Hockey Player Accused of Assault & Battery

By Ross Sanger
News Editor

This past Thursday, Babson student David R. Weisman was charged with assault and battery of a police officer under Penal Code 265 Section 131D. The arrest occurred at 11:42 in the evening outside of the Keith A dormitory following a confrontation with officer Robert B. Pimentel of Babson Public Safety. Pimentel reported that he had "taken a swing at the officer's head, struck him one time, and pulled at the officer's clothes," according to Ray McKeeney's dictation of the filed police report. The report, as read by McKeeney, continues:

Officer Richard M. Briggs used OC spray, a chemical irritant, twice to alleviate the situation. The spray was used once to thrust Weisman, who at this time had Pimentel in "...some type of a headlock," and once to Weisman who charged Briggs after being sprayed.

Incident findings:

According to Weisman, who responded to the Free Press phone calls with a message that stated, "I don't have any comment for you for the Free Press, but I would tell you though, be careful what you write because, um, someone in Student Affairs said if you go too far and write things that are not the truth or should not be written you will have to answer for yourself, so just keep that in mind." Dave was also defended publicly by fellow hockey players on the night of the arrest. Donna M. Superior, the civilian Shift Manager at Public Safety, noted in her report that a chant of "Boo!" was being maintained when she arrived. The chant was inferred by McKeeney to suggest that those individuals perceived the arrest as unjustified. The chief feels that this is an unusual process in which the suspect's rights and transporting him to the Wellesley Police Department. At that point, Weisman was booked for the single charge of assault and battery of a police officer. Bail was set, paid, and arraignment was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. the following Monday. The arraignment date has since been set for October 6th. Chief McKeeney added that the arresting officers were generous in not "piling on" such charges as disturbing the peace or disorderly conduct. The single charge carries a maximum sentence of 2.5 years in a correction facility, according to Lieutenant Chalmers, the Head of the Public Safety Department. The Lieutenant also revealed that "a lot of charges could apply to that situation (a fabricated hypothetical case with identical characteristics)" and additional punishments could have been applicable had these avenues been pursued. At this point, the school options for disciplinary action as well as the prosecution of the case remains a possibility. However, a plea bargain will be the preference of Babson's Public Safety Chief assuming David Weisman does not refute the charges. This is a different procedure than those that have occurred in the past. Weisman, a second-year student at the Bentley College, is a Dean of Student Affairs Katharine Yorks. She says that such an occurrence on the Bentley campus would be handled by both Public Safety and the Campus Judicial System. The judicial system would set standards for this type of case, she said, not standards that Weisman, the other as has been proposed. Instead, Ray McKeeney has expressed a strong resistance to jeopardize the future career options of the student by adding such an incident to his permanent record. The chief has suggested that he would like to see a community service arrangement agreed to. This would be in line with Public Safety's Ray's goal of "turning it [the arrest] into an educational experience." This ambition will be dependent on others if an agreement can be reached. The authority of decision making leaves Ray's hands when a case is decided to be handled internally.

Should this occur, Joe Ford, the Dean of Students, would use the College Judicial System to enforce the rules and procedures. The college's attorney, although Dean Ford likes to think it's [a assault of a police officer] an isolated incident," he reports the committee will have the power to order disciplinary actions.

Against David Weisman. This recommendation has not been assigned since no plea bargain had been reported to have been approved or proposed. Dean Ford commented that as of September 18, "our office has not determined that any policy has been violated," and that Weisman was not to be on the Landover Board. Ford promises that the case will be handled just as any other. This will include a separate and distinct investigation into whether Weisman violated the college's judicial code. The office has, however, been working on the accountability of its members, and recommendations were also implicated on Thursday night.

This group is the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority who's residential tower was the site of an unauthorized party according to Public Safety Chief Ray McKeeney. Traditionally parties such as the one that was given on Continued on page 3

Career Expo 95

By Sarah Savage
Staff Writer

An important career opportunity event will be taking place in the PepsiCo Pavilion next week. The Career Expo will be held on Wednesday, September 27th from 3-6 p.m. This event has been termed the "kick-off of campus recruiting" by Lisa Thomas, Associate Director of OCS (Office of Career Services). According to Lisa Thomas, "The Career Expo actually has 3 purposes: 1) to get hiring employers onto campus, 2) for students to gain information about different companies and industries, and 3) to help students discover different career paths." Furthermore, she stated, "This is a great opportunity for companies to get to know who they want to interview. It's information gathering as well as a chance for students to introduce themselves to various companies (representatives), to shake some hands."

This year Babson expects 70 companies to attend. This is double the number of attendees two years ago and higher than last year. Every year Babson OCS aims to increase this number. According to Lisa Thomas, "It is a constant effort to get the companies to come to the event." This process involves making contacts with companies to make them aware of Babson students, inviting them to attend the Expo, and developing a lasting relationship with them so that they will return year after year. Despite the common misconception that the Career Expo is only beneficial to graduate students and undergraduate seniors, the event actually includes a practical purpose for all students.

For seniors and grad students, attending the Expo could lead to a job with one of the participating companies. The juniors can benefit as well by taking advantage of opportunities offered at the Expo. For those left over — sophomores and freshmen — the Expo serves as a great opportunity to find out about different companies and to practice talking to various company representatives. Brochures about the companies will also be available at the Expo. The brochures will contain information concerning the typical positions being offered by companies as well as who they have sent to represent them.

Each company attending the Expo will probably send two of their personnel to represent them. Lisa Thomas said the reps will include, "A Human Resource person who knows about hiring, and also a Babson alumni to give information on how he/she uses skills in order to give (students) a better understanding of the company." Given these potentially valuable opportunities, it is not unusual for large numbers of students to attend. The diversity of this large number of students and companies is strong. The majority of the various organizations with varying demands from its members. For some, the fraternity options include: Alpha Kappa Psi, Gamma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, and Zeta Beta Tau. Women have two alternatives: Sigma Kappa and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Part of Rush Week is the opportunity to learn about the organization that best fits one's particular personality. Babson has five fraternities and two sororities from which to choose. Most students will find that one of their choices is appropriate. The system is such that the decision is not entirely individualized. The fraternity or sorority must accept you through the frater process and stages are the rush and the pledge process. Once a student has expressed interest in a single fraternity or sorority, he/she will decide whether to rush that fraternity. Declaring whom your intentions belong to vious on Continued on page 3

Going Greek

By Ross Sanger
News Editor

This week, September 24-28, is one of only eight official opportunities students have to join a fraternity or sorority. Rush Week represents a major social and cultural chance for students to take advantage of. The process of joining is rather straightforward, and if accepted, a student involved with Greek Life has the commitment and dedication of his brothers and sisters to maintain lifelong relationships. Many students have lived the Greek experience and gained valuable lessons from their involvement. The nature of Greek life also dictates that what is in is in the return twofold, so naturally starting earlier enables one to draw on more of the resources that a fraternity brother or sorority sister has access to.

