Drug Use in the Babson Community: a Reality

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The use and sale of illegal drugs on the Babson campus continues to be a concern as it becomes more visible. A freshman at Babson, I have noticed that drugs are readily available and prevalent, especially marijuana," said Leah Macdonald, '03. "There is some discussion over whether the sale and consumption of illegal drugs is increasing. Rafael Torres, '00, said, "As with any college campus, nobody will have to deal with drugs. Unless there are dramatic changes within the college environment, I don't think you will see it vary from year to year."

Whether or not drug use is indeed increasing, the visibility of illegal drugs is rising. According to the Campus Security and Crime statistics for 1999, there was a steady increase in the number of non-arrest drug violations on campus residential buildings over the past three years. From 1996 to 1998, the number of violations increased from six to seven to nine, respectively.

In addition, during the spring 1999 semester, there were five relocations in residence halls as stated in the Public Safety Police Log. So far this semester, there were six such incidents reported. To help understand this subject further, five upperclassmen students were users were willing to be interviewed and share what they know and what they experience concerning illegal drugs at Babson.

According to an anonymous student, "I can see how this is a quick way to make money since there is always a demand for them." How much demand is there? One Resident Assistant estimates that 60% of students are regular drug users.

The users know the dealers by name and the quality of the drugs they supply. From the variety of the sources and their experiences, it is clear that the students buying the drugs do not fit a particular description. Users are not limited to any specific race, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or gender. The users tend to find the dealers through friends and acquaintances. One user said, "People you know usually have a connection and you usually feel of them. Having dealers seeking out customers is not uncommon.

Illega Use of K-Drive Ana E-mail Systems

According to ITSD and the Office of Student Affairs "The Responsible Parties Have Been Identified."

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"There is a growing problem with violations of copyright laws and the depositing of inappropriate material on library media," said Michael cable. As Assistant Director of Information Technology, Michael cable's primary concern is copyright infringement.

These copyright infringements include the unlawful distribution of movies (both mainstream and porn), MP3 audio files, software, and other intellectual property via the shared K-Drive here at Babson.

"We must pursue the parties responsible for the laws pertaining to copyrighting and in order to maintain our educational and community standards," commented Bob Callahan, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs. "We are bound by law to contact the proper authorities when copyrighted items are illegally distributed on the K-Drive," said Hill. Some of the material in question included pornographic videos found in a folder named "FME Exam Solutions," which first appeared just before the first FME exam. Other materials included pirated copies of films currently in theaters.

Many of the administrators have become irritated at a result of having to constantly spend their time tracking down "innocent" library communities. "We are not the police, our job is to facilitate the learning process," said Hill. "If ITSD is spending time cleaning up the K-Drive then they cannot be working on other things that will benefit the community," commented Hope Tillman, Director of Libraries.

"A lot of students are angry that time is being wasted pursuing this foolishness instead of working while programs that have not yet been implemented such as a secondary power supply to prevent outages like the one we experienced on October 2," said Hill. According to ITSD and the Office of Student Affairs the "responsible parties have been identified."

"Now, and in the future, the Office of Student Affairs will pursue continued on page 4

Scheduling Conflicts Arise at Sorensen

TRICIA CUBELLS
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The Sorensen Center for the Performing Arts faces scheduling problems as more organizations and outside renters demand use of the space.

The Sorensen Center is a $10 million facility used by Babson to house campus events as well as student performances in an effort to "change the culture at Babson and to have a program that reflects something for all of the students," said Burt Hash, Director of the Sorensen Center.

However, the problem with offering so many events is the limited availability of the theater and its practice facilities.

The resources cannot be reserved solely for Babson students and organizations because of a revenue requirement set at $80,000 per year. "We couldn't afford to have this multimillion dollar facility for just Babson groups. We need to bring in outside renters," said Hash.

Revenue is also brought in through ticket sales for the Guest Artist Series as well as grants and contributions.

Aside from the revenue requirement, Burt Hash made it clear that it is also the College's intention "to find a balance so that everyone gets what they need and have a well-rounded program that is accessible and brings a lot of culture to Babson students."

The Babson Dance Ensemble (BDE) is one of the student organizations that requires a significant amount of time in the theater to prepare for its performances. Depending on the number of performances, the BDE needs about 9-10 hours a week in the theater, and tries to practice the rest of the time in the Webster Dance Studio.

Even though the BDE scheduled practice time in Sorensen as early as last Spring, they have been forced to forfeit scheduled time so that renters would be able to use it. "When renters need it, it's up to our inconvenience, and we have to move. Other times, events conflict such as practices for the Players," noted Marla Cambronne, President of BDE.

