Professor Speaks Out
On Becoming a Woman
Godfriedsen Undergoes Gender Change

AMBER HESCOCK

“My professional and personal life are now in sync,” said Laura Godfriedsen, Associate Professor of Public Safety, who has taught at Babson College for 30 years. She has also taught entrepreneurship in Slovenia, Estonia, France and Denmark.

She has become well aware that her change in gender identity has set rumors spreading like wildfire. “A few months ago, I was in Reynolds eating lunch, and a colleague came up and asked me, ‘join me?’ This colleague then asked, ‘What is all this gender change stuff I’ve been hearing about?’”

According to Godfriedsen, “Rumors are spreading everywhere—even to Boston University as I found out from my son who was sitting next to a kid from B.U. at a Patriot’s game. He heard it from his professor.”

Until this year, the Babson community was unaware of her gender transition. Godfriedsen said, “It was a big shock to all students. While I’ve been out for years, I didn’t think they would dress as fast. I’ve been out for a year and a half, and now they’re asking me about it.”

She announced her new identity to all students last term, but it was obvious to others. “I think it would be too unsettling for people if I switched mid-stream,” she explained.

Godfriedsen had breast augmentation surgery to complete her transition. “My goal in life is to be more comfortable and to feel more confident in my skin,” she said.

Water System Is Still Not in the Clear

MATTHEW C. OSSOLINSKI

The students of Babson College have long complained of brown drinking water, green hair, stained laundry and hair loss. All, according to school and town water tests, are side effects of high iron and manganese levels in Babson’s water.

“Most people think of it as a biological body to fix how I feel,” explained Professor Laura Godfriedsen about her gender change.

Response to inquiries, formally expressed to the Babson College Student Government Association, has been slow moving in recent years. However, the town of Wellesley, which supplies Babson with its water, is implementing a plan to improve the system.

According to Babson senior Craig Scott, who is employed as a management intern with the Water and Sewer Division at the Department of Public Works, a large portion of Wellesley’s water is supplied through seven wells, for which three treatment facilities will be online by December. These facilities will remove iron and manganese from water.

Alum Finds Success in High Fashion

VAN LUU

A business education goes a long way, as Christina March, an alumnus of Babson College, proves. She has taken her outstanding accomplishments in the fashion industry.

The dream of becoming a fashion designer was a part of March’s life for a long time. She remembers her decision to attend Babson was based on the belief that a business education would be applicable in any profession she chose in the future.

Having graduated from Babson in 1991, she went on to pursue her ultimate desire at the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at the University of Cincinnati.

At the age of 28, Christina March is probably one of the most distinguished alumni of Babson College. She is currently the president and head designer of her Christin Perrin, Inc. in New York City, which has proven to be a very successful wholesale dress design business.

Hours of Public Safety’s Time Wasted on Student Lockouts

JOSHUA MARTIN

There is a plague on the Babson campus this semester that has infected hundreds of students. This problem is not a virus, but involves a mundane daily routine: locking doors.

Since school reenrollment in September, there have been approximately 1,067 lockouts. Of the total of 870,000 students, approximately 91% of the students have been locked out at least once.

In order to remedy this problem, the department of Public Safety has decided to take action to prevent future occurrences. The first plan is to start charging $5 per lockout for students.

A second plan is to make a copy of each key and require students to return them to the Public Safety building. This will prevent students from losing their keys and having to return to their original duties.

This can be avoided, however, and the Babson community can be made aware of the solution.

To help handle the high number of lockouts, Babson is looking to hire two students to work as dispatchers. This would allow officers to remain at their posts, instead of unlocking doors all over campus.

Ragus Captures the Essence of Walden

VAN LUU

Amy Ragus’s collection of photo collages entitled “Higher Level: Views of Walden.” The exhibit is on display through December 17 at the Horn Gallery.

“I was in need of finding a new place to focus my time and solitude. I was in need of finding a better outlook - a new road map for my uncertain future,” Amy Ragus once wrote.

Indeed, this artist finds inspiration and comfort in nature through her distinguished nature photographs, some of which are displayed in the Horn Gallery until December 17.

This series displays various landscapes of Walden Pond and Woods in different seasons. Glancing at these photographs, one will instantly be captivated by the unusual formations. These pieces have the unique ability to attract people’s attention, as if the viewer is under some sort of uncontrollable magic spell.