Choosing between a fraternity or sorority is just as important a decision as being decided to be involved at all. The Greek System has continued on page 3

The Babson Free Press
Majors at Babson College

By Gardner Boulmey
Contributing Writer

Babson tackles the issues of choosing a major program with what can only be described as a coordinated assault from the Offices of Career Services and Undergraduate Studies. Together, both offices have just published the pre-released "Career Guide to the Babson Majors." Inside this new manual are three major main informational sections solely dedicated to answering most students concerns about selecting a major.

The first section is a brief checklist for all first and second year students to get acquainted with the staff and resources in the OCS. The next section answers three of the most commonly asked questions regarding Graduate School preparation.

The final section of the guide, which strikes directly at the heart of the majoring process, describes each major, those jobs recently obtained by Babson graduates with the same major, Babson faculty specialization within each major area of study, and finally all student run organizations on campus related to the major.

A similar tool used by OCS is the Babson Major Night. Each major program is represented by faculty who help students with any questions or concerns they have about selecting a particular major. Major Night is usually held once a year at the end of March to ensure that every student gets as much information possible immediately before the next year's course scheduling.

The guide also contains a section on the services of highly placed business executives to give students industry feedback. One final way of getting the information to students is through the "Career Guide to the Babson Majors," Alumni and Faculty Conferences, Major Night, Undergraduate Catalog, and the Office of Career Services' Majors Flyers. (Note to all the other resource OCS has to offer) it is quite evident that Babson does one of the finest jobs of any college in the nation when it comes to preparing students for selecting a major, and ultimately, a career.

If you are sure you want to major all you have to do is go to Nichols and fill out the Declaration/Change Major or Concentration Form for the Undergraduate Registrar's Office. Once you have filled this form with their office you will go through two critical evaluations to make sure you will complete all required course work on time for graduation. The first is a Degree Audit which is similar to a transcript in that it traces your progress through all the required courses for your major. The second evaluation is Senior Screening. Here each senior sits down with an academic counselor and makes any and all necessary changes to his/her schedule.

Overall, Babson offers a tremendous number of resources for each student to use to their best advantage. With the new "Career Guide to the Babson Majors," Alumni and Faculty Conferences, Major Night, Undergraduate Catalog, and the Office of Career Services' Majors Flyers (not to mention all the other resource OCS has to offer) it is quite evident that Babson does one of the finest jobs of any college in the nation when it comes to preparing students for selecting a major, and ultimately, a career.
UNSATISFIED CUSTOMER

Babson College supposedly means to make us happy customers of the College. If that is the case, I am one incredibly dissatisfied customer.

Remember the Senior Auction last year? I was the one who paid $3600.00 for the "estates in Maine." Sounds like a hell of a trip, right? Wrong!

The trip, which was supposed to take place August 26th - September 5, 1995 was halted after just three days due to the absolutely abhorrent accommodations that we were assigned. For those of you who previewed the video on the place before the bidding began, you saw a great looking clay tennis court, a speed boat, a couple of waverunners, and pleasant living accommodations. Well, let me tell you that it just wasn't so.

When we got up the place we actually drove right by because we didn't actually believe that the three small shacks we saw could possibly be our "retreat." It was! As we looked around, we came to see what one might consider to be a tennis court. You could only laugh, as the "tennis court" was so weed and gravel infested that you would be better off playing in the middle of the street.

Then we ventured down to the lake where all of our water sports activities were to take place. In looking for the speed boat we so eagerly anticipated, we were instantly depressed and disappointed. We were informed that it had been sold without our notification. Further, the only other boat was a sorry excuse for a fishing expedition (it was a tiny tin boat that may have been around 12'X12'X4'). Finally the waverunners appeared in working condition, yet we quickly realized that one of the two was always broken and spent most of the trip in the repair stage.

The accommodations were not to be outdone by the equipment (or lack thereof.)

The "houses," and I use that term very loosely, but rather worn out, infested with a bedbuggepodge of mismatched furnishings from the same time period as the tin boat! Show after making the decision to leave this god forsaken place, we had to call all of our alumni (the trip was to be an alumni event for Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity) that had made plans to join us over labor day weekend with their families and tell them the trip was canceled due to the aforementioned circumstances.

As I got in my car to leave the trip, I headed straight for Babson to consult with the proper people as to how I should go about getting my money back because this was an obvious cut and dried misrepresentation case. I was supposed to receive specific amenities for my hard earned $3,600.00, and I just didn't get them.

After approximately three weeks of discussions with the Director of Student Activities, under whose jurisdiction this situation falls, I have been completely shutout by Babson. In a very nice way I was told that I was just out of luck and that I ought to be careful when I purchase things sight unseen. In response, I stated that I did see the place on video, and it just wasn't the same place.

Consequently, I am left to bear the entire financial burden of a place that was although unintentional, blatantly falsely advertised. Babson claims that they are not responsible because it was a charitable event for the Class of '95, yet when my credit card went through the machine you better believe that it said Babson College - Thank you for your purchase.

I, the customer, have been poorly treated and I never thought this would happen at Babson.

Babson ought to realise that not only does this lack of standing behind their organizations (i.e. Class of '95) reflect poorly on the school as a whole, but on the Alumni who support the school, and they certainly do not want to see the little guy suffer at the expense not satisfying its customers.