In order to rectify the problem of insufficient space, Hash has organized it so that other facilities are available, including Knight Audito-

ium, the Chapel, the Pub, rooms in Trim, the band room in Park Manor Central and the Webster Dance Studio.

Hash also noted that there are plans to put a stage in the Pub lounge with a better sound system, thereby creating "another venue for arts and cultural activities to appeal to smaller groups of students where it wouldn't make sense to use the the-

ater."

Hash continued to say that "BDE eats up a lot of time because there are a number of choreographers and many dances, which makes it

Negotiations Continue With MediaOne for Cable

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A representative from MediaOne came to speak with the members of SGA at their Wednesday evening meeting. The issues discussed included whether the Babson community will be willing to move to a bulk payment program. This bulk payment program will differ from the current plan now that in all the students at Babson will have to pay for cable whether they want it or not.

The price of this new bulk package charge single rooms $115, doubles $75, triples $38.30 and quads $28.75. This cost could be split into the fees for student rooms and all students would receive cable services. The cost works out to a monthly rate of approximately $115.98 for the nine month school term.

Carol Hacker who is negotiating the deal between MediaOne and Babson says she has "no problem providing a great service to the campus at a reasonable cost." This being the case Hacker wanted to know the reason why students could not receive premium channels.

Cable is currently billed to any student who wants it for $22.50 a month. The bulk package for package consists of 60 channels, which include a number of educational, business and international programs. However, it would exclude popular channels such as HBO, ShowTime, and Cinemax.

There are currently 450 cable subscribers on campus, about a third of the Babson community. The bulk package would be billed at a discounted rate from the rate

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Weekly Babson Community News Briefs

Multicultural Week Kicks Off
The Office of Spiritual Life at Babson College is proud to host a visit by Henry Kolber, on Monday, November 1st, at 7 PM in the Givens Family Chapel. Mr. Kolber will be speaking about his life before, during, and after Auschwitz.

From 1939 until his liberation in 1945, Mr. Kolber experienced Nazi persecution first hand and he was a witness to the Holocaust. In 1989, he testified at the criminal trial of the SS commandant from Dachau. This event is our November Chapel first and it is part of the Campus Leadership program.

November Wesselton Center has produced a videotape of Henry Kolber, titled "Testimony to the Truth." This videotape is now on reserve at the Library.

Planning Black History Month
A committee gathered to discuss the possible upcoming events that pertain to Black History Month. The developmental meeting, which was open to everyone, was held on Friday, October 22. Some of the topics discussed were various speakers, on-campus activities, and the planning of the month’s events.

Dance Lessons Being Offered
An introductory dance course will be offered for all students. The instruction will be given by Helen Desh-Drumchell, an international folk-dancing teacher at the Dance Department of Amherst-Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in Reynolds, and the first 50 students will receive free instruction.

Latin and African Dance Workshop
A Latin Dance Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 28th from 7 to 9 PM at the Sorensen practice room. It will cover Latin dance forms, as well as African and other Polynesian folk dances.

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being paid by Wellesley residents as well as current Babson students.

However, Babson is pushing this public program because they fear they are losing money because of Babson students stealing cable.

Carole H. Hackenfeld has responded to this comment by saying, *"If they can give me frequency, type, or location of abuse or provide evidence of abuse then I will bring them through the disciplinary system."* Babson MediaOne has said they will not do business with Babson if the College does not decide to participate in this program.

Even so, Babson will be at a disadvantage because as Hacker says, "They are the only game in town." There are no other cable providers in the Babson College service area, leaving Babson at the mercy of MediaOne as a cable provider.

Some negatives of the proposed plan are that they will be merging with AT&T in the 1st quarter of 2000 and that may mean changes for the Babson account. There is also the fear of the technology becoming obsolete.

These alternatives are being sought. While student opinions are surveyed and XGA holds the site, at www.IDO.com you will receive services for nonprofit organizations.

Attention and Audition
Want to make a difference in the business world in addition to improving your resume? If so, then come to the MCE Information Session on Monday, November 1st, at 7:15 PM in Reynolds 421.

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Sixty Percent Increase In Study Abroad

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Staff Writer

The number of Babson student applicants for study abroad programs have increased close to sixty percent this year.

Stasia Zakroff, Manager of International Academic Affairs and Exchange Programs of the Office of International Programs (OIP), believes that this increase is largely due to the new study abroad program approved by the decisionmaking body this past February.