Looking closer at Ragus’s work, you will see that these pictures are composed of thousands of photographs, all taken at different angles. They were carefully put together to create one great image of the various nature scenes.

There are ten of them now on display in several sizes and colors within Horn Gallery. One extremely interesting aspect of the Exhibit that stimulates curiosity are the names of these pieces.

“I Keep Falling,” “The Nest”...

“Ragus Captures the Essence of Walden”...

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Resident Assistant Starts Relief

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A hurricane devastated Central America during the first two weeks of November, causing the most extensive damage ever inflicted upon a geographic region in the Western Hemisphere.

The countries most affected were Honduras and Nicaragua.

Steve Boardman, a sophomore Resident Assistant in Van Winkle, happened to come across a related news article while surfing the Internet over the weekend. He discovered that as a result of the hurricane, 30% of nutritious food was now homeless and that 90% of the roads and other infrastructure were destroyed.

He was horrified by the devastation and felt compelled to do something about it.

On Monday he met with Tim Mann, Director of Campus Life, to ask him for approval to set up a Hurricane Relief Campaign to help the victims of this monstrous calamity.

Apart from giving his support, Tim Mann on behalf of Campus Life also agreed to match the money raised if the amount exceeded five hundred dollars.

Boardman has also garnered the support of Health Services, Class Dean, and ASU President who agreed to pay five hundred dollars toward the fund for each additional incremental increment in dollar raised.

Encouraged by the support of the administration, that very evening, Boardman approached the resident assistants of Van Winkle to help organize a fundraiser.

Students were informed to recognize the fact that we live in a global community and that help is not just a slogan, but simply take care of oneself and the people immediately around you, he asked the resident assistants for their help and support in raising money for the fund.

The resident assistants enthusiastically joined and agreed to join the effort to quickly raise as much money as possible.

Between Tuesday and Wednesday, the resident assistant staff had already raised over five hundred and fifty dollars, having only reached a quarter of the student population.

With two more days to go before the money has to be sent to Honduras, the R.A.’s hope to at least double that amount.

Vince Kourou, a resident assistant and one of the students who helped in the drive, said, “Most students responded very enthusiastically when they were asked to contribute and usually gave more than the minimum.”

He added that many students understood the problem immediately, having previously read about it, and were happy to contribute.

In discussing his motivation to start the fund, Steve Boardman mentioned that he was coordinating the funding efforts among the R.A.’s while realizing the benefits for himself.

He said, “So it’s easy to get caught up in everything on campus, but then it comes with succeeding, that we forget about the world around us and what’s our responsibility towards it. It’s important to always look at things as a community and not just in a framework.”

On campus efforts to raise money for hurricane victims included a bake sale, the sponsoring of a Pub night by the Babson Entrepreneur Exchange and a Business Expo.

Weather Forecast

Friday, November 20th

Umbrella Low

Sandy and Clear

Low 32 high 51

Saturday, November 21st

Sunny and Clear

Low 30 High 43

Sunday, November 22nd

Sunny and Clear

Low 27 High 48

Monday, November 23rd

Partly Cloudy

Low 26 High 43

Campus News Briefs

Founder’s Day 1999

Founder’s Day is slated for Tuesday, April 3, 1999. Entrepreneurs to be honored during Founder’s Day are: Ellen Gordon, President and C.O.O., Vonnie Roll Industries, Inc., Marie St. John Gray, Vice Chair and Chief of Staff, St. John’s University, and Robert Gray, Chair and C.E.O., St. John’s University, Masayoshi Son, President, and C.E.O., Softbank.

The Founder’s Day schedule will include a two hour "Entrepreneurship in the Arts" program from 10 a.m. to noon in the Sorensen Center (performers to be announced soon).

Compass: Offering Direction for Student Leaders

Babson community members are cordially invited to bring a friend and join Mr. Paul Delorey, President of Johnsport at a reception prior to his presentation, "Doing Good and Doing Well."

A reception will take place in the Newhall/Wellesley room at 5:30 p.m. After the reception, Delorey will present his ideas, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Olin Hall Auditorium.

