Or work here illegally. Or get married. But with a significant drop in the region of a prettiy card that I have colored in pine forest green with a crayola crayon last night will have to suffice.

Downtown In Tourism: Keystone to the Global Economy

PATRICIA FINETTO
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving break, as we all know, is creeping around the corner. And Americans are generally excited to make flight arrangements to go back home must have realized that the September 11th tragedy caused a usual convenient flight schedule numeros.

The reason for these observations is that the tourism sector of our economy has taken a grave impact from the September 11th disaster.

The tourism industry has already been suffering under the weight of global economic downturn, but now the International Labor Organization says, "The attacks have made the situation even more hard and it is expected that the industry will suffer a long-term job cuts.

United Nations experts have held emergency talks on tackling the global tourism downturn. It is believed that Central America and Caribbean resorts will be the worst hit. The international tourist sector is quite similar. The French tour operator Club Med has seen its profits fall by 80 percent. This is close fifteen of its holiday villages in ten different countries for the second year. The Club Med has had their third profit warning in twelve months. This closure will reduce Club Med’s winter capacity by fifteen percent.

Affected tourism operators are just a minor example of this downturn, turn in tourism. The International Labor Organization speculates a decline of between five and twenty percent in the tourism sector compared to last year.

The months of September and October is traditionally a peak for tourism, but many countries have reported a slump of tourists since September 11th. For example, American tourists to France have dropped ninety percent and Japanese tourism has fallen by eighty percent. As for the British Tourist Authority, they have not yet put a figure on the impact of the attacks on foreign visitors to the UK, but predict that it will be severe.

As a result of the declining tourism sector, the International Labor Organization states that large job cuts are likely, with seasonal workers, women, and on-call employees being the most vulnerable. More specifically, United Nations Labor Organization Director General Juan Somavia said, "We have already seen hundreds of thousands of layoffs and expect the long term crisis in jobs and incomes to be even more serious. Speculations have it that the hardships put on the tourism workers will put pressures onto the countries governments’ to provide social and income support.

This downward slope that we are witnessing in the tourism sector can only be compared to a similar downturn experienced in the 1990-1991 Gulf War, which the International Labor Organization predicts to have a very slow recovery.

Bilingual Career Forum Opens Doors

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Looking for a job or an Internship? Do you think today’s job market is so tough that you don’t have a chance? That’s not true. There are always opportunities, and we certainly need to start up your venture.

On October 20 I attended the Boston Career Forum that took place at the Park Towers Con-

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The Babson Players Present "Drop Dead"
October 18, 2001 - October 20, 2001

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Andrew Boysen
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

The Lyric Stage Company of Boston has never disappointing me by showing a performance I did not enjoy, and last week’s musical performance of "Sunday in the Park with George" was no exception. It is no surprise that the story and music was wonderful, as it won the Pulitzer Prize in 1985, and the cast did a wonderful job of bringing it to life.

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Although a widely recognized artist, he was seen as being very radical in his day. After seeing the final version of "Sunday Afternoon on the Grande Jatte," artists such as Monet and Renoir withdrew their submissions to the eighth Impressionist Exhibition. The artist of eight major works, Seurat never sold a piece of art in his lifetime.

Act I of the musical takes us into the life of George, played by Christopher Chew, as he is creating his next piece, "Sunday Afternoon on the Grande Jatte." Much of the time is spent at the park, where George is sketching the people of the park as they go about their lives. Here we meet his mistress who is modeling for him, as well as everyone else that will eventually be in the final painting.

It is both interesting and entertaining to see the fictional lives of everyone in a major work of art. There is plenty of sexual humor and adventure to keep this act entertaining. However, as the scenes shift between the park, where George is doing character studies and sketches to the studio where he is doing the actual painting, we begin to learn that his life is not as happy as it could be.

