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Specific Meal Plan Details Announced

New details about Sodexo Marriott's proposal to change meal plans for the next academic year have been revealed. A tiered system in which students will be given proportionally less access to the Crossroads Cafe in Reynolds was designed to increase dining at Trim while making the meal plan "less confusing for students," according to Carl Citron, Resident District Manager of Sodexo Marriott.

"I am excited because we worked with students and based on student feedback, the concerns students have voiced to us have been addressed in the new meal plan structure" stated Citron.

The new plan calls to revamp the current 18, 14, and 10 meal plan structure. Instead, students will be given the option of a platinum, gold or silver plan, Citron confirmed.

The platinum plan will take the place of the 19 meal plan. Students may enter Trim Dining Hall as many times as they want during normal operating hours, 7:15 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., throughout the week. Additionally, Trim will stay open on Fridays when the hours have been extended for dinner next year.

The second part of the meal plan will replace the Reno Express in a new program that will replace the Reno Express in a new program. This new program is called Babson banker and can be used to bring guest to Trim anytime, or purchase food at Reynolds, the Caffe Bar, or the Gourmet Bean. Additionally, the Gourmet Bean will stay open until 10:00 or 11:00 at night with an expanded menu.

Students with the platinum plan will be given $175 in Babson Bucks.

Founder's Day Undergoes Several Changes

Babson College's annual Founder's Day celebration was held on Tuesday, April 3rd, despite the scheduling of makeup classes for students. This year's events led to a number of concerns among students.

The breakfast event was held at 7:45 a.m. in the Rotunda.

The morning events were held in the Rotunda.

The lunch event was held in the Rotunda.

The evening event was held in the Rotunda.

The fireworks event was held in the Rotunda.

The Founder's Day celebration was held in the Rotunda.

The day's events began with a student business fair in the Rotunda at 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The event was attended by over 1,000 students.

The conclusion of the day's events was attended by over 1,000 students.
Babson Ends Lease for Law Enforcement Institute

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Carol Hacker, Dean of Student Affairs and member of the presidential search committee, said while Babson is sorry to see the New England Institute of Law close, management got the space constraints of an ever-growing Babson undeniable.

"If we didn't have a space concern we would have kept them," she postulated. She added that to say that the institute was given one-year advance notice their contract with Babson would not be renewed is misleading.

No decision, however, concerning what will be done with the soon-to-be abandoned space has been made. Several options, including the construction of graduate housing, faculty offices and hatchery space for new companies, are currently under discussion.

Correction

There is a correction to the March 1 town meeting article. On the Undergraduate Technology Initiative, the funding for 2004 and a subsequent entering classes will be charged the differential tuition rate for the 2001-02 academic year. For more information contact Student Financial Services.

Spring Break Shuttle Donates Profits

Babson's Spring Break Shuttle announced that it will donate $260 to Habitat for Humanity. The donation represents 10% of the profits for the shuttle for this year's Spring Break service. In March, 285 Babson students were transported to and from Logan Airport via the student-run service. The Babson Shuttle service, owned by seniors Matthew Oseolowski and Evan Gross, will be sold this semester with the stipulation that 10% of the profits will continue going to a Babson charity.

Babson Public Safety Log

Thursday 3/12/01
5:31 P.M. - Employee reports receiving annoying phone calls, report filed.

Wednesday 3/11/01
4:58 P.M. - Student reports a larceny of a Wallman from CESP room; report filed.

6:31 P.M. - Report of suspicious activity in Hollister Lot; student reports someone sleeping in an MV in lot. Checked by officers; visitor was sleeping in bed covered with blanket at this time.

11:58 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint in Putney 4th floor area; officers spoke to students to keep music down and cleared area without incident.

Thursday 3/11/01
12:00 A.M. - Received call from Forrest, student having problems breathing; officers treated student for respiratory problems; transported to NWH; checked okay when officers cleared area.

Friday 3/12/01
7:24 P.M. - Report of vandalism in Coleman; broken window, report filed.

Friday 3/12/01
12:23 A.M. - Report of a visitor in PME having severe pains; transported to NWH by ambulance.

Meal Plan Changes Force Students to Trim

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for the semester.

In addition to the Babson books, Citron said that a new service will be offered called "Trim take-out." A student on the platinum plan will be able to take classes before the building, built in 1879 as a sanitarium, can be inhabited again.

Burke maintains that the institution has a good relationship with Babson during its entire stay and that the breakeup is somewhat amicable between both parties.

"We had a great 34 years here," she said. "We would like to say to Services, Facilities, Trim Hall, and all the people at Babson who worked with us through the years, you can't conclude.

Campus Life Continues Searches

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unlocked for inspection and then left alone.

While being careful to not arouse any specific party of theft, Pelaggi did notice that several DVDs were missing from the common area of his suite. The common area was left unlocked the last time Pelaggi knew the suite was occupied.

Pelaggi noted that this is not the first time that his suite has been left unlocked by physical plant.

Annual Founder's Day Events to Be Held

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in Knight Auditorium, the guests will be introduced and give comments after the presentation of student business awards.

Students will then be provided a chance to converse with the guests. The festivities conclude at night at the Marriott Hotel at Copley Place.

Canfield unable to find cause; facilities notified.

Friday 2/22/01
3:14 P.M. - Student reports larceny of cell phone from Olin; report filed.