This new program, constructed by the OIP and a board of faculty members, expanded the number of international sites available to Babson students from ten to thirty.

Zakroff believes that many students are interested in studying abroad because of the "larger menu" that is now offered.

Through studying abroad, students are given the opportunity to choose from a wider variety of electives that appeal to their personal interests. Students gain their business credits at Babson, but decide to go abroad to obtain credit in courses not offered at Babson.

Zakroff also mentioned that Babson Exchange last semester at the Universite de Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in Manchester, England. "I thought that it would be a great educational opportunity to challenge myself, and I wanted to experience another culture first hand," said Wynne about why she chose to go abroad. She believes that the increase is wonderful, because studying abroad is "such a great experience."

Adam Derk '03 also went abroad during spring semester last year, though he was not on a Babson Exchange. He decided to study abroad to better learn the Spanish language and for the "cultural experience."

Derk described his experience at the George Washington University in Madrid, Spain as "definitely worthwhile" and "a good break" from Babson.

Half of the students that applied to study abroad next semester have been accepted into their respective programs. Zakroff anticipates that nearly all the remaining students will be accepted within the next few months, as ninety-eight percent of the students who apply either meet or surpass the requirements of their chosen institution.

To be eligible to study abroad, students must maintain a grade point average greater than or equal to 2.7. Each applicant writes an essay that states why they wish to study abroad, why the particular site was chosen, and how this relates to their personal and professional goals.

Zakroff added that the study abroad program is an excellent way to not only take advantage of what Babson has to offer, but also fulfill the International and Multicultural Awareness competency of the curriculum.

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is the exception rather than the rule.

According to the users, the typical drugs being supplied at any given time include marijuana, hallucinogenic mushrooms, acid, non-prescribed Ritalin, ecstasy, and cocaine.

The general consensus of all sources leads to the breakdown that 35% of the student users smoke pot, 25% take ecstasy, 15% take Ritalin, 15% use cocaine and the remaining 10% take acid and/or do mushrooms.

The reasons people take drugs range from addiction to curiosity, and in some cases, to a conviction that it helps them focus. One user commented about trying ecstasy, "I had heard of people doing it and I just wanted to try it for myself, but I was just curious about what it felt like."

"I take Ritalin because it's a psychological thing. I just think it will help me focus and study better and help me get better grades," stated another drug user.

Another user said, "I find myself doing drugs shortly out of boredom."

Depending on which drug is being sold and the quality of it, the users vary, said the users. For example, an eighth of an ounce of marijuana can range anywhere from $20-$70 and ecstasy cost can up to $50 per pill. A gram of cocaine varies anywhere from $40-$70. Mushrooms usually cost about $30 and a Ritalin pill usually costs $1-2.

The drug situation is becoming much more open and accepted by students as a common pastime and practice. "I was surprised to see an open exchange of drugs in Trim because I haven't seen anything like that before at Babson," said an anonymous student.

As stated in the Student Handbook, "The use, possession, sale or distribution of drugs or drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited and could result in the removal from housing, separation from the College, and/or other sanctions as deemed appropriate."

Editor's note: This article is the first in a series of news analysis pieces on illegal drug use at Babson College. In examining this issue, the Babson Free Press hopes to raise awareness and open discussion on the existence of illegal drug use and the effects it has on all community members. The second article will include information about the College's policies, procedures and prevention programs. The final piece will benchmark drug issues and programs at other college campuses.

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bringing sanctions against those responsible for activities such as those. We are willing to go all the way to separating a student from Babson for infractions such as these," said Callahan.

Babson's Computer Code of Ethics states that "All users of Babson systems must respect the rights of other computer users, the integrity of the physical facilities and controls, and all pertinent license and contractual agreements."

In addition to the copyrighting law, TOSD and the Office of Student Affairs have been spending their time investigating ongoing abuses of the internet system. The latest occurrences involved derogatory and offensive remarks sent from a few unexpected users.

"It was apparent that these E-mails were intended to do damage and inflict personal pain," commented Callahan.

"These situations are completely avoidable and those E-mails went way beyond a joke. Again, the Office of Student Affairs is speaking with individuals and will apply the judicial process when necessary. Sanctions will be brought against any and all responsible parties," added Callahan.

Callahan also commented that investigations continue in the original SPAM mail controversy as reported in the Babson Free Press on September 16, 1999 and that the matter has been handed over to the proper officials.

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CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSING ILLEGAL DRUG USE ON CAMPUS

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Our front-page news analysis article on illegal drug use on campus is of concern to many community members. This is the topic that frequently runs in The Babson Free Press in our annual report on drug use.