Spring Break in Open During Thanksgiving Break

All residence halls will remain open during Thanksgiving Break. Food Service is as follows: Saturday December 19th, all residence halls will serve dinner from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For Sunday, December 20th, all residence halls will serve breakfast from 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM. For Sunday, December 20th, all residence halls will serve lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For Monday, December 21st, all residence halls will serve dinner from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Hurricane Relief Fund

The Babson community community wishing to contribute to the benefit of victims in the Caribbean areas can check to the Trinity Family Chapel. Checks should be made out to the Trinity Family Chapel, earmarked "Hurricane Relief."

The hurricane relief fund was set up to centralize the variety of efforts taking place at Babson in an effort to help hurricane victims in Central America.

Water System at Babson Still Needs Repair

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from the town's water; but they will not solve the problem.

The new treated water will be cleared of metallic residuals causing discoloration, yet will pass through 140 miles of old pipelines that have accumulated years of rust and manganese, discoloring even the cleanest of water.

The Department of Public Works contends that between two and three years will be needed before accumulated iron and manganese are fully flushed from the pipes.

The town works with the college in opening hydrants on campus twice each year while school is in session. This is done to release water with such force that the metallic accumulations within the pipes will loosen, flushing out the contaminants.

Physical Plant Director David Peduto explained the school's role in identifying the problem: "It's been brought to our attention just about every year through the S.G.A. We run water tests in the buildings, and we get the tests that the town runs. Our results match the town's results, which say it has a high iron content. It's no higher than we were used to, but the problem with our water distribution system on campus. It really stems from the town."

After the S.G.A.'s inquiries, the college contacted engineering firm to explore solutions. Before making any significant investments of new treatment facilities, Babson considered installing a self-filteration system with a price tag of $1 million. Rather than spending the money, the administration decided to wait a few years for Wellesley to clean the water. As a temporary corrective measure, filtration equipment will be used on campus in the spring "but not in the residence halls."

Speaking on behalf of the Department of Public Works, Scott predicted, "The water is constantly tested, and we're able to detect any sort of contamination in separate tests administered by the town and the school, mineral levels (including iron and manganese) in "Primary Drinking Water Standards," a system of standard requirements for substances that affect our health.

The problem, then, is admitted by the Babson administration, but individual and discouragement are common problems that are not easily solved.

In a statement released in 1994, William Shahnaghi, Assistant Superintendent of the Wellesley Department of Public Works, recognized the problem as "wash their clothes with the lowest temperature water appropriate and do not use chlorine bleach. Light-haired students who have noticed discoloration "should be encouraged to contact local hair care professionals to see what products are best suited for their individual needs."

The water is clear, when this year's seniors are seniors, Shahnaghi will downplay complaints about water quality, emphasizing patience: "As the students change, we're able to detect any more behavior, these two types of complaints will diminish."
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Her official change in gender role is very recent. However, the transition has been brewing quietly over the past couple of decades as Godfriedsen acted and dressed as a woman at every possible opportunity, while traveling abroad or when alone.

"When I couldn't be a woman in public or at home, I couldn't think about anything else," she said. "I just wanted to be a normal woman—totally not noticed."

In September 1997, Godfriedsen made the decision to change, socially and physically.

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from male to female. She referred to this decision as a "major commitment," noting that she reveals the truth of her inner identity to the people in her personal and professional life.

Doing so meant confronting a lot of old fears. "I lived, for 40 years, fearful that my children would reject me, afraid my friends would leave me and that I'd be fired from my job."

Godfriedsen, until now, struggled with an internal battle that had begun about childhood. "I was in conflict...between what my head was telling me and how I really felt."

Godfriedsen explained that, while growing up, she didn't fit into the masculine role expected of her: "I never felt comfortable having to do what the boys wanted to do. I was never considered a tomboy."

"It was scary," she continued. "In those years, there was no information at all about it."

The discomfort grew stronger as time passed. "In my 20s, my head started to want to escape out of the male world it was living in," she recalled.

These feelings continued to burn through years of a lengthy marriage, unbeknownst to Godfriedsen's wife and children. "I was married for 17 years," she stated. "All but the last year, I kept it a secret. That was really stressful for me."

Of her decision to finally resolve her inner conflict, Godfriedsen elaborated, "I just couldn't do it any more. I have to change my body to fit how I feel."

After informing her family last year, and gaining her children's support, Godfriedsen took on the difficult task of disclosing her decision to the Babson community. She continued, "I didn't want to be a problem for Babson, but at the same time, I wanted to take care of myself."

Godfriedsen explained, "I started telling colleagues in confidence, the ones whom I sure would be accepting. All were great, very understanding."