6:14 P.M. - Student reports larceny of computer from Van Winkle; report filed.

Saturday 2/24/01
2:47 P.M. - Officer reports suspicious activity in PME; officers spoke to involved; party resolved, report filed.

Sunday 2/25/01
5:00 P.M. - Report of an injury; Weber transported by ambulance to NWH.


6:20 P.M. - Report of a fire alarm in Putney; report filed, alarm reset.

Monday 2/26/01

7:13 P.M. - Report of a Lareyre devices have been taken; reported.

11:58 P.M. - Report of a noise complaint for officers checked building, nothing found.

Tuesday 2/27/01
11:00 A.M. - Report of a larceny of a watch from Pietz, report filed.

Proposed Meal Plans for 2001-02 Academic Year

Platinum Plan

Unlimited Access to Trim - 7:15 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

$175 in Babson Bucks*

20 Trim Take-Out Meals*

Gold Plan

Unlimited Access to Trim - 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

$125 in Babson Bucks*

20 Trim Take-Out Meals*

Silver Meals

Unlimited Access to Trim - 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday-Friday

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Robert J. Davis, Vice Chair Terra Lycos, Partner for Highland Venture Capital

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EDITORIALS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

Never Forget The Person That You Want to Be

EIRIK DARY MURREY
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

So spring break was fun. And although it was the senior class's last "official" spring break, I have a feeling that it wasn't all enjoyable for everyone as they crammed in a flight out of town for escape from year one. Escape from our jobs, families, friends, and the significant others as well as our self-imposed limitations.

While on spring break this past week, I met with two of my closest friends, I witnessed some extremely uncharacteristic behavior. Those who were generally the most reserved and introverted, became extroverted. Those whom are generally right in the middle of the action, took a backseat and followed the direction of a few actions, as if it were any other week of the year.

At this point one of you might be thinking to yourselves, "Hey, Murray, what did you expect, they're on vacation." True.

I do not proclaim that these observations are a new and wildly abnormal from how society has come to utilize vacations. It is an observation emphasizing how those behaviors occur. It is a well observed practice that people use vacations and other things in their normal everyday life and try new things, including new personalities. What I do not fully understand is how countries in the world and our "normal" persona returns upon returning home. Why not incorporate the new insights back into your normal life? Is it simply the novelty and freedom of being somewhere new and being surrounded by people you don't know and may never see again that makes being some- one different so exciting?

Is it the knowledge that your newly formed personality completely transforms that makes it so enjoyable? Or is it the security of knowing that you will still have the "self" that allows you to take new risks?

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The opportunity to change yourself for the better is made easier if you're experiencing major transition in life. Remember who you were before you entered Babson. I doubt it was the same person that you are today. Why not try a few new things? Do you have four days on the job? In fact, why not try out some- thing new and incorporate into the next phase of your life. Most of all I'm attempting to keep my life in a healthy perspective, a perspective that says quite clearly, "don't sweat the small stuff." Thank you.

Good People Make Our Lives Better

MICHAEL BEARD
Executive Editor

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But it was more than this simple willingness to follow the community service-filled spring break that made the week good. Every person went out of their way to make life easier for the others, whether it was stopping unasked to help someone at the Bon Appétit or even a two night dinner; in the case of one night, cook dinner twice.

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Politics as Usual Returns with George's End

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Recognition is More Important Than Riches

XAVIER REAGAN
Contributing Writer
During my four years here at Babson, I’ve learned about many things. I learned about how to increase shareholder wealth, how the IRS steals...er...works, and what types of investments provide the highest return.

I learned how to score your opponents in softball. And I learned how to be a better car owner, a more kind-hearted person, and that my well-off-but-not-as-well-off-as-me neighbors...well, they’re still my neighbors.

I sounded good to me. But then I did buy stock in Lunt...before it bottomed out. The last couple weeks I’ve been feeling around with the idea of driving cross-country after graduation. I don’t have much money, but I figure I could sleep outside or in the car...I mean, the weather would be warm.

However, what seemed like a good plan to me was ludi-
crous to my friends. “You can’t just sleep anywhere! That’s vagrancy!” Surprised, I asked why people cared if I simply felt like sleeping on the street for a few hours.

To this I received various responses: “But you don’t belong in the way,” to a simple nodding of heads. Not head-nodding in an up-down motion; rather, head-nodding in that “you must be insane” way that people usually make when I say something they just can’t...or won’t listen to.

The next day I was channel-surfing when I came across the movie “Changing Places” with Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy. If you haven’t seen it, Dan Aykroyd is this rich in-
tertainment guy and Eddie Murphy is a bum.

Well, Aykroyd’s boss de-
cides to do a little experiment and frame Aykroyd for a crime while giving Murphy an in-
ternship job. Aykroyd’s friends split as soon as they find out he’s poor and he finds his experience of going from having everything to having nothing very difficult.

The first time I had seen the movie I laughed. Nothing really happened. After all I guessed they must take at least some personal responsibility for their lives.

But on the other hand why wouldn’t people acknowledge blame when they’re strolled by on the street? Don’t they have names too? If you didn’t have or want to give them money, that was cool. Most of the time I didn’t have much and I didn’t give them a dime. But I always

If you do happen to see me begging on a street corner ten minutes ago, please do me a favor as a fellow babson alumnus. Hate me, kick me, make my evening... please...please don’t ignore me.