$3,600.00 may not seem a lot to Babson, but it's my livelihood. Maybe Babson will realize their error when the hundreds of Zeta Beta Tau alumni, as well as everyone else who can see my case, fail to ever financially be a part of the Corporation again.

Bryan Mandel '96
(too be non-donating alumni)

Letters to the Editor

We here in administration are in the same boat, as students and faculty regarding the lack of service coordination and cooperation with the students. In the past, I have had quite a number of examples where you when you are in charge: Accept responsibility for EVERYTHING including world hunger. 2. Angle number two is that the WORKERS are the same as before - the only thing different is to whom they report. Since Marriott's business is facilities management (not a new field for them), you might (deeply) consider the fact that these workers are union and whether it's being done consciously or unconsciously, due to "old-time union tactics," these workers are rumored not to want to work for Marriott. Their poor performance will supposedly lead to a Marriott seeming to be incompetent, and/or b) the work is firing, enabling them to collect unemployment courtesy of Marriott and Babson.

(Note withheld by request)

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The main function of rushing is there is no actual announcement which a person must make, but fraternities and sororities must be shown where a student's loyalty lies. From this point, the organisation to which you are applying can be chosen. (It is clear that students who see that best repre sent their desired characteristics. This is not to say that people are not qualified, the chemistry just has to be compatible. On Monday, October 2nd, all bids are due from the fraternities and sororities. The bids represent the next stage in the fraternity/sorority joining process. Bids are cast to those individuals judged to be potential contributing members capable of upholding the organization's image.

The bid affirms that the Greek organization is interested in a party. The prospective member is then more closely examined as a pledge. Pledges who then prove their value to an organization proceed to become full fledged brothers and sisters.

Greek Life is not for every one, but its attraction may add value to some student's college experience. The school upholds a strict policy on hazing and the various stages of brotherhood and sisterhood will assure that a person is an appropriate match to the organization. Nothing can be lost by a trial, and the rush process is such a sampling opportunity. Most fraternities and sororities have activities planned that will quickly identify whether interest should be pursued. Look for the various opportunities to learn more during Rush Week and decide whether to go Greek.

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Thursday night are registered. This enables Public Safety to be aware of any problems that may arise. Public Safety first became aware of the party when a fire alarm was tripped from the tower. Three officers were dispatched, and upon arrival found a gathering of 200-250 people."

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Weisman then "got in the officer's face and shouted." The subsequent alleged assault by Weisman has since overshadowed the potentially violations that Kappa Kappa Gamma may have been responsible for.

"The tower will be held responsible," reports Dean Ford, assuming that the party was un registered and progressed as reported. Since the reported violation was a party violation to the TKE party violation which contributed to their tower loss, the Dean of Students was asked to comment. He said, "each case is contingent on the circumstances, but the office tries to be consistent with its sanctioning." The arrest of David Weisman on a charge which Public Safety Director, Ray McKeeney, describes as "no biggie" is a rarity for the campus as indicated by the college's Safety and Security Information brochure. Handling this precedent has been a big test for the new chief, and it was handled just the way he wanted. The chief says that, "not one thing was handled improperly."

The Babson Free Press
Hey! Let's Go Beat Up Babo!!!

One of Babson's main goals is to prepare us, the students, for life after college; to prepare us for the real world. This cannot be true when one student allegedly attacks a Public Safety Officer and while he is arrested, the crowd around him chants, "Bullsh--." That does not happen in the real world. In the real world, if you commit a crime you are arrested and thrown in jail, apparently Babson students feel that they can do as they please. That is wrong, just plain wrong.

Hitting a police officer (yes, Public Safety Officers are real police officers) is a very serious crime, and carries with it a sentence of two and one half years in a house of corrections. At Babson the chief of police considers it, "biggie," and is now trying to help the person charged with this horrible crime. Currently, Chief Ray McKeary seems to be telling the community that you can attack one of his officers and you will be able to walk away with nothing on your record, and no real punishment. In the real world, no one, and I mean no one, would be able to get away with assault and battery of a police officer, without seeing the inside of a cell. Community Service is not a punishment, but rather a job. If I were Babo Bob, I would be upset that someone can get away with hitting me without the charge at least appearing on their record. This must be making the officers at Public Safety feel very good about walking around this campus when their superior is basically saying attacking an officer is O.K. and "no biggie."

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cause the "law" is punishing someone does not mean that the school should not be able to. Faculty and students do not feel safe when they see a person who allegedly attacked a police officer walking around campus. Justice should be swift. At Bryant College, one official stated that it was "obvious" that the student would one housing and be processed to the fullest extent of the state law. This seems to be untrue at Babson.

This year Babson seems to be exploiting at the seams. Students are fighting with other students, tensions are high. When the arrest of Dave Weissman took place, a crowd of students chanted, "Bullsh--." Grow up people, he was charged with a serious crime and arrested. Nothing was wrong, nothing should have been done differently that night. You might think that you are shielded from the "real po-

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The gown, the diploma, the after-graduation party and then the realization slowly sinks in that you are no longer a high school kid. No more does someone else control your life. All of a sudden your reality has changed. You feel elated, you feel like jumping ten feet in the air, but then you also feel apprehensive, nervous, and even frightened.

The transition to college is not an easy one. It cannot be, after all, we are entering a completely new phase in our lives. Those days of delicious homemade food and spacious rooms are gone, at least for the moment. No more are we the strong, all-powerful high school seniors who serve as role models the underclassmen.

We are nobodies all over again. Yes, it is tough to admit, but we are nobodies. Just as we were nobodies when we entered school in the first place, just as we were when we moved to high school from junior high. The same story starts all over again. It gets depressing, when you start thinking back and realizing that you have to prove yourself yet again. It gets even more dreary when you realize that it is all a cycle. The cycle of having to prove ourselves, of becoming somebody, of graduating, of becoming nobodies once again when we enter the job market and then of proving ourselves again and then off... The cycle continues on forever.

But when you think about it, there is actually a lot more to it. If there was not, we would all be manically depressed individuals. Each time it is a new beginning. Each beginning is a new opportunity. And each new opportunity is a chance to prove ourselves in a new, more dynamic way as the previous time. Think about it. Joining as freshmen we can take on whatever role we desire. For example the basketball player can turn into the pseudo-intellectual and the introvert can transform into the party animal.