One of the first coworkers she confided in was William Johnston, Lecturer of Management and Entrepreneurship, whom Godfriedsen has known for years. His supportive and open response convinced Godfriedsen to call her decision to confide in Johnston. "The best thing Godfriedsen encourages others to confront their fears. "If you don't do what you really love, if you don't follow your passion, how can you be creative?"

Godfriedsen continued her relationship with Johnston, who suggested that she immediately inform Babson College President Leo Higdon of her ensuing transition in gender. "I wrote a letter to President Higdon last spring, she reported."

Faculty folklore of Higher Education, which illustrates issues and stories surrounding other transsexualized scholars and professors.

Godfriedsen was touched by President Higdon's "extraordinarily supportive response. "He read the letter, looked at me, and said, "How can I help you?" He didn't bring up problems for Babson. He asked me how I felt, and I started crying."

Higdon commented officially on Godfriedsen's life change: "Babson College fully supports Professor Godfriedsen, and I expect that the Babson community will treat our faculty member's decision with the utmost respect."

February's Chronicle of Higher Education is reprinted below. "In the past few years, many colleges and universities have also been confronted with the issue of transsexualism. At the University of Mass., Prof. Dr. Drewry McSloper addressed the economic department with her decision to become a woman."

At the University of California at Northridge, C. L. D. Hathaway, who changed from female to male in the same year he was considered for tenure, according to a Chronicle report. Godfriedsen said that not all members of the Babson community have been as open and receptive as Johnston and Higdon. "Some are treating me differently. I'm not sure. I've heard negative rumors."

"I added, "Many are not sensitive about pronouns or first names. Godfriedsen acknowledged, "It's difficult for some people who have known me for a long time."

Godfriedsen added, "I lost two really close friends. They couldn't accept me."

Godfriedsen has been impressed with students' reactions. She has noticed a difference between the actions of male and female students. "The girls are super, without exception. They have no trouble with pronouns or first names," she explained. "There are sure about the males," she continued, "although there's been no hostility. No one has ever said anything to me. They seem to be okay."

In fact, the impact of her announcement on her teaching interactions with students has been extremely positive. "I have more friendships now than I ever had in my life."

Godfriedsen has even gone shopping for clothes with female students. "Teens streamed down her face as she exclaimed, "I've never felt so good about students graduating!"

Her teaching has been "enormously and totally unexpectedly affected" by the change. "I've been more creative. My teaching is better than ever."

She commented, "I am allowed now to express the full range of my emotions. I don't have to pretend to be anyone else."

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She started off selling her designer wedding gowns and dresses at Christinia's Bridal in Cincinnati. Two years later, she moved to New York City's Seventh Avenue, the heart of the bridal business, where she honed her career at maximum speed.

Paul, a March likes to be called, said, "It's taken a kill two years to get my team together." She now had 19 assistants working for her.

She also spent a lot of time building her customer base at fashion shows around all the world. Her customers include glamorous, well-known celebrities like Cindy Crawford, Meg Ryan, Clare Danes and Christina Ricci.

Lauren Rimes, who was seen wearing a 20-year-old Christiana Paul's gowns to a 1997 award ceremony, was also one of her frequent customers.

Christina Perrin focuses on a very specialized market of fashion. She designs and sells elegant and custom-made gowns to middle-aged, stylish, career-oriented women.

She also finds time to design wedding gowns and outfits for the entire bridal parties.

Costuming Broadway plays is just one of her many accomplishments. Her dresses are shown in numerous catalogs and magazines throughout the United States.

She was recently featured on VH1, which covered her in two episodes, over two weeks, she will be on E! Entertain-

Christina Perrin has a secondary, more affordable line of gowns called "The Line," which is marketed to women ranging from high school age to 50 years old. She is currently negotiating with four designers to ameliorate her business in all aspects.

Christina Perrin is not just a designer but an excellent corporate executive as well. Her education at Babson College helps her tremendously in her position as president of the company.

Lynn Leyk, an assistant to Perrin, perceives, "She is an excellent president of the company. Perrin is planning to expand her business to New York's Upper East Side by next fall. She is also looking to recruit a Chief Financial Officer, "who can help negotiate business details with department stores and manufacturers."

Perrin expressed an optimistic view about her company's future and current situation. "Things are going very well," she said.

acronym.

