Evan Gross Elected SGA President

Michael A. Jacobs
Executive Editor

The student body elected Evan Gross '01 as President of the Student Government Association this week. Josh Martin '01, Paul Regan '01, Mike Pughatch '01, and James Basbas '02 were also elected to the Executive Board this week.

"I am ecstatic that I will be able to sit in this position to represent my community," Gross remarked. "There is no greater feeling than seeing the hard work of my supporters and I become a reality."

Of the 460 students who voted this year, 279 voted for Gross, 147 voted for former Executive Vice President Andi Botti '01, and 10 left the ballot blank.

"When you put your heart and dedication towards something becoming a success, really anything can be achieved," Gross stated. "I will continue with the same fervor throughout my term as President in resolving the issues that affect our community."

Gross becomes the new President without having prior SGA experience. His new fellow E-Board members do not foresee any difficulties regarding his lack of experience.

"Although my experience in SGA may be lacking, I know that I have a strong grasp of the student body's needs," Gross said. "As a good leader, I must learn and become competent. I want all members of the community and especially those who are a part of SGA to know that I am always available for conversations and open to suggestions."

Newly elected Executive Vice President Martin commented, "I am not concerned. I think he has a lot of great ideas.

Regan echoed Martin's thoughts. "Although he doesn't know the formal SGA procedures, I believe he has some great ideas and is motivated to make SGA a success."

Added Pughatch, "Although he lacks actual experience in SGA, I'm sure that he will catch up to speed quickly and his new ideas will add to SGA in the upcoming year."

Although 84 students who voted left the ballot blank for Executive Vice President, Josh Martin garnered 288 votes to beat out Bert Ng '02 for the position. Ng received 84 votes.

"I am very excited, and I hope that we can continue on last year's E-Board success." Continued on Page 2

Academic Suspensions Decreasing

Jonathan Warren Glover
News Editor

This year has marked a decrease in the number of students placed on academic suspension in comparison to last year's statistics. According to the student handbook, the Academic Standards Committee will review a student if they have less than a 1.8 Grade Point Average (G.P.A) after one full semester, and a 2.0 after two full semesters.

This standard has been in implementation since September of 1994. Before this new standard the minimum G.P.A. required for the first semester was a 1.50. In addition, a student was required to maintain a 1.58 G.P.A. after two semesters to remain in good academic standing, but a 2.0 was required for first semester senior year.

This year there has been a five percent drop from last year in the cases brought to the Academic Standards Committee, and the suspension rate is also down. This year 47 percent of the 102 cases brought to the committee resulted in suspension, as opposed to the 49 percent of the previous year.

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Special Interest Housing Introduced to Students

Sean Carragher
Managing Editor

Beginning next fall, students with a constructive common interest will be able to create their own on-campus community in one of the towers in either the Keith and Canfield dormitories.

The new program is the culmination of a year's worth of thought and planning. Last spring semester, Katerina Makris and Robert Coobbledick '01, through the Resident Assistant Advisor Board, were concerned with the question of how we can encourage the development of a community for non-Greeks.

The Advisory Board quickly established that any such community would be common interest based; however, the means of defining the specific nature of the new common living arrangements were initially unresolved.

Whether or not to dictate what the towers' themes would be or to allow students to define and create their own community was at issue. Board consensus favored the latter option.

After deciding to forge ahead with the plan, the Office of Campus Life was then confronted with logistical implementation of the new communities. Eight towers exist between the two adjacent domitories, and at least three are likely to be devoted to Greek organizations. The number of Special Interest Towers will not be resolved until the application process is completed. The newly created Special Interest Towers will consist of fifteen individuals, regardless of gender, volunteer,

Babson in Beanpot

Jonathan Glover
News Editor

Babson will be participating in the 6th annual Business School Beanpot case competition on Saturday February 19th. The competition will be held at the Boston University School of Management.

The participating schools are Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern, Bentley College, and MIT.

Babson is sending two teams of five students in conjunction with two students serving as alternates. Also, J. Stewart Ward and Connie Bosse will serve as the team advisors.

The team members include Francis Chua, Eric Dosal, Kelly Doggett, Jayme Johnson, Luke Glass, Michele Guinne, Jeffrey Kravetz, and Michael Klassen. Elizabeth McKeefer, Jennifer

Noyer, and Joel Russ. All of the team members are chosen by grades in addition to academic electives.

The twelve teams are given a case to analyze, and then a team of 30 judges representing various industries critiques each team's results. The event is extremely competitive and lasts for 13 hours. In preparation, the Babson team has been training for three weeks.

Eric Dosal, a member of team Babson, said, "This is a great opportunity to represent Babson and the other schools well prepared we are for the real world."

After the initial case analysis, four teams are broken up into a second section of the case for further analysis and they must present their conclusions to the audience.

In the three years that Babson has participated in the competition, it

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Valentine's Day

Happy Belated Valentine's Day to you. Throughout the years Valentine's Day has really changed. In grade school everyone would exchange pretty ...

Port at Sorensen

I wonder how many of these students came by their own free will, how many came because they were required.

Sports-Hockey

The Babson Hockey Team split their last two home games of the season this weekend as they shutout Connecticut College 4-0 on Friday.

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Founder’s Day is Coming

ERIK DAY MURRAY
Editor-in-Chief

On April 11, 2000, Robert Amuntszandt, CEO of Global Cross,
Patrick Galpin, Chair & CEO of PC Connection, Inc., George N.
Hampers of Lender & Chase Thermo Electron Corp., and Pleas-
ant Rowland, CEO & President of Pleasant Co. and Vice Chair
of Mattel, Inc., will all be inducted into the Academy of Distinguished
Entrepreneurs during Babson’s annual Founder’s Day celebration.

