Motor Vehicle Accident

On Saturday, December 2nd, Public Safety Officer Maurice McGhee collided with undergraduate student Rene Igelis as they drove onto the scene of an independent motor vehicle accident.

More Companies Are Recruiting At Babson

The Center for Career Development Provides 252 Recruiting Opportunities.

TRICIA CUBELLS
Contributing Editor

This December, students from the senior class will say goodbye to Babson College, according to Linda Kean, Associate Registrar for Technology. "There are currently 44 students listed on the probable degree candidate list."

What Babson wants to know is if these graduates have jobs and how the recruiting schedule is going for the Spring graduates. According to Kristin Wardour, Manager of Undergraduate Corporate Relations at the Center for Career Development, "There have been 252 recruiting opportunities this year, up from 220 last year, and it is continuing to grow. The kind of company is better, and we are targeting companies that are known as leaders in the industry."

Some of these top companies include Kean Consulting Group, A.T. Kearney, Bain & Company, Goldman Sachs & Co., Chase Manhattan, and Salomon Smith Barney.

Currently, there are 255 seniors who have registered for recruting or are in the active process. Beth Hassey, Interim Director for Undergraduate Career Development commented that, "Many students use CCD to find out more but actually get a job through alumni, internships, and networking."

However, according to Wardour, there are some companies who receive 100 resumes for positions.

These students have impressed the companies that have visited the college, according to compiled surveys.

Each company is asked to fill out an anonimous comment sheet after each recruiting session. One company stated, "[Babson is] on equal footing with the other schools we recruit at (Stanford, Harvard, Amherst and Smith) for what we are looking for."

Another said, "The Babson students seem to have a depth of understanding about the business world that I haven't seen at most other universities. Rather than only understanding their coursework, they seem to have experienced much more hands on experience." (Continued on Page 2)

Babson Dance Ensemble
Fall Show Excites Crowd

"Let's Get Loud" Performance Is Well Received By The Babson Community.

JAMES BASBAS
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Babson Dance Ensemble (BDE) performed an exciting show entitled "Let's Get Loud" to packed audiences. The group featured dances to contemporary songs such as Britney Spears and Dave Matthews Band. Their perfor- mances, as excellent as the choreography and Beautiful outfits and skilled lighting. The dances were choreographed by students and showed the great creativity and beauty that Babson students have come to expect from the group. The crowd interacted well with the dancers, being completely taken in by the experience.

The dancers appreciated this, positive reactions from the audien-cie pump them up, helping them feel off the crowd's energy. This group of 70 students is one of the largest organizations on campus. They choreograph their own dances and look like they have a blast doing it. Whether to come support a friend or enjoy the show, BDE brings out the support of the Babson community.

If ever an argument can be made that proliferation of the arts can work at Babson, it's Babson Dance Ensemble. Babson Dance Ensemble performed student choreographed dances to pop music artists like Dave Matthews Band and Britney Spears. (Continued on Page 2)

MBA Student Arrested at Webster Center on Nov. 18th

SEAN CARRAHER & MICHAEL JACOBS
MANAGING EDITOR & CONSULTING EDITOR

Twenty-nine year old Babson evening MBA student David E. Silverman was arrested on Saturday, November 18th on three charges in connection with an outbreak that occurred at a swim meet at the Webster Center.

Chief of Public Safety Ray McKeanery confirmed that "Public Safety investigated this incident at the Webster Center."

According to the "Police Beat" in The Wellesley Townsman, Silverman "was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest as a disorderly person."

The notice in the Townsman describes Silverman as "bothering people...which prompted someone from the school to call the police."

McKeanery confirmed that Public Safety officers were initially dispatched to the scene. Soon after their arrival, the Wellesley Police Department (WPD) was contacted to assist these officers at the Webster Center.

The "Police Beat" notes then describes Silverman as being "hostile," and as eventually released at the Wellesley officer then present. Deputy Chief of Wellesley PD Bruce Lindsley "said that Silverman was best of my knowledge...Silverman was not injured during the arrest."

Silverman was, however, admitted to Newton/Wellesley Hospital at some point during the day, as confirmed by as employee at the medical facility who checked hospital records. No further information could be released about the circumstances surrounding that fact. "Silver mas' inquest was unrelated to his arrest," affirmed Brooks.