Godfriedsen believes that her experience, although certainly not an issue frequently encountered by most people, is applicable to other lives. She encourages others to confront their fears, as she did. "If you don't do what you want, you won't follow your passion, how can you be creative?"

As for romantic relationships, Godfriedsen addressed a common question asked by students about whether she has become a woman entitled to "get men."

Godfriedsen laughingly responded, "This decision has nothing to do with sex."

Godfriedsen is open to discussion about her experience in a one-on-one situation.

Her gender reassignment surgery was performed at the Gender Reassignment Surgery clinic in Montreal. For information, including the center's history, staff, location, consult the clinic's website at http://www.gender.org.

Laura Godfriedsen realizes that many view her decision to become a woman as drastic. "Most people think of it as a choice to jump off a cliff... That's just not the case. To me, not doing this would be like jumping off a cliff."
EDITORIALS/OPEGINIONS

Personal vs. Public Decisions

JESSICA BURT

When does a personal decision become a public decision? Professor Laura Godfriedsen's decision to undergo a change in gender illustrates that decision. It has brought a profound effect on the entire community.

The Babson community must decide how they will treat and respond to such decisions. People can shun and try to ignore a situation as a convenient way of escapism.

People can shun and try to ignore a situation as a convenient way of escapism. The Babson community should be held accountable for the actions toward a member that is who they say they are.

I want you, I want you to be my friend, my mentor, my parent, my role model. I want you to be someone who I can go to with any problem. I want you to be someone who I can trust with my secrets. I want you to be someone who I can depend on. I want you to be someone who I can count on.

I want you to know what you are. I want you to know what you truly are. I want you to know that you are not just a person. I want you to know that you are a whole person. I want you to know that you have a purpose. I want you to know that you have a destiny.

All of you who think that human kind is inherently good and was placed on this wonderful planet Earth to go and improve, tell me what do you want? Stop for a second and ask yourself what do you really want? What exactly do you want? Why do you want it? What will it do for you? What will it do for the world? What will it do for the future?

I will tell you what I think. If you really want to make a difference, if you really want to make a difference, if you really want to make a difference, you must be very650 disappointed. You would rather read those meaningless words like: "You are a part of a larger whole, a part of a larger whole, a part of a larger whole.

If the world looks at the person who is sitting in front of you, what do you think they see? Do you think they see the person who you claim to be? Or do you think they see the person you want to be? Or do you think they see the person you want to be?

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If you have a strong opinion on a controversial topic, what motivation do you have to present arguments in an unbiased manner? What is your motivation for doing so? Is it because you want to be seen as fair and impartial, or is it because you want to influence others? 

Perhaps this is a bad column topic after all...too controversial, highly theoretical. In all likelihood, unattainable. But I think the reason my ideas for informed decision-making would never come to realization is because public policy is completely dependent on biased and unattainable. Why take the chance that the decisions will be made in the independent choice to oppose you? Why put a little spin on it to make sure you are not the take-out for your emotions in your camp?

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Weekly Stock Update: The Technology Stocks Take Off

CHARLES LAWRENCE

After several consecutive weeks of gains for the financial world, the stock markets gave a little back last week. In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 5.97 points, or 0.4%, at 8919.59. The NASDAQ Composite closed the week down 8.97 points, or 0.46%. The S&P 500 gave up 1.34%, with the Dow Transport Index gave back 3.27%.

Corporate News

Theglobe.com, a firm that designs websites for various companies, saw similar performance in their stock. The company, which was offered at $8 a share, and opened trading at over $80, after hitting $97 on Tuesday, the stock fell back to close the week at $83 a share.

Two other Internet companies, eBay and K-Tel, also saw their stocks experience gains this week. Shares of eBay, an Internet auction house, gained more than 13% early in the week, before leveling off at around $125 a share for the remainder of the week. K-Tel, which sells compilation CD’s, opened the week at around $12 a share, and fell back to close at around $8 a share, then closed the week at $30. The company, which has been particularly precedent volumes during the week, as people rushed to dump on the market, has now seen its savings portfolio.

Other technology stocks had excellent weeks as well. Intel announced on Wednesday that they will be preparing for the fourth quarter to be strong for PC sales, which led to the stock exceeding all of its first significant gains since the summer of 1994. Sony has been particularly hard hit by the Asian crisis, so this news was particularly well received by Sony.