In Act I we also learn of George's lack of connection with the world and his departure from trying to create through his work. He has a mistress who loves him very much, and who he loves in return but is unable to connect with. Eventually she leaves him for another man, who is also in the final work of art. During the first act, everyone gives their opinion of George, and none seem too flattering, yet shortly after this work was finished he passes away at the age of only 31, and we learn how much he is missed by everyone who stuck in the painting, complaining as time goes by about how hot it is, as well as how boring it is. The conflict within the painting successfully heightens the mood for internment.

Act II brings us to a museum 100 years later, where George's great grandson also named George, is presenting a work of art dedicated to Seurat. George does not believe that he is the grandson, however, because he does not have any bits of evidence he has as the notes of Seurat's mistress, his great grandmother. Here we also see the new George being very frustrated with life and having difficulty making connections in his life. Adding to the humor in this act is the fact that all of the performers of the first act play different roles in the second act.

George is eventually led to go to the park where Seurat worked on his famous painting. Finally, he is able to make the connections that help him make sense of his own life.

Though this musical won the Pulitzer for drama, it has plenty of humor and adventure to entertain. If possible, I highly recommend seeing it with a different cast. Also, for great dramatic performances, the Lyric Stage has never disappointed me, so I recommend it for any one interested in seeing a play or musical with Off-Broadway prices.

Movie Listings for Framingham 16

Friday and Saturday, October 26-27
K-Pax, PG-13
12:30, 1:30, 3:20, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30
On the Line, PG
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From Hell, R
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The Last Castle, R
12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
Bandits, PG-13
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
Iron Monkey, PG-13
11:45, 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
Joy Ride, R
9:45
Max Koeble’s Big Move, PG
12:00, 2:15, 4:30
Serendipity, PG-13
11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
Training Day, R
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30
Don’t Say a Word, R
3:45, 6:45, 9:30
Zoolander, PG-13
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THE ARTS

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Shakespearean performance. He is also unable to remember how to say the name of his fiancée in the play, causing further disdain from his peers.

There is also the former television star Monet, played by Brigitte Gehring '04, who is unwilling to accept that she has been forgotten. One person hated by all is the ancient Constance Crawford, played by Alisa Bogoslavskaya '05, who is unable to hear her cues or the complaints of any of the other actors.

New to the stage, but still creating animosity among the other actors and actresses, is Dick Shaw, played by Erik Ng '02, who has a working job. Victor Le Pewe is the once great but now faded director, played by Aaron Honig. Alabama Miller, played by Melissa Isaac '05, is the author of the play which was previously filled with symbolism and meaning, and is now angry that her work has been gutted to create a new budget production. Alex Stremel '05 plays Philip, the hyper and stereotypical homosexist director's assistant, who also receives little respect from his co-workers.

Dean Mandel played himself, though he is short lived, literally. As he has done in the past, Mandel brought further humor to an already hilarious play.

Act I is where much of the conflict arises, as the cast and crew go through the final rehearsal to prepare for opening night and the critics. As the tension builds, the play grows increasingly interesting for many levels. As the acts end, the audience cannot imagine them going on to the next night and putting on a show, but somehow they do just that, despite the last minute murder of the producer.

Act II is the culmination of all the tension, as it is the actual performance, as the audience and critics would see it. Making it even better was programs for the performance handed out during intermission. The programs themselves were good enough for a few laughs.

As the performance moves into full swing, Miller, the author of the play, comes out on stage as the ghost of Lord Barrington to bring back the other characters who were taken from her play. Throughout the performance people continue to be continually murdered, but the cast decides that the show must go on.

It exists to be brought about, how enjoyable and funny this performance was. If you missed it, you missed a great time. All the actors, actresses, and crew deserve credit for doing a great job.

Drew Barrymore is starring in Riding in Cars with Boys. Barrymore plays a fictional character in this comedic movie.

"Drop Dead" Leaves Audience Laughing

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This past family weekend was filled with an assortment of great entertainment, but the Bahanon Players presentation of "Drop Dead" provided the best entertainment of the weekend. A play by William Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, "Drop Dead" is a murder-mystery combined with comedy.