Because the incident is a criminal matter under investigation, Wellesley PD could not release reports pertaining to the matter.

Athletics Facilities Manager and Softball Coach Andrew Dutton confirmed that he was present for "the second part of the incident" but refused to offer further comment.

Brooks stated that "charges were still pending" and revealed that an arraignment date of December 19th had been set in Natick District Court for Silverman.

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News Briefs

W-2 Information for Students on the Winter Session Schedule

Please take the time to examine the address and social security number that you have put on your pay stub. If any changes need to be made please e-mail me at ext. 4009 as soon as possible.

W-2’s will be issued at the end of this week. If you have not received your student payroll (except for students who currently receive their pay via direct deposit) please refer to your student mailbox (except for students who currently receive their pay via direct deposit). If you prefer to have it mailed to your home address, please contact the payroll department.

Theta Chi Fraternity Performs Community Service

Theta Chi Fraternity has ended the fall semester with three successful community service projects. The brothers have completed over 11,000 hours of service.

The events included a co-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive with the Sigma Kappa sorority, a Benefit Concert at Roger’s Pub for Easter Seals, and a Couch-A-Thon to benefit The Jimmy Fund.

The total amount of money collected for charity exceeds $1,500. If you have any questions about contributions to these charities, contact Eric Brown at extension 4186.

Winter Break On-Campus Job Opportunities

If you are interested in working on campus during Winter Session, you can find a listing of available positions on E-campus. To access the jobs, click on Bulletin Board, then click on On-Campus Employment. The available positions will be listed under “W-Sessions.” If you are interested in applying for a job, please contact the supervisor listed for the position. Students are eligible for free housing over the Winter Session if they work 35 hours or more each week.

If you are interested in free housing, please make sure you complete the housing registration form at Campus Life at housing@babson.edu. Please call the Student Employment Office at ext. 4286 if you have any questions.

Entrepreneur Escorted Needs

Students are needed to host and guide entrepreneurs as they move through a series of events on Founder’s Day, Tuesday, April 21, 2006. This is a good opportunity to be formally introduced to an entrepreneur.

Both Bob Davis, CEO of Terra Lyco, Kay Koplovitz, CEO of Working Woman Network, Inc. and founder of USA Networks, and Bob Rosenberg, former CEO of Dunkin’ Donuts are all entrepreneurs who need escorts.

You can pick up an application at the Horn Information Desk, Reynolds Information Desk, 301, Klink, or Milla Hall Lobby. We are accepting applications through December 15. Contact Margaret Martin for more information.

December 11th Deadline to Apply for Lease Space in Reynolds

SGA registered student business owner are eligible to apply for the lease of retail space in the Donald W. Reynolds Campus Center. You must be a current Babson student (undergraduate or graduate) and be registered and approved by the Student Government and Recreation Commission to be eligible for this competition.

Please contact James Bubash (SGA VP-Commerce) for more information about student business licensing. Leases will run from January 24, 2001 until May 18, 2001. See the attached application for more information.

Applications for both an SGA student business license and leasing of retail space are available at the Information Desk in the Reynolds Campus Center. All applications and required space must be returned to the Office of Campus Life by Monday, September 11th.

Winter Break Checkout Information

24 Hour Checkout will begin on Friday, December 8th at 5:00 PM. Students are required to check out before 24 hours after their last final exam. If their last final exam is on Monday, December 18 they must be checked out of their room by 8:00 PM on that evening. Students requiring an extension must request one in writing via e-mail to housing@babson.edu by Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 4:30 PM. Students receiving an extension will have until 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 19, 2000 to move-out. Requests received after that point will not be accepted and students may be charged for the residence halls.

Motor Vehicle Accident Involves Officer, Students

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letter to pass Iglesias’ Audi while responding to the Jeep rollover. Iglesias’ 1999 Audi A4 was knocked off the curb by a clump of trees on the right side of the Trim entrance and a sign identifying the parking lot.

The vehicle then came to a rest approximately 30 feet away near the fence on the perimeter of the Trim parking lot. The impact by Officer McGraw’s Ford Explorer on the Audi caused the latter vehicle’s side airbag to deploy.

Iglesias then climbed out of his driver’s side window. After the collision with the Audi, the Explorer crashed head on into a clump of trees on the right side of the Trim entrance. McGraw stated that the Explorer’s front airbag did not deploy during either collision.