However, it is not the content of the story that makes it so controversial.

Unlike illegal alcohol consumption, student drug use is kept hidden until a tragedy occurs.

Drugs are readily available on almost every college campus in America and Babson is no exception.

In addition, some of the facts about student drug use may come as a surprise to the greater community, but several students, including both users and non-users, were interviewed to substantiate all of the facts we gathered.

What makes the story controversial is the fact that we are taking information from a campus community already known about and writing down for public review.

I Admit It... I Am Officially Considered a Cyber-Cripple

ANGELO R. FRAMULINO II

I have tried to be good. Really I have. But as the man once said, "That's all I can stand, and I can't stand no more." Specifically, Babson's new cyber environment, especially the e-mail system, has finally taken its toll on both my sanity and my patience.

Initially, when it was announced that the Banyan client and Globenet Operating System were to be replaced by Y2K, students and faculty rejoiced.

An all-hands letter was addressed to the bet that this e-mail system was the best that could be expected in light of the awareness of low priority issues for the new system. The all-hands letter included the mistake of poor planning. I was not involved in the all the Microsoft Outlook Express confusion and the jump to the "head" of the line in the wrong places.

Welcome to reality. Distraction may not be fun but at least at this point it is a relief. After all, it is the way of the silent movies.

“Weird, but the problem of improvement. It is now almost November. Winter is just around the corner, mists are upon us, and soon we will be preparing our final presentations and reports, some of which are for real business relationships with Babson College.

It is one thing to say that we have the freedom to do as we please, but when the wave stratafied the new e-mail system, I realized that we are not going to be able to change it. I am now looking at the law of the new system and trying to use Outlook Express in a way that suits the needs of the silent movies.

I wish I could explain to you the amount of problems and stress that this system has caused me. Let's just say "perceived" stress, I had to express my opinion of Outlook Express

The underlying question becomes, who designed this junk? The system is so bad and many students and faculty are not even using it. We need to do something about this problem. The new system is not working. The system is not meeting the needs of the students.

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The Search for the Great Man and His Manhood

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During a conversation with a friend of mine outside of Bobbin, all com- gested that I take a look at the work of R. Emerson, the 18th century thinker. While reading through it, I happened upon the quote: "The search after the great man is the dream of youth and the most serious occupa- tion of manhood."

Somehow, that phrase made me think of Bobbin. I think a lot of people in this institution would like to fit somebody in the category of a great man.

Now, accurately, I think the general perception is that in order to achieve it we must follow the well-trodden road. Get the best grades in high school, then college. While you participate in numerous "resume-worthy" activities, work every summer, winter and in the internet.

Then, get a job in consulting or investment banking, do your MBA, then keep climbing the ladder until there are no more steps to climb. But, I ask two questions. What makes a man (or a woman) great? Is the Bobbin way the best way?

First of all, I think that people our age presume that greatness is very easy to obtain. I think today's society when we are measuring greatness, the first thing that comes to mind is, "How much money do you make?" Then, "How much power do you have?"

Although these can be tools to great men, I don't think these are the sole qualities of a great man or woman in the real world.

I still work hard, but now I understand that the only thing that matters is the work I do and the people I influence. I believe it is through hard work and dedication that greatness can be achieved.

The other school of thought says that one can be good in the real world without the need for power and influence. I believe that is true. I have seen many people who have made a difference in the world without wanting to be in the public eye.

It is not easy to achieve greatness, but it is not impossible. I believe that one can achieve greatness by doing what they love and having a positive impact on the world.

In conclusion, I believe that greatness can be achieved in the real world, but it requires hard work and dedication. It is not easy, but it is worth it.
NOBELCOM.COM CORPORATE NEWS

NOBELCOM.COM TEAM NEWS

With the addition of Brian Sharwood, NobelCom. Com’s new CFO, The NobelCom.Com Team has grown to a point where the company can now comfortably expand.

Brian Sharwood, a third-year Babson MBA student with 7 years of experience in entrepreneurship recently joined the NobelCom.Com team to take over management of financial resources, to help develop the NobelCom.Com business plan, and to enhance the sense of professionalism at the company. We all believe that Brian has a lot to offer the NobelCom.Com team.

