Babo Officer Delivers Baby in CEE

By Jason Monroe
Staff Writer

The April Fool's Day Blin- dard gave the Babson community a much-needed boost of joy, but it was back to business as usual the next day. People turned to classes and the administrative buildings reopened. Then, something a little out of the ordinary happened. On Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at 5:27 PM, an unidentified woman gave birth to a healthy baby boy in the Center for Executive Education (CEE).

Public Safety received a call at 5:08 PM, regarding a woman in labor near the entrance to the Babson Parking Garage. Public Safety Officers Richard Briggs and Edward Whitcomb immediately responded to the call. When Briggs arrived at the Center for Executive Education, he observed that the woman's water had broken and that her contractions were seventeen seconds apart.

Since Briggs is also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), he had enough training and background knowledge to know that this woman was definitely ready to give birth. Briggs got the woman to lie down on the floor. The Wellesley Fire Department arrived sometime later with twenty more EMTs ready to assist the woman during her labor.

"Women Who Make a Difference" Recognized Officially

By Leticia Stallworth
News Editor

The third annual Women Who Make a Difference award winners are now official. They are: Sydel Sokuvitz, Amy Meredith, Jean Collins, and Ashley Nelson. The winners are picked based on the quality of the nominations presented in an essay of less than five hundred words. It is also based on their contributions to the Babson community and on the nominating individual," said Lucy Powell, a member of the award selection board.

Sokuvitz, Professor in the Communications, History and Society division, has been a part of the Babson community for over fifteen years. In her letter of nomination, she described herself as "strongly dedicated to the college and always available to help students, friends, and other faculty members."

Amy Meredith is an administrator in Student Financial Services. She works closely with students and faculty to find ways for students to affordably finance their college careers. The person who nominated her described her as someone who goes the extra mile for students. "Amy goes out of her way to assist students in need of help. She goes above and beyond in providing quality and friendly customer service."

Jean Collins is an Administrative Assistant in the Special Events Office. Jean has also been a part of the Babson community for fifteen years. She was described as being "one of those behind-the-scenes people who is often invisible to the community but should be recognized for her hard work. She is gracious and helpful to all. She works long nights and weekends, with no questions asked."

The final winner of the Women Who Make a Difference Award is a student. Ashley Nelson is an extremely active member of the class of 2000. She is on the Steering Committee, is the CEO of the Babson Exposition Company (her FME business), a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, a Student Government Representative, and an Admissions Assistant Program Volunteer. She also works in the Undergraduate Dean's Office. Next year, she will also serve as a member of the Judicial Board and as a Peer Mentor.

Student reaction to the announcement was positive. One female student said, "It's nice to know that the contribution women make to Babson is being recognized as legitimately worthwhile."

A fellow male student commented, "I think it's about time important women on this campus get some recognition—not for being women, but for making a difference."

"Wall a Gift to Employees"

By Jessica Burnt
News Editor

Most students leave Babson hoping to put their mark on the world. However, this year's graduating seniors can do more—leave their names etched in brick on the Babson campus.

As their gift to the school, the class of 1997 is donating a wall made with bricks engraved with the names of each donor. The goal of this year's Senior Class Gift Program is to match 75% of the participation—meaning 75% of the class donate either $10 and receive a brick, or $100 and receive five bricks. This will match the First Decade Society Leadership giving for young alumni. All donations go into the Babson College Annual Fund.

The program is currently at approximately 60% participation, with 110 students donating only less than a month away. If the 75% goal is reached, the Alumni Board will extend an additional gift in honor of President and Mrs. Glavin to be placed in the foyer of the newly renovated Glavin Family Hall.

The wall will be dedicated to John Hart of the Class of '67, and will be unveiled at the Senior Class Gift Program on April 22.

Hart added that "we really hope everybody helps us reach our goal of 75% participation" and wanted to remind the class that the wall will be "a permanent memory of our four years here."

If you would like to purchase a brick or find out more about the wall, please contact Jackie Sullivan in Alumni Hall at x290.
Glavin's Farewell Ball New Indian-Pakistani Organization Comes to Campus

By Angela Frausalone II Features Editor

This past Friday, April 4, was the first official meeting of the new Indian-Pakistani organization which will gather together to get to know each other better, and for a good time of the board. It is one of the goals of the organization to introduce other Ball茎e students to the Indian-Pakistani culture. With one month to go before the end of the semester, The Indian-Pakistani Organization plans to have only a few more meetings in the coming weeks, including another cultural night, and perhaps a game of Cricket, the national sport of India and Pakistan. Meanwhile, the leaders hope to make the marks the implementation of the organization’s long-range plans, including celebrating Indian-Pakistani festivals and holidays, hosting guest speakers and tutelage institutions such as Harvard, Tufts, and M.I.T., and sponsoring other events. The organization’s president is very optimistic about introducing some Indian-Pakistani history and culture into Ball茎e’s curriculum. Amna Batra, the organization’s co-founder and social events officer, is the “brain child” of the organization, promoting Ball茎e students to keep up with culture; we share the same culture and belong together.”

Why They Are Distinguished Entrepreneurs

By Jessica Burt

College Business 30th annual awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 16. Founder’s Day began in 1974 as a way of honoring Ball茎e founders, Roger W. Buhles. However, in recent years the focus of Founder’s Day has shifted to honor all outstanding achievements within the business community. Since 1978, the annual event has been attended by the institute of Distinguished Entrepreneurs into the Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs.

This year’s program will begin at 2:00 P.M. with the presentation of Student Awards and special Meritorious Award to the Entrepreneurship and a question and answer period by this year’s inductee. The doors of the campus will be at 6:00 P.M. with a reception and dinner to follow. The induction ceremony will begin at approximate 8:45 P.M. and include more speeches on the business world by the new inductee.

Willie Davis

In the movie Dead Poet Society, Robin Williams may have been thinking of Willie D. Davis when he urged his students to “seize the day” and make their lives significant. Davis excels with great skill and enthusiasm every time. As President and CEO of All-Pro Broadcasting Company, Davis runs four radio stations including KACE in Los Angeles, the number one two album radio station and KXLU, a college radio station in WNLM, WLUU, Milwaukee’s highest rated top-40 station. Davis has been managing challenges before his radio days. Struggling through a childhood of poverty in Louisiana, he graduated with a B.S. from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1956 and a Master’s in business administration and a law degree from the University of Georgia. Davis’ football experience nurtured leadership and teamwork skills shaping him for the captain of industry he would become in the business world. While still playing the game, he actively prepared for the future, earning an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1968, and in 1969 retired from the professional football to work West Coast Beverage Company. As president for 18 years, he acquired smaller neighboring companies and led the wine, beer, and beverage distribution company to steady growth, driving sales up from $2 million in 1970 to $20 million by 1988.

Davis displays this same dedication to three companies he serves. He is a director of Sea Line Corporation; K-Mart Corporation; Dow Chemical Company; MDMA Grand Incorporation; Alliance Bank; WIC Corp Incorporation; Johnson Controls Incorporation; L.A. Gear; Strong Fund; Kelly’s Incorporated, Kaufmann Foundations; University of Chicago; Marquette University; Oceangoing Company; Midwest School of Engineering and Win- ston-Salem University.

Leo Kahn

As a financial navigator during World War II, Leo Kahn kept a sharp eye on the target. Today at age 80, he continues with great vigor — to track and capture new markets.

Kahn opened the Boston region’s largest natural-foods supermarket, Nature’s Hedonist in Bedford Mass., again at (41,000 square feet) with a more price conscious policy than its main competitor, Bread & Circus, owned by Whole Foods Market Inc. of Texas. The innovative stocked a wide selection of natural and organic foods. In Heath stone pizza, fresh wines, and oven ready meals are served up daily for the health-sensitive take-out generation, an underserved $2 billion market that has doubled since 1990.

Kahn’s Heartland in Kahn’s second natural foods venture. He was an investor in Fresh Express, and has 25 stores in Washington, Chicago, Houston, and Philadelphia. Kahn sold his second company, Natural Foods, in 1994 to a management buyout.

Kahn says it’s easy to come up with new ideas. The challenge, he insists, is to make money. In 1994, Kahn entered the retail grocery business and started what became Puget Sound Co-op. The organization operated with supermarkets, warehouse food and drug stores, and book stores. In 1994, Parity, with annual sales of $800 million, was sold to Supermarkets General Corporation.

Kahn has applied the discount warehouse concept to selling paper clips and notepads. He is co-founder and member of the Board of Staples, Inc., a retail giant that has annual sales of over $20 billion. Kahn’s company has been trading and worth billions. His re- tailing expertise is shared in the boardrooms of numerous companies including Health Development Corporation, a chain of exercise centers; Big V Supermarkets; la Montanta, High Road Bicycle Store; and Cambridge Soundworks.

Leila Johnson

Personal and professional integrity, a remarkable business acuity, and a passion for excellence are just a few of the characteristics attributed to Leila G. Quick, Jr. Leila Johnson, the Wall Street visionary and philanthropist founded Quick & Reilly, Inc. in 1974 and is chairman and chief executive officer of the company. In 1977, the company founded a financial services company with headquarters in Palm Beach, Florida. The firm is the first member of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to offer discount transaction fees to retail investors. It is a holding company serving the financial services industry and the financial community worldwide. Since November 29, 1996, the company has reported a capital base of $155 million.