Founder’s Day is a tradition
started in 1947 in order to honor
Babson College founder Roger W. Babson. In 1978, the celebration
evoluted into an event honoring en-
trepreneurs from around the world
by inducting them into the Academy
of Distinguished Entrepreneurs. This
Academy has now grown to 74
members and stands as a tribute to
innovation, risk, and leadership in
the world of business.

Founder’s Day includes a morn-
ing ceremony dedicated to En-
trepreneurship in the Arts and an
afternoon Plenary program where the
entrepreneurs speak about the is-
tuies they faced in starting their
companies and lessons they have
learned concerning entrepreneur-
ship.

During these speeches, the entire
Babson community and the Moo-
ment’s individual thoughts on how
you see, understand, and perspecti-
ve businesses and then participa-
t in a question and answer period with each entrepreneur for students, alumni, and faculty alike to pick the minds of some of the
world’s most innovative and suc-
scessful entrepreneurs.

As part of attending Founder’s Day
events, Babson students can be part of
the action by applying to be on
one of the many committees that
make this celebration a reality. Op-
portunities include working on the
following committees: decoration,
hospitality, invitations and registra-
tion, publicity, transportation, and
escort.

“I am excited to meet the new in-
ductees and learn their stories...”
there is a fascinating story behind
each company and you don’t real-
ize it until you talk to the founders,”
said Doug Adams ’00, Chairman of
the Escort Committee and former
Founder’s Day escort.

“As escorts, we are responsible
for touring one of the en-
trepreneurs around campus, inform-
ging them about the Babson commu-
nity, and introducing them during the
breakout sessions in the after-
noon or at the induction ceremony
in the evening.

While escorting one of the more
glamorous jobs available, students
are needed to handle all of the be-
hind the scenes planning that goes
on in order to make Founder’s Day
successful.

One should volunteer because
of the wealth of knowledge that can be
gained from spending one night or
day with these brilliant people,” said
Adams. In addition to the entrepre-
neurs, many influential and intel-
ligent students have attended the
events, pro-
viding students involved with “a
good way to network.”

Applications for all committees
can be picked up in the circula-
tion desk in Horn Library, at the in-
formation desk in the Reynolds
Campus Center, at the Olin Klusk,
and from the Office of Special
Events in Millie Hall. The deadline
for these positions has been ex-
tended to Monday, February 21.

It originally volunteered because
I felt that the experience and knowl-
edge that I would gain from the
inductees far outweighed the time I
had to volunteer for. The enthausi-
asm...the entrepreneur...showed
for starting their businesses has in-
spired me to become involved with
a start up organization,” commented
Adams.

“Founder’s Day is a small time com-
mitment that everyone should make.”

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New Executive Board Elected for Student Government

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Board success and moving up on
some issues,” said Martin.

Incumbent Reagan ran unopposed
for the Vice President of Commu-
nications position. He received 431
votes while 28 ballots were left
blank.

“I am very excited to be re-
elected,” Reagan said. “I feel that we
will have a strong E-Board.

I hope to continue on some of the
existing goals that have yet to be
achieved like, for example, pubs. These
issues include the meal plan,
parking, and grade definition. Reagan
also wants to make SGA more vis-
able.

Pugatch, also an incumbent at his
past position, ran unopposed for the
Vice President of Finance posi-
tion. Pugatch received 294 votes,
Biss received 111 votes, and 51 stu-
dents left the ballot blank.

“I was very excited to be re-
elected and looking forward to
working with the new E-Board in the
upcoming years,” Pugatch com-
mented. “As Vice President of Fin-
ance, I work closely with the
Admissions Office to keep the
student body informed.”

Gross noted that, “We [the new
students] are a team, and though
everyone contributes to the
strengths and weaknesses. I know
our team will work effectively
to take advantage of everyone
else’s talents and support one an-
other to improve our weaknesses.”
Pugatch noted, “Although we’ve
lost some very good people, I am
optimistic and confident that we
will work well together.”

We believe that you will do a great job,” former SGA Presi-
dent William Biss said. “You could talk during election week
that all of the winners wanted I re-
mained on the new board.”

“I hope that they [the new SGA
members] will work together as
a productive E-Board,” Benjamin noted. “Good things can come
from the College Board, but SGA
is the number one student voice.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

Leadership is a Full Time Job
ERIK DAY MURRAY
Editor-in-Chief

Input: We will want to have input into what we do. During our FME, PMC, SGA, CAB, and JAF (Desert Ram- mer) meetings we all clamor to speak next or even over whomever everyone has the floor. We all believe that our input is the most important. Everything we hear ourselves say is pertinent to the problem at hand.

This is no surprise, though. We are a competitive and intelligent community that is prone to speaking our minds and to sharing our ideas. Because if we don’t, God forbid, someone else will. And then we’ve missed our chance, our opportunity...our entrepreneurial opportunity. Right?

Input in class and in your group projects is expected and required, but what about in administrative decisions? What about student input into decisions being made that will directly affect the Babson Community and our quality of life?

Traditionally it has been perceived that there is a huge gap between Babson administration and the student body. They say, we do, whether we like it or not. But traditions change and it appears that Babson is finally heading in the right direction.

Last year the Babson community filled telephone lines with a discussion about dorm room配备. This year is now being used to make our Babson College experience better.

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EDITORIALS

Attitudes and beliefs that spawned its inception are what this school’s administration needs more of. In implementing new policies, systems, and long-term strategies the school needs to take into consideration whom these decisions are intended to benefit. Only we can accurately communicate what will or will not help us as we strive for academic, athletic, and personal excellence.

The administration must continue with the open-mindedness that Campus Life has exemplified with the SHI program, by seeking student counsel, excusing student input when making decisions that will have a profound effect on our day to day life and the quality of our education. After all, if we are inhibited by our standard of living, how can we be constantly improving the schools reputation in the open marketplace?

How can the school attract new customers if its previous ones have been left with a bad taste in their mouth?

The students must hold up their side of the bargain by constantly proving our interest and intelligence concerning what it is we need and, on a higher level, what we want. If we don’t know then they can’t give it to us.