No News on the Weekend, Bad News at Babson

ADAM KORNGOLD
Contributing Writer

While being able to wake up and walk down the hallways to get a copy of “The New York Times,” “Boston Globe,” or “The Wall Street Journal” is very convenient during the week, it is impossible to get a newspaper on the weekends.

With all of the work that Babson students have, the only time I can read the newspaper is on weekends. There is, however, no place to put the newspapers on campus during the weekends.

Even the bookstore does not sell newspapers. Almost every college or university has newspapers sold in vending machines in the dorms or in the student union.

Since Babson gets newspapers during the week, they do not have vending machines; however, there is a large demand for copies of the “Boston Globe,” or “The New York Times.” One or two copies of these publications are put out each morning for the 1400 students living on campus.

The newspaper program does not run throughout the entire school year. It is in effect during the middle of September and the school stopped the newspaper subscriptions two weeks before Winter Vacation.

During the time when the 2000 presidential election was being decided upon by the Supreme Court, Babson students were not able to read the newspaper. Many students were unaware of the current events that led to the most interesting presidential election ever.

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Just because Babson gives away free newspapers on weekdays does not mean they cannot sell newspapers on weekends, or days when the newspaper program is not running. While we have access to the newspapers on campus, we may as well prefer reading a hard copy of the newspaper.

Many students are willing to pay 50 cents for a copy of the newspaper on Saturday. It would be possible to get a vending machine in Reynolds or Trim to sell Babson newspapers. Other colleges do this on weekends. Babson could also include Saturday and Sunday in the offer of the newspaper program.

Weekends should be a time to relax and stretch our legs, not to read and enjoy a newspaper.
The Kids Aren't Alright: Solutions to Halt America's School Shootings

By Staff Writer

While you were enjoying your spring break, three students and two teachers at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, California were victimized by another brutal school shooting. According to the authorities, the shots rang out at approximately 12:14 PM. local time.

This shooting was only a few miles from Santana High School in Santee, the location of another shooting only a few days prior. Although no one suffered life-threatening injuries, local residents are disturbed by the back-to-back shootings.

School shootings do not get much media coverage anymore. If you ask me, a lot of people are just apathetic or indifferent. In a society where people only pursue their own self-interest, only a small number of people bother to call for a change.

The Columbine shooting, which occurred on April 20, 1999, should have served as a wake-up call to America. That incident was a cry made by a young man in need of guidance. Now you may be thinking, "oh, not this talk again," but it's true.

Most of the shootings were fueled by isolation, depression, loneliness, and desire for attention. Our nation glorifies violence in movies and games, and the media is desensitizing human emotions by exposing children to much murder and preoccupation with death. Interestingly, young teenagers around the ages of 14-16 have committed most of the shootings.

From the description of the shooting incidents, one can see that the offenders were full of anger and perhaps executed such a horrific crime as a cry for attention. Killing one's mother is a sign that he feels unheard. A suicide is an indication of lack of hope and comfort. Many of them did not see the need to go on with life because they felt that there was nothing to life. Naturally, they manifested their frustration via the act of killing.


What many people fail to realize is that we need to examine the root of the problem. In my opinion, the biggest cause is the lack of proper parenting. America expects teachers to teach morals to their children. In most homes, both parents are out of the house in order to support the family. This may help pay the bills, but it also means that children do not get to spend much time with their mother and father. I see that as the biggest cause of youth violence.

Parents need to sit down and spend more time with their children in prayer and raise them using the Bible as the moral and spiritual guide.

We do not need more gun control because we did not have this problem 50 years ago when pretty much anyone was allowed to purchase a handgun. We cannot blame everything on Hollywood because guns and violence have always been a part of the motion picture industry. We need to start blaming ourselves.

A combined total of twenty students and teachers have died in 1999 and 2001 from school related crimes! We are the wealthiest and arguably the most powerful nation in the world, but what good does that do for us when our children are dying literally and figuratively? Let's fix it. Money can't buy you happiness.

When was the last time you heard that someone living in a third world country committed suicide? The rate of suicide and homicide is higher in more developed countries. That's a fact.

It says in the Bible, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. We can definitely use some "healing" in America and God is the answer.

Here is a partial list of recent shootings:

March 22, 2001: El Cajon, CA
A 15-year-old student was charged for shooting and injuring three students and two teachers.

March 5, 2001: Santee, CA
A 14-year-old male student was charged for killing two classmates, ages 14 and 15, and wounding 12 other people (11 students, a student teacher, and a school security official).

January 29, 2001: Arlington, TX
A 13-year-old seventh-grader shot himself to death in a second-floor restroom at his junior high.

Dec. 6, 1999: Fort Gibson, Okla.
A 13-year-old student fired at least 15 rounds at Fort Gibson Middle School, wounding four classmates, authorities said. When asked why he did it, he said, "I don't know."

Nov 19, 1999: Deming, N.M.
A 13-year-old girl was shot in the head in school and died the next day. A 12-year-old boy is tentatively set for trial in May.

April 20, 1999: Littleton, Colo.
Two high school students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, killed 12 other students and a teacher at Columbine High School before committing suicide.

April 24, 1999: Edinboro, Pa.
A 14-year-old boy opened fire at an eighth-grade graduation dance, killing a teacher and slightly wounding two students and another teacher.