Officer McGraw was taken to Newton-Wellesley Hospital for precautionary purposes as a result of him hitting his head on the interior of his patrol vehicle during the accident. McGraw added, Iglesias, Eldredge, Kawcik were not injured during the accident.

McGrady stated that he did not see the Public Safety vehicle’s and that there was no sirens. Chief McGrady confirmed that Officer McGraw had all of the Explorer’s emergency lights operating when the accident occurred, but did not have the sirens on. Chief McGrady stated that the use of the sirens is not required by Public Safety policy when responding to an emergency.

"During the day it is even more difficult to see their (the Public Safety vehicle’s) lights because they do not have them on top of the car,” commented Iglesias.

According to Iglesias, there is approximately $14,000 worth of damage to his Audi.

Iglesias also revealed that he has been charged with three motor vehicle violations including failure to signal, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, and making an unsafe lane change. Iglesias is challenging all three of the charges.

Chief McGrady confirmed that Iglesias was charged with moving violations and that he is being held responsible for causing the accident.

Chief McGrady could not comment as to the speed of Officer McGraw’s Explorer. Iglesias estimated that the Explorer was traveling “between 30 and 40 mph” when the collision occurred. "It’s just a guess,” said Iglesias.

McGrady stated that the Explorer may be repaired and that he is looking into why neither the vehicle’s airbags deployed.

"I don’t think that a Babson Public Safety Officer who is responding to an emergency at a school with so many people walking around the campus and is going that fast shouldn’t be traveling without their sirens on,” commented Iglesias.

Officer McGraw was unavailable for comment. Eldredge and Kawcik declined comment.

More Companies Are Recruiting At Babson

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"Babson students are always a step above the rest. Always prepared. Overall, in the upper 5% of candidates," remarked one of the recruiting companies.

Dance Ensemble Excites

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level as BDE’s shows. BDE is able to sell out Sorenson consistently with their incredible performances.

From watching the group it is very clear that they work hard and enjoy every minute of it. The audience really responded to that and showed their appreciation to the performers and their many hours of dedication.

Over the past few months of preparation it was great to see their hard work come to fruition in an experience that benefited the entire community.

The level of performance and their incredible support of the community stems from the individuals in the performance and their enthusiasm.

Heather Webster ’02, a member of BDE, explains that "it is a way that the dancers can express themselves outside of the classroom." She also added that the group benefits greatly because it comes together after so much work.

The group continues to impress the community and we all look forward to their spring performance.

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Finding The True Source of Wisdom

Mentors Are Not Always as Obvious as They May Appear

ERIK DAY MURRAY
Editor-In-Chief

Throughout my life I have received support and guidance for the success, wisdom, and honor that they have attained in their lifetimes. Many of these people have been mentors to me on different levels as I have developed and matured into adulthood.

Many have had profound effects on my life without me being conscious of it. Of course my family and friends have affected me the most consistently, and for that I respect and love them.

But it is a handful of people who have had such a short and sometimes seemingly casual role in my life that have affected me most strongly. What I find fascinating about these mentors is how they don’t necessarily need to be a single, identifiable mentor for each of us to feel they have helped us.

None of these mentors are multimillionaires.

None of them are CEOs of large companies.

None of them are famous rock stars or movie stars.

One is a professor of a small college private faculty.

One is a Carpenter at a private college.

One is a Mechanic who owns and operates a garage in the community.

Each of these people influences my life on a high level of interaction, yet their contribution to my life is very meaningful.

I will never be able to know or understand the truths that they have given me.

They have given so that I may be that much more successful, happy, and confident in my work.

The VP taught me to believe better regardless of size.

We should also make sure to work with others within the community to point out imperfections and improve them and affected by them.

Finally, we should enjoy our imperfection community, like my run at this newspaper, it will not last forever.

Problems are good in that they can serve as a tool to teach. It can also serve as a tool to challenge people’s minds and inculcate growth by forcing people to learn and improve and strive for working.

Otherwise, people are stuck in the doldrums of a flawed lifestyle.

Every member of the community must be more aware of imperfections at Babson and make an effort to improve them. They all need to realize that we’re losing out on personal and community growth.