As we work our way through our education, we must constantly question our classmates, our campus, our event, and organization that we encounter. We must communicate what worked and what didn’t. Only then can improvement and learning occur. And only through our evaluations don’t fail on deaf ears.

Remember; though, once we become complacent and lazy, our input will be disregarded and forgotten. Our voice here is not frivolous, but essential. If we are all supposed so pro-active and motivated then we must prove this in everything we do.

Leadership is not a part-time job.

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Who Wants to Contribute To A Cultural Decline?
SEAN CARAHER
Managing Editor

The recent Fox special”Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?” represents the latest, and at most certainly the worst, voyeuristic special in that network’s prof- lific list of non-animated contributions to objection human degradation.

What infuriates me the most is the fact that I sat captivated in front of the television for the full two hours of the program and found myself rooting for various potential brides.

For me, the appeal of the special lay less in the allure of wit- nessee television prostitution than in being mesmerized by the sheer spectacle of the event itself. The setting of the content could have only been Las Vegas, the glittering jewel of perviated American ide- als.

My intellectual objections to the program are many and do not rest in naive obsession to an elitist ro- mantic ideal.

Women who agree to marry an individual whom they know only his financial status are simply com- plying an act of prostitution. Indeed, to dress, behave and speak more than a prostitute because the latter’s duties merely exceed an hour and are almost cer- tainly borne out of economic des- pration.

A man agreeing to be the cen- tral object of the competition must, by definition, view women as a commodity. Sorting through a list of individuals with knowledge edge only of their looks, age, and personal profiles utterly de- humanizes the women involved.

Clearly, a person is much more than a collection of discreet, es- sentially superficial characteris- tics or limits. Evaluation of his/her essential worth or romantic com- patibility cannot be achieved by scrutinizing an answer to the ques- tion, “what would you do if inap- propriately approached by your husband’s friend?”

The contestant’s answers to such questions seemed to ignore the inescapable fact that one can- not and should not be blindly de- voted to an unknown individual.

From the perspective of a femi- nist, with whom I would most of- ten disagree, the display must be a slap in the face as seemingly well-adjusted women literally lineup to surrender their individual identities to a paternalistic male with only one known char- acteristic: wealth.

Undoubtedly, such a scene is a strange fantasy of some male member of such a financially driven, and sexually frustrated, institution as Babson.

Put simply, basic derision of a di- mensionally attained, sacred institution is a terrible burlesque of tradi- tional, essential Western values of mankind and its contribution to our humanity.

The absence of family ties pri- marily functions as a means of maintaining and promoting civil- ization. Corruption of that ideal corrupts civilization itself.

And yet I watched. And, in so doing, I knowingly contributed to that corruption. A deep and lasting pitfall of the present and future.
Sex? What is That? Who Even Cares?

**ORLANDO AVILA**
Staff Writer

For those that expect a racy article, look elsewhere. This is a little encore to the last “controversial” article I wrote. People who read my past article told me that I missed the point, that what I should write about is sex.

Sex is always an interesting topic. I think people find it interesting, because it is so taboo. People have reason, because they feel that it puts everybody on an equal basis. In other words, everybody at some point or another participates in it and it involves bearing it all. For the sake of knowledge, I decided to take an “outsider’s” role (e.g. Martian), in order to investigate the topic of sex.

What first and foremost is that there is no clear definition for sex. For example, for people like Clinton sex means one thing and for Congress another. Just ask around and you will find that for a lot of people it means very different things. In fact, in this “open” world, it appears as if the “combinations” were endless. Then lets ask, Why do people participate in it? I mean, there has to be a certain level of trust or lack of known danger for people to decide to expose their everything to a total stranger.

The first common answer, of course, is that it is a good necessity! Well, ok, but there are so many things that are good and are necessary. E.g. Good food, a good party, a good concert.

Then, there has to be more attached to it. Yes, I guess that if you answered yes, you have to be a good communicator, then there must be an emotional component involved in it. It has to be “something” that can’t be expressed in the over 100 languages spoken in the world, but that can be expressed only through words. Then, more often than not, only be communication? Then, how do we explain this right? I don’t think there is any communicational need in that. Yet, a lot of people think sex is only for the married, some people refer to sex even as stressful. But then, why not just stick with sports?

What I then find most amazing is the significance that people around the world give to a basic necessity. First, there is of course, the virginity issue. In some cultures, women must have it before marriage, whereas men should definitely not. Not there is also this whole “ritual of passage” to the looting it. The so called: End of innocence. But then, again, in order to do it the first time you must not be so innocent, right?

Then, there is the “non-disclosure” clause attached to every relationship contract. This means that every partner is restricted in its participation of “this activity.” There is of course the argument that this practice is a restriction on liberty. Yet, in a world of AIDS, this type of contract is more relevant than than in any previous era. Trust today is not only the basic building block of a relationship, but it can be the death of a partner. So, ok, it might not be so overrated to be “faithful” or conservative.

Now, it’s the lack of safe sex in this campus due to faithfulness and conservatism? I might have a wrong perspective, but I dare to estimate that only 4 out 10 students at Babson regularly participate in it. Even further, if you assume that both partners are from Babson, then I think this number drops to 2 out of 10.

This is not to say that my intention is promoting reckless sexual behavior. But as a firm believer in expression above anything else, I do think there has to be something “fishy” in a college with such low participation numbers.

I don’t think this is due to a lack of enthusiasm, but I do wonder as to the causes of it (Could it be those exhausting IM classes?). That’s an answer I may never know. But I do think that depression of needs is not a good practice. I just want to warn the ladies and gentlemen of this campus that we have a time bomb in our hands.

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FME Business: Celebrate! Delivers Plenty of Goods

Celebrate! Inc. is Just One of the Many FME Businesses Starting Up on Campus.