Quick & Reilly Group, Inc. operates through three primary business units, including Quick & Reilly, Inc., a national discount brokerage firm with 116 offices nationwide; U.S. Trust Securities Corp., a securities firm specializing in clearing and execution services to more than 310 brokerage and banking firms; and IFC Specialty Corp., which makes markets in 272 stocks and other securities representing 250 companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Quick’s strong belief in the principles of customer service and a customer-oriented approach translates into low-cost service for investors, cost-effective control, and a solid financial base for the firm. In 1993, Forbes Magazine honored the conservative, family-run business as one of the best small companies in America.

Thomas Steinberg

Thomas Steinberg is founder, chairman of the board, and chief executive officer of Staples, Inc., the pioneer of the office superstore industry. With more than 620 stores, the company products superstore throughout North America, Germany, and the UK. Staples is one of the fastest growing specialty retailers in North America. In 1995 the company became the sixth publicly traded U.S. company to reach $1 billion in annual sales in under ten years. Staples employs more than 25,000 associates in more than 2,000 stores and its international operations in calendar year 1996, Staples reported sales of $4.00 billion.

Tom Steinberg has a formula for retail success: devote your career to developing and implementing bold new ways for customers to save money. Steinberg, born out of Harvard College (71) and Harvard Business School (as a Copers), founded The Jewel Companies, a successful corporate traveler program in 1973. He trains in every nook and cranny of every market, to move to headquarters, and to rise to vice president for sales and merchandising by 1988.

That's the formula that Steinberg moved on to Connecticut-based First National Supermarkets as so- nic vice president for sales and merchandising. In 1983, he was named president of his Edwards-Fit- tness division. He led the company out of the doldrums, in part opening a network of high-volume megastores under the Edwards-Fit- ness banner. The Edwards for- mula was simple: cut costs, buy in volume, and slash selling prices.

That’s the formula that Steinberg put to work in developing Staples, the Office Superstore, and in pioneering that growth into the office supply industry. With the backing of former supermarket ul- terior Lee Kahn, he founded Staples Inc. in 1987, and opened its first store in May, 1986.
A Rude Awakening

This is the most important editorial I have ever written. The reason is simple, I have never been compelled to really care about Babson until very recently.

It all began a few weeks ago when I attended the Alumni Leadership Awards ceremony. There, I saw something I never had before. I saw a group of people who actually dedicated their lives to making Babson—really you and I—better. That is quite an unbelievable thought, so many people fighting so hard for a college they love.

Well, it slowly dawned on me, we are the college and we don’t respect ourselves. You see, we comprise the only thing Babson has to make itself recognized and respected, the student body. I bet you never thought about that way before. For so long I have been possessed with the notion Babson students are just about being selfish. Everyone here, I said to myself, is so self-absorbed and apathetic.

Do we spend one hour a week making Babson a better place? For most of us, the answer is no.

I find it ironic we are so selfish we can’t pull ourselves away from a kid, a joke, or a shot to spend time improving our college. Virtually every faculty, staff member, and alumnus believes Babson is an excellent and internationally recognized business college. We, the students, seem to think otherwise; it’s just the same old small school outside Boston that gets us by—a nobody who never can become a somebody. Well, I say to you, Babson has the strength, intelligence, and enthusiasm to become better itself. We, the students, hold our own key to success.

If, when I say, that you think, “that’s right… I am going to do it all myself and “2 the rest of you,” you’re the old Babson student. But, if you’re a Babson student, you’re thinking, “by investing in others today I will better myself tomorrow.” you are the new Babson student—the one who will carry this campus into the next century.

For those who answered with the former response, I say your days are numbered. The freshmen, those kids you see with the enthusiasm in their eyes, are coming whether you like it or not. From the moment they filled out their application, they were told they were different from you, the upperclassmen.

However, it cannot be denied the upperclassmen have tremendous influence over the freshmen who enter every year. Frankly, in the past, that meant every new student had at least two who tried—slowly and discretely—to disillusion and dishearten them in Babson. Granted, few people did it intentionally, but the effect was still the same. By not going to a sporting event, by not attending a lecture, by not participating in a table discussion, we sent a message to stop believing in the opportunities Babson granted it.

Now, for those students who answered with the latter—and I am sure some upperclassmen did—I say to you, you are what makes Babson special. You will strive to better your community and, in so doing, you will make yourself stronger. Everyone else who answered the opposite of you is not your friend. They should not be your classmate. They are the old breed, the old school.

We—the new breed—must act now. But, at the same time, we must realize this internal transformation will not happen overnight. It’s not as easy as everyone showing up to a Knight party and not getting arrested. It will happen slowly and it may be painful to see people you thought were your friends change and lose interest in your interest. But, no matter what, the things we accomplish here will forever change the face of Babson—not to the world—but to ourselves.

I think it is time to listen to the chains being shorned by people outside Babson. They are saying we need to wake up and actively get involved in what we have called Babson. It’s time to look inside ourselves and say, ‘will we make this investment or will we walk away more ambivalent than before?’ I have chosen to invest in my community and I hope you will too.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gardner F. Boullay III
Editor-In-Chief

Lack of Spirit?

Pointing to the advertisement on page 6 makes me think back to my senior year in high school. We had ridiculously low funds, no real fund raising program, and we weren’t quite sure as to who our graduation speaker would be. Sound familiar?

So, my question is where is the school spirit? Does anybody give a damn? Is everyone just burnt out of a year of transition? Or, perhaps, is it because Glavin’s retiring? What I hear through the grapevine is that the seniors need a minimum of 500 more raffle tickets sold, and, quite frankly, nobody really cares anymore. Don’t get me wrong, I’m not pointing my finger at the Senior Steering Committee. To my knowledge, this is the first time the Senior Class has tried to auction off a BMWA to raise the money necessary to pay for Senior Week.

Sounds somewhat similar of my senior Class in high school. During that time, two Deans were retiring; Dean Tharato and Connolly. Perhaps here is where I notice some similarities. For the two years I’ve been on this campus, I see the devotion that Glavin gives to his job similarly to that of my high school Deans. Put aside the leadership, dignity, and credibility, simply being good natured, respected, and most of all caring, is perhaps some of what it takes.

This isn’t a pep-talk to the Seniors or a desperate cry for cooperation. It wouldn’t phase me much if Senior Week goes down the tube (which I highly doubt will happen.) My high school Senior Week went rather well. The only disappointing part was the graduation speaker; former presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis. He was up there saying how much we should devote our lives to public service, and I was with my heart set on attending business school. It was hard to find the connection.

May I suggest unless you want Newt Gingrich to speak at graduation this year, get your act in gear. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, sell some raffle tickets, attend the auction, and for heavens sake, find your spirit!

Seriously Concerned,

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Letter to the Editor: Stone Cold Response

Now that I have settled down and my lawyer has stopped, I guess I will respond to the "Is Stone Cold" article. I tried to live up to the title of the article every day but they would not let me. The new trend in journalism is to print responses, counter responses and the actual article all in the same issue!! I did not get my counter response in on time though. You probably have not heard of this pioneering style of journalism but it turns out that The Baham Free Press has a patent on it. I think it is pure genius. This way the audience does not have to wait until next week to get a response. They can read the response on page 4 and then read the article on page 9.

I am very sorry that Mr. Bearor was offended by my article so I will try to clarify some of my points. Yes, I do think that taking up half a page to print the menus of an all-you-can-eat cafeteria and asking for your personal opinion is a bit much in terms of integrity. Like any student is going to read the menu and say, "Oh Boy, that looks good. I can't wait to get that crap again, maybe I'll go to one of the other all-you-can-eat cafeteria on campus". I don't know many people who care what the menu is. They go to Trim at the same time everyday, do the "Trim Lap" only to come to the conclusion that 2% of Bahamians will eat what they did the day before.

Mr. Bearor accused me of calling Classic Cleaners a "nuisance" (€6268) "you must have missed the humor in my article. I have friends in the company and the owners of Classic Cleaners (€6268), that is why I included their number 10 times in my article. Why would I call them a nuisance and then promote them?" This brings me to another point. In the English language, it is customary to put a question mark after a rhetorical question. In his haste to respond to my blaspheamous article, Mr. Bearor forgot how to use the English language.

Mr. Bearor also accused me of calling the Free Press a "mass-mailing". If you refer back to my next to my last point I notice that I never used those words. I said something to the effect of "2% of Bahamians read beyond the first page." This sentence may be considered offensive but if you read it in context, you will find that it was part of a wiscrack I was making about The Free Press printing the Trim menus. I can't help it if you don't understand my jokes.

Theodore then went on to say that he thinks there is a way for Classic Cleaners to prevent mass emails. Believe it or not there, it is true! ITSD has recently hired a new employee specifically for the purpose of network monitoring. When he sees a mass email coming through it is his responsibility to run into the server room and unplag all of the computers as fast as he can. ITSD feels confident that this new strategy will be an effective way to prevent mass emails. Ted then went on to state his objections to the proposed newspaper group because he feels it will be an "eyesore." In case you do not know, most newspaper groups are fluorescent orange, four stories high, covered with green lighting (boring). Otherwise, it would have to be placed in front of the main gate of a college in order to work properly. Fortunately, Bahamian has found a small computer to do the same task. This server will be placed in the server room so Mr. Bearor will not have to be upset by its ugliness.

In the next part of his article, Mr. Bearor insinuated that I did not appreciate the work that goes into the Free Press. For your information Mr. Bearor, The Student Press group from 1989 and I have been reading the Free Press since I was in middle school. She worked on the Free Press when there were only 12 staff members and they spent all week trying to produce a 20-page newspaper for the campus. I know the long hours she put in pain and I am sympathetic towards those who stay up all night to get the paper out now.