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In addition to the wider macroeconomic factors, several companies announced layoff plans. Monsanto announced that they would lay off several thousand employees in a restructuring effort, which will also see them sell some business lines. J.P. Morgan was the latest in a long line of investment firms to announce layoff plans.

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NCAA Cross Country Regionals

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Good Days, Bad Days

ROHAN FORD

God, I miss her. No, I don’t. Well, maybe a little. Welcome to the modernistic world of hypocrisy, mood swings, and gentle contradictions. So now I stand before you, 11 years ago I surmised the idea of writing an article about life, and the life changing events at the Babson Free Press. I asked if any of them would be interested in hearing about their first love. Their faces turned to gothic horror when I asked how many of them really knew them. It was eerie, and only one thing was clear. Don’t go there, baby. Because what you do there

But I must. It has been twelve years since that fateful summer, twelve stupid and amazingly freaky little months.

The concept of first love is personal and varied. It can relate to the first partner with whom you fell asleep with their resins on your chest or listening to their heartbeat, wrapped in their delicate arms.

It can relate to the first partner with whom you made love on a bed with white sheets, in a Jacuzzi with a bottle of champagne, and you drive at 166 miles an hour. It can relate to the first partner with whom you gave your core: a core that you had never given before.

For some intangible reason many of us are haunted by our first love. It is hard to move on. It is hard to trust. It is hard to let go. It’s a part of us. It’s left over from the subtle insecurities that pervade the way we treat the opposite sex.

Koncious

Korner: Apologizing

ADAM B. KONCIOUS

I hate apologizing. Unfortunately, it’s something I have to do every once in a while. It’s not because I’ve done something really stupid. Sometimes, even when I don’t do anything wrong, I need to apologize. That is the case this week in my life. I went on a date with a girl whose name I will keep secret. I felt that Austin’s image in the film did not have the grave impact that I had predicted.

There is one simple reason for this phenomenon. ‘Silence, Cold Steve’ Austin did not, technically speaking, appear in the movie ‘The Cooler’ starring Adam Sandler. It was, in actuality, some guy named “The Giant” single handedly tumbling over a stack of steaks on Steve Austin. I misinterpreted him for participating in the movie ‘The Wedding Singer’. I felt that Austin’s role in the movie did not have the grave impact that I had predicted.

As is often the case when I blow on observably irrelevant issues I know nothing about, I was mistaken about observing the relevant issue. It turns out that Austin’s cameo role in the movie did not have the grave impact that I had predicted.

A humble Adam Koncious engaging in an age-old ritual, ‘The Apology dance is formal wear.’ This dance is done to say ‘I’m sorry for my wrongs, but boy do I look in a tuxedo’. This tradition is beloved to be dated back to the Ancient Druids.

Closure is an inevitable goal. Even though it has been twelve years since that fateful summer, closure will not appear from my lips. I am a man of many contradictions. I am a man of many mysteries. My answers are sometimes absurd. Indeed my whimsical explanations are influenced by a spectrum of trivial factors, such as what I had for dinner. I have consumed, the weather, my classes, a beautiful squirrel walking by, and whether or not they are serving waffles cones at Trim’s.

Frustrated and amused with my predicament, I shut off my laptop and turned on my television, I, Koncious, sit here on a different planet - so please do not quote me on that. My name is Adam Koncious and I am a member of the Babson Chocolate Chip Cookie Society

Weekly Guide to the Stars

WeCare... Giving Thanks

BRUCE TOFIAS, MD

Vacation! Thank goodness! The semester is well underway and racing toward the conclusion. Thanksgiving is the break for many is a chance to catch your breath and rejuvenate. It is a time to be enjoyed in the company of family and friends, and to reflect on the numerous blessings we have in our lives. Whether you are staying home the next Thursday evening, or even the vacation does for you, please make it a happy and safe one.

Bravo! We are the only student, student association, that has always been helping those in need. For those of you who are not already aware, our office is on the second floor of the detention center. We are always looking for volunteers to help those in need.

In order to give back to the community, we are holding a food drive this week. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the office from now until 4 pm. Thank you for your support.

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Vacation! Thank goodness! The semester is well underway and racing toward the conclusion. Thanksgiving is the break for many is a chance to catch your breath and rejuvenate. It is a time to be enjoyed in the company of family and friends, and to reflect on the numerous blessings we have in our lives. Whether you are staying home the next Thursday evening, or even the vacation does for you, please make it a happy and safe one.