March 24, 1999: Jonesboro, Ark.
An 11-year-old boy and his 13-year-old friend opened fire on classmates. Four pupils and a teacher were killed and 10 people wounded.

Dec 1, 1997: West Paducan, Ky.
Three Heath High School students were killed and five others wounded in a hallway while praying. One girl was left paralyzed. A 14-year-old student pleaded guilty but mentally ill to murder and is serving life in prison.

A 14-year-old boy walked into school in a trench coat and allegedly opened fire with a hunting rifle, killing a teacher and two students. A third student was injured during the shooting at Frontline Junior High School. Prosecutors said the boy was inspired by the plot of a Steven King novel and by the movie Natural Born Killers.

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Although this past week most everyone was out and about for spring break, this editor was hard at work on the beaches of Camelback and Grand Cayman testing out the coolest and most portable sound system to hit the street.

Tape decks are a thing of the past. CD's are now ancient history. The way of the future lies in MP3 Players and if you want to take your entire collection with you, Creative Technologies has got one mean and lean piece of equipment for you to do so.

The Creative Nomad Jukebox has been out for a while now, but only until recently the prices were too high for file-size thinkers about buying one. This is not your average MP3 Player, which holds a meager 2 or 4 Mb of memory, which is the equivalent to one to two hours worth of music. The latest and greatest over-

ster of a MP3 Player is bigger than the average MP3 Player and it holds 300 songs or enough for over 20 hours of music enjoyment, the equivalent to a long road trip.

At about the size and weight of a regular portable Dictaphone, this player is very portable. The player will hold hours of just about any digital music media format such as .wav or .mp3. This portable powerhouse also has the ability to record live audio from a microphone in a WAV file format, so it can double as an audio recorder.

With such an enormous capacity, it is important to be able to transfer through and pick the song you want, and that is why the Nomad's menu allows for the arrangement of songs by artist, album, genre, or any specific play list which you create.

The Nomad Jukebox comes with software for your computer that allows for easy transfer of songs from your PC to your Nomad Jukebox by way of a USB cable. The transfer time for every song varies but I never had to wait for more than 10 seconds for the longest mix I had.

As far as sound quality goes, the Nomad Jukebox is one of the best sounding players out in the market today. Sound quality is on par with any CD and is completely static free.

One feature that makes this player unique is that it has support for a four-point sound system or car audio and stereo the hassle of switching CDs.

The unit uses four rechargeable batteries and comes with a total of 3 (4 are back up batteries). The average life of the unit is about 3 hours depending on how loud you play your music and how you use the player. Each player can have 4 speakers hooked up.

This editor took this MP3 player on a road trip and was able to attach two portable Sony speakers (bought separately) to pump it up. Even on a long road trip, it was not excessively loud, it was crystal clear. For around $400, you can travel virtually music free without the hassle of having to switch CDs every other minute to listen to your 1000 favorite songs.

March Madness Evokes Gambling Questions

DJ SCHEPKE
PRODUCTION MANAGER

The NCAA Tournament has become one of the greatest spectacles in all of sports today. Spanning 10 days of play and 63 games, the madness covers 3 full weeks from the intensity of Selection Sunday all the way to Championship Monday.

The magnitude of the tournament along with the enor-

mous potential for upsides has people everywhere attempting to guess the winners of every game. From picking the num-

ber 1 seeds on selection day to picking the four members of the Final Four, frenzied fans excited from the time the bracket is announced.

These fans fill out their brackets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday gearing up for the first tip-off and entering their pools. These pools, how-

ever, have come under recent national scrutiny, along with the booking of college games in Las Vegas.

Some states are looking to legalize this small type of
gambling, while the national legislature has come under fire to eliminate the impurities of gambling in the college market.

Over the past several years, players at schools like University of Nevada-Las Vegas have been found to participate in point shaving schemes to meet the spread. This type of activity has been reaching out to most other college activities.

Many activists believe this activity is directly linked to odds making and if these odds were not allowed, students would not participate in point shaving.

These activists are the people pushing to eliminate gambling on college sports. They argue that if you would in-
crease parity in a sport where athletes are not getting paid, make the games tighter by giving everyone a belief they might win, and could make it easier for the players to play.

On the other side, many lo-

cal communities are starting grassroots efforts in their hometowns to get their states to legalize NCAA Tournament pools. To many people, the next Cinderella team is fun to watch, but picking them to win is even more fun. Addition-
ally, many people watch the tournament rooting for the team that they picked to win it all.

CBS recently paid some $6 million to have the exclusive rights to the NCAA Tournament, but yet the players see none of this. Maybe this is why they participate in these schemes. Furthermore, the students see none of the presen-
ture of these local pools.

The legitemate arguments are occurring on two levels in politics now. As the tournament heads into its final weekend, the future of college gambling is still in question while lying in the hands of lawmakers who may know little about college sports.

CIA Begins Sifting Through the Data

JEREMY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The Internet has given every Tom, Dick and Harry a chance to post every creative impulse they have. The surge that they have within the public domain could make

this free flow of ideas has also created a forum for terrorism, and as post bomb making instructions and militant mi-

militias to pick them up.

This question is, whose job is it to determine and identify whether a neighbor has just posted directions to his house or Saddam Hussein has just posted directions to his chemi-
cal weapons?