Mr. Bearor ended his emotional outcry by stating who his sponsor was. He chose Skip Bown because "he turns in his article every week hand-written, not relying on ITSD, and I don't recall Skip ever using Classic Cleaners." Obviously, I am too stupid to write anything without a computer in front of me and if Bahamian eliminated ITSD I would not be able to pass my articles in. In fact, I would probably shrivel up and die without ITSD. I am not sure what the part about Skip Bown not using Classic Cleaners has to do with but if Theodore felt it was important to include, I will give him the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. Bearor ended his article by reminding the reading public that he was a world renowned expert in the field of marketing. I guess my Bahamian marketing professor must have been wrong when they told me the mass mailing response rate was 2%. I will defer to Theodore on this point because I realize how well respected he is in the global marketing community as a source of accurate data. Thank you very much Theodore for your enlightening article, "Is Stone Cold?" We all need a good laugh now and then. I look forward to seeing your response to this page 2 and this article on page 12 of the next issue of The Free Press.

Sincerely,
Chris Stone

The Portable B.S. in Business Administration
BYOS: Bring Your Own Shovel

Alexander Handy
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Across the patches of ice the traveler struggled. Perseverance and care were the necessities needed to reach the destination. The icy slopes of the hills made the exertion perilous. The ice was perfectly smooth, the traveler one step away from impotency and the fall that would两个维护 him enwrapped in an accumulation of slippery, icy snow. Why? Who was the journeyman who made such a difficult travel? The golden Marriott pancakes that awaited him were a temptation he could not eschew. It can be said that the pathways, walkways, and driveways of Baham College (BC) were not sufficiently cleared from the snow that fell. If one suggested such a thing, he or she would be correct. The pathways, walkways, and driveways of Baham College were not sufficiently cleared from the snowfall. The journey to Trim was, indeed, a journey—a journey upon which no BC student should be forced to embark. —(For sidewalk plowing in the heavy wet snow was the bombardier who suffered a blown track.) From his comment, it sounds as if he and his crew did everything they could, but Central Planning has not. They should see that Mr. Peduto receives more equipment such as a second Bombardier, but there will probably be no funds for that unless U.S. News & World Report adds "Snow Removal" as a category in their undergraduate college rankings.

The snow has brought the first issues for the new student government board to take a stand on behalf of the student body that elected them. They are there to stand as a part of the community's difficulty on the days when the snow fell. It is not as if there are no cold days; however, the students did not see the snow or have any difficulty with their cars getting out of the parking lot. You know Mr. Baham College President, said, "I am actually rather upset. I definitely think the whole situation was not efficiently dealt with. There's got to be a change." The SGA knows that this issue is out there and they should act. The snow presents a chance for the SGA to show leadership.

Central Planning may create and furnish an abundance of ingenuous and inept excuses as "The journey to Trim was, indeed, a journey—a journey upon which no BC student should be forced to embark." —

Editor's Note: Dr. Handy, our world-class consultant, is the managing director of BabsonSnowPlus Group, a start-up venture capitalist firm that specializes in companies selling snow removal equipment such as shovels and Bombardiers.
Bad Drugs and Great Big Bugs

By Skip Connolly
Dean of Detergents

Okay, this guy walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "Hey ma'am, did you hear about the guy from Bentley who..." The bartender grabs him and says, "Look buddy, I went to Bentley and I could see those two big brutes over there in the booth! Bentley Football! And then I just went up to the bar and asked for a beer!"

"Well, how do you think about that?" I don't mean the suicides, that happens all the time. Just look at Dr. Keworkian (who by the way, is putting out a new CD called "Dr. Jack with the Grateful Dead Unplugged.") He's the only doctor for anything involved. He's dealing with people who want to croak and he croaks them. It's just when this other

think of this Marshall Appleseed nut... I S.D. Honor Roll? Yeah, I think so. He don't mean the suicides, that happens all the time.

Another rumor used to play golf under a lake and it goes on and on. But the police are trying to make sure that there's just a certain thing to drug damage. And I think that it will be coming out fairly soon that Mr. Appleseed cruised quite often on Jinholt "Crystal Ship".

Anyway, it's all with all this conjecture and let's get to some cold hard facts. You guessed it. It's time for the WWVN who this week travels to Niama, Zambie to report on a 50 foot catapiller that is running attack ships that chomping down everything in its path. And according to the zoologist Manderich Fitcher, who was in the area, to scope the situation, the monsters have actually descended 30 square mile area because of his various apetites. To compound matters, Bitcher and his band of bug experts recently discovered two 100 foot empty cocoons which indicates that the monster catapiller found a man, made whoopy and now there are a couple of giant butterflies flapping around somewhere. Dr. Ritcher and his boys are planning to dissect the cocoons for study and are planning on a future expedition in an effort to capture one of these giant butterflies. "They're out there somewhere. Probably pretty close to where they left their cocoons," Ritcher stated. "If these creatures mate and lay hundreds of eggs, the population of giant butterflies could sky rocket in just one season." But what I don't understand is that this guy seems more concerned about the butterflies than the catapiller. I always thought it was the catapiller, not the butterfly that did the damage. But then again Dr. Ritcher is the expert.

All right, this one hot off the press. "Giant Fish eating worms inside Earth." Dr. Guarno Peron reports that a 188 long water worm has been discovered at the bottom of Lake Bayou in Russia as well as in lakes in Peru, Argentina, Uganda and Chad. The biologist believes that the giant worm, which is the size of an egg in egg form, landed either near or in these bodies of water. Like the giant catapiller, these worms are eating everything in front of them and Peron fears that they will eventually over populate and completely take over these lakes and God knows what else from there. So far Lake Marshopotamia, Argentina leads in the worst race where Dr. Peron has counted more than 500 of the critters.

Finally, my tip this week is short and sweet. "Don't wipe your-cream creas with a sponge. Now ice cream-arts are the little ones that you all ways see in a puddle of melted ice cream on a sidewalk. You never see the big ones in the stuff, just the little ones, so that's why we always called them ice cream-arts. Now some folks believe that big ants are actually ice cream-arts all grown up because of all the ice cream they ate as kids. And the reason that they don't eat it now is because they are sick for it. But regardless just don't use a sponge to wipe them up because they get stuck in all the holes and come out at the most goddamned times.

Like the other day where I was wipping down the hopper was in my basement ladie rooms and all in one I'd best end it right there.

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**Auto Column: Speed For Free**

By Rob Montgomery
Auto columnist

For all those enthusiasts out there who, like me, never sit behind the wheel without the protection of a radar/laser detector, here's good news. In the June issue of Car & Driver, there is an interesting article on a recent court case involving the legality of some laser guns used by police officers across the nation. I only had a chance to look at it in passing one evening, but here is my take on it. I suggest you take the time to read it for yourself so as to get the full gist of it.

Right now, there is a firm producing laser rifles which are, in effect, giving readings that can be up to, or not more than, 4 mph off. For those who aren't familiar with the laser technology, its true function to measure how far several pulses of light are shot per second at a given target. The gun then calculates the distance of the target from the changes in distance. The problem with the particular gun in question, and I suspect many for that matter, is that there is a large user-error factor. That is, an officer can aim at a stationary object, say a car wall, and if the officer abruptly moves the laser rifle, it is quite possible to clock the wall to be traveling at almost 4 mph. In addition to whether or not the officer has a steady hand, there is also the problem of aiming the gun. Now you tell me, how can you be sure whether or not you are hitting your target with an invisible projectile? You can't! So it is up to the officer to use his or her "professional judgement" to determine which car he or she is receiving a reading on. Even more disturbing is the fact that if an officer takes aim at your car and initially hits the front grill and then follows the windshield, the three or four foot difference in those distances, will easily equate to an additional 10 mph tacked onto your speed!

Well, we may be able to take solace in the fact that the judge presiding over the case which brought all of this information to the attention of the public, has since ruled this particular type of laser detection unacceptable as evidence. This may be the beginning of the end for all laser detectors, which would be a great relief for drivers everywhere. Also, for any readers who may be interested, I would like to try and put together a series of articles that all serve as a kind of "learn how to beat the system" for speeding (for humor purposes). So any suggestions and/or contributions are more than welcome and can be sent directly to me via e-mail.

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**Student of the Week: Liane Hill**

By Angelo Framuwallo II
Features Editor

It is a rare pleasure for me to be able to interview the Student of the Week here at Babson. Especially this week, as I had the opportunity to talk with Liane. Liane is currently a sophomore at Babson, majoring in Marketing, with a concentration in English. Originally from Binghamton, NY, Liane attended Vestal High School. In high school, she was highly involved with extracurricular activities and student organizations. While at Babson, she was the President of the Russian Club, a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, and a member of the "Vocal Voices", the school's select choir. She has also studied voice and piano. Several highlights in Liane's high school experience with the Vocal Voices include trips New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

So why did Liane decide to attend Babson? "I was always interested in Babson," she said. "Not only because Babson was the #1 business school specialty, or just because of Babson's strong academics, but also because this college offers opportunities to gain hands-on business experience and a spark of creativity. Liane's favorite thing about Babson is the myriad of opportunities available through friends, alumni, career advancement, or student organizations here on campus. She dislikes the trap of the "business person" stereotype. "There are Babson Christian Fellowship, The Publicity Committee for Founder's Day, and also the chair of the Babson Fine Arts Society (BFAS). The BFAS is a student organization which promotes art of all kinds here at Babson, whether it be visual and performing arts, or literature. The BFAS sponsors such events as The Other Side Art Show, and Babson Unplugged on campus, and trips to the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. Liane says, "I hope many students to the pub for Babson Unplugged" says Liane. This event is scheduled for this year's spring weekend and will feature student bands and performers from Babson College.