The play was about a cut-rate theatre preparing a murder-mystery performance and the problems that go along with it. In the first act, numerous conflicts develop in humorous and unusual ways.

Sol Weisenheimer, played by David Koosmo '03, is the producer whose sole purpose is to maximize profit, primarily by limiting costs and gouging the consumer. Not one person in the cast likes him, but further problems arise when Chuck Leonie is caught in the closet with Candy Apples, the girl friend of said producer. Players President Chris Norwood plays Och, and Christy Welch '04 plays Candy.

There is also considerable tension between the actors, especially with none of them have any reason to respect any of the others. Brent Reynolds, played by Jeff Greenberg '03, is a classically trained actor who tries to turn every part into a
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LIFESTYLES

The Propaganda of the Trim Meal Plan

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This last week has been a very good one. My outlook on the world around me has been radically changed. Let me bring you into my world. How scary does that sound? One thing that changed my outlook on life was the delightfully honest weight loss category on my diet sheet. It seems that these我国 have been putting up in Trim over family meals. The cards were a special feature of the new "The New of Plan X"--if the capitalization on "The" was all their idea.

From these cards I learned that, for the first time ever, we have "Nutritionally balanced menus in Trim everyday." I have a few problems with this. Unlike the cheapest meal plan last year, which allowed me to eat in Trim everyday, with the lowest plan I can only eat in Trim "Monday through Friday only" which was also stated on the card. In addition, I have not the meals in Trim become more nutritionally balanced actually I haven't been eating Trim everyday. As beautiful as the propaganda was, I remain unconvincing. However, I appreciated the effort to convince parents that all our complaints have been unfounded. After all, the only thing that matters is that the parents are satisfied with our meal plan, not the students. This is why the food is so different on family meals, right? Couldn't they just serve the usual Sunday dinner? That's good food that would satisfy most families, and it does not have any deceptive undertones. I would just like to say that I do not necessarily hate the new meal plan, nor do I necessarily hate Trim. However, I thought that this effort was disgusting and it ended up reminding me of any problems I had with the plan more than convincing me I am better off with it. If this really is all that Sodexo is able to provide for our meal plan dollars, they can either charge a little more for a plan that everyone can live with, or just explain that this is what is available at the price we pay. It is not necessary to send little messages to us while eating that we are happier now than ever before. All of this, as well as the need to look up the spelling of Sodexo, sent me to my Babson College Undergraduate Handbook and Planner. In looking at this guide I learned several things. Though of course I had read it completely at the beginning of the year, apparently I had missed a few interesting facts. First, I learned that "Many of the menu items are prepared in your full view at our unique JIT or just-in-time cooking stations." There are a few interesting things about this. Though it is minor, it would be much more appropriate to state that "a few" menu items are prepared just in time, because in reality it is just a few. For those of you that do not know about these few items, it would be things like the omelettes, which I do enjoy.

A student sits in Trim enjoying a typical Sodexo meal. Sodexo has recently changed their meal plans.

Living in that Altered State of Reality

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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Well, well, well, welcome back to another FatKid extravaganza. I hope y'all had a fun parents weekend. I know I had a blast. You know I can never figure out the deal with my parents, I mean it is cool they wanna come up and see me and I guess I definitely should not complain in the light of the recent tragedy, but honestly my parents spent 20 minutes away and I see them usually once a week, if not every other week.

Every year, regardless, they make a huge deal out of parents weekend. They come on up and do the whole spiel, you would think by looking at them that they were from another country or something and had never been to Babson before.

I don't know, I guess it is kind of cool though, but I mean parents weekend is always the same thing: play, dinner, brunch, out to dinner, and then Casino Night. I guess if it ain't broke, don't fix it, but I have been doing this deal for 4 years now and it damn does it get mundane.