This task often falls to the CIA's office of Advanced Infor-
mation Technology (AIT). With the ever-increasing amount of data out there (so many different forms of text, imagery, audio, etc.), the agency needed something for-

morable to make their job fea-

sible.

The first step towards an an-

swer may be their new data-

mining software technology called Oasis. Oasis can con-
vincing audio signals into words. More than that, though, it can identify English accents, words a speaker is male or female and it can distinguish between people's voices.

With this new program, the agency will now be able to search every network to which they have access and identify known terrorists that may be
using those networks. Addi-
tionally, Oasis is being devel-
oped to work in different lan-

guages. It can translate an identifiable words like "car bom-
bomb" and other similar threats should be able to monitor these users.

This free flow of ideas has also created a forum for terrorist groups to post bomb-making instructions and for militant militaries to pick them up.

Indeed, Oasis is only the be-

ginnning of the myriad of data-

mining technologies that are now being developed. For ex-

ample, FLUENT will soon be available to translate over 35 languages into English.

Finally, "gifting technology" is being developed now where users will be able to give users the gist of any document. Of course, the Internet is still the best forum for the free change of ideas, but the CIA is here to make sure that those ideas are used for the common good and not evil.

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Senior Separation Anxiety: A Life Cycle Event

Seniors Slowly Separate Themselves from a Familiar Environment as Graduation Looms

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Separation anxiety may be the least of many of Babson’s seniors as the May 19th date for graduation approaches. Separation anxiety can be amplified by the senior’s friends, daily activities, special events, and familiar environment for four years are on the brink of becoming memories when shifting the graduate’s tassel from one side to the other of his/her morta-board.

Separation anxiety can be amplified when one’s friends, daily activities, special events, and familiar environment for four years are on the brink of becoming memories when shifting the graduate’s tassel from one side to the other of his/her morta-board.

Though separation anxiety can be considered a loss, yet a permanent change, accumulated memories and many friendships made at Babson will certainly continue in future years.

“Why am I separating from?” the optimistic senior asks.

Loss of some good friends, an established academic routine, registration for next semester, class participation, warnings, cases, midterms, finals, “therapeutic vacations” Twix, Crossroads Café and Roger’s; checks and care packages from home, interviews and career services, athletic conditioning, drama/dance ensembles and presentations at Frorence, fraternity and sorority life; volunteering for community service projects and even part-time work on or off campus; dorm living and exotic parties.

Seniors may take many of the above events for granted until “the party’s over.” The reality of the loss may not be recognized until several weeks or months later, however it will make a lasting impression on the graduate.

Assuming your next venue is the real world of work, the following questions may prompt anticipatory anxiety: “Will I be employed? Where will I be located? Will I be accepted and approved of by my colleagues? Will I be a valuable and necessary boss? Will they like me? Will I like them? Will I make my way up the corporate ladder and become a successful professional? Where will I be five or ten years from now? What will I be doing? Only the future will provide the answers. The Babson graduate’s self-esteem, self-worth, effectiveness, competence and ability to cope will be tested throughout the balance of his or her life. Hopefully, the college experience will assist in the orchestration and management of the graduate’s life cycle on the job and in the immediate horizon.

“Courage is the power to let go of the familiar.” Anonymously

BRIAN CULITIP
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Existence, as we know it, cannot last. For life’s sake; we’ve screwed with Mother Earth for too long. We’ve pretty much overshoot any chance we had at maintaining a safe balance between technology and natural resources. Our lives are as finite as the Earth all around us.

The ozone layer is depleting, the greenhouse effect is intensifying, beach shores are vanishing, the water supply’s being polluted, and the polar ice caps are melting. Sad, isn’t it?

But are these the real preoccupants we need to worry about? Take a look at some of the real social issues forcing civilization down its inevitable downward spiral.

Movie theater ticket prices are close to $10. Did I miss something? When did having a night out at the movies force some people to take out a second mortgage? You should have to decide whether to send the kids to college or catch the latest Brits.

The carnage doesn’t stop just at the ticket prices either. A mainstream media can set you back anther $5, some popcorn adds another $6, and don’t even think about snacks.

Everyone has a cell phone. What seemed like a convenient way to connect has ballooned out of control. Conversations are now being held on the toilet, in the dentist’s chair, in your room, and even while giving birth. “Oh, Mrs. Johnson, just breathe and push a little harder. Hold on, I have to take this. Roger? Hi! Yes, golf on Sunday sounds like a great idea. By the way, it’s a boy.”

Eminem’s a Grammy. No-body will argue that the pub- lic, in general, is quite fleckie. But when it praises and gives an award to a social icon that it had previously considered evil is just downright ludi- crous.

Next, we’ll be giving Nobel prizes to Tom Hanks and Lifetime achievement awards to Jeffery Archer (even though he’s dead). Jerry Springer is still on talk television (just watching to see who’s daily showing us its true self? I hope sure I’m not. I’m never seen two transvestites argue over their childhood, nor had anyone I knew have a sex change test.)

If this is life, keep me afloat.

This is just a small example of the many interconnected problems plaguing the world in which we live.

So the next time someone urges you to “save the rainforests” or “recycle,” make sure you remind them that you have more important things to worry about, like keeping a steady supply of junk food and yellow jelly beans (currently on the candy endangered spe- cies list).