Finally, Liane leaves the Babson community with two sage pieces of advice. "Be yourself take time out of your day planners to see beauty in life." Favorites: Quote: "Never doubt that a small group of individuals can change the world; indeed it's the only way it ever was done!" - Margaret Mead Book: "The Art of Loving" Author: Color: Sky Blue Food: Cocktail Car: Jaguar

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**Your Horoscope**

Aries (March 21-April 19): An old pattern is being activated and could cause you to miss an important financial opportunity that comes through working in a partnership. This is no time to hide or to pretend that you don't have what it takes. Embrace changes for a bright future for both yourself and those you love.

Taurus (April 21-May 20): You and your significant other get back on track by creating a schedule that you can both live with. Making time for each other is very important, so not making time for each other may be you with other responsibilities.

If you are hoping for an unexpected change, you will see your dream come true this week.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): This week is a turbulent time. Getting used to a certain level of public attention is necessary for further personal growth. When one situation comes to an end, you will be ready to initiate something new, even though you may have other ways.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): A telling detail in a story that explains your past is discovered to be inaccurate. This may change the way in which you see yourself. Even if this is a positive revelation, it will take some time to recover from its impact.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can choose to drop old form of emotional expression that is a dead end. Finding out how old this pattern is will give you a clue about why it has remained so strong in spite of the fact that it is creates havoc in your relationships of all kinds.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is no time to be shy and avoid appearing publicly, particularly if your success demands greater visibility. A positive shift in a career crisis gives you and your reason to celebrate. Evening time is medical, particularly if you are visiting relatives.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your trust in a friend or love is justified when, in a crisis, he or she does have the way you have been hurt in similar situations in the past. The opening created in your heart permits you to honor your instinctive reactions more and to relax into joy in a new way.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): A pitfall of your personality is the notion that only very hard work will get you anywhere. Although this is partly true currently, you will discover that letting things take their natural course after a certain point is even more valuable than pushing for results at every turn.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Doing your best to keep up with new technologies may not be good enough if you don't get additional training. Your energy level is good, and your passion for someone special is strong. Spending time with parents or other relatives takes the edge of your enthusiasm, however.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Review the events that have taken place this mid-January and see what you have learned about a relationship issue. You have a wide range in how you treat your parents, but there may still be resistance to fully embrace his/her authentic way of being in the world.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Your financial picture improves this week, thanks to an unexpected influx of cash or opportunity. Don't buy the forecast of doom and gloom that is about. You know that you don't have to fall prey to what the majority of society says about abundance.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): You are learning a lesson in patience now. There is no need for you to prove yourself over and over again, especially to someone who knows how talented and special you are. Is there someone in the past, such a parent, whose approval you never received? Try not to think about them.

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Market Timing: Hoax or Reality?
By Ron Levin
Staff Writer

The recent decline of the stock market has reawakened investor interest in market timing. Unfortunately, for many investors, this interest is not a one-way street. Since the end of 1990 the stock market has advanced without a serious correction for almost 10 percent attainment, let alone a bear market, over 20 percent retrenchment. The investor must consider two consequences of an investment decision: return and risk. As market drops, the risk factor becomes more pertinent. So how does one deal with risk? One possibility is to base investment decisions on a "market timing" system.

The very mention of "market timing" will make many investment advisors squirm. Don't be surprised if you get a retort like, "Timing a market? Are you crazy? You can't do that!" While it is certainly true that the investor has the power to identify exact tops and bottoms it is impossible to recognize where trends are developing or any financial planners, even those who frown upon "market timing," like to speculate on the market's future. Issues that the investor's future will pose are all 10-year averages of the Dow Jones Industrials and their relationship to a mutual fund composite index. If you subscribe to the idea that market timing is at least somewhat realistic, you would still use some caution when picking a market timing system to follow. Be sure that the person who recommends anything other than 100 percent positions either "buys" or "sells" with reasonable confidence. Such a system, however, is only dozen percent accurate. There are several strategies you can use for attempting to time market tops. Since the purpose of the timing system is to turn you out of bear markets, your timing system is relatively possible during a "buy" signal. During the early stages of an up-market, such as a "buy" signal in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, your best bet would probably be in aggressive selling. An event that closely correlates with the NASDAQ Composite would be the "buy" signal. Toward the latter stages of an up-market, when there is unsteadiness but a "buy" is still on, you may want to move into large-cap growth or index funds. Two good low-risk operating cost funds would be Vanguard Index 500 and Vanguard Index Growth. During a "sell" mode, your timing system is to move into either money market funds or Treasury Bills, where the cash is safe but the gains are limited. People who are able to take more of a risk may want to play the market by following a "sell" signal. The best idea would likely be to sell "spare" (SPDR, S&P Index tracker) short on the American Stock Exchange. There are also a pair of mutual funds that are created specifically for market timers. These are a high-beta fund (fluctuates with S&P, but with greater volatility) which uses leverage to produce one of the highest yield funds. There is a "buy" signal, which is a product of the Dow Jones Industrial Average and any other mutual fund composite index. If you find a market timer that you believe is fairly accurate, you may want to use the fund during the recent bull market. By buying futures and call options on the S&P 500 stock index, they have kept transaction costs low and liquidity high. On the other hand, buying Urus (a "bear") is meant to perform inversely to the S&P, but with a lower beta than Nova. Take note on days that the market is up, Urus will almost certainly be up. Buying Urus long is essentially the same as being short in any other mutual fund. However, a minimum investment of $25,000 is required for these Ryder funds.

The one thing to remember about market timers is that the system is always right, and you have to be able to tolerate the occasional bad signal. A good system should, however, at least have the ability to keep you out of a market crash, allowing you to be as aggressive as you like the rest of the time.

You will likely encounter market timers of all types, many of whom are justified in their reasoning. It is quite hard for some to believe that one can predict the course the market will take. In some instances, people have taken a beating because of an overzealous market timer. Not long ago, in fact, the world's highest volume mutual fund, Fidelity's Magellan, suffered due to the fund's partial switch into low-interest bonds. At a time when mutual funds were soaring, Magellan was earning a fraction of the profit that they would have had if they remained 100 percent in stocks.

Here are the results from one legitimate private account that is owned by a group whose results are fairly consistent with many other timers:

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Discipline is the Key to Success
By Enrique "Q" Torres
Business Editor

The key discipline—buying only when the numbers look good, selling as soon as they look bad. The standard financial advisor—prices market cycles, and buy and hold for the long term. But if you can't do that, then get out and sit on your cash until the dust clears—isn't well suited to the market that seems to be unfolding now. Fortunately, even in this kind of market, basic investing principles will serve an investor well. Equity investors who tightly discipline in buying and stick to tough guidelines for deciding when to sell should be able to weather the storm. The market can't automatically move out of the market as valuations get increasingly out of line in the cycle's late stages.

A market like this changes the ratio between risk and reward and can be worth buying. You, for example, because of price appreciation, equities are now showing historically low dividend yields, and that makes equities more risky for the long-term investor. Investors in large-cap stocks who suffered the 1979 crash had to wait until 1983 to see the value of their assets recover to the level of 1928. If those stocks hadn't paid dividends and investors had been forced to rely on capital gains alone to make them whole, they would have been in the red until 1952.

The best way to manage equity risk in a market like this is to avoid overpaying for a stock. But that's hard discipline to maintain as a bear market develops, and stocks that are overpriced on their fundamentals keep going up. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, for example, is a double-blind test of the great growth companies in the world. Exactly the kind of stock many investors prefer for their retirement portfolio. But it recently traded at a price-to-earnings ratio of 22.5 for a price for a company that just posted unit sales growth for the long term? At 7 to 8 percent. That's a higher price-to-earnings ratio than the company received on average for any year as far back as 1976. Yet this hasn't stopped 13 of the 27 analysts that followed the company from giving the stock a buy or strong buy rating, according to Zack's Investment Research.

Historic price-to-earnings ratios are a good starting point for valuing stocks in this market. One simple rule might be to not buy any stock trading at a p/e above the stock's highest average annual p/e dating back directly to the last bear market. The number of economic and market cycles. An investor who sets out to follow this rule (you'll find historic p/e ratios in Value Line) will uncover some surprising facts. Intel, for example, trades at a p/e of 15. Its p/e was, on average, 29 in 1987. Motorola trades at a p/e of 19. You'd have to wait until the dot-coms for a p/e to sink to that level. A company doesn't have to write off the restaurant to be 10 at Bell, Pizza Hut, and Kentucky Fried Chicken chains that weren't doing well. The charge lowpay for the earnings for the quarter, but it also appear to increase in earnings rates since the company doesn't have to deprecate these restaurants to pay earnings. That's where the numbers aren't quite so healthy. Puzzles like these are why some analysts are looking at cash flow to judge the real earnings of a company. For example, if the growth rate of the dollar 12 percent is a good benchmark to use. If cash flow growth is at 12 percent, earnings should be growing at a similar rate. (Value Line and Standard & Poor's report annual cash flow per share so that analysts can calculate a growth rate from those figures.)

As for the other side of prospering in this market, timely selling. It's relatively simple to set a target selling price for a stock. Estimate an annual growth rate for earnings over the next five years, using sources such as Value Line, Standard & Poor's, and company reports. Compound current earnings per share at that rate to calculate earnings per share five years from now. Look at historic price-to-earnings ratios, pick a high p/e that the market might award the stock five years hence. Multiply that p/e by earnings to determine a target price for five years out. Keep the target updated as the company reports new earnings. If the company hits the target or shoots past it, that's a sell.