Seven semesters of imperfection taught me a lot. Seven semesters of imperfections allowed me to grow. Seven semesters of imperfection created a passion within me.

Similar to a bad habit, it is important to note several things about imperfections at Babson.

First, Babson community members must recognize and admit that everything at Babson is imperfect.

We should also maintain awareness of these imperfections and strive to make them perfect. Yet, I leave it knowing that the imperfections that I faced here are ones that taught me lessons.

Learning through fixing is essential to success at Babson because this is the way to improve the Babson community.

Furthermore, carrying this initiative into our lives beyond Babson is imperative to raising the quality of our own lives and of the greater community in general.

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Do You Know What I Do When I Get Angry?

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You know what I do when I get angry? I take it out on something unrelated.

You know what I do when I’m bored? I lidy destroy something.

You know what I do when I’m drunk, stupid, or cowardly? I show powerlessness as a result of my frightful vandalism. I show that I am not controlled enough to deal with my anger, that I am not able to control my anger, and how powerless I am to effect a change in my life.

I don’t think anyone will argue that vandalism is constructive. Vandalism is a destructive and licentious acts of violence that flood college campuses accomplish nothing other than inconvenient people who must share that living space and adding another day of distress to whoever has the unfortunate task of cleaning up after whatever immature jackasses are incapable of containing themselves.

When vandalism is random it doesn’t matter other than to spread bitterness arbitrarily. Why would someone be mean enough to do that, or selfish enough not to care?

Vandalism is directly aimed at needlessly hurting others.

Because one is afraid to face the cause of their anger, one must lash out secretly at objects or people peripheral to that person.

How childish is that? If you have a problem, face it. Otherwise, just shut up.

I’ve had this conversation with several people, and no one has been able to offer justification for vandalism.

Other crimes have reasons, however, vandals have no reason, they may be. For instance, I might be expressing something. One might attack someone because that person is what I will call a sissy.

These actions are wrong, but at least they follow a linear and obvious, the blood-nosed, thought pattern.

What confuses me even further is whether vandalism is also a self-destructive set. In a direct way, vandalism is often the self-inflicted guilt that someone is breaking one’s foot sticking in a window or having to make an apology in public. The non-tactual bathroom hardly seems worth the fruitless expression of guilt.

Vandalism is also indirectly destructive. I have friends at other colleges (granted, this is rare) who don’t need to lock their doors. They leave their bikes outside. They put posters up on their dorms. And, low and behold, parties come and go but the rooms aren’t trashed, the tires aren’t slashed, posters aren’t torn down.

But here at Babson, one can put so much as a photograph on one’s door without the awareness they don’t need to lock their doors. Some time before a drunk stumbles by and whimsically destroys it. Is it a fun way of being in that culture?

An even better question is, "What is this culture that one is joining into?

These questions frustrate me. In fact, they frustrate me so much I’m going to break my computer. Or, even better, I’ll tear up and throw away the computer (yes, we all pay for those computers).

That’s it, because this is the limit of my intellect.
Stop Kidding Yourself, You Attend Babson High School

ANDREW BOYSEN
Staff Writer

You may have been telling your- self that you have been in college since the first time you moved in on campus, but the truth is that you are still in high school. I attended several other academic in- stitutions before coming here, and I must admit that they were more than able to capture the spirit of higher learning.

Attendance is taken in most classes at Babson College, and, despite this, many students skip class. At the other colleges I attended, attendance was not taken, but students still chose to attend class.

Is there a value in taking class when you are at a school that costs nearly four times as much as my previous schools combined? No.

Is that students choose to skip class because they don’t give a damn and it gives them the impression that there is no one in the room who cares about them?

One day, by taking attendance, we reduce the implied value of the classes and make students feel that showing up is not worth the time. Another major problem with the way education is administered here is the mandatory group work. This method of having students each do a little part of an assign- ment on their own, then having one person cut and paste it all together is not good enough.

The root of this problem is the nature of the group work assigned at Babson. The assignments re- quire groups not because of the challenging nature of the work, but rather because the students are required to do it.

The separate but equal approach to the system that we call integra- tion, makes even more sense, because students can specialize in one section of the assignment in order to help the group without learning anything.