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International01, a Babson College-based student business, has formed a strategic alliance with NobelCom.Com. International01 will continue to market its prepaid long distance services in conjunction with offering calling cards from NobelCom.Com. As part of the deal, International01’s web site is to be redesigned by the NobelCom.Com web development team. When asked for comment, NobelCom.Com Retail Manager Rio Flores said that “NobelCom.Com is an aspiring business that is eager to work with anyone in the Babson community. We are more than happy to be working with International01, and we hope that this relationship will serve as a stepping stone for other Babson student-run businesses to join forces with the NobelCom.Com team.” International01’s web site is available at www.International01.com.

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CCD Update: Six Degrees Of Networking

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Did you know that everyone is connected to everyone else through six people or fewer? Now the question is, how do you form a relationship with those six people to reach that last person? This can be answered all in one word: Networking.

Some people think networking is just a way of "hissing up" to potential employers. However, networking is much more than that. It is a process for gaining more information in a field and/or industry, as well as, with a specific company.

Talking to experienced people will help you obtain the necessary information for you to get ahead in your career search. Finding these experienced people is not as hard as it sounds. Speaking with family members, friends, professors and people you work with can all lead to great opportunities.

Babson College helps sponsor events for networking opportunities. For example, the Advanced Coaching Teamwork and Leadership, formally known as BEAD and LEAP programs are a wonderful way to meet people in your desired concentration.

For seniors, on November 18th at The Rock and on December 16th at the Mermaid Restaurant there will be a "social event" to talk to Babson Alumni. If there are any questions regarding these two events, such as the location and directions, call x462.

Another great way to meet alumni is through the Babson Alumni Network Directory. This directory can be accessed via CCD's web site at http://www.babson.edu/ccd/

Overall, networking does take a lot of work. At Babson, get to know the professors, as well as the juniors and seniors.

Students can use this directory as a resource to find a specific person, people working in a specific company and/or people working in a specific field/industry. Each contact has a telephone number and/or e-mail address, as well as the person's title. Be sure to click on the ACE box, for those people have volunteered and are prepared to answer questions regarding jobs and other job-related issues.

Now that you know how to find the right people to speak with, the question is how to make your networking process a success. The key to successful networking is by maintaining your connection.

When you make the initial contact with the person ask for a business card either of that person or of someone who might be able to help you and also, ask if you can meet with this person again in the near future.

Try to be prepared for the conversation by planning in advance what type of information you want to obtain. Do not expect the person to give you a job at your first meeting. In fact, do not even ask for a job or an interview, but rather, concentrate on gathering more information in the area you are most interested.

After your meeting, write the person a thank-you note either handwritten, typed, or through e-mail. This will aid the step toward building a long-term relationship.

Overall, networking does take a lot of work. At Babson, get to know the professors, as well as the juniors and seniors. The advisors at the Center for Career Development are also a great resource and can help with any question and/or concerns.

Karen Blackney, a Peer Career Advisor for the Center for Career Development, is trained to counsel students regarding resumes, cover letters and the overall career search process.

Tech Update: Memory Supply Low, Prices Rise

Price Increases Because of Shortages of RAM

JAVIER TORRES
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If you have an old computer (like mine) and are looking to upgrade, or plan to buy a new computer, the ordeal might be a tad more expensive than expected.

The easiest and most efficient way to speed up your PC is to add more RAM. However, due to a variety of reasons, RAM prices have been drastically increasing since June and have hit record highs for the last couple of weeks.

The recent price increases can be attributed to shortages of RAM chips caused by a major black out in the Taiwan region (the #1 region responsible for many of the individual PC components such as RAM, CD-ROM's, CDR, etc.), and the earthquake that hit that same region recently.

These two events forced Taiwanese manufacturers to halt production of many different PC components including RAM chips. The shortages that resulted have translated into higher costs for PC manufacturers, and while some have taken the financial hit, others have passed these costs along to consumers.

So if you are looking to buy a computer you will probably notice that the manufacturers are offering fewer configurations or charging more for less RAM. On the other hand, if you just want to purchase an individual RAM chip, you will notice that prices have skyrocketed.

Even searching the usual auction sites, where RAM tends to be cheaper, will not yield a lower price for system memory. Individual suppliers have actually benefited from this memory shortage, as prices for RAM chips have increased as much as 35 percent.

If everyone recalls the supply and demand discussions from Economics class, low supply and high demand equate to high prices. High prices are very good for the memory manufacturers and suppliers, but bad for their customers, which are the OEM PC manufacturers and individual consumers.

The rise in memory prices might put a damp on steadily dropping PC prices, as well as a strain on PC manufacturers to meet their delivery deadlines. If the manufacturers cannot deal with this problem swiftly, we might see the expected rise in PC sales for the fourth quarter (Christmas) decrease.