Investors who maintain strict buying and selling disciplines will generally stay away from stocks to buy and reasons not to sell as market problems develop. The market timers, after all, are forced to the sidelines when their numbers show problems. Which is the point.
Herding Investors

By Enrique "Q" Torres
Business Editor

Nothing befuddles the average investor more than the false sense of inferiority that comes from playing against the institutions. After all, the institutions are so big and get meuch attention for dominating markets, that the amateur stockpicker can't help but feel that he's trapped in a fantasy baseball camp, competing against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

What people fail to pray to is an ideal commonly called the effect of the "Thundering Herd." "Thundering Herd," is how the financial press once described the great mass of stockbrokers hired by Merrill Lynch to service the average investor back in the days when average investors bought and sold most of the stock. Today, there's another kind of Thundering Herd on Wall Street: institutional investors, including the mutual fund managers, who now do most of the buying and selling.

A sudden faction of this new kind of Thundering Herd could even be called the Blundering Herd. I can say that with confidence, having ridden with the Blundering Herd on more occasions than I care to count.

The fact that the professionals now dominate the market which so often leads people to conclude that the amateur has no chance, has actually improved the amateur's chance. The average investor can now change his strategy when the herds have remained stagnant and buy a stock that the herds would not or has overlooked, especially the ones that the herds have recently trampled. What holds the average individual investor at this point is the mistake of thinking that the crowd is always right.

This causes investors to do one of three self-destructive things: (1) imitate the pros by buying "hot" stocks or trying to "catch the turn in", say, IBM; (2) become "sophisticated" by investing in futures, investing in options, or even in investing in options on futures, etc. (3) buy what they've heard a pro has recommended in a popular magazine or on one of the popular financial news programs on what the "hot trick" is on the right available. It seems that the celebrity tip has replaced the old-fashioned tip from practiced consultants like Enrique Torres as the most compelling reason to invest in a company.

Let's say that in the spirit of doing it yourself, you take money out of your savings account at the local credit union and decide to buy stock with it. You're somewhat intrigued by the fact that the price of the common stock has fallen in half. You know the story of this particular company to be a solid institution with a strong balance sheet and no large debt, because you checked out these things before you put your money there.

Just as you are about to pick up the phone to order the latest annual report from this company to see if the story is as good on paper as it seems to be in real life, a little voice from the inferiority lobby whimpers, "Who do you think you are, buying a stock in a company that has never been tested in Barron's, Forbes, or Business Week?"

So instead of ordering the annual report, you go to the newstand to pick up their latest copy to see what the experts are saying, and in one of them, you discover that Mario Gabelli and Warren Buffett both own shares in Coca-Cola Enterprises, a bottling company for the world's favorite soft drink. You buy the stock, on the theory that these two famous fund managers know a lot more than you and Enrique Torres put together. In fact, Gabelli and Buffett do know a lot more than you and everybody put together, but that doesn't mean you're going to profit by betting on his tip regarding Coca-Cola Enterprises.

Since Gabelli and Buffett don't give out there home phone numbers, you can't call them up to ask if they still like Coca-Cola Enterprises, and whether they view the current Greenspan situation as an opportunity to buy more, or whether they have changed their views on the company, sold their shares, and cut their losses.

Most likely, reading all the reviews of the changing market will cause you to lose faith in the stock, and without Gabelli and Buffett to reassure you, you should be better off putting your money to work. If not, maybe you've even sold them to Gabelli! Then you take your diminished capital and re-
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International Business

Clinton: Free Trade in the Western Hemisphere by 2005

By Reuter's International Special to the Free Press

The Congress caution on trade threats to disadvan-
tage US in its back yard, writes Nancy Dunne. This was sup-
posed to be "the year of Latin America" for President Bill
Clinton. Three forays across the southern US border were
planned as he picked up the reins on trade liberalization, dropped
for electioneering purposes.

But like most US policy this ambitious plan to move the
hemisphere towards free trade by 2005 is now caught in the grip of
a Washington pre-occupied by scandal over campaign fi-
nance and factionalism in both parties.

When the president's missions were delayed last month by a
knock injury, Latin American diplomats and US offi-
cials hoped the postponement would provide an opportunity
to persuade Congress to go ahead with US-wide Free Trade
Agreement.

But the delay has not been without cost. US compa-
nies say they are losing business or are forced to manufacture
abroad because the Clinton admin-is-
istration, lacking negotiating authority from Congress, has
been unable to participate in the
number of trade nego-

tions in the region.

"Our national leaders have
abandoned the fight for
free trade," said one business
lobbyist. "There has been no
Clinton speech on trade since
NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement); the ad-
ministration has got to get out
front." The administration
promised to bring Chile into the
NAFTA grouping of the US,
Canada and Mexico three years
ago, but has been unable to pro-
ced without trade negotiating
authority.

Ms Charlene
Barshesky, US trade represen-
tative, is to meet House mem-
bers this week to persuade them
to give the administration the
so-called "fast-track" trade author-
ity to get on with the job. Un-
der "fast track" a majority in
each house must agree that any
trade deal brought back to Con-
gress for consideration will be
voted for or against, but not
amended.

Mr. Richard Gephardt,
the House Democratic leader,
and most party members believe
free trade pacts, such as NAFTA,
provide big profits and cheap la-
or for multinationals but fail to
raise living standards in the
countries where they set up pro-
duction. They hold trade re-
sponsible for lost US manufac-
turing jobs and stagnant wages
in the US. Mr. Gephardt - and
his allies in the labor movement
- are demanding strong labor
and environmental provisions in
any new trade deals. They want to
be able
to have trade sanctions against
countries that do not uphold ba-

sic labor and environmental
standards. For the past three
years, Republicans - backed by
business - have stymied any at-
tempt to include them.

Ms Barshesky will try
to find language on environment
and labor which would allow
enough members from both
sides to agree. She appears to be
ready to argue that the adminis-
tration will negotiate labor and
environment deals "where ap-
propriate" but may not seek au-
thority for that in a "fast track"
measure.

Chile, for example, has
shown little resistance to labor
and environment provisions.
However, because NAFTA is so
unprecedented, the US and Chile
may well decide to pursue a bi-

tateral deal. The most recent
slot on the NAFTA agenda was
caused last week by more than
180 cases of hepatitis traced
to strawberries grown in
Mexico and served in US school
lunches.

Ms Barshesky will try
to keep the argument away
from NAFTA and focused on the
danger of US absence from the
targaining table. "Our competi-
tors would like nothing better
than for us to sideline ourselves,
deleting NAFTA and our rela-
tions with Mexico for several
more years while they move
ahead," she told the House
Ways and Means Committee last
month. "It would be a seri-
ous, self-inflicted wound.
America is poised to seize great
opportunities. Our competitors
cannot buy us, we can only lose
by removing ourselves."

Mercuro, the largest
economy in Latin America
consisting of Argentina, Brazil,
Paraguay and Uruguay, has
agreements with Chile and Bo-
 livia and is discussing pacts
with

several of the Andean and Car-

tibean Basin countries, the said.
Chile has deals with Mexico,
Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador
and Canada and plans new talks
in central America. Mexico
wants to be the commercial hub
between the US and South America, while reaching out for
free trade deals with Europe and Asia.

"As these various agree-
ments are being negotiated
with other American participation, they are being concluded in a way
 to leave the US interests out," said Mr. Larry Liebenow, president of
Quaker Fabrics Corporation of
Fall River, Massachusetts. His
company has had "enormous
benefit" from NAFTA, achie-
vie.

ving a one-third-penetration of
the Mexican upholster market.
However, its sales to Brazil and
Argentina have suffered from
changing rules and sudden duty
increases.

The moral of the story is that not only countries but
dividuals should not lock them-
selves up from the outside world.
Globalization affects not only
countries and multinationals,
but small corporations and indi-
viduals. So keep up reading the
International Business Section
and other favorites of yours that
provide you with international
knowledge.

Lithuanian Promises
Investor Friendly
Environment

By Reuter's International Special to the Free Press

Lithuanian Prime Min-
ister Gediminis Vagnorius said
on Thursday that his govern-
ment was determined to
improve the country's invest-
ment and busi-

ness climate.

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the tax system," Vagnorius said.
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Laibach: Neue Slowenische Sell-outs
Live at Axis In March Sometime...But Who Cares?

By Natalie Vlahov
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Even though Laibach have been around since 1980, one would never know it from this show. Gone were the staunch political motifs and cold evil late 70's pre-industrial rhythms me-chanically churned by vengeful hands on drums. Gone were the Wagnierian chants of yesteryear. Laibach have finally done it; they've sold out— even in concert! By combining the oh-so-unique Nine Inch Nails/Ministry sound of post-industrial possession with new lyrical top-ics, Laibach have created an u-tter mess for themselves. I was in pure denial at the show, thinking I was actually enjoying it. After much pondering, I finally realized what a disappointment the show was. Laibach have been my favorite seminal industrial band for six years now, and every-thing they've ever put out (until now) has never failed to pierce the innermost sanctum of my soul. Nonetheless, all good things must eventually with-er and die, especially when you see them play live. And check this out— they've even got a stand-by guitarist (!) with long hair band. As you all know, Axis is a tiny little venue the size of a walnut, and for such potential stage presence to shine, Laibach should have had an entire thea-ter. However, this is not Eu-ope where Laibach are appreci-ated and respected; this is the US, where people are sheep and prefer the palatable Ministry over REAL industrial mayhem. The Natio-material shined as brightly as a thousand menacingly glaring suns. The opened with a cover of Europe's "The Final Countdown" and continued on with "Alle Gegen Alle," "In the Army Now," and other such ditties off Natio. Even though Natio permitted us to peek through a keyhole to see an ounce of Laibach's emo-tion, it was still a mostly cold and disciplined effort which centered around politics in their nor-tierously wry and cynical way. Natio was a brilliantly struc-tured and intelligently executed anti-war album. It was played with controlled passion and statuesque genius.