A new beginning is a wonderful opportunity. Freshmen entering college generally walk with their eyes scrutinizing the pavement and a dazed expression drawn deeply across their seemingly so innocent face. Don't do that! We freshmen are the future of Babson. We are the ones who should walk forward with all the confidence in the world because we are not the ones who are going to grow and change to be whoever and whatever we want to be. The future awaits us with open arms.

College therefore, simply speaking, is a chance to change. Wait a minute; I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with the way we are presently; all I'm saying is that being a freshman at Babson gives us the opportunity to change. Not everyone goes Babson. Not everyone gets to change. Not everyone gets the opportunities that we as freshmen are getting.

After all not everybody gets to be a nobody.
The Decious Brothers and Classic Cleaners

By Todd Waxman
Business Editor

In 1993, a new business called Classic Cleaners came full force to the Babson community. Operated by the co-founders Greg Decious and Peter Decious, Classic Cleaners is a quality, full-service laundry and dry cleaning business. This pickup and delivery service was brought into existence after four bored students were brainstorming for a way to have a successful business.

Greg and Peter got their inspiration from doing laundry on campus, but also from taking classes full time. This would prove to be a challenging, but satisfying approach to useful time management at Babson. "Advantages of running your own business gives you first-hand knowledge to bring to the classroom," Greg explained. However, this inspiration was only half the story. Before Classic Cleaners evolved, the two brothers were telling me about the inconvenience of doing their own laundry at Coleman. For those of you lucky students, who have not experienced the trek through Coleman, doing laundry at Coleman is full of climbing stairs, long lines of stairs. As if the stairs were not bad enough, Greg and Peter were also more than bothered by always finding the washers and dryers full when they wanted to do their laundry. Up and down the stairs, over and over again. It began to generate income for these two students, and this problem changed the way they were approaching their laundry, they examined how they would go about opening a laundry and dry-cleaning business. They researched other colleges with services, while also checking vendors. Their main concern was and still is...Quality. Peter said, "Honestly, it is everything when you run and own a business."

Since the opening, Classic Cleaners has had two pay periods: one for pick-up, and one for delivery. Relentless in striving for quality, the co-founders' goal is for students to one-time pay in order to eliminate worries and hassles about wearing clean clothes. This year, they are also lowering the prices, and adding a third depot (pick-up and delivery location). Two depot locations are in the Keifth laundry room for the students living close to central campus, and one in the Van Winkle building for students living near upper campus. The third depot, which is scheduled to open Monday, Sept. 18, will be located in the Classic Cleaners office in the Forest Annex.

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Austria, with an area of 32,376 sq. mi., is a landlocked country in Central Europe, extending 356 mi. E.-W. and 183 mi. N.-S. It is bounded on the N. by Germany, on NE. by the Czech Republic, on E. by Hungary, on S. by Slovenia, and on W. by Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

The capital city of Austria is Vienna (pop. 1.5 million)—one of the most beautiful European capitals.

Austria's climate is moderate. Temperatures range from an average of about 28°F in Janu- ary to about 66°F in July. In 1986, Austria's population was estimated to be 7,537,667.

The official language is German, and nearly 3% of the inhabitants speak it as their mother tongue. The average exchange rate (18 Sept. 1994) was 0.6254 Austrian schillings = US $1. The work force of Austria is 3.2 million: agriculture and forestry—8.1%, industry and commerce—35.4%, services—56.4%. The country has a social market economy in which the government plays an important role. Many of the Austrian largest firms were nationalized in the early postwar period to protect them from Soviet takeover as war reparations. Today 15 state-owned corporations are intended to operate largely as private businesses. The government operates various state monopolies, utilities, and services. Austrian industry banking, transportation, services, and commercial facilities are well developed.

Austrian farmers, like those of many mountainous countries, are small and fragmented, and their products are relatively expensive. Farms provide about one-third of the domestic food requirements. The contribution of agriculture to GDP has declined from 5% since 1950 and now amounts to about 3.5% of the GDP.

Austria has a strong labor movement, relatively low unemployment, and a comprehensive social welfare system.

Stock Profile of the Week: Nynex

name of the person or place they want to reach into the handset." Nynex has added over 500,000 new access lines in 1994 in order to satisfy the "strongest growth in demand in Nynex history.

John Saldenberg, president and CEO, insists on constant improvement with no re- work. Rework could be something as simple as misdialed your demand, or providing a service no longer as technologically advanced as another company's. In order to remain successful, Nynex combined with Bell Atlantic and Pacific Telesis in 1994, and holds a relationship with Viasat, "the entertainment and communications giant."

From 1993 to 1994, pre- paid expenses grew from 306.2 million to 361.2 million. However, the company is in the midst of a 3-year re-engineering program that will help cut expenses through 1996. Fitting the mold of the 1990's, Nynex is also streamlining their workforce by 16,800 people. The company feels that this reorganization is necessary to reach their goal of "stripping revenues over the next de- cade." With a focus on customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, and the lowest cost, the corporation felt it was necessary to reduce the workforce in order to be more responsive to their needs.

Retirement incentives proved to be a good business move for Nynex. "The retirement incentive credits employee with an additional 6 years toward both their age and their length of service for the purpose of deter- mining pension eligibility and benefits." The retirement in- centives will supposedly be offered through 1996. Workers quickly reacted to these retirement in- centives as about 7,200 employees left basically for these incentives. From these 7,200 people, there was a $127 million reduction in wages during 1994.

Common stock was is- sued by Nynex for employee saving plans, known as the Employee Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (DRIPSP). This plan allows Nynex employees to get common stock without going through a brokerage firm, which saves the employees money from having to pay commission.

On Thursday, September 14, Nynex reached its 52-week high of 46 1/2. One big change, which is directly related to employee satisfaction, is that the employee stock price per share has increased from $0.59 in 1994 to $1.16 in 1995. Their earn- ings are also on the upswing at 1.89 per share, up from $0.59 in 1993. However, they have not re- turned to their high of 1.84 in 1992, which had an earnings per share of $1.22.

(Information summarized from Nynex 1994 Annual Report)
"Flunking out is such a harsh term. We prefer to say you gained training for a career in government work..."