JAVIER TORRES
BUSINESS & TECH CO-EDITOR

As we all know, spring semester brings with it many events and activities on and off campus. This tradition continues at Babson College. The tradition I am referring to is the "trail run" of the many FME businesses.

Celebrate! is involved in a contractual agreement with Babson College to provide decorations across campus forBasically Babson Day.

on campus. Although year after year, the businesses that appear seem to stay the same, there is always a couple with fresh new ideas.

Celebrate! Inc. is just one of the many FME businesses starting up on campus. This particular business is the brainchild of gift
packages, roses, candles, and candles, only not technically flowers. This is because flowers for the chapel on a weekly basis. By securing these two sources Celebrate! has managed to increase its customer base.

The company has also created a corporate website (www.celebratelifehappiness.com), which has been very popular on campus.

Although there haven't been any reviews of the business, there have been enough to cover the cost of maintaining the site. The web allows for more interaction and increased access for any customers who are looking for this type of product.

Celebrate! has also increased its exposure by sending email

To summarize, Celebrate! is a new business on Babson's campus that is part of the FME business community. It is located in Needham Hall, which is an ideal location for the business. The business has a solid customer base and is expected to continue growing.

Information Appliances: The New Web Connection

JEREMY DAVIES
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

PCs are already passé. The nascent stage of what could be the next big wave in personal technology and the digital economy is the information appliance. Information appliances, in a sense, combine the best features of existing devices, often with specific tasks, into one device.

Sponsor and partner of The Hunger Site. The company has showed that its goals for improving people's lives parallel those of The Hunger Site.

Michael A. Jacobs
Executive Editor

As more companies look for employees who can multitask, and as more people begin to use the Internet on a daily basis, it is only natural that websites begin to merge together to save people time and energy.

Now, people can jump on the Internet to make airplane reservations and while they do that, they can book a hotel room, rent a car, and perform many other tasks at one site. People can manage their finances and file their taxes in one site now and they can buy an album, concert tickets, and parasailing on another planet.

As the Internet becomes more streamlined, new and innovative concepts emerge. One of the most unique and popular concepts comes from GreaterGood.com. The Seattle, Washington-based company allows customers to purchase the tasks of shopping online at their favorite stores by donating a portion of each purchase to their favorite nonprofit organization.

Two weeks ago, GreaterGood.com announced a partnership with The Hunger Site, a "click to donate" website. Each day, people can visit the world over and have been tracking the number of people who have clicked on the "click to donate" link.

The Hunger Site founder, John Green, noted that GreaterGood.com has been a supportive long-term sponsor and partner of the Hunger Site. The company has received donations from several small businesses and individuals who have pledged to support the site.

For Weeks, NASA Scientists and Other Astronomers have Been Tracking Fast Communication Signals That Could Be From the Probe.

KEITH RYAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Remember back in December when NASA launched a probe with its course set on Mars that would take surface samples as well as analyze the planet's climate?

If you do, then you obviously pay attention to the news and you know what happened to it. But for those of you who don't know, it was lost and descended into the atmosphere.

NASA has not given up hope, as is the case for multiple weeks, NASA scientists as well as exterior astronomers and from all over the world have been monitoring fast communication signals that could possibly be transmitted from the probe.

Scientists in the Netherlands and England conducted two listening sessions where they basically sat and watched their radio transmission screens for signals that are equivalent to the ones previously received from the craft.

As of yet, none of the data has shown anything significant, but NASA still won't quit. The signal, if found, would resemble the sound of Christmas lights or even a cell phone call made from Mars. In other words, it would be extremely weak.

So what's the big deal? The main issue is that if such a signal is identified as being from the probe, it would mean that the lander will not be able to consistently communicate with the stations and therefore no scientific value can be taken from the transmission.

Even though none of the data will be significant enough to analyze, it would still allow for scientists to figure out what happened.
HDTV: The Next State of Television

BRIAN CUTLIP
BUSINESS & TECH CO-EDITOR

First we had radio. When the leap from voice to pictures was made, we had to settle for black and white, often static-filled images of our most entertaining celebrities. Then color came and added a new dimension of enjoyment to draw our eager eyes.

The new millennium draws us closer to yet another dimension of television-filled satisfaction, and that dimension is created with HDTV. But what does it really mean?

And how can you tell the difference between true HDTV and all the other glorified means of watching Monday Night Football?

Well, sit tight.

HDTV stands for high-definition television and refers to broadcasts that contain a high-quality picture and Dolby Digital surround sound.

DVT is the generic term for digital television and refers to any all-digital TV broadcast, not necessarily being high-definition.

There are actually 18 video formats for digital television, but only widescreen, high-resolution transmissions can truly be called HDTV. Widescreen has an aspect ratio of 16:9 instead of today's 4:3 meaning that if the screen were 16 inches long, it would have a height of 9 inches.

Resolution, measured by the number of horizontal lines in a picture, gets a huge boost with HDTV. Instead of today's current average of 525 lines of resolution, HDTV offers 1,080 lines producing a sharper, more realistic picture that will make you feel like you're part of the action.

Another advantage to HDTV is that you may not even have to buy a new set.

Some of the major manufacturers, including Sharp, Panasonic, and Sony are releasing set-top boxes that will make digital signals work on a standard TV.

HDTV also provides a greater luxury for the channel surfing couch potato. Since the FCC has cleared the door for carriers of lower bandwidths, and with so much extra space with digital TV, more channels are likely to sprout up quickly.

Higher-resolutions, wider pictures, and Dolby Digital surround sound are the future of television and HDTV is the medium to bring it to us. So sit down, grab the chips, and loosen the belt, because you're in for some major entertainment.

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Windows 2000: Is It Worth Running Out and Buying?

KEITH RYAN
STAFF WRITER

Now that Windows 98 has become the mainstream in computer operating systems for the last couple of years, Microsoft is planning to release its latest OS upgrade this week, Windows 2000.