Bravo! We are the only student, student association, that has always been helping those in need. For those of you who are not already aware, our office is on the second floor of the detention center. We are always looking for volunteers to help those in need.

In order to give back to the community, we are holding a food drive this week. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the office from now until 4 pm. Thank you for your support.

CONCERNED ABOUT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER?

The Counseling Center offers support and assistance for personal and academic issues.

You can also contact the Babson Free Press at 1-800-HELP-CDU.

LIFESTYLES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1998

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20): You may start to think that your problems can be easily handled this week, but you may run into a small obstacle in how you will handle this situation. Keep focused and you will be fine.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21): You may start to feel down about small problems this week. Don’t worry too much about them and try don’t spend time thinking about it.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Perfection may be your aim this week. If so, realize that this is an overreach.
MEET JOE BLACK

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Death is embodied by the figure of Joe Black, who uses Parrish's experiences to evaluate the meaning of human life. Through following Parrish's career, glancing at the pathways a man must lead through our lives, Death has come to understand the importance of life on earth. Although great detail was given to this character, there is little room for Death in this film, which was shot in New York City and a magnificent location in Rhode Island, there is no doubt the focus of this film lies with the little details.

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First Hip Hop Night Grooves Successfully Into Sorensen

I preferred the idea of having the crowd do their own show on stage.

THOMAS GLASS
The very first Hip-Hop night was held in the Sorensen Center for the Arts on Saturday, November 7. Even though the evening started at a slow pace, this night ended with quite a few surprises.

The crowd was at first shy to walk onto the stage and get their groove on to the beats of DJ Hannibal (Rob Cobbledick) and DJ Etim (Edouard Paul-Cavallier), but the special guest appearance by KLOD 9 and Babson alumni Keenan and freestyled over different instruments played by myself (DJ TKO).

Audience members then really showed their love for Hip Hop by participating in the dance competition won by Mike, getting the crowd going wild for the rest of the night under the command of DJ KB (Kevin Black), DJ Hannibal and DJ TKO.

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I was impressed when I found out that two hundred and fifty people showed up in the theater. I was also impressed at the fact that all the people who came from outside of the Babson campus.

I would like to thank all the people who made this Hip Hop night a success.

Movie Listings for Framingham 14

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY November 20th and 21st

Something About Mary R: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

The Seige, R: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

The Wizard of Oz, G: 12:30, 3:15, 6:10, 9:10

Meet Joe Black, PG13: 12:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:00

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer, PG13: 1:30, 4:30, 4:45, 6:30, 6:45, 9:00, 11:15

The Waterboy, PG13: 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15

Celebrity, R: 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15

Rugrats, G: 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY November 22nd and 26th

Something About Mary R: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

The Seige, R: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

The Wizard of Oz, G: 12:30, 3:15, 6:10, 9:10

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The Waterboy, PG13: 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15

Life is Beautiful, R: 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30

Celebrity, R: 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15

Rugrats, G: 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00

Fares are RT. Do not include taxes. Restrictions apply. Are subject to change.

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Men's Swim Team Starts Out Strong

MATT CARROLL  MIKE MURPHY

Last Thursday and Friday, the men's swimming team started off the season in the pool with commanding wins over Boston College and WPI. This year's team shows a lot of promise, with great depth in its lineup. Many of the team members that have yet to lose a single event will be back this year. Seniors Dennis Lavigne '99, Joe Nappi '99, and Mike Murphy '00, have given great confidence that the team will win this season.

Due to the talent from last year's graduating class, the team has picked up some more unexpected talent to further solidify an already strong team. In addition to our new swimming Babson has also picked up a new diving coach to complement their talent in the pool.

Impressive showings by each member of the team resulted in pure domination of their opponents. In particular, Babson swept the top three places, demonstrating not just the team's great talent, but also their tremendous depth.