"Too cool for school, yet too stupid for the real world."

"Ceremonies perk up the drearier.

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"Virtual unreality."
Features

Weekly World News

By Skip
Dean of Detregents

Greetings all. I have to admit that I had a rather difficult time trying to pick out this week's top story. First of all we had a proud name, renowned Christina Norbreg, giving birth to twelve kids all at the same time. No, I'm not talking about one big bloody blob of twelve kids all meshed together. What I am trying to say is twelve kids in a row, one at a time, in one sitting. Anyways, the old record of eighteen set last year by Penny Baker of Iowa obviously still stands.

The inevitable finally came to be in Brisbane, Australia last week. Ninety-one year old Farrell Buckley finally got picked up for drunk driving and a variety of other charges in his electric wheelchair. The cantankerous old coot plowed into five parked cars, ran over three people crossing intersections, and just barely missed a head-on collision with a taxi cab. After a good day of boosting at his local watering hole, Buckley would not pull over for anyone, never mind the police. They were forced to just wait for him in his driveway and then arrest him, which they managed to do. According to the cops, this was a daily ritual for Buckley and it was only a matter of time before he got nailed.

There was a rare breed of barking frogs captured in Florida. There was also a doctor in Norway who can actually grow ears and noses. Dotti Prim Rose's advice column was right on the mark as usual and Ed Anger's editorial was equally as informative.

The big thing this week was the new DVD by Stephen King. He tells the story of a boy and a girl who are lost in the woods. The boy's name is Jack and the girl's name is Liz. They are both very brave and they are both very smart.

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Features

Professor Profile: Dr. Robert Turner

By Chris Keenan
Staff Writer

Professor Bob Turner "consider[s] Babson part of [his] family" and has done so for many years. He feels towards Babson. As a graduate of LeMoyne College with a major in accounting, Dr. Turner went on to become an auditor at the prestigious accounting firm, Price Waterhouse. After deciding that he missed college life, Dr. Turner went to work at Boston College by becoming the Dean of Financial Aid and Admissions. After being an administrator for many years, he found that he was being distanced from the student of the Year for two consecutive years, and most recently he has been awarded with The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. Turner has been honored with many awards over the years, but if we only looked at the awards and honors, we would not see the whole Dr. Turner. Just as he only looked at a student while in class, he would not see the whole student. Dr. Turner is interested in a student's entire life while they are in college, not just how he or she performs in his class. 

While at Babson, he has been voted by the students as Professor Central Source

By Rusty Moyer and Tim Dymer
Contributing Writers

Hi, this is Rusty Moyer, a junior here at Babson, and I will be teaming up with sophomore, Tim Dymer, in writing this article. Now the idea behind this new column is not to argue or write about the problems of alcohol restrictions on campus. To be honest the name originated from right here in our room in Central, 207. This column will serve as the eyes and ears of this fine institution. So beware! We will be on the prowl for all of the antics and blunders made by you crazy kids throughout the entire week. If you have a sense of humor, then you don’t have a problem with this column. If you have a sense of none, then you are in the clear, look out because it may appear in this article on Thursday afternoons. However, we will also be keeping our eyes peeled for some of Babson’s heroes and their actions.

Everyone who knows Rusty knows that he is a humble and quiet individual and that he is a very insecure about describing himself. That is why I will describe him. Rusty was the one person who would show up on the weekend and let your grandparents 50th Anniversary party unattended, without a shirt on, wearing cowboy boots and Viking horns on his head. He has also been known to spend an entire day feasting at Trim Dining Halls because he feels that he is the best deal on campus ($4.25 for all you can eat and drink, "man what a deal!"). Is this character

starting to sound familiar? As wacko as we may seem, both Rusty and I are easily approachable and more than willing to take your suggestions on weekly topics.

Thanks Tim, but I think you have me all wrong. At least the part about me taking suggestions. You know I hate everybody. Anyway, let me explain to you what this column is all about. Let me explain to you what this column is all about. Let me explain to you what this column is all about.

Thank you for your understanding. I will continue to bring you the truth about this university. As the old song goes, "the truth is always stranger than fiction."

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Wellesley Exhibit Studies the Divine

By Gardner Boulton
Contributing Writer

"Sacred objects function as a visual proxy or means of access between material and spiritual realms - a point of negotiation and communication, human to divine, and human to human." This quote expresses one of the central themes of Sarah Gan's exhibit Site of Convergence: Sacred Objects from Four Cultures, currently on display at Wellesley College's Davis Museum and Cultural Center.

The exhibit traces the history of four distinctively sacred images and uses them as examples of how objects' meanings change when placed in a museum. In her representation of ancient Rome, West Africa, Renaissance Europe, and Buddhis, Gan breaks down the traditional distinctions between the Western and non-Western, and offers each piece as a separate and equal display of human emotion towards divinity. By leaving behind the common assumptions of the superiority of one culture over another, Gan reveals the common ground that exists between them.

Gan does an excellent job of utilizing only four artifacts to directly demonstrate the importance of each icon, and also indirectly establishes the uniqueness of each culture. Though a four-piece exhibit is hard enough to inspire a special trip to Wellesley, Sites of Conver- diction is an interesting and thought-provoking part of a highly impressive museum display as a whole, and will worth the trip to anyone with even the slightest interest in art.

Study Abroad: Opening a World of Opportunity

By Shv Singh
Contributing Writer

The numbers of people studying abroad are growing rapidly, each year on a national scale. There has to be something behind it. So let me say why Beaver might go on a study abroad.

We are living through a time when physical boundaries are becoming irrelevant and in consequence due to technological progress. The globalization of the marketplace has made it important to understand not just your local market but also the market on a more macro scale where your company or business could take advantage of new trends or insights. So whether with international markets or with domestic competitors, the future belongs to the global thinker.