But is the new operating system worth dashing out the door for? That has been the big question lately as it reliability is in question with many testers not liking what they see.

So what's the problem? Why should anyone worry about a product released by the company who basically runs the world? Well, the fact of the matter is that the software currently contains over 60,000 bugs of all sorts and this will make any user extremely frustrated and upset when their computer does not function.

Now Microsoft denounces the aforementioned number and states that only 28,000 of bugs are "real problems" and should be fixed by the release date, which is scheduled for February 17th. The rest of the bugs will be fixed in the future in order of how important they are.

Now for those of you who have been tracking the progress of this software, have known that a beta version of Win2K has been available and has been tested by several companies who have encountered many different problems.

Microsoft tries to defend itself on several different platforms. Their biggest excuse is that bugs will be found in almost every piece of software and is a way of life in the software industry.

Several analysts, including many located on Wall Street, take these reports very seriously and warn prospective buyers to wait for Win2K updates and service packs before installing it on their computers.

Win2K is said to be ready by this week, but if you intend to buy it, be wary that you may experience problems if Microsoft does not correct these errors.

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Black History Month: Come Share our World - America

Midwest

MARIO TATE

There's a state in the Midwest where the people are always on chill mode and no one kills you for taking too long to walk past their house. In this relaxed state you will find a city blessed by the Gods and founded by Moses Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, the city that you probably know for having nothing, is moving at a pace less than the speed of light. Yes, Cleveland, where we actually have a major airport, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a Football Hall of Fame, a nightlife, and all the other elements of a "Big City" without the overweight of idiosyncratic walking habits.

That's what makes Cleveland what it is: a whole different attitude. No one is expecting anything from the East Coast and no one is sneaking around the street while walking to school or being afraid to play at night.

For the most part, everyone is cool with each other and a lot of things are happening. This atmosphere has definitely been engendered in me and keeps me from going crazy on the East Coast.

I still have that relaxed attitude. I don't worry about anything and I'm not always stuck in fast-forward mode. I still walk with the Cleveland strut and think with the Cleveland mind. I will never let it go.

South

RASHONDA RICHARDSON

When I think of the South, I am immediately reminded of visiting friends and family, especially my great-grandmother, Leah. She totally embodied what the spirit of the South is all about: from the graceful way in her step, to the slow, sweet drawl of her speech.

Thoughts of her reminded me of the blazing hot sun that used to beam down on us as we sat on her porch talking about the past and thinking about how greatly times have changed.

Every now and then my mother, brother, and I would leave our New Jersey home to go to a little town in South Carolina called Alvin, where my family lives and where my mom was raised.

It was a break from the fast pace of northern city life and gave us a chance to relax and retreat to the rural South, and catch up with my great-grandmother and our other relatives.

Our visits to the South also gave me the opportunity to experience a small taste of the lives of my ancestors who were freed from slavery and first became farmers. The town of Abing is a very small town consisting of only farmland, a few houses, and the woods.

My family owns land on which they raise pigs and chickens. In the past, when slaves were first freed, farming was a necessary part of Southern rural life for them since many did not have much money and had to be self-sufficient. Of course, their lives were much more difficult due to racism, the lack of technology, and the war.

So, when I think about the South and about how my great-grandmother and other ancestors of mine lived without the modern luxuries today, I think of strength, perseverance, and the will to live. I think of grace under the fire of racism and the will tolive. And, most of all, I think of true Southern beauty.

East

REGINALD JOHNSON

I hate taking the bus into the city. I think the worst part of the trip is going through the Bronx and not being able to get off until I hit Manhattan. When I think of Manhattan, I am thinking of "their" New York; "my" New York is a little far north - a little less clean and a little less safe.

I decided to take the bus over the long summer. The Bronx has changed so much since I left. There are gangs here now. The city is not as big and I don't go as often.

So, there are a lot of changes. The city is not as big and I don't go as often.

Support the Black Student Union as they celebrate Black History Month by attending the reminder of their events as February comes to a close.
How Sad, Desperate and Pathetic Are They? Let Me Count the Ways

Top Twenty Signs That You’re Lonely on Valentine’s Day
20. You’re special ordered candy hearts that read “Kiss Me.”
18. Last time you were able to see your feet? July, 1987.
17. Your name: Cheater. Your friend: “What date for Valentine’s, Cheater?”
16. No. 16. Half of the women on campus have installed caller ID to prevent future awkward conversations about your clumsy, pathetic romantic advances.
15. You’re named your pillow for companionship.
13. You recently covered yourself in chocolate and ran through your dorm’s halls singing “Mack the Knife.”
12. After reading the preceding item on this list, you stopped to consider the possibility of doing that.
11. You’re known as the Sober Man on Campus.
10. Four words: shoulder-length nostril hair.
9. You wear “Star Wars: The Phantom Menace” 47 times this past summer.
8. You’ve been too scared of the waterbugs in the showers to have bathed in the last three years.
7. Your best pickup line is, “Ever see a guy with three nipples and a goatee?”
6. Your picture has been scientifically identified as being a more potent form of birth control than combined use of any other two legalised contraceptive agents.
5. You’re still reading this list.
4. You actually sit down and read the Free Press from cover to cover.
3. You’ve thought about joining the Free Press staff.
2. You are on the Free Press staff.
1. You’re male. You go to Babson.

SEAN CARRAHER
MANAGING EDITOR

Babson’s temporary rating on ontap.com as the most morally befooled institution of higher learning peddled my curiosity in investigating the legitimacy of the label.
The site’s method of ranking is simply taking an average of the discrete scores of individuals from a particular school who log on and answer a 100 question test on morals. As such, if only one particularly morally abject person takes the test, they could well cause any school to look as if it is about to suffer the same plight as Sodom and Gomorrah.
You’ll be happy to know that the Sober Man’s answering of the test single-handedly and significantly pushed our fair college’s ranking

The arrival of Valentine’s Day makes that campus-wide romantic frustration palpable.
onto firmer moral soil. However, we still are far from being collectively canonicalized.
With so many seemingly romantically frustrated individuals running about this campus on a daily basis, I began to see a connection between general depravity and romantic isolation.
I mean, what could be more attractive to a potential partner than an exam-cheating, alcoholic stalker with an affinity for nose candy? Almost as appealing as a Dubble Dooight teetotaller.
The arrival of Valentine’s Day makes that campus-wide romantic frustration palpable.
In case you are still in denial about your sad situation, I’ve provided an extra-special expanded list of signs that you’re in desperate straits.