WeCare: An Ear for Hearing Protection, the Workings of the Inner Ear

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Campus was a little quiet today, but when you are anticipating writing an article on hearing and acoustic trauma, quiet is good.

I must confess that the idea for this article started in the bathroom. I was lying in bed and listening to my wife dry- ing her hair when I was struck by the loudness of the hair dryer. Quickly dashing downstairs to grasp my trusty decibel meter, I proceeded to measure the noise output of the hair dryer.

Any guesses as to the volume? No, well read on. I set out with the basics. Noise is a vibration generated in waves that various species are capable of understanding within various wavelengths.

For example, dogs have a basic understanding of the wavelengths humans do. The wavelength actually determines what the frequency is.

Sound is collected by the hu-

man ear. The funnel shape of the outer ear facilitates the collection of the sound waves. The sound waves travel down the ear canal and vibrate the eardrum (tympanic membrane) transmitting the vibrations to three connecting bones in the middle ear and to the inner ear (cochlea).

The cochlea is fluid-filled and has a series of hairs within the fluid that are connected to nerves that lead to specific hearing centers of the brain.

This complex and balanced system takes mechanical energy and transfers it to electrical and chemical energy that culminates in hearing things as diverse as the sound of a hammer, the sound of a rock hammer or rock concert.

The juxtaposition of these experiences in one’s environment and rock concerts frequently put out the same intensity of sound volume and potential for hearing damage. Yet, far more jackhammer operations utilizing hearing protec-

tion devices than do concert- goers.

The National Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has generated some regulations for the work place to protect workers’ hearing. It is well established that both the intensity and the duration of a noise impact the delicate balance of the hearing system and can lead to perma-

nent hearing loss.

Have you ever been to a conc-

cert or used a power tool or listened to loud music with per-

sic headphones? Have you ever shot a gun and come away with an ear ringing sensation, ear pain, or hours or days of decreased hearing? If the answer is “yes,” you have probably permanently lost some hearing abilities.

For the past two weeks I have been collecting decibel (dB) readings on common things within all our daily comings and goings.

Ambient noise around the house with a computer run-

ning was 70 dB. Driving in my truck on the highway at 60 MPH was 70 dB with the win-

dow closed, and 76 with it open.

A dance party for my 15-year-old nephew with a DJ was 95-95 dB. And for those of you wondering about the afore-

mentioned hair dryer, 86dB on low and 103 on high. A typi-

cal rock concert may be 105-110 dB and the jackhammer is in the 110-114 dB range.

OSHA sets work place regu-

lations of hours of decibels per day that is allowed before sig-

nificant hearing damage is done. 110-120 dB, a worker would be allowed to work for 15 minutes or less without hearing protection. At a rock concert 110 dB he/she would be allowed 30 minutes before wearing hearing protection. At the hair dryer level that I mea-

sured in my house 95-103 dB allowable times are in the 1.5 hours.

Once we realize the poten-

tial and risk, it becomes easy to protect this treasure.

First try to limit exposure. Control the volume of noise to which you are exposed so that it is comfortable.

All situations are not con-

trollable so be prepared to pro-

tect yourself. If you think you are going to a potentially noisy environment, bring along some small disposable earplugs. They are available in lots of pharmacies and hardware or home repair stores.

Most of them have a noise reduc-

tion rating (NRR) listed on the package. The NRR is the amount of decibel reduc-

tion that you might obtain if the device is used optimally. So, if you are at a concert and the music is playing at 105 dB and the earplugs are well placed and have an NRR of 25, you will be hearing the concert at 80 dB. This is well within a safe range and one that will allow you to enjoy all two and a half hours of the show and still come home with your hearing intact.

One never realizes how im-

portant something is until you lose it. Remember WeCare. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you con-

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Thank Goodness for Spring Break's End

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Disappointed to be back on campus after a great trip to a sunny locale?

Top Ten Signs That You Had a Louisy Spring Break
10. You attended a wet T-shirt contest featuring your mother, your sister, and a woman colloquially known as Dippy the dog-faced girl.
9. Your first name is "Sean" and your last name rhymes with "Farrar." 
8. People Magazine personally called you to say that you are being considered for their inaugural "World’s Fattest Attractive People" issue.
7. Began contests with friends to see who could vomit the most in a 24-hour period.
6. Let's just say you know more about the Mexican judicial system now than you did one week ago.
5. You hit a black jack at the casino in a way to meet women.
4. Sculpted a life-size model of yourself out of Spam due to sheer boredom.
3. Totally didn’t realize that saying "Dude, I was too scared to remember" isn’t a legally valid defense.
2. Your “cruise” consisted of a fat guy piggy-backing you around your hotel.
1. The only thing you can remember from the week is a surgical glove and an angry West Indian native shouting "Bend over!"
The only thing you can remember from the week is a couple of episodes of Magnum P.I.

Still recovering from all the fun you had in an exotic, welcoming environment? I'm not; in fact, it already feels as though nothing really happened last week - which is pretty close to the truth of the situation.

Spending a week in a swirlying orgy of alcohol and cheap women isn't exactly my idea of a great time. Granted, spending a week in a swirlying orgy of alcohol and cheap women isn't exactly my idea of a great time. However, while recovering from this, I realized that my life is a lot better than I thought it was. That's been a real eye-opener.