Another characteristic that is so reminiscent of high school is the assumption that a certain percentage of the whole will drop out and go on to flip burgers in the fast food in- dustry. This is seen in the grind- ing system of beating everyone down then pushing to a B- with the occasional A-

Why is it that students take for granted that the material that is sufficiently for the real world will earn us an A in class? Or if you claim that only the A students are receiving the education sufficiently to fully succeed in the real world, it is an even bigger problem that most students are receiving Bs.

There are students that the teacher says, "If you fail this, they think this is a pass." But, there are few reasons for me to stay. Some professors and stu- dents here are unoccupied by the system, and these people are some of the best people that our world can create.

I challenge any concerned faculty or administrator who reads this article and wants to improve the curriculum at Babson to make contact with the IMC 1 students so they may hear our suggestions.

Right from the start IMC 1 is broken up into four, highly independent streams: Understanding Managerial Results (UMR), Understanding People and Systems (UPS), Under- standing the Firm and Market (UFM), and Understanding the Organization (UU).

But these streams are not separate. They must be connected. Let us examine the results of each stream.

UMR is a big review of the accounting we learned in FME, with only very minor changes in the material. Why didn’t our FME professors sim- ply teach us what we have already learned thus far in UMR?

On to the UPS course stream, at this point, there are some positive comments to make. The operations and or- ganizations of the sub-con- components taught us some new buzz words, so this stream seems important to be relatively important.

However, where is the integra- tion with the other streams? We students now know about several methods used to run a company, but why not talk to the courses on how to organize in- tegrating these different philos- ophies (UMR concept)? We now know how long it takes to as- semble line to produce one unit (system cycle time for those out of the loop), but how does this relate to the economics of scale (UMC concept)?

As for UFM, which teaches marketing and economics, they occasionally slipped in a few hidden references to other course streams, but when this occurred it was always in a hu- morous weirdness that seemed to poke fun of the irrelevance of the other streams.

For as the marketing and economics concepts of the UFM stream, our foundations obtained from our economics class and FME, the marketing classes have already covered most of the UFM concepts. It would be nice to review the old con- cepts and add new concepts, but where is the integration?

Although, I could care less about the shortcomings of the IMC curriculum, what good does it do for the student in the Free Press? I challenge any concerned faculty or ad- minister to look back into this article and wants to improve the curriculum at Babson to make contact with the IMC 1 students so they may hear our suggestions, and possibly relay them to the appropriate staff who can change the sys- tem.
The Cost of Doubling Computer Memory

**New Double Data Rate SDRAM Doubles Memory Speed.**

**JAVIER TORRES**  
**BUSINESS & TECH**

It has been a while since this section covered a specific issue which had to do with very technical stuff. Well, some new developments in the computer market have given this editor something very technical to discuss. Memory these days can be so expensive. No, this is not referring to ginko biloba or human memory, this is referring to computer memory.

Nowadays, AMD is at the forefront of the memory frontier as they have developed a chipset which will support and run a new type of memory called DDR SDRAM.

When Intel came out with the newest chipset (Intel 820) for their Pentium III, they made it run on something called Rambus memory, commonly referred to as RDRAM. This type of memory was new at the time and supposedly much faster than regular memory (SDRAM). Well, the move for Intel proved to be disastrous as RDRAM was not  

terribly faster and was over three times as expensive, as a result, it did not replace SDRAM as the standard. Nowadays, AMD is at the forefront of the memory frontier as they have developed a chipset which will support and run a new type of memory called DDR SDRAM. "DDR SDRAM" stands for double rate SDRAM and essentially provides double the memory bandwidth than regular SDRAM.

For fear of getting too technical, let's just say that DDR RAM is just the next evolutionary step in the development of memory. Memory runs at a certain speed, usually 100 or 133 megahertz, and it runs in certain clocks or cycles. Double Data Rate means that the RAM will be able to process information at both the rising and falling edges of a clock or cycle.

This fact means that effectively 133 megahertz DDR SDRAM will run at 266 megahertz. In the same amount of time that it takes regular SDRAM to complete one cycle and process one chunk of data, DDR ram will have processed two.

DDR SDRAM compares very favorably with Intel's RDRAM as it outperforms it in a numerous set of categories. This is not to say that DDR SDRAM completely beats RDRAM, but, apart from the price difference and the fact that DDR SDRAM requires fewer complexities in constructing a supporting chipset, DDR memory has the advantage over Rambus.