Since Laibach did not tour the States on their Natio tour, 99 percent of the concert was material from Natio and Jesus Christ Superstars, which is an utter shame. The concert itself was a completely incorrect setting for this larger-than-life-famous. Jesus Christ Superstars, a — you guessed it— pittance on the musical. It's not that they played the songs badly, it's that they played bad songs by numbers. Even though the vocalist's stage presence was as evil and cold as ever, the music hindered him from fully express-ing the depth of the coldness within the music.

The only true saving graces of the show were "Life Is Life" and "Geburt Einer Na-tion" off of their 1986 album, "Opus Dei." Even though there was no commercialized, since Laibach now fancy guitars which almost shrunk "modern industrial!" The crowd was quite a pleasant surprise, as 90 percent of the audience was just regular people who appreciate the Eastern European flavor of Laibach's intensity. There were very few industrial Nine Inch Nails po-seurs there, which made the at-mosphere less foreboding and relatively more enjoyable.

It was a shame to see Laibach on this tour rather than an earlier one, like, say, 1985's Nous Agressons or something along those lines. However, it was just too bad listen-ing to things like Motley Crue and Cinderella (I know, I know... it was sixth grade; gimme a break) to take notice of obser-vations like Laibach.

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Weekly Garbage Dump: The Worst of Current Music

By Kevin McMahon
Staff Writer

Sweetback-self-titled

This debut album, released in October of 1996 in the work of three former members of Sade's band, surprisingly enough, this CD actually sounds like what would happen if Sade's band went on their own to do an album. Band member's Andrew Hal (keyboards and programming), Stuart Malman (guitars, saxophone), and Paul Spencer Denman (bass), play the same type of urban soul music that they played with Sade for so many years. The majority of the tracks are instrumental and have monotonous drum and keyboard loops with anything from acoustic guitar to saxophone mixed over the basic tracks. They mix in some hip-hop and jazz with a few quest vocalists here and there. I would imagine that a good deal of this album is computer-generated, as a lot of the sounds are not created by any conventional instruments. The only thing I would find this CD useful for is either relaxing or sleeping. All the songs are very mellow and basic, and they failed to capture my attention.

Wink -- Are you there?

I don't know much about dance music, techno, or house, but I know that this is not very good, regardless of the category in which you place it. This EP contains four versions of the title track as well two other songs. None of these songs display any creative prowess, and they all sound the same at me. I don't see the need to include an a cappella mix in which the listener hears Wink say, "Are you there?" for one minute straight.

The Clarks -- Someday Maybe

This Pittsburgh band has been trying to get a major label record contract for about ten years. When they finally got a deal with MCA they had already released three albums on their own label, King Mouse Records. Someday Maybe is their fourth release, and I can best describe their music as basic rock & roll, similar to Tom Petty or John Mellencamp. All the tracks are pretty similar; their music seems to be stuck in the intro, verse, chorus format. If they could adjust the tone on the guitar and add some diversity once in a while, they would be in much better shape. The Clarks certainly aren't musical geniuses, but they are capable of writing catchy songs that have made them quite popular in the Pittsburgh area. However, I wouldn't expect them to gain national attention.

Ben Folds Five's Whatever and Ever Amen: Unique Guitar-less Pop

By Kevin McMahon
Staff Writer

The second LP from this three-piece band was released recently. Whatever and Ever Amen is the follow-up to their 1994 self-titled release. Unlike most pop bands, Ben Folds Five music is centered around a piano, not a guitar. Ben Folds, the pianist, singer, and chief songwriter, formed the band in 1993 along with Robert Sledge and Darren Jessee in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The three quickly realized that they got along fine without a guitar, and adding one would probably get in the way of Ben's piano playing. So, to fill the void left by the absent guitar, Ben is all over the place on the piano. Ben's songwriting is very original, especially in terms of his lyrics. He doesn't try to convey any hidden meanings, he just sings about what is on his mind, which means that these are lyrics which everyone can relate. You can tell that Ben has been influenced by everybody from the Beatles to Gershwin, as almost every track has a different feel and incorporates a different genre of pop music. Although he doesn't listen to much pop music, I found this CD to be very entertaining. It's not too often that we get to hear something a little bit different.

You'd Never Know It Was a Laibach Record

By Natalie Vlahovic
Art & Entertainment Editor

1980 was a special year, full of monumental industrial outbursts from bands like SPK, Throbbing Gristle, Test Dept., and most of all, Laibach. Rekapihusje, a collection of evil ambience from 1980 to 1984, painted Laibach as the kings of pre-industrial godliness and innovation. They went on to release a slew of beautifully crafted works, such as Opus Dei, Nova Alpavirpa, Macabre, Križni Put, Triglav anlagam, and many more too numerous to mention.

The 1990's were a decade of change for the band, as they were now embracing modern technology, "up-to-date" their cold and evil works from the 80's. Much to the disappointment of their core fans, Kapital saw them showcasing dance tendencies, and NATO even further emboldened this with straight-ahead techno. Both albums are majestic in their own right, but Jesus Christ Superstar takes the adaption of commercialism a bit too far. Original techno is one thing, but a blatant Ministry rip-off is quite another.

Even the lyrical topics have changed. Laibach have always been known for their lyrical ambiguity and clever tone on various topics, but religion is not an area where they pull it off well. Politics, especially of the Eastern European variety, have always been their specialty, but they are now venturing into territories which they are not yet familiar. Religion is not a subject they tackle to date, and the music does not complement the lyrics well at all.

"God Is An Egg" starts off with a bluish metal guitar sound that just irritates the hell out of my ears. It is so frighteningly NORMAL! This song could have been placed alongside a Nine Inch Nails single, and I would have noticed it; it is unbelievable to which level some bands will succumb in order to please the masses. Laibach have never been known for commercialism or wanting to mass market their artistry to the moral majority, but this album seriously makes me question that. "The cover of Texas Christian Superstar" is rather amusing to say the least. Laibach have always had a penchant for covering odd music in a special deserving way. "Kingdom of God" is aEcho industrial commercial metal rip off, especially during the cheesier citteries. Relatively good tunes include "Alas " and "Massage From The Black Star," and the cover of PrinCh's "The Cross" is very entertaining.

On the whole, the album lacks the power of earlier releases. It is not necessarily all horrible, objectively speaking. Subjectively speaking however, this album leaves a lot to be desired. The execution is good, and the music is much better than some generic Ministry rip-off, since Laibach do add a bit of their unique flavor to the music. However, little of it there may be. Nevertheless, Laibach have failed to excite me with this, which is a first.

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V.P. Reports:
Babo and B&G were both notified that the lights were out on the temporary path 2/4 and 4/4. The contractors for the building the new quadrangle are in charge of the upkeep and maintenance 1/4 path. Unfortunately, they have not responded to our phone calls as of yet. The contractor is still here tonight to discuss any questions that students may have regarding upkeep and conditions of the grounds. Especially the snow situation of last week.

V.P. Campus Activities:
Just a reminder that the Farewell Ball for President Gladwin will be held this Friday at 7:30 in the Student Union. Formal Attire is suggested but NOT REQUIRED. Zeynep and Warren will speak under Scheduled Business about the activities planned for Spring Weekend.

V.P. Commerce:
No Report.

VP Finance:
Deferred to Scheduled Business.

VP Communications:
Last week, Joe Spinelli (House Reps) and I met with Richard Kesner who is currently the head of ITSD. We found that it costs Babo $100,000 per year to provide printing services for us in the Horn Computer Center. ITSD feels the printers are being abused by students and is quite hesitant about providing more printers. They are opposed to the idea of placing printers in the residence halls. They feel that students should use our print centers such as Kinloch's if they are unable to get to the library. ITSD is hoping to get past the budget issue of handing in all assignments on paper. They hope to install a web browser, whereby students will be able to deposit these assignments into the browser and their professors will receive them. This will help to eliminate the whole printing problem. ITSD along with Total Quality Management is also placing a survey out on Globenet. Right now the survey is for staff and not for students. Kesner said that he will make it accessible for students if we feel there is a need for it, and I asked him to do so. Please stay tuned for the survey in the upcoming weeks and please fill it out seri- ously. The next meeting is in a month and should not take that much of your time. One of our new House Reps, Dominique, took an active role in passing around a petition for extension for Horn Library House. Bring this petition to Richard Kesner at our next meeting and we will have more news on this sub- ject for next week. We now have 102 signatures. If you would like to sign the petition, please stop by the SCA office or call us at X4330. I would also like to thank the five House Reps who signed this petition.

Student Advisory Board Committee:
Those people are: Dominique Fyfe, Geoff Goldman, Joe Consiglio, Carrie Leubrock, and John.

Scheduled Business:
Joe Billante gave a presentation on the planned proposal for student funding. A copy of this proposal will be placed in this week’s Free Press. There will be a defi- nite increase in student activity fees for the fall of next year and has investigated the amount of money which goes to each student. There is a campaign for athletic funding and is working on the Health Center. We will stay tuned for this after the Press to get the scoop.