Hey, that is the word of the week, I should get extra credit for that one. Anyways, how about that anthrax that was pretty cool huh? I heard through the grapevine that it was just another stupid FatKid accident, some FatKid was jumping for a box of powdered donuts and it landed on the floor he inhaled everything but the powdered sugar so there ya go, anthrax. Well, I'll be damned. You just never know what someone is capable of until something like this happens. So right, I just wanna give a quick shout out in the middle of my article to Nick. I know I usually shout the shills till the end of the article, but Nick deserves the condolences.

Sufficed to say he learned a valuable lesson this weekend, when at a party never let an extremely drunk girl pass out in your bed, always have her pass out on the couch instead, unless vomit and urine are fine with you. Woohoo Nick, I hope she was really a fine cutie.

So it is that time of year again when we get right Halloween style! Yay! I am not sure if I wanna be a power-puff girl or tinky-winky but either way I have dropped a few sizes so my under-roos are going to be falling off so me I might need to borrow some anyone that is a XXXXX gives me a call.

So anyways not much else to say this week, unbelievable there is a shocker. I am going to conclude with the FatKid top ten list of Halloween costumes:

#10 Hot girls boyfriend
#9 Pillsbury Doughboy
#8 Guy that you give all your money too
#7 Invisible Man

Another word in there that stuck me was "unique." This method is unique to what? It is certainly not unique to food service in general. Also I happen to know for a fact that other food service providers at other campuses are willing to do the same thing. Also, if you've been to the Reynolds cafe you have seen just such a feat performed. It seems that Trim is not unique in any way, except perhaps the Trim Cycle Time, which I hope is unique for the sake of humanity. Another item that struck me hard, as I have heard it so many times, is that "There are meal plans to suit individual needs." First, because the plan is broken into three groups, from which we must choose one, I can say that at best there are meal plans to suit group needs. I am certain that if you search this campus, you can find a few people that are not suited well by these meal plans. Well, my complaints about Trim propagandas is at an end. I will now return to munching on the Reese's Pieces that I took from Trim tonight.
Volleyball Rocks Both Endicott and Colby

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The Babson College volleyball team improved their season to 17-10 this past weekend with wins over both Endicott College and Colby College. The two victories elevate the Babson ladies to a substantial accomplishment of 17 wins, the highest season total in eight years, and guarantees the women their best season since 1996.

The contest was a tri-match tournament hosted at Endicott College on Saturday, October 5th. Babson rocked Endicott in three straight games to win the match (30-28, 30-19, 30-21), with the last game turning out to be a heated 33-31 victory.

The Beavers then went on to defeat Colby College in a close match-up. Colby, who is regionally ranked, proved themselves to be tough competition as Babson edged them out in four close games (30-27, 32-30, 26-30, 30-27).

Babson now enters the championship season at 17-10. Their first game of the season is schedule for this Saturday at 1:00 P.M. versus NEWMAC rival MIT. It is an important deciding game for Babson in terms of their hopes for the NEWMAC Championships.

Men's Rugby Returns: Ready for Winning Season

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It has been over a year since the Babson United Rugby Club has taken the field at home. After a long suspension, the details of which are under lock and key, the beavers will once again take the field.

Already this season the ruggers have played two hard fought games. After only a week of practice, the ruggers traveled to URI and played a hard fought battle full of heart and determination. Scoring for the ruggers was senior Dustin 'Pimp Daddy' Feldman '02, Wes 'Sticks' Donahue '04, and Mike 'Biggie' Graham '03.

All the scores were the result of superior rucking from the forwards including Dan 'I'm not leaving' Kropce '02 and his brother Doug 'the Dumptrick' '03. The backs were consistent in their ball handling as they kept play in URI's end for most of the game. Captain Dan 'Irish' McIlaney '01, Tobi 'Dozen' Donath '04 and 'Crazy' Carl Beckman '03 were all crucial to keeping the game close. A controversi
cal call during injury time gave URI the win.