The United States, along with India, is among the emerging powers around the world that can provide the volumes for large scale business. America is reaching a saturation point as far as business opportunities are concerned. (The chances of becoming a Bill Gates is a lot tougher these days.) Every major American corporation is looking for new markets and opportunities, no matter whether it be in China, Argentina, Australia or India. This is why a careful balance of sentences from the study abroad program brochure I picked up from Nicholas Hall, study abroad is studying and working with people who have different belief systems and different ways of thinking will broaden your world view and the way you perceive yourself in this world. It is important to understand the close relationships amongst business, history and culture for the future global business manager. Sounds good doesn't it? Basically, you are getting exposed to a whole new business and the world is the truth that you are working in a local environment of a small town business or in a major multi-national corporation, you will either have to deal with foreign competition or a local environment of expansion plans of your own company. Either way to have done a semester or a year abroad would have turned out to be a fabulous exposure.

Now having convinced you why you should do a study abroad, let me tell you what Babson has to offer. Babson has numerous study abroad programs with specific colleges in different countries such as Australia, U.K. and France. To find out in detail about their programs, what they offer for you and whether they would really be useful it would be a good idea to attend the information meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 in Babson 213. If you can't make that then there is another one meeting on Friday September 14 at the same time in Tomasso 202. Apart from learning about these study abroad options you will also get to talk to Babson students who returned from study abroad.

But before that here is a brief overview of the colleges Babson is affiliated with. Let's start with Australia where you can take business and liberal arts courses in the three affiliated universities where the language of instruction is English. First is the University of New South Wales (UNSW) which is approximately ten miles south east of Sydney. It's fall semester is from the last week of July to the last week of November and it's spring semester is from the last week of February to the first week of July. Next is Monash University which is divided into four campuses with the department of business studies being fifteen minutes from downtown Melbourne by train. Monash was recently ranked the number one international university in Australia and its academic calendar is roughly the same as UNSW. Curtin University in Perth is one of Australia's oldest universities and it is well known for its special and challenging programs. There are particularly attracted to exotic activities such as sky diving, rugby, crocodile diving and rappelling (whatever that may be). Its academic calendar is the same as the other two.

In the south-west of Australia's coast where Hobart is the capital city is the University of Tasmania. Hobart is a great opportunity for us which we stubbornly smashed in our earliest stages at this fine institution. Thanks for dealing with us and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

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able Tim that only a few of the "Boys" and "myself" can take for more than the courteous five minutes. So as you gather, he and I will delve into the deeper depths of Babson's social infrastructure, and expose any frauds on the campus. So if you see us in Trium (which you defini- tely will) don't be afraid to express your opinions to us. We cer- tainly will listen to them and de- bate about putting them in our column.

To conclude, this inaug- ural publication has been (for the last) article has been dedicated to the individuals who have shown us the opportunity that we stubbornly smashed in our earliest stages at this fine institution. Thanks for dealing with us and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

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Avoiding Cultural Calamities

By Leticia Stalworth
Contributing Writer

The first week of school has officially come and gone. Students are setting pieces for themselves. Those students living on campus are becoming familiar with campus life. Still, some are trying to learn how to relate to their roommates. At a school as small and as diverse as this one, there are bound to be some cultural conflicts. These differences are even more apparent and more awkward for roommates.

Three students are placed in a room. One is Catholic, another is atheist, and the last is non-denominational. The first is a morning person, the second sleeps all day, the third falls in the middle. One is a vegetarian, one is a meat eater, and the third doesn't care as long as there's food to eat. To top it all off, two of the roommates are domestic students, one from each coast, and the other is an international student. This is the portrait of a very bleak picture.

"We are all responsible adults, and if we cannot adjust to these differences while in college, we might as well forget about being truly functional adults in the "real world."

The other is a functional adult. You grasp for straws, to determine who gets the best bed, dresser drawers, wardrobe, desk, and bookcase. And you are trying desperately to get along. You have to live with these people for at least two weeks. The question is, "How do you get past these seemingly irreconcilable differences?" No one wants to feel as if they are sleeping with the enemy and neither roommate wants to feel alienated. So what can you possibly do to make the best of the situation?

There are a fewalternatives. The easiest thing is to avoid them, but who has time to think about it? There are more important things to worry about, like bills and homework. You could try being casual, but why should you be the only one trying? It has to be give and take. The fairest solution is the easiest compromise. You don't have to talk about religion but you must be willing to begin to understand religious differences. Trying to change each other's habits will never work because no one likes to change for anyone else. Everyone likes to be an individual. That's what makes this so much more of a learning experience. Besides, isn't that what college is all about: meeting new people and learning from your differences? No one expects you to like everything about your roommates. The important thing is to communicate your differences and learn to respect that each of you is a unique individual with an abundance of experiences to share. We are all different, and are all far from perfect. The key to getting along is trying to find common ground. The obvious one is that we are all Babson students and we are all here for the best business education money can buy.

Most important is the key to creating a pleasant environment for all parties involved. No one expects you all to be one big happy family, but you owe it to yourself and to one another to try to make it the best experience it can be. We are all going to be here for a while, so in order to make our stay a happy one we should try to get along. We are all responsible adults, and if we cannot adjust to these differences while in college, we might as well forget about being truly functional adults in the "real world."

The Babson African Cultural Society

Special to the Free Press
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The Babson African Cultural Society (BACS) is an organization that supports the needs of Babson's African-American community. Formally known as the Black Student Association (BSA) and the Black Student Organization (BSO), this cultural group was founded twenty years ago. The organization has grown from a few members to a group that now has about seventy-five members. The name changes were accompanied by changing times and the changing philosophies of the students this organization represents. The current name came about because the students felt that it would change the connotation associated with the group. Students felt that when events were sponsored by the Black Student Union or the Black Student Organization, their fellow classmates were turned off because of the sponsorship. It was often said and is still believed that events sponsored by the BSA, BSO, or BACS were and are only for the members of the African-American community. Well, that could not possibly be right.

The Babson African Cultural Society wants everyone to become involved with their organization. We want to dispel the myths. One of our goals is to provide academic, emotional, and social support for its members. We also strive to increase awareness of what it is like to be African-American on a generally Caucasian campus.

"We plan to fully support the upcoming events of all the other student organizations. All we ask is that you in turn support the events that we plan."

Above all we would like to bring a political voice to make things better for future African-American students. Some of the events being planned that are open to the entire campus include two Black Business Symposia, a host of Pump Nights, and a Knight Party co-sponsored with another organization. We plan to fully support the upcoming events of all the other student organizations. We need to support your events and also have fun.