This year's team is poised to finish out the rest of the season with a winning record. However, this is a daunting task for the Babson men's swimming team. This Saturday at 2:00PM, the team will host a tri-meet with MIT and MBC, which promises to be a very competitive meet in a very competitive conference. One Babson swimmer was quoted as saying, "We've got to get into this meet with two things in mind: to chew bubble gum and kick butt... and we're all out."
Babson Impresses New England at NCAA Regional Championships

**Men and Women Place Well for Babson - Coach Hutch Flourishes in Dual Roles**

**MICHAEL JACOBS**

In what may turn out to be the greatest athletic event of the year at Babson, the NCAA Regionals for cross-country took over the campus last Saturday. Thirty-eight teams competed for the men's title and 41 teams competed for the women's side as Babson hosted some of the finest cross-country talent in the country.

It was phenomenal. It was a great day for Babson,” meet director and Babson cross-country coach Scott Hutchinson put on a spectacular meet for viewers involved from the fans' standpoint.

Hutchinson noted that the conditions were perfect for the race. The weather was cool and overcast, and the top was running. “In my eleven years of coaching here at Babson, I have never seen so many spectators at a championship race.” The coach pointed out that the fans will get over the course and add to the excitement of the day.

On the women's side, Babson finished a respectable 22nd out of 38 teams. Meet favorite Williams College was the team in front, with top four runners all breaking the previous course record of 25:51. Babson, along with Keene State College, Tufts University, and Brandeis University, advanced the NCAA Division III Championships.

Babson coach, Chris Dooley '99 led the way with a time of 27:29 for the 5.0-mile course. Dooley finished 17th overall with his time. Following Dooley for Babson was the duo of Patrick Frazzetti '01 and David Head '01. Frazzetti ran the course in 26:50 and finished 105th, while Head ran the course in 28:21 and finished 127th overall.

Also placing for Babson was Joel Stanley '02, who ran the course in 29:36 and finished 152nd. Babson's Brad Miller and Cohen ran the course in 29:00 and finished 150th overall.

The men's team would have finished higher, but Brian Gage '02 withdrew midway through the race after he cramped-up and could not run anymore.

"I felt bad for Brian," Hutchinson said. "He was running the race of his life, but finished in the medical tent. It hurt losing Brian. He was probably going to set a personal record. It hurt our overall team score."

For the women, Babson finished 23rd out of 41 teams. Williams edged out Middlebury to take top honors at the meet. Both teams advanced to this Saturday's National Championships at Trinity College.

Allison Peabody '99 led the way for Babson on Saturday with a time of 19:53. She finished 77th overall.

**Young Look Shouldn't Faze Men's Basketball**

**MICHAEL JACOBS**

A year after going 13-12 overall and 8-7 in the now defunct Conference Athletic, the men's basketball team will feature a roster with no seniors.

With only five juniors and a whopping six freshmen on the roster, the men's basketball team is young and inexperienced.

"The biggest thing they have to overcome is inexperience and learn how to play together and deal with adversity as a group," head coach Stephen Brennan explained.

The team will look to Paul McNeice '99 to lead the way this season. McNeice provides a strong physical presence down low for a team that will be the biggest in physical size in Brennan's four seasons at the helm.

"Paul is going to start again this year," Brennan points out. "He played well for us in athletics as a sophomore, basically based on his health, and he's finally got his ankle cleaned out.

McNeice averaged 7.0 points per game and 4.7 rebounds per game last year. A well-rounded player, McNeice is "kind of an inside-outside player," Brennan says, "who goes to rebounding, make a 15-foot jump shot, play well in the box."

"His greatest asset is that he just wants to win and do whatever it takes to win. He has been a real good leader off the floor. That's a difficult job that goes unnoticed quite often."

In the absence of the experienced young team, Brennan does not expect McNeice to make every play for the team. "The biggest thing for him is to defend well, rebound every possession and be on the box when he gets those opportunities.

To complement McNeice, Brennan will look to Mike Kiniec '99 and Bunny '99. "They are our leaders, including Kiniec. He has an outstanding athlete," states Brennan. "He can play in or out. He may be one of the better leaders we've ever had on the court."

**Hockey Takes to the Ice**

**ERIK DAY MURRAY**

With their first game only a day away, the men's ice hockey team is busy making their final preparations for the season ahead. With a "strong nucleus" of players returning, as forward Eric Bookbinder '01 described them, the team is ready to conquer the ECAC Championship and possibly earn a seed in the NCAA Tournament.

That "nucleus" that Bookbinder talked about consists of eight seniors, seven sophomores, and nine of last year's top 10 players. Their supporting roles should see them topping the 37 combined points they had last year.

The major concern for the team is whether they will be in the net.

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