Double Data Rate means that the RAM will be able to process information at both the rising and falling edges of a clock or cycle.

AMD has really pushed the development and adoption of this new memory and if Intel doesn't want to be left behind they will also have to develop (already in the works) a chipset that supports DDR memory.

DDR SDRAM will be the next standard for memory, but with regular memory being so expensive these days, it is hard to conceive of what the price of this new memory will be.

The fact of the matter is that people will start to see computers using DDR memory by the end of this year and there are already two different manufacturers (AMD and ALI), which have made chipsets to support the new memory.

PepsiCo Takes Over Quaker Oats To Expand Product Line

**PepsiCo Moves to Add Gatorade to Its Non-Carbonated Beverage Line.**

**DJ SCHEPPKE**  
**STAFF WRITER**

After several years of expanding its product line through acquisitions, PepsiCo has now added Quaker Oats. Pepsi has agreed to buy Quaker Oats for $13.4 billion in stock, ending a month's worth of negotiations.

Pepsi sees the prize in the contest as the acquisition of Gatorade, the fastest growing US sports drink. The move adds Gatorade to the list of non-carbonated beverages that Pepsi already owns.

In the past several years, Pepsi has acquired Tropicana and South Beach Beverage Company, which produces SoBe.

The merger with Quaker Oats gives Pepsi a leg up on its chief rival, Coca-Cola Company. Coke had also been in negotiations with Quaker Oats, but was unable to seal the deal.

This most recent acquisition gives Pepsi the supreme advantage in the non-carbonated beverage market, which is currently the fastest growing beverage market segment in the United States.

According to the deal, Quaker Oats will become part of PepsiCo will assume about $761 million in Quaker Oats debt, but is also subject to a $420 million breakup fee if Pepsi finds a new potential suitor.

The only drawback to the deal is Pepsi's current ownership of All Sport. While All Sport has a minimal share of the market, Pepsi's ownership of both might be a significant reason for anti-trust regulators to be worried about the deal.

On a more Babson related note, PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Roger Enrico has announced that he will be stepping down upon completion of the deal. Enrico's ties to Babson have been well known since he graduated from the institution.

The deal marks the last move made under his control in a legacy of superior acquisitions and spinoffs PepsiCo began about a decade ago. Pizz Hut, Taco Bell, Tropicana, and Frito Lay are all companies that have worn the PepsiCo banner over the past 10 years.

Pepsi's successful diversification strategy has contributed significantly to its growth and maturation as a company. The acquisition of companies like SoBe and Quaker Oats can only help further its brand image and Pepsi's strength as a company.
LIFESTYLES

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The Metaphysically Surreal Number
The Number Three's Mystical Powers Revealed

BRIAN CUTLIP
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Throughout your years of education, there's no doubt that you've come across the mysterious theories surrounding the number three.

Some refer to the many biblical implications, whilst others tout the importance of it in literary terms. I'd like to take it a bit further and say that it is actually the most important number in everything.

For example, take the religious angle on the subject. The big man himself, the creator of all life, the unmoved mover, God, is made up of three components: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. So is the Anti-Christ: Zac, Isaac, and Taylor (the members of Hanson). Not a coincidence.

Not religious? Scientifically, the element H2O, the basis of all life, has three molecules in it. Not a coincidence.

In fact, if you take any component of existence in general, the number three continues to show up: Politically, there are three branches of government. Astronomically, the only planet to support life is the third (that's Earth for the common-sensibly challenged). Not a coincidence.

Even time is based on three. The standard watch has three hands. The backbone of the Internet, the World Wide Web, has three "ws. We live in a three-dimensional world. There are three ways to travel: air, water, and land. Mathematically, the mysterious number pi has the first digit of three. Not a coincidence.

Professional sports have long featured the number three. There are three outs in a baseball game, three periods in a hockey game, three points for a field goal in a football game, and three points for the best shot in a basketball game. Not a coincidence.

Humor has its own unique focus on the number three. What's funnier than a three-legged dog, a midget riding a three-wheeled tricycle, a three-eyed fish, or that three-breasted female in the movie "Total Recall"? Not a coincidence.