Spring Weekend:
Zeynep and Warren gave us an update on Spring Weekend. On Friday night there will be Conne- ctions from 8-10pm. The comedians will be followed by the Ray Boston’s Beach Party from 16-12am. The Class of 97, Class of 2000 and C&G will be sponsoring the Ray Boston Beach Party. There will be a for a midnight dinner on Thursday in Trim. Dinner will be held outside on Saturday and the concert will be held on the Quad.

Warren Wick who is the concert chair spoke about the bands which will be coming for Spring Weekend. On Saturday during the day, Jam Down will be playing from 12:30 until 2:30pm. New Brown Hat will play from 2:30 until 400am and Room 1 will play at 6:00am. A light- weight concert will consist of Wine Bottles, Jazz Mandolin and Gunter. There will be a scavenger hunt on Sunday morning fol- lowed by a Drive-In Movie on the Quad on Sunday.

Guest Speakers:
Dave Piduchetto was a guest speaker at the students starting meeting in March. Rick’s will be under Babo Com- sit. They are in charge of maintenance, cleaning, and the de-central capital. They are also in charge of all set-ups for special events and trash and recycling. They are the electricians, plumbers, and locksmiths. They are in charge of all lighting except on the Grounds. The Grounds department is in charge of all vehicle maintenance, storm drainage, and street lighting. They are also in charge of all renovations. They re-painted and carpeted five dorms last year. They take care of all environmental issues such as air quality and oil spills. There have been many questions regarding the quality of the water on Babson’s campus. The distribution system on campus isn’t the problem it’s the supplier which is the town of Wellesley.

Dave fielded a few personal questions from the house such as a problem with the shower in a C student D tower. He said that everyone on campus must fill out orders in order for things to be fixed. There is a 93% response rate on house orders. There’s a work order form on Globenet. You simply have to fill it out and they will send you back a work order number.

There were also concerns about the taste and quality of water which comes out of the water buggers. Students complained that the water tastes metallic and there should be filters placed on the machines.

Ary Wood asked what the chain of command should be when there is a problem with some- thing on campus which relates to B&G. Dave stated that all students should call directly at X444 or send them an e-mail. Dave’s personal number is X4189.

There were many questions regarding the snow storm which took place last week. Dave commented that 30 inches of snow fell on this campus in two days. His crew started at 7am and 90% of his equipment is 10 years old. Grounds people worked for 36 hours straight. They were open all of Monday. There was a priority list which they had to follow. First all roads for emergency and fire hazards had to be cleared. Then all fire roads (hydrants). The walkways and entrances to building and dorms came next and then student parking. Grounds really feels that there needs to be a policy regarding snow on campus. They simply ran out. There were complaints about the temporary path. They stated that the path was set up for convenience and it is a diffi- cult area to clean out. Thank goodness that path will soon go because there were complaints about the conditions of the green areas on campus. They are hoping to ex- tend irrigation by providing underground sprinklers. They whole Grounds Dep. is run by 9 guys. Pictures of developments onto a web page.

New Business:
Question concerning speed bumps proposed by Jeremy Weir. There is a lot of commen- tid. He likes to speed. The house responded by stating that students simply aren’t following Massachusetts state law. Three new speed bumps will be placed. One directly in front of Forest where students cross to go to Nichols, One will be placed in front of Olin and the last one will be placed on the curve on the way to Colemen. There was a question about opening up a classroom or two during crunch time when there aren’t enough computers avail- able in Horn. We will bring up the issue of reserving computers for the Trustees meeting in May. The various committees which are specified in the constitution will be worked on. Special at- tention was drawn upon the 114 year committee. Issues about re-writing of the Constitution were addressed. The new E- board will be re-writing it along with the help of the House and a special committee.

There were many complaints about the Senior Survey.

Announcements:
The bricks for the Senior Wall are currently being sold. The Alumni Board promised to do- nate $300- to Cabinetry in the Chapel in the Senior Class’ name if they have 75% participation. They will be dedicated to the wall and the name of all the employees at Babson. Fine Arts Society is currently holding a 50/30 Drawing. First place is half of the money, and second place is a picture of buildings onto a web page.

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Fun Stuff: Actual Newspaper Headlines

Top Ten Reasons To Attend Bentley

1. Mid-term consists of compar- ing who got the best tan over Spring Break
2. Real school spirit
3. Their front sign is actually in one piece.
4. The girl/boy ratio is equal
5. They are just like us, they exist there as well.
6. Free beer all the time in the cafeteria
7. There are only 1268 students actually have time to sleep at night.
8. Easy to find weekend activities
9. Most of the students are in state
10. No FME

Enfield couple slain; Police suspect homicide

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Police begin campaign to run downjaywalkers

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Safety Experts say school bus passengers should be belted

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Farmer Bill dies in Jesse

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Iraq head seeks arms

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Price of gas falling; Veterans takes over

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British left women on Falkland Islands

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Eye drops off shelf

Eye drops off shelf

Teacher strikes idle kids

Teacher strikes idle kids

Batting win on budget, but more lies ahead

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Squad helps dog bites victim

Squad helps dog bites victim

Killed woman's leg Judge Nickles to 66

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Enraged cow injures house

Enraged cow injures house

Miners refuse to work after death

Miners refuse to work after death

Juvenile court to try shooting defendant

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Two Soviet ships collide, one dies

Two Soviet ships collide, one dies

2 sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter

2 sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter

Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years

Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years

Crew of two lost

Crew of two lost

Drunkem drivers paid $100 in '84

Drunkem drivers paid $100 in '84

War drums hype for peace

War drums hype for peace

Cold wave linked to temperatures

Cold wave linked to temperatures

Enfield coupe slain; Police suspect homicide
We Care, A Health Column
Babson College Health Services

By Babson Health Services
Weigat Health Center

Vaginitis is an infection of the vagina and sometimes involves the vulva (vulvovaginitis). There are at least three types of vaginal infections that cause vaginitis: Trichomonas, Bacterial Vaginitis, and Candidiasis or Monilia. Other causes of vaginitis can be from allergic symptoms caused by spermicides, vaginal hygiene products, detergents and fabric softeners.

How is vaginitis transmitted?

Trichomonas is caused by a parasite and is generally spread through sexual contact but can also be transmitted through non-sexual ways. It is found in both men and women.

Bacterial Vaginitis is an overgrowth of several types of bacteria that may be normal to the vagina. It may or may not be spread through sexual contact.

Candidiasis or Monilia is caused by a fungus, often called yeast, and is normally present in the vagina. Factors associated with this inflammation include pregnancy, uncontrolled diabetes, use of oral contraceptives or antibiotics. There is no direct evidence that Candidiasis is transmitted by sexual intercourse.

Symptoms:
- Abnormal vaginal discharge (may change in color, odor, and appearance)
- Vaginal itching and irritation
- Painful urination
- Pain during sexual intercourse
- Some people have no symptoms

Diagnosis and treatment
A sample of vaginal fluid can be examined under a microscope to detect the presence of the organisms associated with the symptoms.

Trichomonas is treated with a prescription drug taken orally or intravaginally. Both males and females should be treated. Treatment for Bacterial Vaginitis is also a prescription drug taken orally or a vaginal cream. In recurring cases sexual partners may also be treated. Candidiasis is treated with one of several non-prescription medications such as vaginal creams or suppositories. In repeat cases, an oral medication or prescription cream may be prescribed. In all three types of vaginitis, it is important to take all of the prescribed medication even if the symptoms go away quickly.

Is vaginitis dangerous?
Vaginitis is not usually a serious health problem. However, it is very important to see your health care provider because other infections that are serious have symptoms like vaginitis and may be present at the same time. These could include Chlamydia or gonorrhoea. Cervical infections are also associated with abnormal vaginal discharge but these can be distinguished from vaginal infections by the appropriate tests.

Commencement 1997

Friday, May 16
Senior Awards Ceremony and Parents' Reception
4:00 - 5:00 pm, Knight Auditorium
Saturday, May 17
Babson's 78th Bachelor of Science Commencement
10:00 am, Upper Fields Tent
Saturday, May 17
Reception for Bachelor's Degree Graduates and Guests
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Webster Center

Tickets
A maximum of six tickets will be given to each candidate to be used for seating under the tent. Candidates are encouraged to bring as many guests as they wish to view the exercises from outside the tent.

Information
For more information regarding the Senior Awards Ceremony, contact the Office of Class Deans at 617-239-4075. For more information regarding Commencement for the undergraduate Class of 1997, contact the Office of Special Events at 617-239-4473.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

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Athlete of the Week:
Penny Aivaliotis

Sports

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Favorite Person to meet: Tom Hanks
Favorite Class: Business Law
Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump

This week's Athlete of the Week is Penny Aivaliotis. Penny was unanimously selected by the Babson Free Press Athlete of the Week Committee. She is a very down-to-earth person who was born and raised in Connecticut. Penny was excited to be honored as Athlete of the Week. For those of you who don't know her, you can usually find her in the dance studio at the Webster Center teaching Kempo Karate on Mondays and Thursdays. In 1994, she was ranked second in New England and fifth in the nation in both the Kempo and the Professional Karate League. She earned a black belt in only three years. That is the hardest rank to accomplish, especially in that time span. When she arrived here as a freshman last fall, she was surprised that there was no karate on campus. As a result, she started the Babson Karate Class. She is so good that she has already written about her in Seventeen magazine.

Penny is a dual sport athlete for the Beavers. She is on the boxing team, and she plays women's rugby. She is also on the Judicial Board and she is going to be a Resident Assistant next year. In addition, she is a member of the Admissions Assistant Program, works in the Accounting and Law division, and is on the Founder's Day Committee. She is a Presidential Scholar and also is on the Honor's Program.