WeCARE: Defining Hazing
And the Many Ramifications
Involved with the Matter

BRUCE TOFIAS, MD
COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

Recently the University of Vermont hockey team ended the season early after a player’s accusations that the team had hazed him. After a somewhat stuttering start, the team rallied to address this obvious situation.

Accusations of the forced drinking of warm beer until vomiting and an ensuing march while holding onto each other’s bare genitalia may seem incomprehensible, but unfortunately such things can happen.

Hazing. What is it and why does it happen?

Well to me, hazing is physically or mentally forced activities that may intentionally or unintentionally cause physical or mental harm. We all associate it with sporting teams or organizations, but one can easily see that this definition could be extended to include other situations.

It is a business associate or partner in a relationship intimidating you into an activity that causes you up and deal with the severe emotional scars that, unless confronted and addressed, will remain painfully hidden in the back of the mind forever.

Few talk about it, but when they do, the pain and scarred are obvious. I am convinced that the men taking part in hazing are complex. Few think of these practices as a form of entertainment. They, like you, are aware of the terrible damage that these activities can do. They feel that they have comradery among the victims, yet many who are accursed of hazing will say that they have encountered similar situations.

If it was so unpleasant, why are these activities so often repeated? I contend that it is an expression of the scarred and pain caused previously to the new perpetrator.

The victim becomes the perpetrator. Clearly, this represents a vicious cycle that must be stopped! Strong laws are an approach, but we all know that many people find ways to circumvent laws. Laws tend to be a response to crimes rather than a reflection of an enlightened society.

The key to ending hazing and intimidation is to create a climate where people feel comfortable and supported when “inappropriate things” are brought to light.

The news reports from UVM suggested that the student who initially made the accusations regarding hazing was ostracized and made to feel like a victim—this time, by administrative forces. People must also be encouraged to say no when they feel uncomfortable.

In addition, we as a community must stand up and support what is right. Those who do not come to the aid of a victim are equally culpable as the perpetrator of the crime. As a medical professional, a long-time athlete and former fraternity brother, I am naïve to the world.

There are many activities that are easily defined as hazing and the continuum to intimidation to influencing to convincing creates many gray areas.

If we can all strive to place our efforts in the other person’s shoes, do what is right and save the beauty that grows from mutual respect and concern for others, we will go a long way to improve our community and ourselves.

Please remember WeCARE.

This is a special place because of the special people that are here. Let me know what you think: tofias@babson.edu.

Andrew Goldseng for the Babson Free Press

This week’s question: Is the Sober Man on Campus physically demonstrating the absence of a ring on this finger or covertly attempting to mesmerize potential mates in a Dracula-like manner?

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Ed Hirsh Visits Babson with Poetry Series

SHIVANI GUPTA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As I sit here in a full Sorensen theater, I wonder how many of these students came by their own free will, and how many came because they were required. It seems unlikely that so many business students would pack into an auditorium on a Wednesday night to hear a poet.

Poet Ed Hirsh visited Babson as a part of Babson’s Thompson Visiting Poet Series on Wednesday, February 9th. Chuck Thompson, the founder of the program, informed the audience that “the power of the English language is no more apparent than in poetry.”

Thompson also stated that listening to poetry would benefit students entering the business world. Mary Pinard introduced the speaker of the evening, further adding that “Babson is committed to the arts.”

Ed Hirsh, a Houston resident, has published five books, written for the New Yorker, and has taught at the University of Houston since 1985.

His latest book, “How to Read a Book and Fall in Love with Poetry,” is one that teaches people how to read poems. Hirsh mentions that “poems have their meaning in the relationships they have between the reader and the poem, the poem itself, and the author and the poem.”

The poet began the evening with a poem from a series called “Initiation. The New Work. Here, Hirsh described his first experience reading a poem. He described the moment as “enrapturing” and went on to depict a young boy standing in a basement, remembering the death of his grandfather.

Hirsh’s voice was very powerful, full of feeling and emotion as he read poems that had little pieces of his life interwoven throughout them. His voice rose and fell as he progressed through the poem, almost as if he were reading a comforting story to a child. Hirsh’s Chicago accent also contributed to the personal touch of his poetry.

The news poem, “Indian Summer” was a very personal story that touched upon personal issues of a broken home, fighting, divorce, and love.

“I don’t go out in the storm, you can’t get hit by lightning.”

pain. In the poem Hirsh described a flashback after looking at an old photograph from his childhood - the photo was of his father right after he came back from the Korean War. Hirsh described this picture as a turning point in his life because it was after his father came back that the news began to fall apart.

“Mergers and Acquisitions” was a poem that included words that Hirsh jacked had been invented since 1985. He told the audience that he was hebt of one of the first poets to use all of these words in his own poetry. Hirsh mentioned that this was his stepfather’s favorite poem since his stepfather was very sure that he had no idea of the meanings of the words (the poem consisted of a list of words having to do with business). Hirsh is a humorous man who is very honest about his poetry. After reading a few more poems, he told the audience that he steals titles of other poems he likes.

He stole the title “The Poet at Seven” and wrote it about himself as a child. The heartwarming poem describes him as a competitive, exceptional child with “concentration camp eyes.” He describes what it’s like being a Palestinian, a Jew.