Taking a quick glance at pop culture reveals its fascination with our little number. Who can deny the social importance of such icons as the Three Stooges, "Three's Company," the Three Little Pigs, Three Blind Mice, and the immortal Three Stooges? Not a coincidence.

Babson doesn't fall short in providing its own collection of threes. The backbone of its curriculum, IMC, not only has three letters, but also has three semesters worth of this "intellectual stimulation." And which is the best semester? The third.

Babson's also managed to create its own form of the number three. On campus, there are three: female, male, and BISO. Not a coincidence.

Speaking of sex, the epimetheus of all fantasies focuses around the idea of a threesome. Pregnancy, the bringer of life, comes in trimesters. The sexiest women come in triplets: the Danish triplets for example. Not a coincidence.

But all of the preceding information could easily be refuted, and some might even claim this article to be entirely sacrilegious (and for the three people who didn't catch or, the moon is also made of cheese).

Even so, there is one indisputable fact that proves the number three to be as numerically significant: the six-pack. Beer, nature's most beloved nectar, is sold in a duplicate triplet of three. Not a coincidence.

Lifestyle reporter Sean Carraher shares the gifts of stuffed animals and sobriety to the recipients of the Toys for Tots program this holiday season.

Secretarial Skills Define My
TRICIA CUBELLS
Contributing Editor

Nearly every day we are reminded that soon enough, doomsday will arrive. At this time, we will be forced to reckon with the all-mighty forces of the "real world." We will have to acknowledge the possibility that we will not be able to stay off half 4-A.M. four nights out of the week any longer. We will not be able to call into our professors about missing class because we are "sick." And more than likely, going to work in pajamas because we just got out of bed about three minutes before class, will be frowned upon.

Sad.

Yes, dear classmates, it's true.

Babson Experience
ASHLEY KERNAN
Contributing Writer

As we end this first semester and prepare for the holiday season, I thought I would move away from the topic of sexually transmitted diseases and address a question that has been raised for centuries, are there any aphrodisiacs out there?

Most of you know about Viagra, which has received rave reviews on its ability to improve people's sex lives. There is, however, one little problem; you need a prescription to purchase the drug and most of you probably don't qualify.

Rest assured, I have done some research and come across some interesting information. No, I'm not going to tell you all about the attributes of "Spanish Fly" or any of those other potions sold in sex shops.

We both products I am about to describe are herbal supplements that can be purchased at your local GNC and will provide you with aphrodisiac qualities as well as other health benefits.

I will begin with women. The herbal supplement I would like to recommend is Damiana, or turnera diffusa as its known scientifically. Although there is no scientific research available to confirm the aphrodisiac quality of this herb, there are ample empirical references from herbalists dating back centuries.

One recent study of Damiana has provided the following explanation for its potential aphrodisiac qualities. As we know both men and women produce testosterone and estrogen. Although the respective levels of these hormones is different in both genders, testosterone is a key player in our sexual appetite.

For this reason, if a woman's testosterone level is only slightly raised she may witness a high increase in her sex drive. How does this relate to Damiana? As it turns out, Damiana is a phytoestrogen.

Phytoestrogens attach themselves to estrogen binding sites. They block, to a certain extent, a woman's own estrogen, thus increasing the testosterone level. You do the math: higher testosterone levels, higher sex drive. You can check my sources at http://www.yohimbe.org/damiana.htm.

For the men out there, one herbal supplement I would recommend is Yohimbe bark extract. This particular herbal supplement is very powerful. In fact, I read that it is so potent it could very well be pulled from the market.

In the past, men used Yohimbe for the same purposes as Viagra. The bark extract particularly aids in the performance of the body's production of norepinephrine, known to be essential for erections.

It has also been claimed that Yohimbe increases the intensity of orgasm. There is a large amount of information available online at sites like http://www.yohimbe.org/ erectile/.

Now that I have made you aware of the existence of these herbal supplements, I would like to go very strongly emphasize that you must be careful if you decide to take the above.

Although both Damiana and Yohimbe are sold over-the-counter, you need to properly research the contents and side effect of these "drugs" as they do have side effects that can be harmful if used improperly.

So there you have it. Sorry if I couldn't provide you with a miracle potion that would give you ultimate control over the opposite sex (although some claim to be able to do this).