The Babson African Cultural Society encourages everyone to become involved in the organization. It is imperative that we all work together to learn from one another. Our meetings are held Wednesday evenings from seven o'clock to eight o'clock in the Park Manor South Lounge. Everyone is asked to come and look us over. All inquiries are to be made to the Babson African Cultural Society, Box 2100 in the campus mail room. A host of off campus trips. We need everyone's help to make a difference on Babson campus. The Babson African Cultural Society encourages everyone to become involved in the organization. It is imperative that we all work together to learn from one another. Our meetings are held Wednesday evenings from seven o'clock to eight o'clock in the Park Manor South Lounge. Everyone is asked to come and look us over. All inquiries are to be made to the Babson African Cultural Society, Box 2100 in the campus mail room.

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Faith’s Debut Strikes Gold

By Adrian McCoy
Multi-Cultural Editor

Faith, in her self-titled debut album, provides a classic, smooth, easy-listening Soul and R&B sound for the nineties. Her songs remind you of today’s relationshions. If you’ve ever been in love or if you just like contemporary ballads, this CD is for you. Male or female, black or white, anyone can relate to these songs.

Some people claim that Faith sounds like R&B’s “Queen of Pop,” Mary J. Blige, and true enough, they do have a similar sound. But contrary to popular belief, Mary J. Blige isn’t the only female that can have a smooth, R&B and Soul sound. Faith and Mary J. will probably attract similiar audiences, so it will be fun to see if Faith will give Mary J. a run for her money. It is my personal belief, however, that Faith’s sound is a little smoother and a bit more mellow.

I like this CD and for a debut album, it sounds good. Faith has definitely made a mark on the music industry. Capturing the hearts of critics and fans alike, there has been virtually no negative press. I must say that after everything I had heard, I’m glad this CD lived up to my expectations. Still, I did expect much more hype since she is the wife of infamous rapper, the Notorious B.I.G. Of course, not over-publicizing her marriage may have been the key to a successful debut for Faith. She definitely has what it takes to hold her own in the R&B arena.

After being mesmerized by great songs like “Love Don’t Live Here Anymore,” “Soon As I Get Home,” “You Used To Love Me,” and “All This Love,” I look forward to hearing more from this artist. Like Mary J., Faith is giving us love songs for the nineties from a female perspective that everyone can relate to. THUMBS UP!

Meet David K. Hurst
author of
Crisis & Renewal, Meeting the Challenge of the Organizational Change

This is not another reengineering book, rather, it describes how managers can restore the enthusiasm and values that were present during their firm’s early days by performing acts of “ethical anarchy”. Mr. Hurst is a research fellow at the University of Western Ontario’s National Centre for Management Research and Development.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 pm

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co-author of
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**Morrissey: Southpaw Grammar**

By David Chun
A&E Editor

If you're feeling down on your luck after the first week of school, the perfect musical companion to accompany you in the doldrums is now waiting in stores. Last week, the king of moke rock, Morrissey, the flamboyantly controversial former frontman of the legendary British rock quartet, The Smiths, released his latest album through his own label Salford Lads Records.

Morrissey's latest effort is a return to his roots, with an array of songs that span a wide range of musical styles. The album opens with a powerful opening track, "The Smiths are Dead," which sets the tone for the rest of the album. "Suedehead," the lead single, is a catchy tune with a message that is both political and personal.

Morrissey's voice is as strong as ever, and his lyrics continue to address social and political issues. "The Queen is Dead," a reference to the death of a loved one, is a poignant song that captures the sadness and loss that Morrissey often expresses in his music.

"This Charming Man," a love song, is a highlight of the album, showcasing Morrissey's ability to write beautifully and honestly about love and relationships.

"The Boy with the Thorn in His Side," a song about the pain of being different, is another standout track. Morrissey's vocal delivery is superb, and the song's message resonates with listeners of all ages.

The album closes with a powerful and emotional song, "You're the One That I Want," which is a tribute to Morrissey's late mother. The song is a reminder of the importance of family and the love we have for those we love.

Overall, Southpaw Grammar is a fantastic album that is sure to please fans of Morrissey and his music. It is a testament to the enduring power of his voice and his ability to write meaningful and moving songs.
**Onorato on Deck**

By Marc Collica
Interim Sports Editor

Mr. Onorato has been placed on the 7 to 15 day disabled list so instead of his highly opinionated article I will be giving you this highly opinionated article.

With the new NBA player agreement now in place the rumor and trading mills have been running nonstop. A deal that had already taken place became official when the Toronto Raptors sent BJ Armstrong to the Golden State Warriors for five players including Victor Alexander and Carlos Rogers. This is a great move for the expansion Raptors who get a consistent offensive weapon in Alexander and a potential stand out in Rogers assuming he gets the playing time he never got in his rookie year. The acquisition of Armstrong further fuels the speculation that either Tim Hardaway or Herb Williams will be dealt to correct the chemistry problems the two possess while playing together. My favorite rumor involves a three way trade which Hardaway would go to the Knicks, John Starks would be sent to the Atlanta Hawks, and the Warriors would get Stacy Augmon. Giving up Hardaway to get plastic man doesn’t seem fair but who said it had to be?

This leads me to how one sided and unfair Mr. Onorato’s article was last week concerning the 1986 Red Sox and babbling Bill Buckner’s miscue. I was in New York at the time of the series in question and found game 6 to be one of the greatest moments in baseball history.

—...what is this business about the Red Sox being America’s team? Why? Because they lose in tragic fashion?—

How could a team that won over 100 games in the regular season and fought such a grueling series with the Astros lose in the end? All hope was lost when the infamous groundout sent the series to game 7. Sure Buckner cost them game 1 but does that mean The Mets made quite a few uncharacteristic mistakes in the first two games which made things seem even and B: there was still a game 7 to be played. If they had came out and won in spite of this adversity I would have thought that they had earned it but they did not. I may hate the Mets today but that picture of Bone Oroczo with his arm over his head in triumph will always bring a smile to my face.