Hirsh goes on to read a poem that he was commissioned to write about the Midwest titled “Ocean of Grass.” Next Hirsh read “The Scholarly Love Poems;” two poems that related love in a completely original manner, different from any other poet’s writings on love.

Hirsh ended the poetry reading with a poem called Corte the. Here are a few of the powerful lines from that piece of poetry: “Love is greedy and forgetful. . . . Be surprised by everything that happens to you . . . Never let anyone destroy your inner spirit . . . Freedom should be the first consideration of love. . . . Passionate attention is prayer, prayer is love . . . Consume the feast with love.”

In the question and answer session after the reading, Hirsh told the audience that poems should be charged with emotional intensity and sometimes poetry is outside of your conscious control, sometimes you are the vehicle for something altogether wrong.

Hirsh said of his poetry and inspiration: "If you don't go out in the storm, you can't get hit by lightning." Tiggers is that he is the only one, the film comes on his search for his family, because he had become tired of being different and alone.

The intriguing plot, combined with the classic characters makes for an excellent movie, and the original character voices make the film extra special for those of us that grew up with the adventures of Winnie the Pooh. This was a great movie, which brings back fond memories of Saturday morning cartoons and holiday specials. It lets us all forget that we are supposed to be acting like adults, preparing for the business world, and we can instead remember what is was like to just be a kid. So, if you're looking for an escape from reality, just want to relive a piece of your childhood, then check out "The Tigger Movie."
Moonstruck Tells Love Like
It Is at the Wang Center

"Moonstruck" is the story of an Italian family in
NYC who are working through their love triangles.

DIERDRE WOODY
The Arts Editor

Lovers and friends alike enjoyed the 1987 Oscar-winning romantic comedy, "Moonstruck," on Valentine's Day. The film was part of the Wang Center's Millennium Classic Film Series, which is cele-bribating its 10th anniversary, and was aired on the largest screens in New England.

Montaguer also enjoyed a special appearance by Olympia Dukakis, who plays Cher's "tall-8-like-at" Italian mother. Dukakis engaged in an open question and answer ses-sion at the Wang Center where she expressed her enjoyment and fulfillment with getting to work with director Norman Jewison.

"Moonstruck," starring Cher, Nicolas Cage, Vincent Gardenia, Olympia Dukakis, and Danny Aiello, tells the story of an Italian family in New York who is trying to work out their romantic entangle-ments together, as a family. Cher, a widow, is about to marry a younger man (Ariel) when she meets his brother (Cage) and her love com-plications begin.

Her parents, Dukakis and Garde-nia, play the role perfectly as they try to guide Cher in the right direc-tion while sorting out their own marital commotion.

The remaining films in the Clas-sic Film Series are "Out of Africa," playing March 6, at 7:00 P.M., and "Cleopatra," playing March 20th, at 6:30P.M. "Out of Africa" is directed by Sydney Pollack, stars Meryl Streep and Robert Redford, and has won five Academy Awards-Best Pic-ture, Director, Screenplay, Cinema-na, and Music.

"Cleopatra" is directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, stars Elizabeth Tay-lor, Richard Burton, Rex Harrison, Martin Landau, and Roddy McDowall, and has won four Acad-emy Awards-Cinematography, Spe-cial Effects, Costumes, and Art Set Direction. These films are a bargain at only $8.00 a piece and will im-press viewers as much as the beauty of the Wang Center itself.

Music From TV's Dawson's Creek Rings In Real Clear

STANLEY KOTY
Lifestyles Editor

Songs From Dawson's Creek, a compilation of various songs from the hit "TV show is packed with many heartwrenching love ballads, while at the same time has songs that will make you want to dance. The CD includes songs from well-known artists such as Faith Hill, Shawn Mullins, Paula Cole, and Jes-sica Simpson.

More importantly, there are quite a few great songs from artists with which you may not be familiar, such as Shooter, Sozzi, Adam Cohen, and Heather Nova. The balance of songs on the CD contains adds depth, not only from the songs that are in-cluded, but also from the meaning behind some of the not too well known artist's and their lyrics.

My take is that if you are looking for songs to pump you up before that big hockey game, but if you want to mellow out and chill, this is great. Shooter's, "Life's a Bitch," is one of those great songs that seems to relate to just about anyone that listens. Adam Cohen's song "Cry Ophelia" is a gem and is similar to the throbbing vocals of Shawn Mullins. The CD itself does a great job in making the listener feel the words that are coming from the songs.

I am a fan of various kinds of music, but soft sounds are not my strong point. Therefore, if this CD can make a listener out of me, it can make a listener out of just about anyone that is willing to give the sound a chance.

At first glance it is easy for some-one to cast this CD aside simply because it is a compilation of songs from a sappy teenage show, but give it a double-take and do yourself a favor and pick it up.

I just would like to tell you all know too, I am not required to say nice things about any CD. It is a review, all reviewer required to do is be impartial and give everything a shot.

Everyone else should try this as well, because you will be surprised at the things you may find. That is all I am out.

All's Well that Ends Well for the Acter Co.

KEVIN RISNER
Staff Writer

At first I entered Sorenson ex-pecting a group of performers from the ACTER Company with a back-drop or several different scenes in order to depict Shakespeare's All's Well That Ends Well.

What I was astonished by was that there were only five actors, two men and three women, who were ex-pected to play every role in Shakespeare's play. In order to ac-complish such a feat, this would re-quire the actors to have great skill and the imagination of the audience.

Both of these requirements were met and elaborated on. The five actors were costumes which were cleverly created so that when a new character had to speak, all that the actor had to do was reverse a piece of the clothing to show the new characters entrance.

This required the actors to play the many roles of the play, and stay in constant movement.

Character poetry of Shakespeare filled Sorenson last weekend as five actors from the ACTER Company delivered an exquisite performance.

The passionate poetry of Shakespeare filled Sorenson last weekend as five actors from the ACTER Company delivered an exquisite performance.