This past Saturday was war again as the ruggers took to the field at Holy Cross. After getting out to a late start, the team battled back with powerful bull
dozer-like scrumming and laser passing. Unfortunately, the late scoring was not enough to bring home a victory. Donahue did it again with his second try in as many games. Also scoring was Graham and Donath who added to the scoreboard with three incredible, almost fairytale like kicks.

Putting the past behind them, the ruggers will be home at 1:00 P.M. versus the visiting Roger Williams University. This is a game that can be won, says coach Ted Vasillo, as long as the team wants it. The team needs a big hometown crowd to cheer them on. Also playing on Saturday are the lovely Lady Ruggers who will be home at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday as well. Bring a cooler and some lawn chairs and like many Martinos '98 president keeps saying, show your support and school spirit for athletics at Babson.

Springfield Downs Men's Soccer Team 3-1

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Another tough opponent for the Springfield men's soccer team came on Saturday afternoon after taking a 1-0 lead in the first half, the team let up three goals - two in the second half - to fall to Springfield 3-1.

The game, a conference contest played at Springfield, pro
vided late drama, which gave the victory to Springfield. Babson's loss dropped them to 9-7 on the year and 3-3 in the conference, while Springfield pushed its unblemished conference record to 5-0.

In the 99th minute of the contest, the Babson combination of Mark Abraham '03 and Matt Kerker '02 hooked up when Kerker's cross found Abraham in the box. Abraham promptly planted the ball in the back of the net to give Babson the early lead in the critical contest.

Just six minutes later, however, Springfield attacker Mike Russo found the back of the Babson net to tie the game at one. And that's where they stood at the end of the first half. Both teams battled back and forth for 50 minutes before Russo scored what was the game winner in the 79th minute of the contest.

Russo scored one more score for Springfield to seal the game late.

Nick Todd '92 made four saves in not to try and keep the Beavers close throughout the game.

Babson was coming off a solid 4-1 win over MIT earlier in the week which had propelled them to 3-2 in the conference.

The victory was overshadowed by the hat trick from Pat Spicer '04 who provided a late spark off the bench. The two teams battled to a scoreless draw in the first half of the game.

Babson was first led by a goal from Shaun Dowell '04 when he nailed the ball in the net off a scramble in the 61st minute.

Spicer then took over, scoring three goals in 12:21. First, he knocked in the rebound off Troy Collins' '05 shot. Then, he planted a beautiful pass from Kerker into the net.

The final goal for Spicer came just 18 seconds after the second. Spicer was able to gain control of the ball off the MIT kickoff and ran in on the keeper, firing a shot that squatted off the post. He then stole over the goalkeeper and put the ball in the net for the final Babson goal of the game.

MIT added a late goal, but it wasn't enough to overcome Babson and goalkeeper Tom Malloy '04 who made two saves in net.

Babson's regular season only has one game left as they take on Colby-Sawyer at home on Saturday. Come watch the Babson men's soccer seniors play their last home game in a Babson uniform.

Yankees Didn't Let Seattle Win

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Yankees fans took the 14-3 game 3 loss and filed it with all their losing lottery tickets. Don't kill to many brain cells trying to figure it out. Even in the playoffs, every team gets a do-over. The Mariners got hammered 17-2 by Cleveland in the ALDS and still came back to win it all in five games. The Yankees can do the same thing, i.e. they still have the lead in the series. They should use the 1-run loss as a re

Yankees in 2006

The Yankees are on a roll. 90 wins, World Series. They are back to the playoffs in 2006.

Yankees are back. They are the team to beat in the American League. They have a good chance to win it all this year.
**Sports**

**Victories Lead to Fall Sports Championships**

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As fall descends upon Babson College, the leaves begin to change color, and people start to bundle up in warm clothes. It seems the whole campus slows down due to the colder weather. Yet for the athletic population at Babson, there is no rest for the weary.

The fall season is quickly coming to a close, and the various athletic squads at Babson are preparing for postseason tournaments, NEWMAC championships and even NCAA competitions.