The last day of our vacation, not the expected interview with Merrill Lynch is their private equity department. The interview went well, and I was on cloud nine for the entire trip back to San Diego and flight back to Boston. At least I expect, they called me and gave me the same story I hear many times. It's all in the imagination is really tight right now. Many people are taking positions in the company, they are over-qualified for.

So I asked the question: what can I do to improve my application or presentation? They told me nothing.

But there is something I can do. I can take that fire that I have in my belly, and use it. The fire comes from personal motivation, knowledge, a Babson education, and the fact that I am interested in half of the jobs I get turned down for. It comes from the innate anger that has arisen in me for as long as I can remember. I'm willing to give it a chance.

Seniors: There are plenty of jobs out there. Just utilize the Babson Network. As useless as CCD ear seemed sometimes, this is what it is for there.

I am flying back out to San Diego in a couple of weeks, and I am going to develop the Babson Network that I have started for myself. That is how I am going to get the job. I am going to find a job, Hotjobs, etc.-all that stuff. You could spend days on those search engines and never find anything. Believe me, I have tried.
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**THE ARTS**

**Freshman Opens Exhibit at Horn Gallery**

**MATT OLSON**

**The Arts Editor**

Babson student Sanan Hyde is currently showing an installation of an art exhibit in the Horn Gallery at the Babson College library. I was able to interview her about this event and here's what transpired:

**Matt:** First of all, could you tell us a little about your background?

**Sanan:** Hi Matt. Well, as a child my family and I traveled around a lot. Then we moved to NY for high school. I am here at Babson because I am looking for a way to continue doing art, and I thought maybe I could find a connection between business and art.

**Matt:** And could you describe your installation that is currently showing in the Horn Gallery?

**Sanan:** The current installation is a dorm room set-up. I want to show that art can be part of our everyday lives, and that it all has to do with perspective and the way that we choose to view art. The dorm room is something we are all familiar with, and by using it as an art setting I hope to show that art is an ingrained part of our lives; it doesn't have to be something we go and view selectively at a museum.

**Matt:** Is there anything really bizarre or strange about this installation?

**Sanan:** Well, this is my first show. I've tried and made it as personal as possible. I have designed it in the way that I'd like to see art displayed.

**Matt:** What inspired you to prepare such an intimate experience?

**Sanan:** I like to try different things with my artwork and try to grow as an artist. I do art in familiar surroundings, like my own dorm room. And the art in the show was all created in the context of my dorm room, so I wanted it to stay in that context even when it was displayed.

**Matt:** And in the entire feeling, didn't you just want it to be visual? I want art to be an environment, something you can be in and use all your senses to engage with.

I've set up the room as a real room, with furniture, beds, drawers, and other everyday objects. And I have music and lights. I want the viewer to step into a whole different world that is strange and at the same time familiar.

**Matt:** What is the purpose for this installation?

**Sanan:** The purpose of this installation is to create my own artistic needs and, at the same time, I think art is a service to the community. I think art helps people relate to each other better; it taps a different part of people's brains. Also, as an 'art experience' I hope that it changes the way people see things; I hope to offer people more color and openness and a different way of looking at our world.

**Matt:** Is there a business school, what do you see as the relationship between business and the arts?

**Sanan:** I think that there is a definite connection between business and the arts. Most people here at Babson are the same because they think they have nothing to do with business, but they are sadly mistaken. Especially at a business school, we must consider different point of views, different angles, and perspectives. The flexibility and open-mindedness can be encouraged and enhanced through exposure to art.

I hope that in the future we can expand art at Babson, because at this point it is pathetic how little emphasis is put on art, in and out of the classroom. Many students here want to know the purpose of your installation and that it is a share.

A lot of times, art is imposed on us as we grow up, and we lose a lot of interest in that. But hopefully this show will help those who come see it, to realize that art must not be confined to a gallery or a museum, or confined to established forms of "art." Art is just a perspective.

**Matt:** Is there anything else that you would like others to know about your installation?

**Sanan:** Thanks! I hope everyone takes the time to drop by. The show is in the Horn Gallery and it opens Wednesday, March 28.

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**Movie Listings for Framingham 16**

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**Photo Courtesy of Andrew Galbraith**

The Babson Chamber Group performed in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 14. Students showed up to listen to relaxing music and enjoy the sounds of the musical group.
**SPORTS**

**Men’s Lacrosse Whips Maine Maritime, 18-5**

**DJ SCHEPKER**  
**PRODUCTION MANAGER**

The Babson College men’s lacrosse team used points from 12 different players in their game on Saturday afternoon to whip Maine Maritime Institute 18-5. The Pilgrim League contest was played on the Reavers’ new turf field, providing an advantage for their solid team speed.

Babson built a 10-2 advantage by the half to glide to victory in the 2nd stanza. Babson improved its record to 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the Pilgrim League.

The men’s team was led by tri-captain Chris Darmen ’01 who notched 4 goals and 1 assist in the contest. Helping him blow away Maine Maritime was Todd MacDowell ’03 who placed the ball in the net 3 times and helped two teammates rack up goals.

Babson also had goals from tri-captain Mike Welch ’01, Chris Doyle ’01, and Darryl Hansen who all had 2 goals apiece. Welch and Tim Armenta ’04 also had three assists. Rounding out the scoring for Babson were Armenta, Sean Sullivan, Matt Siciliano, John Morrell, and Peter Suffredini with goals.

The effort was a solid one on all cylinders for Babson.