As one time when one of the actors had to play two people in the same scene, so he had to jump from spot to spot and talk to the other character supposed to be there.

Overall this was an experience which I found well worth my time. Not only did it introduce me to Shakespeare's plays which I had yet to see, but also the actors did it in such a way that it kept my attention and actually involved me in the action.

Experiences such as this should be a part of everyone's life, espe-cially when it only costs three dol-lars to attend. Low price, ingenu-i ty, and an event with culture, three reasons to visit the Sorenson Cen-ter for ways to open the mind.
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**Women's B-Ball #1 In NEWMAC**

**VIN FRAMLANDO**

Swarm forces

In what proved to be some exciting NEWMAC women's basketball on Tuesday night, Babson upset powerhouse Connecticut College, capping their 17 game winning streak. With the 43-24 victory, the Babson women move to first place in the conference as well as to a school record breaking 7-1 in the NEWMAC. Both teams are now tied for first at 7-1 in conference play.

The Babson girls did not disappoint the home crowd. They played strong throughout the contest behind the play of tri-captain Katie Conroy '00, as she scored high game-high 14 points in the first half. Babson controlled the lead in most of the first half, holding Wellesley at 2-3 with two minutes left in the half. Both teams struggled offensively in the first half, but Wellesley would sore the last points before the break to cut the lead to 22-21.

Babson would come out with an early run in the second half off a jumper from Melissa Lilly '02 making it 30-24 Babson. With nine minutes left, Wellesley would capture the lead at 31-30 following a three pointer by Wellesley's Jane Goodwin '00.

Katie Conroy '00 then took control at the five minute mark for Babson, as she scored six of her game-high fourteen points to take the 40-36 edge over Wellesley. Babson would then capitalize on a Wellesley shot clock violation as Ingrid Miller '03 knocked down two of a pair of free throws to make it 42-30 Babson with 2:36 left to play.

Wellesley kept hope alive as a jumper would pull them within one. Kerri Lally '02 answered quickly, however, as she hit two free throws to make it a three-point deficit. Wellesley pulled within one again following a Babson foul with 46 seconds remaining. Wellesley then attacked the Babson defense moments later following a Babson turnover.

**Men's Basketball Rebounds With Two Big Victories**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000**

**TOM CRAZY**

**STATE VISITOR**

Following a disappointing streak of three consecutive losses, the Babson Men's Basketball team came back this week to win its last two games over Brandeis and WPI.

After suffering a heartbreaking loss last Tuesday night at the hands of the Clark University Cougars, Babson came out strong and dominated an inferior Brandeis squad 64-44.

Although both teams came out struggling and the game remained close, when the Beavers got it going there was no looking back.

A late first half run gave Babson an 11-point lead at the break and they built on their lead even further into the second frame.

The key for Babson was defense as they applied non-stop pressure forcing Brandeis to shoot 34% from the floor and only 1-12 beyond the arc.

The Beavers benefited from a balanced attack as 10 different players scored led by Brian McCarthy '02 with 13 points and Giles Wesley '02 with 8 points and 8 rebounds.

**The Babson Free Press Sports Spotlight**

**Name:** Ingrid Miller

**Class:** 2003

**Age:** 18

**Hometown:** East Lyme, Connecticut

**Sports Team(s):** Babson Women's Basketball

**Position:** Forward/Center

**How many years have you been a competitor in this sport?** 11 years

**Athletic accomplishments:** Ingrid has been a key starter for the Women's team in her first season. Based upon her performance, she was named a NEWMAC player of the week. Recently, she led Babson with 14 points and 3 blocked shots in a win over Springfield College.

Other activities, interests or hobbies: Working out, running and shopping.

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite Sport: Basketball

Favorite Movie: Tie -Thomas Crown Affair and Good Will Hunting

Men's Hockey Trumps Connecticut By Four Goals

**VIN FRAMLANDO**

Scores Enormous

The Babson Hockey Team split their last two home games of the season this weekend with a 5-1 win over Connecticut College 4-0 on Friday, and faced a 4-2 loss against Wesleyan on Saturday. The Beavers will play at Wesleyan on Saturday 7-14-1 at the on heading into their final game of the season.

The Beavers Men played well for the most part on Friday, as they overpowered and out played Connecticut College. The score remained 5-1 for the first 11 minutes.

Brad Schroyer '01 would get the Babson Hockey Team now faces their final two opponents away on this Friday and Saturday.

Babson momentum going, as he scored midway through the first period on a breakaway from Bobby Weston '01. It would remain 1-0 until the second period when Babson would get a second goal from Bobby Weston '01. This goal would be the start of Babson's domination of the game.

Babson would have the last two goals from Bobby Weston '01, and the last two goals from Bobby Weston '01. The final score was 5-1 Babson.

**Ski Team Finishes Off Rewarding Season**

**ANNA ERIKSON**

**CONTRIBUTION WRITER**

The Babson Ski Team has been going strong since October when the team started dry-land practice. The team spent two weeks at Loom Mountain, NH, training over the holiday break where they had the chance to ski on a variety of terrain.

Jeff Amsden '02 and Rob Wholey '01 have put in a great effort this season to encourage the team and make for an enjoyable experience for all.

The men's team led by Kevin Wittnert '02 and Dave Robbins '02 have had consistent results this season. Rob Strauss '02 and Wholey have made much improvement.

Alberta Townsley'01 has skied aggressively every race. Rockies Alpine Early '00 and Pete Gesthuesser '00 have brought to the team both international experience and local humor.

The men's teams looks to improve as a team for the remainder of the season.

**The men's team has had a great start to the season. Rookies Joey Myers '03 and Lindsay Troxell '03 have been a great addition to the team, adding fun and dedication to the team.**

Anna Erikson '02 leads the women with great skiing also from Emily Woody '00 and Lisa Valley '01. This upcoming weekend the women look forward to end the season on a great note and make an other excellent showing at Berkshire East, MA.