The women's field hockey team, fresh off a 5-1 slaughter of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, finished the regular season with a record of 12-7 overall and 4-4 in the NEWMAC. The Beavers are headed into the NEWMAC quarterfinals on October 31. The women's tennis team returns from the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament successful.

**Field Hockey Loses Close Battle to Wellesley**

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Cross-town rivals Wellesley College edged out the Beavers this past Tuesday in a heated NEWMAC Quarterfinal game. Wellesley scored with 15 minutes remaining in the contest to defeat Babson 1-0 in one of the closest NEWMAC matchups of the season. Fifth seeded Babson, now at 12-8, hopes for a bid to the ECAC tournament as fourth seeded Wellesley advances to the NEWMAC semi-finals.

The game, which was a defensive contest throughout the game as both teams remained scoreless for 85 minutes, Babson dominated the offensive with 12 shots on goal throughout the game. Babson was able to convert on one of those shots towards the Wellesley net. Babson was able to fire some strong attempts at the Wellesley goal, and had an opportunity to score early in the second half of a penalty stroke. Yet, Wellesley goalkeeper Kim Kolstad was a force in the net, as she kept a strong defense by the Babson offensive scorers with nine saves in the game. Babson goalie Colleen Kelly '04 stopped three Wellesley attempts in the first half and had four saves in the contest to lead the Babson team's defense. Babson made an aggressive offensive effort in the remaining 15 minutes of action following the goal by Wellesley at 15:08. Wellesley was able to close the lead late in the game. Babson at bay with 5 saves in the second half. Babson's players now await a possible spot in the ECAC New England Tournament following an impressive regular season and a strong 7-1 win over WPI last week.

**Cross Country Runs in Championship**

Babson's Chris Perry Finishes in the top 100 in Five miles Racesame

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The Babson cross country program ran into the record books last Friday as they competed in the Open New England Championship, a program in the first half of a five mile race to earn 100th place in a very fast field of runners. Tri-captain Brian Gagge '03 followed closely in 26:47. Ben Dillon '03 (27:10), tri-captain Kevin Kelchler '01 (28:02) and Mike Connelly '03 (28:04) also ran notable performances.

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**Beavers Go Down 1-0 to Wellesley Ending Playoff Run**

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Babson goalie Colleen Kelly '04 made four saves in seven minutes, but that was still not enough to keep the Beavers alive in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) playoff games on Monday, October 23rd.

With only fifteen minutes remaining in regulation time, Wellesley College junior Betsy Masiero scored the game's only goal, advancing her team to the semi-finals and leaving Babson to await a berth in New England's ECAC tournament. Masiero's goal was unassisted.

Babson entered the game having come off a phenomenal win in the previous week's game in which first years Jessica Baker and Katie Connon each had two goals and an assist. The Beavers won that game 5-1.

Earlier in the season, the Beavers lost on October 9th to Wellesley, who went undefeated against other NEWMAC teams. The Beavers went 13-3 during the entire season and advance to the semi-finals to play number-one seed Mt. Holyoke who defeated Providence College, ran the five-mile course in an impressive 24:24 to finish first and second, respectively.

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Despite both sides were very strong during the first 35 minutes of play, each remained scoreless. Babson failed to capitalise on a second half penalty stroke taken by first-year goalkeeper, which was awarded when Wellesley goalie, Kim Kolstad was called for tripping the ball. "We played really well as a team, it's very unfortunate that we lost," comments goalie Kelly. "Overall, we were amazing - the other team just had the first opportunity to score." Kelly finished her season with a 2.76 goals against average in NEWMAC play. During the entire season she had a .848 save percentage in almost 1200 minutes of game time. The Beaver's 12-8 record was the best they have had in the last four years, having finished 8-11 during the 2000 season. "This year's team was much better than last year," We just have to put everything together and we can be incredible," notes Kelly. With seven first-year students on the team right now, the Beavers definitely look to have a bright future ahead of them.

Field Hockey Kristen Rumbolt '06 is warming up for a big field hockey game for the Beavers.