Meanwhile, we see that memory manufacturers such as Micron have had increased profits, leading to higher prices for their stock. In the end, the consumer will have to endure the high prices until memory manufacturers rebound from their mishaps.
Stock of the Week: World Wrestling Federation (WWFE)

CHARLES LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

Last week the IPO of two stocks from completely divergent segments of American culture, Martha Stewart Omnimedia and the World Wrestling Federation, may have had greater immediate success in the first few days of trading, one must wonder how long it will be before the WWF checks Martha into the Smackdown Hotel.

The WWF is a study in contrasts. Based in Greenwich, Connecticut, one of America’s wealthiest towns, its management team is a family of self-proclaimed “trailer trash” from North Carolina.

The wacky brand of entertainment is considered by most to be immature and unphilosophical, yet most of the storyline is developed by Harvard graduates. It is this unique contrast that has attracted both fans and detractors to this unique form of entertainment.

The WWF is in the “sports-entertainment” industry, meaning that its purpose is to entertain, not to be entertained. The primary audience of the WWF are between the ages of 18 and 34, a demographic group that prove to be loyal, entry level and less than logical in their spending habits.

Despite the fanatical nature of the WWF management has built a well-rounded entertainment empire outside of wrestling. All WWF events occur in large arenas or stadiums, such as the Fleet Center in Boston.

With as many as fifteen events per month, and ticket prices ranging from $16 and $35, the revenues from live performances are substantial.

Just like professional sports, the true value of the WWF is with its television revenue. All events are broadcast on cable television, mostly on USA, and occur Saturday and Monday nights, directly opposing NFL football.

Ratings from these cable broadcast rival those of the NFL, with a recent Monday night broadcast receiving a 9.5 rating and a reach of 4.1 million households.

In addition to the cable broadcasts, the WWF also produces programs approximately two to three weeks. These programs determine the championship, and include important events for fans and wrestlers.

As with all entertainment enterprises, merchandising is hideously overpriced, again providing the WWF with such huge profits, center.

The WWF has developed a rather comprehensive website, including web-store, e-commerce, e-mail, and information of the federation’s stars and events. The WWF has shown its ability to maximize its results by tapping all available revenue sources, the future holds many uncertainties.

Wrestling’s popularity merely a fad? Will we be looking at another “makeup enterprise” in the future? How long will the WWF continue to be successful? How long will shareholders demand more voting rights? And how long will it be before Martha Stewart is acquired by the WWF?

Excite@Home Acquires Bluemountain.com

KEITH RYAN
Staff Writer

Excite@Home agreed to acquire Bluemountain.com on Monday for $780 million in an effort to increase the company’s audience of users. If the deal goes through, the Excite@Home could become the fifth largest site on the net in terms of usage.

For those who are not familiar with these two companies, Excite@Home is an Internet service provider that uses high-speed cable lines to connect to the Internet. The company’s website provides a portal for users to navigate around the web through search engines and many links.

Bluemountain.com, almost on the other end of the spectrum, is an online greeting card business that lets users customize greeting cards and send them via E-mail. This site is the fourteenth most visited on the net according to Media Metrix, and usually sees this rating increase as the holiday season approaches.

Excite@Home will fund the purchase by issuing 11 million shares of stock, approximately 430 million, and paying $300 million in cash.

The deal will hopefully not only boost Excite@Home’s user base (24 to a projected 24 percent of total users on the Web), but also increase its cable subscribers as the company will provide more services to its customers.

Bluemountain.com looks to benefit by sharing advertising revenue to well as greatly increase in customer base.

The Blue Mountain Company will also be kept intact, as jobs will not be taken away, and Excite will also fund employee benefits options and the like.

So when you log on to Blue Mountain to send that special someone an animated greeting card, you will be directed to Excite.com and a link to other sites that Excite@Home has been talking with, and of the site includes, ProFlowers.com and Mike’s Chocolate.

Information for this article was gathered from mnshb.com and dogeswine.com.

Surfing the Web: Legends And Myths: snopes.com

BRIAN CUTLIP
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Whenever Halloween rolls around, the inevitability of a new wave of fantastic tales of horror, comedy, and amazement becomes apparent. The common Urban Legend, or Myth, devised by man’s back during the holiday was even created, and continues to stimulate people everywhere.

Not only do the information powerhouse that is the Internet provide us with the opportunity to find the various websites describing all kinds of mythical folklore and legends. The most extensive and user-friendly that I have found is located at www.snopes.com.