There should be a picture here. Why didn't you take it?
Poetry Slam Reveals Unique Form of Art

THUSSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2000

THE ARTS

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Last Tuesday, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology produced their third poetry slam competition. During the drumming, 20 participants vied for first place in front of a panel of judges; the winning poet received $100 and the runner-up received $50.

Champion slam poet Lisa King hosted the slam. As former slam champion of Boston, King not only hosted the event, but also helped the audience of over 200 people better understand the slam phenomenon. King explained, "Slam poetry was created out of boredom in Chicago by a poet named Marc Stevens in the 1980's."

The participants poured their heart and souls onto the stage, reciting original poetry that they each had composed personally. Each performer had a different idea of what the slam phenomenon actually is, and so many different variations on the theme, from rap to sonnets, were vehemently defended. One of the most interesting acts was a disgruntled McDonald's manager who used the show to release the daily tension of dealing with even more disgruntled customers. The act was extremely humorous. Many of the acts were very serious in nature. One man recited a poem about being infected with AIDS; a woman gave a vivid presentation based on the rape of her little sister.

There were also poems about everything from the letter "P" to quantum mechanics to lesbian sex. Indeed, the slam was throughout a very eclectic compilation of art. The poetry slam is a very unusual event that combines high energy with raw emotion, and anything really goes. One participant, for instance, insisted on wearing cloth "ears" on his head, and a red "tail" attached to his pants. As unusual as the participants can be, however, most had a very cogent point to make, and were extremely talented.

The audience also plays a huge role in the performance. The judges were "boozed" several times during the show by the audience when they thought a performer had not received a proper score. The performers at times solicited the aid of the audience, having them chant phrases and many times begin screaming in a sort of repetitive dialectic with the poet.

Slams, a unique form of the poetry genre, is becoming more and more popular as time progresses, and has taken off as an art form in the past four or five years. Slams are held nationwide in the smallest towns as well as the largest cities; being a part of one is certainly a memorable, as well as an enjoyable experience.

Movie Listings for Framingham 16

Friday and Saturday
December 8 and 9

Unbreakable, PG13
1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 9:50

The Grinch, PG
11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:50, 10:45

Ragrots in Paris, G
2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:15

Charlie's Angels, PG13
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Meet the Parents, PG13
1:30, 4:15, 10:30

102 Dalmatians, G
1:00, 2:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

Bounce, PG13
2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

Legend of Bagger Vance, PG13
6:45, 9:45

Men of Honor, R
12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30

Billy Elliot, R
1:30, 4:15, 7:45, 10:30

Proof of Life, R
12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30

Dungeons and Dragons, PG-13
1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Sunday-Thursday
December 10-14

Unbreakable, PG13
1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 9:50

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The Babson Hockey Team’s past weekend performance was sparked by impressive all around play. Up next, the Hockey Team plays in the Salem St. tournament on December 27th.

Second Half Spurt Enables Babson Victory

A 19-1 Caused The Women’s Basketball Team to Defeat Bowoin.

DJ SÇHEPKER
STATE WRITER

A six-minute 19-1 run in the second half gave the Babson Women’s Basketball Team what it needed to beat Bowdoin 68-57 in Saturday’s. The Women’s “Victory” defense, Babson held the Bears to only one field goal in that six-minute period.

Babson shot 50 percent from the field, while limiting Bowdoin to a measly 34 percent.

The Women’s Basketball Team
Date
3 Rossano
5:30
4 Ripon/Maryville
7:30
6 @Bowdoin
2:00
9 MIT
7:00
@Coast Guard
1:00
16 @Eastern Nazarene
8:00
20 @WPI
4:00
23 @Springleaf
7:00
25 Wheaton
7:00
27 @Susquehanna
2:00
30 @MIT
7:00
February
3 @Coast Guard
1:00
31 Women’s Basketball

Babson looks forward to a successful winter sports season coming off the heels of a great fall sports season.

Winter Sports Teams Off to a Quick Start

Winter Sports Teams Have Already Brought Home Several Tournaments

DJ SÇHEPKER
STATE WRITER

The winter sports teams are posting strong records early in the season. The 6-0 Women’s Basketball Team, the 5-0-1 Ice Hockey Team, and the 3-2 Men’s Basketball Team are just some of the teams that have powerful starts this season.

Winter sports are performing very well and have been able to bring home several tournament victories.

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