Class of '97 Senior Survey Reminder

Please complete the senior survey placed in your mail box. Return the survey and support a chosen charity.

Our office will contribute $1000 to a charity of the name of the Senior Class if the class achieves an 85% or higher response rate on this survey.

For more information, contact Anne Marie Delaney, Director of Institutional Research, x6481, Horn 313.

Thank you.

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Sports

Major League Baseball Blast Off

By Joe Senoa
Assistant Sports Editor

Wow! The first week of Major League Baseball is over. What a week it's been. The stars have really piled up where they left off last year.

The Mariners and Yankees rivalry of the past several years was renewed during opening weekend. Ken Griffey, Jr. of the Mariners, opened the season last Sunday with two home runs against the World Champion Yankees, and he already has seven for the season. The following night, Tino Martinez of the Yankees hit three home runs against the Mariners. The Yankees main rival in the east, the Orioles, started the season 4-1. Their first loss came last night. David Justice and Cal Ripken of the Indians and Orioles, respectively, have been round-trippers. It is quite apparent from the first week that there are some budding stars in the American League. These youngsters include: Nomar Garciaparra of the Red Sox (four hit game vs. Mariners), Rocky Copping of the Orioles (six innings, seven K's, Win), Todd Walker of the Twins, and Mariano Rivera of the Yankees (two saves). These kids have all gotten their season off to a great start.

To go with the great offense, there has been some great pitching in the American League. Former Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens pitched a six hit complete game with nine K's in his first start. David Cone, of the Yankees, pitched two hit, seven inning ball with nine strikeouts in his first start. Jeff Conine currently leads the NL in average. 524. Doug Griffin, of the Braves, and nine RBIs. Rondell White from the Expos has been just as hot. He spent half of last season on the disabled list with a broken arm. Now he is hitting .522 with twelve hits and nine RBIs. There are some real MLB stars in the rookie crop this year. A few are: Billy Wagner of the Astros Edgar Renteria of the Marllins Andrew Jones of the Braves, and Vladimir Guerrero of the Expos.

Pitching has been strong. Curt Schilling of the Phillies had the first ten-strikeout performance of the year and has two wins with a 0.56 earned run average (ERA). He also leads the National League with eighteen strikeouts. Kevin Brown of the Mets has 16 with eleven strikeouts. His ERA is 0.4 with eleven strikeouts in his first start. Billy Wagner, Roc Beck, and Todd Worrell lead the league in saves, with each three.

It appears that the 1997 Major League Baseball season will be just as exciting as last season. It will be fun to watch the battles between hitters and pitchers again. It will be good to see the long-hitters that fly deep into the night and the thrill of a strikeout. One thing is for sure: baseball is back, and we all have missed it.

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Babson Tennis Continues to Roll
By Prem Athial
Sports Editor

Last Sunday, the Babson men's tennis team defeated College of New Jersey 4-3 at a neutral site to boost their record to a remarkable 5-1. What is even more surprising is that they haven't even played a home match yet! The team had won the first four games on the road at Brandeis, Coast Guard, Wesleyan, and Wheaton. As a result, the team has moved up from the 15 spot to the 11 spot in the east.

Leading the team is first-rank David Weissman. Weissman is currently 5-0 in singles, and he has only lost one set in five matches. Weissman is also ranked tenth in Division III NCAA and is also ranked second in the east. Number two Ryan is also doing well, as he is 5-0 with three sets lost in five matches. Both Ryan and Weissman are trying to get to the nationals in Virginia. Other contributions are coming from Jorge Iglesias, who is 4-1, and Eren Ozgunun, with a 3-0 record. Overall, the team is playing singles well with a total individual match record of 22-7.

The doubles teams have also played well. The doubles combo of Weissman and Ryan currently have a 4-1 record with one set lost and third in the east. The team of John Dacey and Ozgunun has just played one match, but they blew out the opposition 8-2. Iglesias and Mike Stevanovic are 1-1 as a team, yet they have outscored their opponents 16-9 in games.

The Beavers' tennis team finally starts their out-of-town schedule against Bowdoin this Saturday, April 12. The Beavers have two major league games on April 15 and 16 against WPI and Salem State. Coach Mike Bradly said, "the team is playing well, and we hope to make the regionals at Williams College.

Men's Baseball in Midst of Losing Streak
By Prem Athial
Sports Editor

Babson Baseball started out the season in Florida, winning five out of their first six games. After a loss to New England, however, has not helped the team. They are now in the middle of a seven game losing streak, as they lost 4-3 to MIT on Tuesday, pushing their record down to 6-10.

There have been bright spots, though. Senior captain Patrick O'Connor is batting .333 with one home run and ten RBIs in just twelve games. (Note: all statistics are as of April 4, 1997). Meanwhile, shortstop Joe Cipriotti is batting .364 with two home runs and eleven RBIs in ten games. He also has a slugging percentage of .727. The biggest surprise so far has been freshman Eric Presse, who was named designated hitter because of his bat during the Florida trip. He is batting .559 with six RBIs.

During the current losing streak, the Beavers have struggled with run production. They have not scored more than eleven runs since early March, when they lost to Dartmouth 9-6. The offense has not been producing, so they have not had more than six hits in a game since they lost to Dartmouth on March 27 against Clark.

The low offensive production is due to the fact that the Beavers have faced tough competition recently. They have had to play two Division I teams for Babson College and Dartmouth. In addition, they have had games against high ranked Brown and Bridgewater State. The pitching staff has been excellent, and the starting pitching has earned an average of 13.35 in the last three games (not including their loss to MIT).

Although the pitching gave up only three runs against Dartmouth, it was all for naught as Babson lost 3-1 and they continued to have problems at the plate. But there is definitely time to turn around the season. With improved starting pitching and hitting, the Beavers can end their season on a high note. The Beavers' next home game will be against MIT, Friday, April 11 at 3:00 PM.

Premonitions: The Story of the Celtics
By Prem Athial
Sports Editor

Once upon a time, there was a basketball player named Larry Bird. He was the greatest forward ever to play the game of basketball. The Celtics were in the playoffs every year, and they won three World Championships. Theirs, Bird, left.

Now the Celtics are struggling to get fifteen wins (FOR THE WHOLE SEASON!!!). If you haven't been paying attention to the last fifty games or so, the Celtics play "competitive" basketball until about two minutes left, and then coach M.L. Carr decides to flick the "off" switch. The players then play the worst basketball that they will ever see. In other words, they want to lose but lose, loses, and more loses. They do have a good reason though.

In the reason: Tim Duncan. This center from Wake Forest is an All-American, and he has won most of the Player of the Year honors in the NCAA. With thirteen wins, it may seem that his place as the first pick of the NBA Draft is guaranteed. Wrong. Let's not forget that even if a team has the worst record, the only one to lose is Tim Duncan. That's because the real D-Day occurs on the day of the one pick. But, even if they don't receive the first pick, all hope is not lost. They will most likely get the second, and probably a pick between the third and ninth pick (from the Dallas Mavericks in the deal for Eric Montross). Best case scenario: they get the number one and number two pick. But, that is not likely to happen. With the second first round draft choice, they could probably select premiere players such as Keith Van Horn, Tony Battie, Raef LaFrentz, Antawn Jamison, etc. The Celtics will quickly rebuild their young team with their two picks in the first round.

But, they probably won't do it with coach M.L. Carr. This week, there were already rumors that Rick Pitino, coach of the NCAA runner-up Kentucky Wildcats, was being interviewed for the job. Pitino then claimed that he was "infatuated" with Kentucky, and he would probably not leave them. Nevertheless, this signals that Carr will most likely be the first coach canned after the season.

Celtics fans, you've endured this agonizing season, but there is a bright light ahead. Think about it - it may be wishful thinking, but wouldn't you like a starting lineup of: Tim Duncan; PF; Antoine Walker; SF; Eric Williams; SG; Ron Mercer; PG; Doc Rivers.

With this kind of lineup, we would eventually win a long history, national World Championship for the city of Boston.

Clemens' Departure is Companies' Benefit in Baseball Card Industry
By Prem Athial
Sports Editor

Are you angry with Roger Clemens, the traitor who left our beloved Red Sox and flopped across the border and signed with the Blue Jays? Now it's time to benefit from his departure.

The Boston Trading Co., a new clothing store that specializes in "casual, tech-inspired clothing," is having a grand opening of its new store in Boston. The store will be located in the Prince Building on 201 Newbury Street. The store is already located in two other places in Massachusetts: Natick and Braintree. According to a media advisory, the overall goal of Boston Trading Co. is to enable consumers to purchase non-traditional clothing in an open, up-lifting environment.

Now for the part about Clemens. The company has a special promotion planned in their three stores on April 4. If you are among the first 500 people to walk into each of the three stores with a Roger Clemens baseball card, you will receive a $25 gift certificate (limited to one per person). You will also be eligible to win free skydiving lessons, mountain bike tours, and rock climbing lessons.

The store opens at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 11. The regular store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. and Sunday from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Now is your time to get back at this Boston traitor.

Domino's Sports Trivia Question

In the spirit of the NBA season winding down, here is this week's trivia question:

Which NBA player has played with four different teams between the 1966-1967 season? (Hint: He is a player forward in the Eastern Conference.)

The first three callers with the correct answer will receive a medium one-topping pizza with a beverage compliments of Domino's Pizza. Call Prem at x5133 after 7:00 PM on Thursday.