Trying to be as helpful as possible, Barbara and David F. Mikkelson (webmasters), provide an extensive collection of all the popular legends we look to read during the holiday, including the classic Halloween tales, and delve through all of the horror, sex, movies, music, college, television, Christmas, and wedding legends.

An interesting attribute to the site is that it not only provides the reader with information as to how the legend is, but also includes the reported status as of its validity. Derived from research by the The San Fernando Valley Sunlight Society.

If the legend is labeled as true, the site provides quotes and newspaper articles and photos to confirm the story. For instance, I’m sure we’ve all heard that radar can’t detect the Yeti, but we’ve all been known to show up in trick-or-treater’s candy bars, do go, but know that this true legend has been back to 1955 and 75 percent of all reported cases resulted in its existence.

Some interesting legends that are all claimed to be false: The Little Mermaid movie cover’s ghoulish result from the on the hill during the filming of The Little Mermaid. The Bobcat is the original concept behind The Blair Witch Project actually happening, and the possibility of constructing the AIDS through needlethrusting left in movie theaters.

So the next time someone tells you something that seems too far-fetched to be true, check out snopes.com and test your authority. Chances are they’ve researched it already!

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S.E. Olson's Uptown Gourmet

HEATHER MITCHELL

For some inexplicable reason, time in the Batson Free Press World passes light-years ahead of the real world. Of course, I felt that way for a few months last fall; but that last minute realization of the significance of the time abnormality on the 31st of December is not a phenomenon that occurs between 5 and 6 A.M. only appears to occur between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. if you are not a light sleeper.

Now imagine life writing for the Free Press, in one of those off hours. I've been known to go to bed at midnight rather than the usual guest for a quarter past two. It makes for a slightly different lifestyle, to say the least.

Although it has been a whole week since I wrote my last article, for those dedicated (restaurant) reviewers who number four myself, and the third article I've written in one week. I hope you will now find that life and time within the Batson Free Press has again inexplicably passed by in a very short time.

I don't in order to meet my deadline, please let me know, and if you really can't. I will make a quick review a S.E. Olson's Uptown Gourmet, however, the end result is the quick review. Although the restaurant is an example of a fine mix of fine and funky restaurants, it lacks the necessary luncheonette atmosphere. The menu is a bit too old-fashioned, a little too bistro, and stacked between two slices of bread. It is not a restaurant where one can have a leisurely meal, but rather a lunch in the middle of a working day.

However, a simple sketch of the corner of Forest and Washington does not depict what S.E. Olson's Uptown Gourmet is. A quick glance at the menu will show that the restaurant is a hole in the wall, with seats in the form of a U-shaped counter and a long, narrow dining room. The food is simple, with a wide variety of dishes available, from soups and salads to entrees and desserts. The ambience is casual, with wooden tables and chairs giving the laid-back atmosphere that the restaurant is known for.

The service is friendly and attentive, with the staff always ready to recommend dishes and answer any questions you may have. The menu is small but comprehensive, offering a wide variety of dishes to choose from. The prices are reasonable, making it an affordable option for anyone looking for a good meal.

Overall, S.E. Olson's Uptown Gourmet is a delightful restaurant that offers a great dining experience. The food is delicious, the service is friendly, and the ambiance is casual and inviting. It is definitely worth a visit if you're looking for a good meal in a relaxed setting.
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The Babson Journal
**The Arts**

**Up and Coming Artists Supported by Phoenix Rising Records**

**Bands Include Dude of Life and The Big Wu**

**JAMES BASBAS**

**Stuart Warren**

Phoenix Rising Records' sampling CD contains 10 songs by 9 different artists. This collection of music contains a few bright spots, but on the whole is very disappointing. The Big Wu has two songs on it.

This CD can hopefully take them to the next level on their journey to stardom.

"Kangaroo" and "Midnight Ruby." The melody is okay, with a nice slow beat, but the lyrics are idiotic and meaningless, adding nothing to the song. Also, the quality of the singing voice is not very high. The only value that can be gained from this CD is that it will not hurt the artist's career.

The Dude of Life, who is well known for his song-writing work, and special guest appearances with Phish, complements this CD well with a couple of songs with good soft beats. Again, the singing isn't the greatest, but the lyrics are good and the instruments are sharp. This seems like a group that, with some work, could become an even better group.

Finally, Ozric Tentacles added two completely different songs. The first song, "Colly," is a good song once you get past the funky instruments. The second song, however, does not contain lyrics. It is a long, strange song that contains techno-type music.

These extremely different songs confuse the listener, not giving him or her a feeling for what the group is all about.