While I have my boots out and I’m kicking dirt on Mr. Onorato, what is this business about the Red Sox being America’s team? Why? Because they lose in tragic fashion? If America does have a baseball team (which I would argue against because of free agency) it would have to be the New York Yankees. I’m not saying this because of the curse, I’m saying this because America loves winners: the Cowboys, 49ers, Lakers, Bulls, and even the Celtics come to mind. You will find more people wearing Yankeee memorabilia across this country than you will any other team there is. The Dodgers would be a close second because of their long winning tradition but the Red Sox? All I have to say is enjoy the America. LA 1 last championship while it last because the curse of the Bambino is forever.

Tune in next week when I’ll tell you who will win the World Series and why you will lose. I’m not one to back a loser. I loved Red Sox no matter what. If your looking for me before then I will be the one wearing the Yankee hat praying for the wild card.

**Athlete of the Week: Brian Dowd**

By Lara Maish
Contributing Writer

Favorite movie: Star Wars Trilogy
Favorite band: U2
Favorite food: Colonial Chocolate Cake
Favorite cartoon character: Scooby Doo
Favorite Crayola Color: magenta
Coke vs. Pepsi: Pepsi
Hobby: ping-pong

Brian, who is a Junior, finished second overall at the Bayside Invitational last weekend. His finishing time was 26 minutes and 30 seconds for the 5 mile course. This time was only 7 seconds behind the leader. As a Freshman, he was the Cross Country team’s Rookie of the year, and as a Sophomore he was the team MVP. All of this past leadership brought him to the position of team captain this year. He sees this year as a transitional one with the addition of six new runners, but is confident that the team will do well. “The top three guys are really strong, with the fourth and fifth working hard. The freshmen will be the key.”

**Sports Trivia Contest**

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Sports Trivia Contest

It seems that the Red Sox have wrapped up the Eastern Division Title. In celebration of this joyous occasion, please name the winning pitcher that the last time the Red Sox clinched the American League Eastern Division Championship.

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**Women’s Soccer:**

**Win Winner, Lose Russell**

By Michael Conlon
Staff Writer

There’s an old saying that soccer is a beautiful sport. For the Babson Women’s soccer team, their opening game victory was about as expensive as they come. One minute and six seconds into the second half, two-sport star Tracy Russell broke the leg in two places; in doing so, she ended her season—.

After the goal, the Babson attack got rolling and put together a string of opportunities. Sophomore Melissa Vengrow and freshman Christine Pinesul had great scoring chances, which resulted from ball movement by Bosistc and Ward on the right side. In a span of ten minutes they were awarded five corner kicks. While they were controlling the right, Russell’s hustle on the left side led to a few more scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, Babson was unable to capitalize on the opportunities and was left tied at 1-1.

With three minutes left, Worcest’s finaly able to mount an attack, but Babson’s defense was not to be denied. The save couldn’t have come at a better time, as two minutes later, Babson would be up 2-1 on Worcest. This goal turned from an injury, scored to the last goal of the game and give Babson a 1-0 tie. Defenders Becky Ward and Amy Tracey played an excellent game.

Babson will next play Sunday September 20th at the Upper Athletic Fields against Bates College.
Free Pizza if You Can Figure this out and Explain it to Us! (Just Kidding)

By Chris Keenan
and Marc Collica

For all of you out there that are trying to figure out what is going on in the playoff picture of MLB, your not alone. We have spent many nights avoiding homework trying to figure this out. To raise the GPA of all sports fans, we will once and for all try to explain this confusing situation to you, maybe. Almost all of the division winners have been determined, but who will face in the first round of the playoffs will be determined by winners of the on going wild card races. In the infinite wisdom of the baseball commissioner, oh wait a minute we don’t have one. Anyway what was decided by the owners while in a drunken stupor at the winter meetings two years ago, was that one division in each league would not have the privilege to beat up on the wild card team from that league. As a welcome to the new central division, this honor was bestowed upon them, and thus they will not be able to face the wild card team from their respective leagues. The one intelligent thing the owners did while they were sobering up, was agree that a division winner could not face a wild card in the first round if the two teams were from the same division. With all this in mind let us try to decipher what the playoff picture will look like coming in early October.

Let us first start in the National League, what we do know is the Eastern division title belongs to the Braves, and the Reds are in position to be the team that will represent the Central. Now let us move to the question marks, the West is controlled by the race between L.A. and Colorado. The winner of this race earns a ticket to the post season. The wild card race is between two teams, the loser of the L.A. and Colorado race and the Houston Astros. Let us first assume that the Astros are not fortunate enough to be playing after October first; if this happens the loser of L.A./Colorado will be the wild card and the play of picture will look like this in the first round: Braves Vs. Wild Card and Reds Vs. West champ.

"The one intelligent thing the owners did while they were sobering up, was agree that a division winner could not face the wild card in the first round..."

If by some off the wall chance the Baseball gods decide that the post season should be played in a dome, and the Astros win the wild card, this is what the post season would be in the first round: Braves Vs. Reds and Houston Vs. West Champs. Pretty simple huh?, Well wait until you see the American League.

So far the the Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians have purchased their post season tickets with the California Angels trying to hold on to the western flag. The headaches begin when you consider there are four teams still competing for the American wild card spot all separated by one game: the Yankees, Royals, Rangers, and Mariners. If an Eastern team wins (Ex: New York) then you will have: Boston Vs. Cleveland and California Vs. New York. If the Royals come across a magic lamp and win the wild card then: Boston would still play the Tribe and the Halos would play Kansas City. Now if the Rangers, Mariners, Alaska, or any other western team were to win the wild card then: Boston would play the Wild Card and the Indians would start with the Western champion.

As you might know the first round is a best three out of five game series. The team with the best record will have the home field advantage will have home field advantage, which might not be an advantage at all. The first two games of this series will be held in the underdog’s hall park, with the final three games being played in the favorite’s home field. This means that if the favorite does not win one of the first two games, they will have to sweep on their home turf to keep their World Series dreams alive.

What we have just given you is the overly simplified version of what will happen in the post season. The owners found a great way to keep this confusion from us, they decided not to televise most of the playoff. If by some off any of the wild card teams are tied at the end of the season, it will be your job to report to us and tell us how this is going to work now. Thanks for reading, class dismissed see you next week!