P.J. Defina ’03 started in goal for Babson playing 22 minutes and making 4 saves. Defina continued his stellar play in his second season in net for Babson. Nick Sabilia relieved Defina and played the rest of the way making 4 saves.

Maine Maritime fell to 3-1 on the season and 1-1 in the conference.

In other lacrosse games for the season, Babson opened up with an 11-5 victory over New England College. The game was the inaugural one for the new turf field. Babson used solid defense to build a 7-3 lead after 3 quarters of play, before putting NEC away.

Welch, Hansen, and MacDowell each netted 2 goals for Babson in the contest. MacDowell has moved his stellar play into his sophomore season, after leading all Babson first year players in scoring last year.

Additionally, Defina took control in net making 14 saves. Defina’s aggressive style helped him control the pace in the game and push the offensive forward to take the commanding lead.

Babson dominated New England College on all fronts in order to win the first game on their new field.

Men’s lacrosse had 2 other games, splitting them with a 14-2 victory over Lasell and a 6-4 loss to Molloy. Barry Hasen dominated in the Lasell victory scoring 5 goals with 2 assists, 3 goals in the first quarter. Welch continued his scoring pace with 5 assists.

Babson also used 3 goals from Chris Darmen, along with goals from 5 other players as the field in the victory.

Defina played solidly over 36 minutes in net. Babson faces a tough road ahead with games against Eastern Connecticut State at home on Thursday and at Clark on Saturday.

**Baseball Splits Doubleheader with Bentley**

**DJ SCHEPKER**  
**PRODUCTION MANAGER**

The Babson College baseball team opened its season by splitting a doubleheader against Bentley in action Sunday afternoon. Babson fell in the first game by a score of 13-4, before coming back and taking a 5-2 victory in the second half of the twin bill.

The first game saw Steve Sherman and Bernie Driscoll of Bentley each driving a pair of home runs to give their team a convincing victory. Bentley was also led by Jeff Hudson who provided a double, home run, and 3 RBIs.

Babson starter Jeff Heighington ’04 went 4 innings, giving up 7 runs, 6 of them earned. He struck out 6, while giving up 9 while on the mound.

A solid effort came from Babson starting shortstop Jeff LePage ’02 who went 2 for 4 in the game, while driving in 2 runs. Babson first baseman Dave Millman ’01 was the only other Beaver recording two hits in the game.

In the second game, Babson came out with a strong effort from its players and pulled out the victory 5-2. With Bentley grabbing the early 1-0 lead, Matt Nolan ’03 slapped a single to left in the bottom of the 3rd inning, recording an RBI to tie the game.

Only four batters later, Millman, one of the team’s captains, nailed a 2-run single to right scoring Nolan and Phil McGinnis ’04. Millman went 4 for 5 on the day in an outstanding effort.

In the 6th inning, Babson got the first collegiate home run from Keith Vera ’04 to pad their lead at 5-1.

The rest of the game was left to starting pitcher Ryan Fergus ’03 who worked 8 innings. In his tenure, Fergus gave up only 6 hits and 2 runs to record the victory. The win came in his first outing of the year.

Bill Fitzgerald ’03 came in and pitched a scoreless ninth inning to earn his first save. Fitzgerald pitched well in relief of Fergus.

Babson has had both its games at Suffolk and Bridgewater State cancelled due to weather conditions. This was the same fate for most of their games over Spring Break.

The Suffolk game has been postponed until April 4th, while the game against Bridgewater State will take place on April 11th. Next up for Babson is a 3:00 P.M. game at Curry on Friday, March 30th. On Saturday, Babson will travel to New London, Connecticut for a game at Coast Guard.

Following that, the baseball team will play host to UMass-Dartmouth on Sunday.

**Spring Break Results**

**Softball (4-6)**
3/17 - St. Joseph’s (ME) 6, Babson 2  
3/17 - Babson 8, Framingham St. 5  
3/17 - North Central 9, Babson 3  
3/18 - Dana 9, Babson 5  
3/21 - Kalamazoo 1, Babson 0  
3/21 - Babson 5, Fredonia St. 0  
3/21 - Bowdoin 6, Babson 0  
3/22 - Babson 4, Hamline 3  
3/22 - Babson 12, Lasell 6  
3/22 - Augsburg 10, Babson 4

**Men’s Tennis (4-2)**
3/18 - Millersville 7, Babson 0  
3/19 - Carleton 4, Babson 3  
3/20 - Babson 5, Hamilton 2  
3/21 - Babson 5, Principia 2  
3/22 - Babson 4, Calvin 3  
3/22 - Babson 6, Hillsdale 1

**Men’s Lacrosse (2-1)**
3/21 - Molley 6, Babson 4

**Home Sports Schedule**

**Thursday, March 29**
Men’s Lacrosse vs. E. Conn. St. - 4 P.M.

**Friday, March 30**
Softball vs. Brandeis - 3:30 P.M.

**Sunday, April 1**
Baseball vs. UMass-Dartmouth - 1 P.M.

**Athletic Schedule Changes**
Baseball vs. Suffolk at 3 P.M. on Tuesday - postponed
Softball vs. Suffolk at 4 P.M. on Tuesday - postponed

**The Babson Free Press Photo**

The men’s baseball team opened strongly with a split against arch rival Bentley College, winning the second game 5-2.