This CD provides a few promising groups such as Kingfish and the Dude of Life, but on the whole it is a disappointing CD.

Some of the songs seem to have promise, but poor singing, and even poorer production hampers this CD. I don't see any of these groups making a big impact soon, but for many of these groups, such as Kingfish, this CD can hopefully take them to the next level on their journey to stardom.

Information on all of these groups can be found at www.musaphoenix.com

**Magdalena Gargova**

**Stuart Warren**

The movie from Brazil called "Central Station," presented by the Babson International Film Forum last week, was very memorable. It touched on so many subjects and feelings all at once.

Set during the middle of this century, it tells a story about a cynical, joyless woman who writes letters at the central station for people who cannot read or write.

She comes to meet one of her customers who is a little boy. However, the mother of the boy dies suddenly in an accident leaving letter writer to take care of the boy, since he knows no one but her.

It was nominated for an Oscar, and it won several awards at the Cannes' Film Festival in the French Riviera.

The woman is completely transformed by this little boy through his child-like innocence and honesty. It is a very moving performance about the endurance and faith of the human spirit. I enjoyed the movie very much, and I recommend it to be seen by anyone who enjoys some reminder of the feelings and emotions that make us human.

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**Final note: the film is in Portuguese with English subtitles, but this does not take away from the profound impact of the movie.**

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Music, Art, and Dance All in One Weekend!

"Let Luke Sing," will be performing in Roger’s Pub on Thursday, October 28, 1987, at 8:00 P.M. The program is presented by CAB and the class of 2000. Many may remember getting blown away by this talented group of Babson performers in the Pub last year. This year before no one will want to miss this rare opportunity with a returning special guest!

Artist Reception for JSG Boggs, Friday, October 29, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the Horn Gallery. The Horn Gallery will be open to the public, displaying works by their from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the Sorenson Center for the Arts.

International Dance Festival Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 P.M. in the Sorenson Center for the Arts.

Movie: "Double Jeopardy"

ERIC CARLSON, Staff Writer

Calling all Tommy Lee Jones fans! Almost, even if such people do not exist, it is still worthwhile to point out his recent performance in "Double Jeopardy." This suspense filled, by the glamorous Ashley Judd, who is wrongly imprisoned for the "questionable death" of her husband, played by Bruce Greenwood. "Double Jeopardy" is a well-rounded film with something to offer everyone.

There is romance, action, tragedy, and revenge all in a whirlwind of two hours.

If there was not a crime scene, then the plot was thickening and developing around the characters.

While there are no Oscar deserving performances in this film, it still holds attention and is not a waste of your time and money. Overall, I would rate this movie high and strongly encourage you to see it. If the recent trend in theater ticket prices scares you away from seeing it now, then definitely get it in line at your local video store, because this could be the perfect solution to the usual Babson Saturday night.
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In the field hockey, the Siggins and TKE came out blasting!

MARIO RODRIGUEZ

In field hockey, the Siggins and TKE came out blasting and set the game up to be a battle of two. Overly aggressive play was present, but was controlled to the best of their abilities. The team proved to come out as the winner in the end.

Andy Koval led this major upset after he netted two goals for the TKE team. Freshman forward Carley Rosenmond scored the game clincher and put the Siggins up in the second half. TKE only led by two after the first period, but in the second half floor hockey scorer, Chris Gallegos was shut down and could not pull one through.

The win for the Siggins was the first in the games against the Whimsical Wildcats and the Siggins, there seemed to be another upset on the horizon. The Siggins beat Scott Mathison’s B team scoring 2-1.

The seniors for the Wildcats were happy for the win and vice versa, but the Siggins have the last laugh.

There was hope for the Wildcats when Bobby “Cowboy” Winston scored a total of five goals for his team. Fire was blazing in this young buck’s eyes. The Siggins held their horses and advanced to the next round with a final score of 10-5, Wildcats.

Dan Aballi ended the skirmish with two goals of his own for the Wildcats. Coach Andrew Ammerman guarded the net and let two balls go in with 10:50 saves for the night. The winning ways of the Wildcats will be rested at the IceRink.

The underdog team of the Turkish Power continued the winning trend with a romp over the Bobcat Select, 7-3. Getting to a total of five goals and almost secured the win for the Turkish Power.

But, Miguel Bourici would have none of it and scored a goal for the Bobcat Select to tie it up in the last second. Finally, the Turkish Power continued to flourish and thrice more to ensure an advancement in the men’s soccer tourney. This win will prove to be superior as they become the leader of the league.

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